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Council gets flack on refuse truck traffic plan New labor contracts approved

by Pat DiMaggio
Labor contracts between the City of Rahway and the Police Department and City Hall workers were approved at Rahway's Municipal Council meeting held last week.

A contract between the City and F.B.A. Local 31 for a 3-1/2-year period grants a 6

percent increase in 1988, and 6-1/2 percent increases in 1989 and 1990. This contract will be in effect until July 1, 1991.

City Hall workers agreed to a three-year contract that will grant them a 5-1/2 percent increase in the first year, and a 6 percent in-

crease in each of the next two years.
Several residents also attended the meeting to ask the council to reconsider the traffic plan they recently adopted for the resource recovery facility to be built on Route 1.
Ann Park of East Milton Avenue, said the plant

should not be built in that area because of nearby schools, homes and J.F.K. Community Center. She asked that another route for the garbage trucks enroute to the plant be found.
"Amend this plan," said Parker. "Don't make a dangerous situation worse."

Barbara Conner, of Lawrence Street, asked the council to visit the Lawrence Street intersection. "It should be looked at very carefully," she said. "Lawrence Street doesn't have the capability of handling truck traffic."
The council and the Board of Freeholders have

approved the traffic plan which is one of the first steps in the process of construction of the waste to energy plant.
In other business the council:
--Approved a resolution for state aid to municipalities.
--Approved a resolution

authorizing the City to apply to the New Jersey Transit Corporation for the purchase and installation of bus shelters.
--Approved a resolution authorizing the acceptance

of the bid of Aco Electric Co., Inc., Rahway, for electrical installation and maintenance for the Division of Water.
--Approved a resolution reappointing James Daly as

Commissioner of the Housing Authority.
--Approved a resolution awarding bids for the purchase of road materials for the Division of Water.

Rahway Hospital Celebrates 71st Birthday

On Wednesday, August 17, Rahway Hospital celebrated its 71st birthday, an occasion which evokes feelings of great accomplishment as the community reflects on how the hospital has changed with the times. Rahway Hospital had its humble beginnings in 1917 as a simple frame house on Jacques Avenue with only twelve beds. Today the 307-bed hospital is in the last stages of the Expansion and Modernization Program that began in 1982 through which the hospital added two new wings, an incinerator, a power plant and enlarged parking areas.

The addition of the East Wing allowed for the expansion of the radiology department, laboratory and financial resources center as well as the construction of all new data processing center. The impressive West Wing boasts of completely new facilities for the operating suite, which includes the recovery room and same day surgery area, the Pharmacy, Central Sterile Supply and the critical care departments. The physical and occupational therapy departments and ambulatory services were also expanded as a result of the construction of the West Wing. This will have a significant impact and will enable the hospital to expedite the delivery of the very latest technologies in diagnostics and therapeutics.

The heating and cooling systems of the modern Power Plant, which is now located in its own building, are now under the control of an advanced computer system. The three emergency generators, all of which run on natural gas, are also located in the power plant. In near proximity to the Power Plant is the hospital incinerator which burns virtually all hospital refuse at a temperature of 1800 degrees.

The final stages of the Expansion and Modernization Program have entailed renovation of about 95% of the central hospital which is expected to be completed by September. Especially worth noting are the changes that have taken place in the hospital Maternity Services Department which was completed on August 1. This department is the only one of its kind in the tri-county area as it offers the option of the contemporary Alternate Birthing Center in addition to the traditional labor and delivery services.

In order to show its appreciation for the support that

the community has exhibited since the inception of the Expansion and Modernization Program in 1983 Rahway Hospital is planning a "Rededication Ceremony" on October 16 during which the hospital, with its newly completed expanded services and facilities, will be rededicated to the community. Banners featuring the recreated hospital logo were recently installed around the campus as a sign of both the renaissance taking place within the hospital and the upcoming festivities planned for October.

