

# DELAWARE COUNTY NEWS

# Rabid bats spread

By PATI MENGER

Sunday Times Staff Writer

The worst rabies epidemic in Pennsylvania history has spread to Delaware County where four cases of rabid bats have been reported in the last four months.

One Pennsylvania, the first in over 30 years, has died from the virus.

Since January, 287 cases of rabies in animals have been reported to the state health department, four in Delaware County.

All dead three county residents have had to undergo rabies shots because of the rabid bats and exposure to the virus which is almost always fatal.

"It's the highest state rabies total since 1952 when there were 285," said Bruce Bonner, spokesman for the Pennsylvania Department of Health. "The possibility exists 10 weeks left in the year to learn that we will exceed that number."

Most of the cases have involved raccoons in the south central portion of the state. Delaware County has had the highest incidence of reported rabies in the Delaware Valley area. All the county's cases were found in bats.

On July 26, the state received a report that a Chester Heights woman was bitten by a rabid bat while playing golf at the Rolling Green Golf Club in Springfield. She successfully underwent the five shot rabies vaccination series.

On Aug. 27, said Bonner, the state re-



Four cases of rabid bats have been reported in the last four months in Delaware County. Residents are warned to avoid bats and wild animals because of a spreading rabies epidemic.

ceived a report of a rabid bat at a Valley Avenue residence in Valley Park. The bat which killed the bat had to be destroyed due to exposure to the rabid animal.

State officials received another report of a rabid bat in Springfield on Sept. 12 when a rabid bat was killed in the living room of a Sherman Road residence, said Bonner.

The most recent report of rabid bats in Delaware County was learned into the state during the first week of October said Bonner. According to a state health official in Che-

ster, two Collegeville boys killed a rabid bat and had to undergo a rabies vaccination series.

Other rabid animals that have been found throughout the state since January include a snake, a fox, a cat, groundhogs, dogs, and rabbits. It has also been found in a possum, a horse, a spring squirrel, a cow and a deer.

This year's total of 287 cases is in sharp contrast with previous years' figures. In 1982, Pennsylvania had 176 rabies cases, in 1983 there were 74, and in 1984 there were only 20 cases of rabies reported to the state.

Health officials attribute the spreading incidence of rabies to a migration of infected animals from Virginia and Maryland. The total in Virginia as of Oct. 11 was 176 down from 225 in '83 and 146 in '82. In Maryland, the total as of Oct. 11 was 80 up from 22 in '83 and 151 in '82.

"They had the same problem in the south-ern states a few years ago so we had an inkling it was coming," said Bonner, noting that wild animals usually travel in a southern direction about 20 to 30 miles per year. "We could see the potential problem coming for Pennsylvania as far back as '82."

The main channel of transmission of the disease, which attacks the central nervous system and is usually fatal in animals and humans if not treated, is through a bite. But it can also infect a human if a rabid animal's saliva enters an open wound or scratch, said state health officials.

However, the source of the rabies which killed a 12-year-old Williamsport boy in Lycoming County on Sept. 27 may never be known, said Bonner.

Humans who have contracted rabies can show symptoms anywhere from 10 days to 10 months after exposure. The disease, which can be administered through a one-shot series in the arm or a 14-day series through the stomach, is usually effective if administered soon enough after exposure, said Bonner.

## Thieves wanted TV bad

LANSDOWNE — Thieves who removed a black table model television set from Betty Tolson's home and service had to exert a lot of effort, according to Emily Montgomery, wife of Betty Montgomery, owner of the business in the east block of South Highland Avenue.

She said the TV set that was stolen weighs 60 pounds and was not a portable model as reported by police. The thieves broke the more front window with a heavy rock to enter the building, she said.

They had to climb over a wood barrier with a shelf on top and had to lift the heavy TV set over the barrier to remove it, she said.

The set that was stolen has a value of \$100 and set \$80 as reported by police, Mrs. Montgomery said. She said merchandise is not placed in the display window area to cause of insurance requirements.

## MN contract vote set

WARRINGTON — Warpage Teachers Education Association members will vote on a new contract before classes Monday.

A tentative agreement was reached by negotiating teams for the teachers and school board earlier this month.

If the contract is ratified Monday by the teachers, school board members will vote 4 p.m. Thursday at a public meeting.