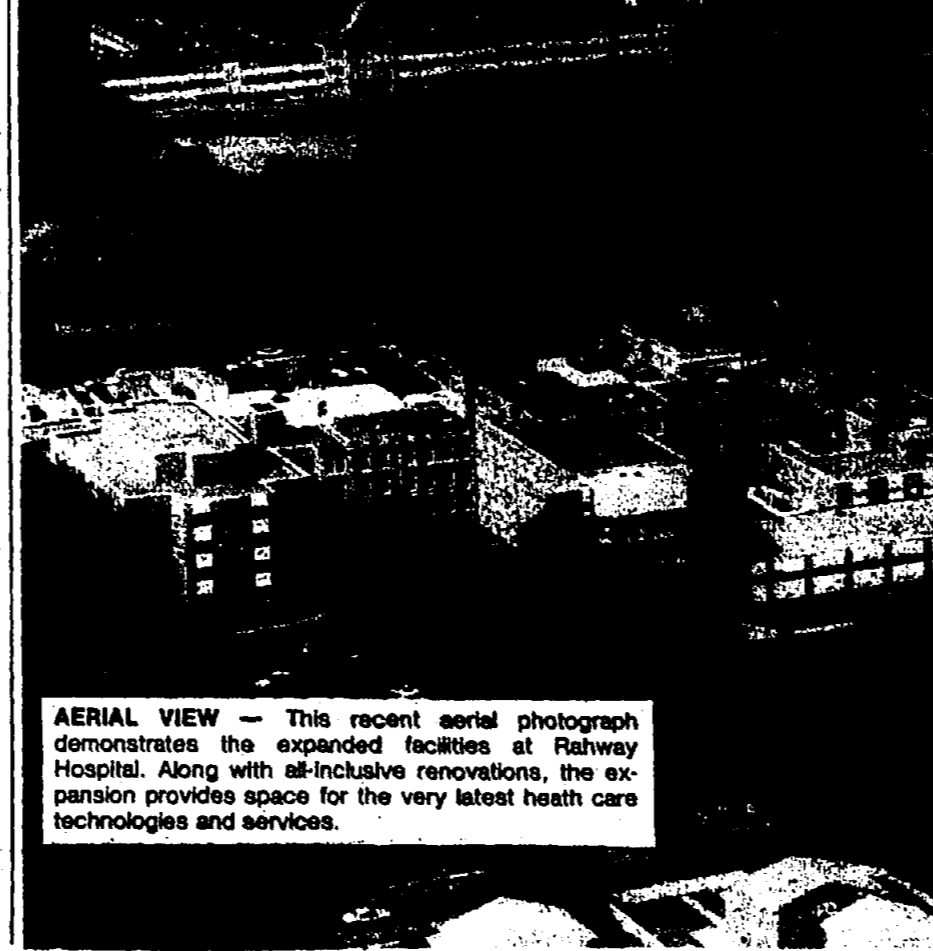
Indeed, Rahway Hospital has much to celebrate on its 71st birthday. It has continued to change with the times to meet the needs of the ever growing community, and currently provides the finest health care technology and personnel operating under the motto, "Care for life."

Rahway H.S. grad is CG Ensign

Coast Guard Ensign James B. Nicholson, son of James B. and Idella C. Nicholson of W. Pine St., Colonia, and a 1974 graduate of Rahway Senior High School, was commissioned in his present rank upon graduation from Officer Candidate School.

During the 17-week course at the Coast Guard Reserve Training Center in Yorktown, Va., Nicholson studied navigation, seamanship, communications, leadership, Coast Guard search-and-rescue and law enforcement procedures. He also participated in a

rigorous physical training program, and studied general administration, Coast Guard missions and history and human relations in preparation for assuming the duties and responsibilities of commissioned officers.



AERIAL VIEW — This recent aerial photograph demonstrates the expanded facilities at Rahway Hospital. Along with all-inclusive renovations, the expansion provides space for the very latest health care technologies and services.

Council nixes minority move to trim ordinance \$\$

Hartnett: Proper equipment saves money in long run

by Pat DiMaggio
Rahway's Municipal Council approved for final adoption an ordinance authorizing the purchase of equipment for the City in spite of an amendment introduced by the Republican minority which would have lowered the cost of the purchases by \$127,000 at their regular meeting held last week.