About 400 district teachers have been working since September under extended terms of an expired three year contract.

Chief negotiator for the teachers, Robert Frank, of the Pennsylvania State Education Association, said the key issue has been term contract salaries.

He said a revised salary schedule was presented by the teachers last week to the association last week.

## Teen's body identified

CHESTER — A badly decomposed body found in an isolated wooded area in the West End section of the city has been identified as a missing 12-year-old boy, according to an official.

Identified as David Walker, of the 1200 block of West Third Street, he was reported missing to police Oct. 5.

A 30-year-old landlady was found near the body. A spokesperson for the office of the Delaware County Medical Examiner said the victim died of a self-inflicted wound of the chest and severed the death records.

The body was discovered about 8:30 p.m. Wednesday by two men who were walking a dog in an area near Delaware Avenue and Sussex Street.

## Media Dems feast

MEDIA — More than 100 attended the second annual Media Minister Community Service Awards Dinner Saturday night sponsored by the Media Democratic Committee.

Philadelphia District Attorney Ed Rendell and U.S. Rep. Bob Edgar, D-7, were the featured guests at the dinner held at The Terrace House Restaurant.

Leslie "Jumbo" Johnson was the recipient of the Thomas L. Salomon Award. John Olin was the Media "Honoree" award. Richard Gleason took the Media Minister award, and William Krieger was the Local Government award.

## Motorcyclist killed

HARRINGTON — David F. Gervy, 28, of the 280 block of Marston Run Road, Media, was killed early on Friday morning when his motorcycle went out of control and struck a traffic sign and a tree, witnesses said.

The accident occurred at about 3 a.m. in the 800 block of Harvillford Road, near Park Road, police said.

According to witnesses Gervy was riding his motorcycle at a high rate of speed when the accident occurred, police said.

## Important facts about rabies

The following are some important facts about rabies, the virus which, since January, has killed one child and hundreds of animals across the state.

- Rabies is transmitted through the bite of any infected animal, especially wild animals such as bats, skunks, and raccoons. But it has also been found in such animals as dogs, cats, horses, cows and deer.

- Rabies can also be transmitted through the exposure of an open wound or scratch to saliva from an infected animal.

- Rabies affects the brain and spinal cord causing serious symptoms usually resulting in paralysis and death.

- Rabies symptoms may appear in people and animals from about 10 days to a year after exposure. In people, the average is 48

days, in animals, the average is 20 to 30 days, but symptoms to appear.

- Rabies symptoms in animals vary from a quiet, depressed state to a furious erratic behavior. Early symptoms in humans include changes in behavior and temperament. Drinking often occurs with both animals and people.

- Persons bitten by animals should thoroughly wash the wound and immediately see a physician.

- Domestic dogs or cats that bite should be examined by a veterinarian and local health authorities to determine if they may have rabies.

- Wild animals that bite should be humanely killed. Their heads should be taken to a laboratory for testing for rabies.

# \$425,000 grant speeds trash-to-energy project

By CERRY OLIVER

Sunday Times Staff Writer

MEDIA COURTESY — A Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources grant of \$425,000 moved Delaware County a step closer to first "superior" trash-to-energy disposal system at Fair Acres Central Office.

Environmental Resources Secretary Nicholas DeBenedictis, formerly from Lansdowne and Harlingen, met with Delaware County Council President Frank Lynch and County Commissioner Nicholas A. Catania Friday to present the grant for what DeBenedictis called "a pilot program" for the first such facility in the state, which is costing \$2 million and is expected to be operational by the end of 1985.

Putting out that Pennsylvania throws away 25 million pounds of trash daily, DeBenedictis said the state "can no longer assume that landfills alone will handle our ever-increasing flow of trash."

"We must act quickly to develop immediate alternatives, such as recycling, that reduce what we bury and produce energy from what is not recyclable," he said.

He also pointed out that during the last 10 years the department has closed approximately 80 of the 1,100 Pennsylvania illegal dumpsites and more landfills are reaching capacity all the time.

"The state resource recovery and recycling grants provide seed money to communities that have shown a serious commitment to innovative solid waste management methods," DeBenedictis said. "We hope Delaware County's experience will demonstrate to other local governments that there is a viable way to dispose of our trash now."

The county facility, for which ground is expected to be broken in November, will be a waste-to-energy incinerator, which will burn 30 tons of trash a day. It will use the steam that's produced to heat and dry wood

electrical services to the county home for the aged.

The secretary pointed out that the grant award is concerned with the state's observance of its first-ever Recycling Month, sponsored by DEN, the Pennsylvania Roadside Council and industries that use recyclables.

He also commended the county and Chester for its "forward-looking industries" like Sun Paper Co., which will construct a \$10 million co-generation facility to manufacture its own electric power and sell the surplus to Philadelphia Electric Co. The first facility will burn coal rather than operate Pennsylvania's produce steam to run the paper mill.

Such the proposed solid waste-burning facility at Fair Acres and the Sun facility show that Delaware County has taken a lead-step position in modern handling of waste disposal, DeBenedictis said. Environmental controls will be built into both facilities, he added.

Catania, who received the check from DeBenedictis, pointed out that the grant shows "Delaware County is in the forefront of efforts to reduce solid waste volume."



DeBenedictis



Daily Times staff photo by BERT HOKKE

**TRUCKIN' ALONG** Youngsters stay on a fire truck after game at the Sabold School in Springfield. The newest addition to the playground was purchased by the Sabold Home and School Association.

# Trash-steam zone question up for hearing

By BOB QUINN

Daily Times Correspondent

**CHESTER**—A zoning hearing for a proposed trash-to-steam plant on the Delaware riverfront is scheduled 10 a.m. today in city council chambers.

Chester Solid Waste Corp. wants to build the first of three plants on the 64-acre Chester Tidewater Terminal site at Front and Highland Avenues.

Since late October, however, county officials have been considering an option to take ownership of the site through eminent domain.

County officials could not be reached for comment yesterday if representatives will appear at the hearing.

If approved, the facility would burn 1,200 tons of trash per day to produce steam.

The development firm, which bought the land several months

ago to construct a trash plant using Westinghouse technology, is seeking a special exemption from the city's M-2 heavy industrial zoning classification, city planner Steve Morison, said yesterday.

According to Morison, an exemption is needed "because of the utilization of waste in the process."

Under the proposed plans, the plant would screen solid waste and would not burn any hazardous waste as defined by both the Department of Environmental Resources and the Environmental Protection Agency. Radioactive, pathological and animal wastes would not be accepted, as well, Morison said.

If the exemption is approved, Chester Solid Waste would still need the approval of the city planning commission and city council, officials said.

# Children's group pins peace effort to small gifts

By GERRY OLIVE

Daily Times Staff Writer

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** — Among those waging an intense

campaign for peace at the summit talks in Geneva, Switzerland, are thousands of children from around the world.

The children's peace effort is being coordinated by No Greater Love, the humanitarian organization headed by Carmella

Lalypala, a former Chester woman.

Special pins, carrying the words, "Let peace take root,"

were sent to President Reagan and First Lady Nancy Reagan and USSR General Secretary Mikhail Gorbachev and his wife, Raisa.

The peace pins were an outgrowth of a special children's assembly on the International Day of Peace Sept. 21. At that time children from a global convention of 18 nations recited and signed a statement of personal commitment to foster peace throughout their lifetimes for the sake of all future children.

Ms. Lalypala, board chairman of No Greater Love, said the Pin of Peace program "has taken off like wildfire throughout the world."

Schools interested in taking part in the peace pledge project may still do so by sending signed pledges to No Greater Love, 1150 New York Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C., 20006.

Copies of the peace pledge can be obtained from No Greater Love or copied from the Daily Times.

The pledge is as follows: "As a legacy and gift to the children who will be born and live on this PLANET EARTH, I hereby commit myself to fostering peace. I promise to do everything I can to help create a common future of peace for all human beings."

## Passenger faces assault charge

**SPRINGFIELD** — A car passenger, arrested for disorderly conduct, faces charges of assaulting an officer during a traffic stop at police headquarters early Tuesday.

Police said Walter C. Mosley, 24, of the east block of Yale Avenue, Morton, was arrested during a minor vehicle stop around 2 a.m. Tuesday. Mosley was a passenger in a car driven by Thomas A. Jones, 35, of the same address, police said.