The ordinance called for the purchase of equipment for the Fire and Public Works Departments, a new computer system and for the improvement of various City streets at a cost of \$992,000 to be paid for by the issuance of bonds.

Republican Councilman James Fulcomer introduced an amendment that would delete purchase of the computer system, one dump truck and a mower from the ordinance at a savings of \$127,000. "It can be demonstrated that these items are eliminating are not absolutely essential at this time," said Fulcomer.

George Wagenhoffer, who seconded the amendment, said the City must "refrain from excessive spending." "We have been told that the City is in a fiscal situation where we need to restrain our spending," he said. "We must cut back where we can."

"The City and the taxpayers are in difficult times now," said Business Administrator Joseph Hartnett. "But let me remind the council that in difficult financial times it is more important and more essential to have the proper equipment to make sure services are provided to taxpayers efficiently. To eliminate essential equipment will only cost the taxpayer more money."

The amendment to the ordinance was defeated on a vote of three in favor, with the six Democratic Councilmen voting against it.

The ordinance was amended further to include the purchase of a mini-bus to be used by the City's senior citizens. This amendment and final adoption of the ordinance was approved with a vote of seven in favor, Councilman Fulcomer abstaining and Councilman John Marsh opposed.

The council also approved for final adoption a bond ordinance authorizing the improvement of the water distribution system and to appropriate the sum

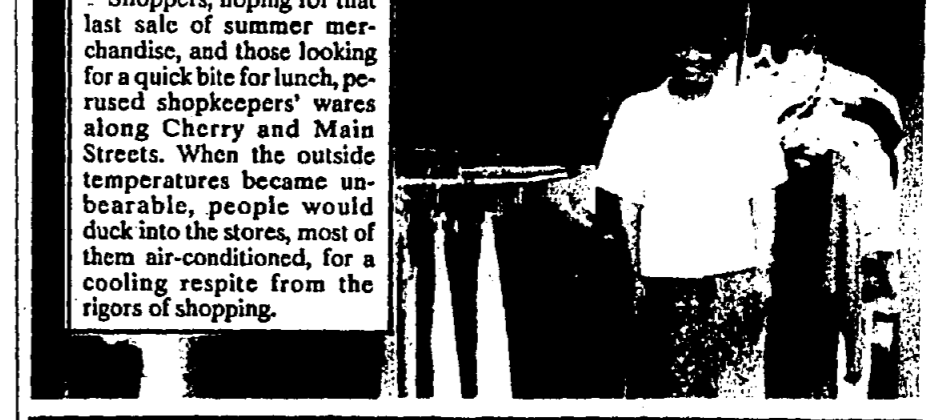
of \$1 million to pay the cost, and an ordinance that would impose fines on advertisers who fail to deliver their circulars to the front doors of residents.

This latter ordinance, introduced by Councilman Max Shield, is in response to complaints of unsolicited circulars being thrown on the streets, in the bushes or on the lawns of residents. "This will prevent a lot of litter and garbage being thrown on our streets," said Shield.

Ordinances approved by the council for first reading included one that would move the bus stop located in front of the Community Camera Store on Main Street in a southerly direction closer to the intersection of Milton Avenue and Main Street and an ordinance that would prohibit the operation, in a standing position, of any equipment or vehicle within 500 feet of a residence other than between the hours of 7 a.m. and 9 p.m.

Both ordinances will come before the council for a public hearing and possible final adoption at the Tuesday, September 13 meeting of the council.

Sidewalk Sale a 'hot' success



by Pat DiMaggio
Residents and merchants ignored the sweltering heat last Thursday to participate in the downtown area's "Side Walk Sale."

Shoppers, hoping for that last sale of summer merchandise, and those looking for a quick bite for lunch, perused shopkeepers' wares along Cherry and Main Streets. When the standing temperatures became unbearable, people would duck into the stores, most of them air-conditioned, for a cooling respite from the rigors of shopping.