Patrolman Keith Babinca stopped the car at Baltimore Pike and Leamy Avenue and arrested Jones for alleged drunken driving, reckless driving and driving without a license. The officer arrested Mosley when he allegedly became belligerent and interfered in the arrest.

While the two men were being booked at the police station, Mosley allegedly struck Babinca in the face, police said.

An additional charge of aggravated assault of a police officer was placed against Mosley, police said.

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# Haverford tables vote on trash plan

By MARY BETH LAURE  
Daily Times Correspondent  
HAVERFORD — Despite some urging from board president Joseph Kelly, commissioners tabled a motion to participate in Delaware County Council's proposed trash-to-stone plant. Commissioners indicated that they are not against the idea.

Some said it should have been done a long time ago. Their reservations focus on transportation costs to Haverford and a possible conflict between the ordinance which the township would pass supporting the county plant and the township's current agreement with David Crabbatt and the Leaswell Quarry, a closed

fill dumping site located in the township. Eight town township trash trucks only travel to the transfer station neighboring Marple. If the township were required to carry the heavy load as far as Chester, the likely site for a trash-to-stone plant, it could mean a dramatic increase in cost. "We are making a commitment for a long time," said Commissioner John MacMorrey. "I'd like to see some economic projections behind this proposal. We are being asked to approve a \$200 million project, and we have no hard facts."

Kelly, a county commission board, said county council would be making a decision on the areas bid for the plant by Dec. 26. "I think all of us will be happy and satisfied with a trash-to-stone plant," he said. Commissioners plan to deal with the issue again at the next meeting at the end of the month.



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**ON STAGE** Tamara Healy, Kristina Edwards, Julia Fisher and Joseph Patel, students of the Ted Williams Montessori School, Carlisle, performed "Christmas Time is Here" at the Valley Community Center last night.

# Insurance increases hit programs for children

**PROSPECT PAKE** — Municipalities and businesses are not the only ones being hit with large increases in liability insurance premiums. These costs could affect the programs for borough children, Don Cook said. A rough figure of \$4,000 is being cited by insurance underwriting youth clubs, the Prospect Park Youth Club spokesman said. "That could wipe out our basketball program completely and hurt others," Cook said. The four groups, from the borough, Glenfield, Harwood, and Thomson Township, have met with insurance officials on the insurance problem. Outside organizations using

school district property must provide a certificate of insurance, Cook said. The local club uses both school property and the borough-owned Whelan Field. Acknowledging the tremendous problem of insurance costs and the concern of injuries and possible lawsuits, council president Raymond Malmed promised to work with the club. Malmed suggested after checking with outside insurance people, club representatives meet with council and the borough insurance agent. "It is not going to be resolution in weeks a year if we can't get insurance," a spokesman for the suburban organization said.

# Radio update disappoints top cop

By JANE JOHNSON  
Daily Times Correspondent  
**DARBY BOROUGH** — The county plan to upgrade the present police radio system instead of going for a newer design doesn't sit well with police chief Bob Snyder. "If we are going to spend money, it shouldn't be on a 40-year-old system," he said. Council has received a letter from county Councilman Joe Kelly advising them that the county planned to upgrade the existing county radio system instead of going for the sophisticated 800 megahertz design proposed last

year. Included in the plan is computer aid dispatch, reduction of noise and interference and relocations to the present facility housing the equipment. "We are going to end up in the same boat. We'll spend \$25,000 instead of \$50,000. The new equipment would have benefited us," Snyder said. He pointed out that a vehicle identifier and another device to track ships would be costly to add to their present equipment. Skip is interference from distance stations, not within normal communication range, which

covered out local signals. It is caused by atmospheric conditions and is an issue. Snyder explained that the identifier will light up in Marple when the police officer keys his mike and transmits. It will show which vehicle is in the air. Council president Nicholas DeGuerre said that since so many municipalities voted down the plan last year because of the costs involved, that he didn't feel the county would bring in a recommendation that would be just as costly. Councilman Bob Laybin said that he felt that technology would be enhanced with the improvements. Public safety chairman Steve DeGuerre said that it would take at least another year before there would be any change. "Let's wait and see what happens."

**Officer hired**  
HAVERFORD — Commissioners have named Howard Walker to fill a vacancy on the township police force. During the highest on the civil service list, Walker will become the third lieutenant on the force. The vacancy occurred when William J. McHardy ascended to chief last spring. Walker has been serving as acting lieutenant. Now it is official.

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# Specter willing to wait for state GOP backing

By NICK BLUM

Times Staff Writer

**HARRISBURG** — Sen. Arlen Specter will wait until the "11th hour" before deciding to seek endorsement of the Republican State Committee tomorrow, according to one of his operatives.

If Specter does seek the committee's nod for his re-election bid, he will probably face a rebuff from the caucus representing 40 percent of the state's 2.4 million Republican voters.

The southeast caucus, which includes Specter's Philadelphia home base, voted

yesterday to oppose any endorsement tomorrow, according to the caucus chairman, Tom Judge.

Judge, who is also Delaware County GOP chairman, said the southeast caucus was unanimous in opposing "endorsement of any candidate at this time."

Even so, Specter may seek endorsement, according to John Denny, political director of Specter's campaign committee.

"A lot of people think state endorsement of Specter would be a good way of preventing a destructive primary battle" by heading off a possible bid by Gov. Dick

Thoroughgood for the GOP nomination, Denny said.

"But at now," Denny said yesterday afternoon, "we don't know what we are going to do except we are going to be there and talk with a lot of people."

"We won't make any decision until the 11th hour," he added.

Denny said he wasn't surprised at the southeast caucus' action because "that is the home base of the state chairman and there's no question he's out in favor of endorsement."



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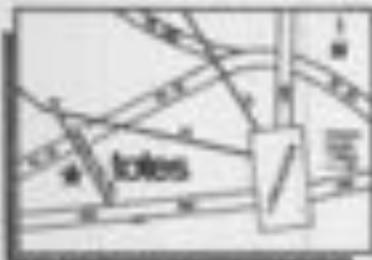
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## Residents steamed by trash plant site

By BOB QUINN

Delaware County Correspondent

**CHESTER** — A group of West End residents yesterday told the developers of the trash to steam plant they do not want to live near the proposed facility — they were afraid for themselves and afraid for their children.

"What a mess this is going to be. We've got enough, and I don't know how we could stand it," Benjamin Felgheim said, offering to sell his home in the 2000 block of West Second Street to the Chester Solid Waste Corporation.

Resident John Debnack of the 100 block Highland Avenue said he adamantly opposed the facility. He submitted two petitions signed by more than 200 local residents and 73 nearby school children who are against the project.

"We just have to save the children," Debnack said.

Both men were among about 10 people who at a evening hearing at which Chester Solid Waste Corp. requested an exemption from the city's M-I heavy industrial zoning

classification.

Although the firm would screen solid waste materials and would not burn any hazardous waste an exemption is needed "because of the utilization of waste in the process," City Planning Director Lee Morrison said.

Morrison recommended approval of the exemption.

The firm wants to build a \$60 million resource recovery plant using Warrington technology on a 60 acre Chester Thimblewood Terminal site at Front and Highland Avenues. If approved, the facility would burn 1,300 tons of trash daily hauled in by an independent contractor, the firm's lawyer William Holsten said.

An estimated 200 jobs would be generated during the course of construction of the complex and at least 50 permanent positions would be created when the facility was completed, Holsten said.

About \$1 million would be generated in city revenue, he said.

## VCR theft try nets trio sought by Del. police

By BILL ALMON

Delaware Staff Writer

**SMOKESHAVEN** — Three men, wanted as fugitives on shoplifting charges in Delaware, were arrested on Wednesday afternoon after they allegedly tried to steal videocassette recorders from the Parkview Grocery Store here, police said.

Police Chief John Eller said the incident began at 4 p.m. when Parkview officials called police and told them that three men had stolen two VCRs valued at \$200 each from the grocery store.

At 5:30 store officials called back, requesting assistance, informing police the three had returned and were attempting to steal again.

When police arrived one of the men escaped but was later apprehended, authorities said. The other two were apprehended by employees, police said. One of the men, identified by police as Kenneth Robinson, 27, of the 800 block of Earle Street, Chester, received a verbal warning and was released.

employee while he tried to rush out a pharmacy door, dropping a VCR, Eller said.