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Night game included in Vet Stadium fall schedule

by Pat DiMaggio
Football enthusiasts will be able to enjoy a night game this fall, when portable lights will be installed at Veterans Stadium for one evening game.

Rahway's Board of Education gave its consent to the inclusion of a night game in the 1988-89 sports schedule they approved at a recent meeting. The game, to be held during the evening of September 24, will mark the first time in many years residents will be able to see the High School's Indiana football team play in the evening.

Superintendent of Schools Frank Brunetto also announced preparation for the submission of an application for the 1988-89 Basic Skills Improvement Program for Communications and Computational Skills.

"The basic skills program is preventative," said Brunetto. "Each year we have a program for the Pre-school Program. One change this year is that any student identified and in need will have an individual education plan developed for that student. This is a breakthrough."


In other business the board:
--Reappointed Ronald Steverson as assistant boys' soccer coach at \$1,979, reappointed Fred Stueber as head wrestling coach at \$3,414, reappointed Harry Reiser as head bowling coach at \$1,266, reappointed Glenn Currow as head girls' basketball coach at \$3,983, reappointed James Ladley as head girls' basketball coach at \$3,414 each, reappointed Robert Jackson

as head winter track coach at \$3,300, reappointed Richard Nolan as head swimming coach at \$2,161 and reappointed Ronald Ervick as assistant swimming coach at \$1,593.

--Appointed James Mitchell as head custodian at Franklin School at \$23,360.

--Appointed Ken Marshall as custodian at \$16,921.

WHILE NOBODY'S LOOKING,

READ... 
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Kean lists Rahway grads

The following Rahway residents recently graduated from Kean College of New Jersey:

Raymond Britton, B.S., management science; Walter Forrester, B.S., computer science/technology; Lorraine Gallo, B.S., cum laude, management science; Linda Gleason, B.A., cum laude, music education; Helena Hom, B.S., management science; Maryann Kunz, B.S., accounting; David Langton, B.S., magna cum laude, computer science/data processing; Ivette Lopez, B.A., chemistry/Spanish; Joseph Scardaville, B.A., public administration/criminal justice; Tracy Turek, M.A., special education/learning disabilities; and Lynn Volpe, M.S., management system analysis.



TEA TO GO... James Weiman (right) is presented with a gift at his retirement tea by John L. Yoder, President of Rahway Hospital.

Hospital maintenance expert retires

Elizabeth resident James Weiman recently retired from Rahway Hospital after 20 years of service. He began his successful career in 1962 as part of a two-man Maintenance/Security Department...

PASS THE... (Sorry.) Pass the mustard please

by Pat DiMaggio He's opinionated. He's stubborn. He bosses me around and tells me what to do, when to do it and how to do it. And he's living with me. No, it's not the Creature from the Black Lagoon. It's that most dreaded of species...my Dad.

I had to make a few slight changes. Dad wakes me up early in the morning to make his breakfast. I'm not used to being fully clothed at 7 a.m. If I want to read the newspaper I have to walk from room to room to locate each section...

Senate moves to abolish jury commissioners

The State Senate recently approved a bill sponsored by Senator Henry P. McNamara, R-Bergen, Passaic, which would save county governments a statewide total of some \$40,000 by abolishing county jury commissioners.

Rinaldo calls for action on social security 'notch'

Rep. Matthew J. Rinaldo (R-N.J.), the Ranking Republican member of the House Select Committee on Aging, has turned up the heat on the House Ways and Means Committee and thrown his support behind an effort to force a floor vote on his legislation to eliminate the Social Security "notch."

Rinaldo, who testified in May before the Social Security Subcommittee holding hearings on his bill, H.R. 1917, called the notch "an injustice against millions of Americans" that was weakening public confidence in the system.

Normal House procedure allows committees to hold bills for hearings and debate before they are brought to the floor. But in this instance, Rinaldo said, it was clear the committee was stalling.