The two other men were identified as Donald Shepard, 20, of the 600 block of East 12th Street, and Keith Watson, 30, of the 1100 block of West 10th Street, both of Wilmington, Del.

All three had outstanding warrants for shoplifting in Delaware, Eller said. Robinson also had an outstanding warrant for larceny and theft, the chief added.

They were arraigned yesterday before District Justice Henry J. Silva and ordered held on \$50,000 each on the Delaware warrant. On the Pennsylvania charges, Shepard and Watson were ordered held on \$5,000 each on theft and conspiracy charges, authorities said.

Robinson was also charged with resisting arrest and assault and was ordered on an \$10,000, Eller said.

Police did not recover the first two VCRs stolen, Eller said.

# Westinghouse to build county's trash plant



By PAUL HENGER  
Daily Times Staff Writer

**MEDIA CENTER** — Westinghouse Electric Corporation has won the 18-month battle to build and operate Delaware County's massive energy facility which is expected to convert waste to trash to enough energy to power 40,000 homes a day, Delaware County Council announced yesterday.

Estimated cost of the plant including construction and other expenses is \$170 million according to Michael Stone, marketing manager of Westinghouse's nuclear energy systems division. The Bay of Chester Solid Waste Associates, which was formed to finance the project, said industrial revenue bonds will pay for the project.

Ground for the trash-to-energy facility is expected to be broken ground June 1987 on the site of the Chester Delaware Terminal between Front Street and the Delaware River, south of the Commodore Barry Bridge.

Permits from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources must be obtained before construction can commence.

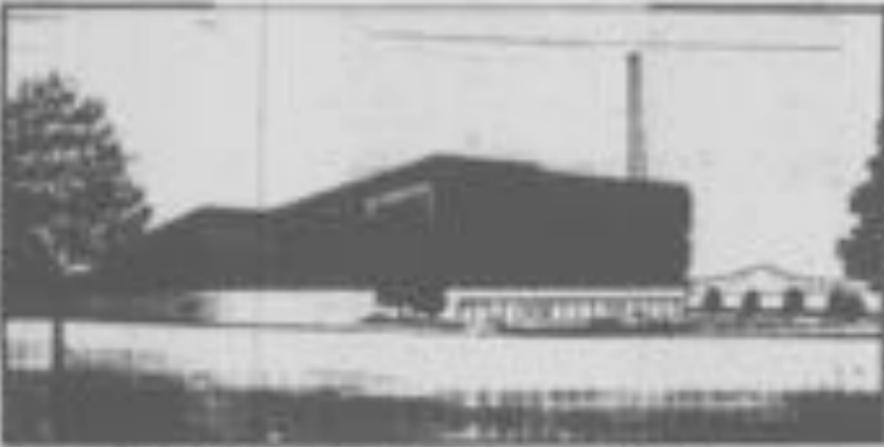
By November 1988, the plant is expected to be processing about 1,100 tons of waste a day, said Abraham Michaels, the engineer who was hired in July 1985 to advise county officials on the trash disposal plan.

The contract requires Westinghouse to process all county trash — about 400,000 tons a year — for 25 years. There is no charge for the first 1,000 tons a day, but the county must pay Westinghouse a daily tipping fee of \$40 for every ton over 1,000 tons.

"The county is responsible for delivering a guaranteed quantity of waste for the life of the contract," said Michaels. "Even if the plant is struck by a lightning bolt, Westinghouse will have the responsibility for the county's disposal of waste."

Westinghouse was over two other bids, American Refuel of Houston, Texas and Optex Martin of Parsippany, N.J.

"Their price was best and they had the most technology," said Michaels who said that American Refuel was close to Westinghouse in its bid.



He explained that Westinghouse had the lower risk factor in tipping fee, adjusting it to variability based only on cost of fuel.

"Others wanted to base it on actual maintenance or increased rate of electricity," said Michaels.

Each of six process lines coming into the plant has the capability of accepting trash, burning it, converting it to energy and subsequently to steam and electricity, producing residue and cleaning particulate matter resulting from the process, said James Morris, northwest regional sales manager for Westinghouse's nuclear energy systems division.

The estimated 75 megawatts of power to be produced daily by converting county trash to steam will be sold.

"The power purchasers — the utilities and communities — are unwilling to finance it until the county has the contract to build the facility," said Michaels.