"I don't like resorting to extraordinary measures," the lawmaker said. "But this is an extraordinary case. The committee is kidding itself if it thinks this problem will just go away. Each weekend in my district I am asked by people from all walks of life what Congress is doing."

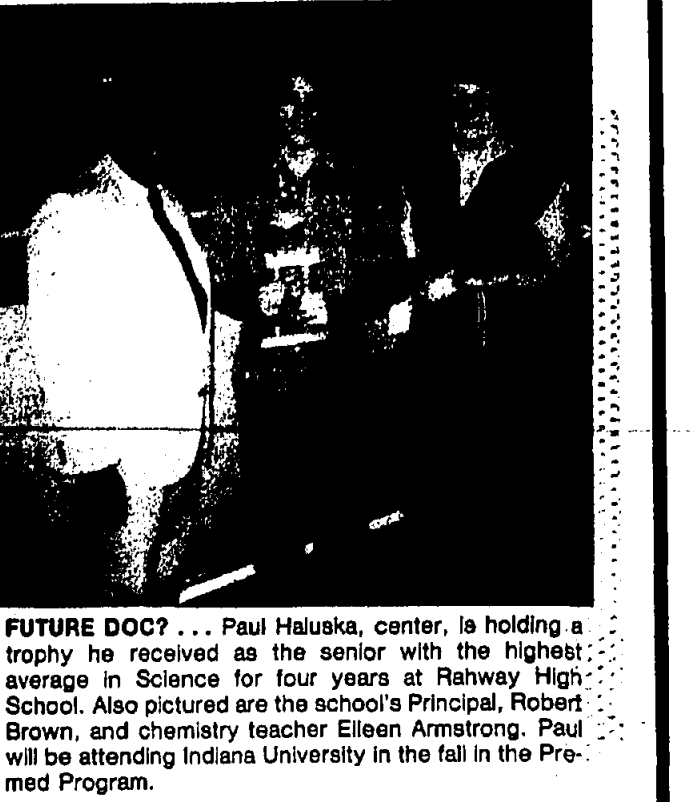
Rahway Rec names winners in T&F meet

On July 9 of the Rahway Recreation Department sent a youth track & field team to the 1988 New Jersey Hersey Track and Field State Championships at the Thomas A. Edison Park in Edison. Under the supervision of Charles Ott and coaching expert Joe Wysocki Sr., the following medals were won:

4th place softball throw
Matt Nieto (Boys 11-12 yrs.)
-5th place standing long jump - 6'1-1/4"
Justin DeReamer (Boys 11-12 yrs.)
-5th place standing long jump - 6'1-1/4"
Justin DeReamer (Boys 11-12 yrs.)
-1st place 400 meter run 1:15
-1st place standing broad jump - 6'7"
Matt Nieto (Boys 11-12 yrs.)
-4th place softball throw - 125'

FEELING GLOOMY? READ... PAGE 11

Advertisement for Fuel Oil Savings! featuring Simone Brothers and a price of 73.9 cents per gallon.



FUTURE DOC?... Paul Hauska, center, is holding a trophy he received as the senior with the highest average in Science for four years at Rahway High School. Also pictured are the school's Principal, Robert Brown, and chemistry teacher Eileen Armstrong.

Dr. Mark C. Zientek - CHIROPRACTIC FOR BETTER HEALTH - JOINT PAIN AND MUSCLE BALANCE

Advertisement for chiropractic services for Boris Anister, mentioning "Char's Collections" and a re-opening on Monday, August 15th.

PUBLIC NOTICE: LEAD IN DRINKING WATER

TO ALL PERSONS SERVED BY THE WATER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF RAHWAY
The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, through the State of N.J. Department of Environmental Protection, requires the owners of each public water system in N.J. to notify their customers of potential sources of lead and adverse health effects of lead in drinking water.

- Ways to minimize the potential intake of lead from home plumbing systems are:
- Do not cook with or consume water from hot water faucet.
- If no water has been used in the home for several hours, flush your system. This can be done without wasting water - doing laundry, taking a shower/bath or by using the toilet.

This notice is not intended to suggest that water is the only source of lead. Actually, water comprises the least likely source of lead in the environment. The greatest amount of lead a person consumes comes from the food they eat, the air they breathe, and from dirt and dust. Water provides only a minute portion of the normal daily intake of lead.

SOCIAL SCENE



Debra Panko engaged to Robert Devitt

Mr. and Mrs. John C. Panko, Sr. of Rahway announce the engagement of their daughter, Debra to Robert J. Devitt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph F. Devitt of Rahway.

Debbie attends Rutgers University College. She is employed by Exxon Research & Engineering as an information systems assistant.

Junior women install officers

NEW OFFICERS... Miss Johanna Desiderio (left), Sixth District Advisor of the N.J. State Federation of Women's Clubs - Junior Membership, installed (left to right) Mrs. Gerson Harbar as president, Mrs. Kathleen Caronaro as Vice President, and Mrs. Carolyn McGrath as Secretary/Treasurer.

Secretaries planning dinner

Professional Secretaries International, Union County Chapter, will have its first dinner meeting of the 1988 season on Wednesday, September 7, 6 p.m.

Advertisement for Atom Tabloid - Birth, featuring a \$6.75 price and contact information for Atom Tabloid - Birth at 219 Central Ave., Rahway, N.J. 07065.

Gaelic Night to end concert series

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders has announced that the Elizabethton Gas Company will sponsor "Gaelic Night," the Department of Parks and Recreation's final 1988 Summer Arts Festival concert.

UCC schedules adult open house

An Open House for adults will be held at Union County College's Tommaso Art Gallery, Cranford Campus, on Thursday, August 18, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Brooklyn reunion planned

The Midwest High School Alumni Association of Brooklyn, N.Y. will host "Homecoming '88" at the school (Bedford Avenue and Glenwood Road, Brooklyn) on Sunday, October 16, from 11:30 a.m. to 4:20 p.m.

It's A Girl!

Karin & Debbie McGroarty of Avenel are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Karin Marie, born July 22, 1988 in Rahway Hospital. Karin weighed 10 lbs. 10 oz. and measured 20 1/2 inches. She has a brother, Billy. The maternal grandparents are John & Joyce Sokolinski of Colonia. The paternal grandparents are Edward & Bernice McGroarty of Colonia.

It's A Girl!

Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Palmer of Avenel are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Jennifer, born August 3, 1988 in JFK Hospital. Jennifer weighed 9 lbs. 3 oz. and measured 19 1/2 inches. She has a sister, Tim Marie, 7 years old. The maternal grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Otto Szwilof of Colonia. The paternal grandparents are Judy Palmer of Edison.

It's A Boy!

Mr. & Mrs. Anthony C. Loano of South Amboy are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Ashley Rose, born August 18, 1988 in J.F.K. Medical Center. Ashley weighed 10 lbs. 12 oz. and measured 20 inches. The maternal grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Robert Bennett of Colonia. The paternal grandparents are Carmen Loano of Colonia. The maternal grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Mildred Hamon of Cape Charles, Mo. and Mr. & Mrs. Helen Bennett of South Amboy.

It's A Boy!

Mr. & Mrs. Gary Oczkowski of Avenel are proud to announce the birth of their son, Nicholas Francis, born August 17, 1988 in St. Peter's Hospital. Nicholas weighed 8 lbs. 4 oz. and measured 20 1/2 inches. The maternal grandparents are Anthony & Helene Jose of Avenel. The paternal grandparents are Andrew & Saskia Sivak of Avenel.

It's A Boy!

Mr. & Mrs. Stephen A. Molnar are proud to announce the birth of their son, Nicholas Joseph, born July 29, 1988 in St. Peter's Hospital. Nicholas weighed 9 lbs. 8 oz. and measured 20 inches. He has a sister, Emily Rose of Indio. The maternal grandparents are Joseph & Emily Rouse of Indio. The paternal grandparents are William & Barbara Klinsk of Linden. The maternal grandparents are Francis & Ruth Carneri. The paternal grandparents are Bob & Sue Volpe of Carteret.

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RAINBOW MAN ... Funeral Director Joe Giblisco with children in the toddler class at the Rahway Day Care Center. He purchased a new VCR for the center. As a result of other contributions from many generous local citizens and businesses in a drive initiated by the County Sheriff's office, the Day Care Center now has a second VCR plus a TV.

Community goes to bat for day care center

Several weeks ago, the Rahway Day Care Center was burglarized. One of the most important items stolen was the Center's VCR. Through a newspaper appeal, the public was asked to help replace the valuable learning tool.

The response was overwhelming. The Union County Sheriff's Office took up a collection of over \$200 from County Courthouse employees, private

citizens, and small businesses. Then Joe Giblisco, Director of the Leher-Gibbisco Funeral Home in Rahway, contacted Judi Munsey, the Center Director, and they made a trip to Trader Horn, where Giblisco purchased a new VCR for the children and then made a visit to meet them all.

The total of all contributions enabled the Center to purchase a second VCR

and television. Now the children can spend some of the long hot summer afternoons enjoying such classics as Cinderella, Pippi Longstockings, and the Care Bear movies.

The Center extends warm thanks to everyone who helped turn a bad experience into a positive one of caring and sharing.



LEARNING ... Miss Patricia Savage (right), a teacher of Mathematics at David Brearley Regional High School in Kenilworth, assists student Erika Farber of Clark with a math lesson during the Union County Regional High School District's 5-week Summer Basic Skills Improvement Program (BSIP) at Jonathan Dayton Regional High School in Springfield. Farber was one of 32 youngsters enrolled.

Dropouts can earn diplomas at Adult Learning Center

It is seldom easy for a busy adult to return to school. But flexible hours, accessible teachers, individualized programming and the recognition of the importance of real-life experience make a diploma from the Union County Regional Adult High School an increasingly realistic goal for many individuals.

According to Carole Beris, Director of the Regional Adult Learning Center at the David Brearley Regional High School in Kenilworth, 710 students have earned their adult high school diploma since 1981.

"People who have been away from school for a long time find it very fulfilling to know that they still have the ability to come back and complete high school," Beris explained.

It gives them a tremendous confidence boost, and many of them go on to take college courses and complete their education.

The success of an adult school, Beris said, depends in part on recognizing that the students attending it are different from the teenagers in traditional high schools.

The Regional Adult High School awards credits for previously-completed high school courses, work experience, on-the-job training, military experience and courses in the Adult High School itself.

The other high school completion option offered at the Learning Center, General Education Development (GED) Test preparation, provides students with instruction in all subject areas needed to pass the GED Test.

In addition to the aforementioned high school completion programs, the Regional Adult Learning Center also offers basic skills instruction and courses such as English for the foreign-born and English as a second language. All of these programs are offered free of charge.

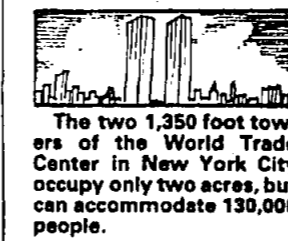
Registration for the Adult

"Compromise is the art of slicing a piece of cake in such a way that everyone believes he received the biggest piece."
Jan Pearce

High School and all of the programs conducted by the Regional Adult Learning Center begins on Monday, August 22, and will continue until the end of September. The Adult Learning Center

will be open every weekday and on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings during that time.

For further information, call Carole Beris at 272-4480 or 272-7580.



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Accountants go to Shea

The Raritan Valley Chapter of the National Association of Accountants recently held its annual Baseball Outing at Shea Stadium. Over 100 members and guests attended the Mets vs. Atlanta Braves game.

Each year, the chapter holds numerous social events to help promote social interaction and good fellowship among Chapter members.

The Raritan Valley Chapter of NAA is a professional organization whose

objectives are to provide professional development, educational opportunities and interaction between members of the accounting/business community. Anyone interested in membership should contact John M. Ferrone at 953-6826.

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