After processing county trash, the facility will have the capacity to process about 1,100 more tons of trash a day, said Morris who noted Westinghouse has not restricted the Chester facility's services to other clients at that point.

The plant, which will operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week, will generate about 80 to 100 full-time jobs and \$1 per ton of trash processed in taxes for the City

of Chester, said Michaels.

He said the cost to Delaware County taxpayers should be "slightly less" than what they currently pay for trash disposal which Delaware County executive director Matthew Ryan estimated is now \$14 million a year, "one of the largest single pieces of the county budget."

Delaware County executive Tom Casanis, who heads the project, noted "Solid waste is in the forefront in sanitation in price, especially since they're eliminated as major landfill."

He noted that Odessa's landfill in Berks County, which was purchased by Delaware County in 1985, will be used for residue from the trash-to-energy plant. Morris said residue should amount to 10 percent or less of the original waste.

When the project was first proposed, eight potential vendors responded and seven were selected as capable of meeting the plant's requirements, said Michaels.

"Six of the original eight agreed to the terms and bids were received from three," said Michaels.

He said when bids were re-opened Nov. 18 in response to a request for proposal, only Westinghouse submitted a bid. He noted that American Refuel and Optex Martin expressed interest "if for any reason the award did not go to Westinghouse."

## Plant must obtain 3 permits

By JOE HART  
Daily Times Staff Writer

The county's trash-to-energy plant on the Delaware River will have to pass a rough battery of state tests before it receives a operating permit, a state official said yesterday.

It will also have to meet Chester's requirements at a time when the city and

county are waiting over who will build a resource recovery plant on the waterfront.

State Department of Environmental Resources spokesman Sam Thomas said the \$170 million project, awarded yesterday to the Westinghouse Electric Corp., must receive three permits before it is tagged environmentally sound.

Chester Solid Waste Associates, the

financial arm of the project, has already applied for a solid waste permit, he said. It will next apply for air quality and National Pollution Discharge Elimination System permits as well, he said.

The Solid Waste corporation has conditional city zoning approval to burn 1,044 tons per day, contingent upon DEE approval and an acceptable plan for transporting the garbage in and out of the city.

However, the county plans to double that capability and accept trash from the region. Chester Mayor Willie Mae Lewis, who wants her city to build its own plant on the waterfront, wouldn't comment on the latest county developments last night.

Joe Munn, executive director of the Chester City Council in Philadelphia, said he doesn't know if the city needs two trash disposal facilities, which each chemical compounds from nearby residents to clean in.

"We know what's going to be emitted," he said. "The question becomes, in what quantity, and whether the quantity proposed is acceptable to the community hosting the facility. That's the big question."

## Here's how it works

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**MEDIA** — Westinghouse's trash-to-energy plant which is expected to be in operation on the Delaware County waterfront by Thanksgiving 1988, will convert the county's estimated 400,000 tons of trash a year to electricity in the following way, explained marketing engineer Abraham Michaels.

Trucks will deliver trash to the plant, a large building containing a pit where these wastes will deposit the trash into its containers.

The containers will ferment food which produces steam in boilers. Through three chimneys from the boilers will be directed

to two turbines which generate electricity.

The electricity is then moved through the distribution system of one of the local utilities. The residue from the process is transferred to Odessa's landfill in Berks County.

"Each chimney has its own air pollution device," said Michaels.

Since the entire process is contained within the plant building, he said, there should be no noise or odors created for the community.

"The air (the emissions) is drawn from the outside into the building through the open where the rubbish is stored," he said.

### Toys for tots

Smith's Corner Farmers Market will take part in this year's "Toys for Tots" campaign, sponsored by the National Marine Corps Reserve and WDCU radio.

Paul Cohen, owner of the Farmers Market, announced there will be three drop-off stations within the market, identified by colorfully wrapped bags, boxes and mail bags.

All toys must be unused and unwrapped to meet the needs of the Marine Corps Reserve in distributing them.

The year's Toys for Tots campaign will kick-off at the market Friday and will continue through Dec. 15.

Smith's Corner will host Smith's Corner on weekends beginning Dec. 5. Friday hours will be 9:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. and Saturday hours will be 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Smith also will make special appearances on Dec. 18 and 21 from noon to 4 p.m.

### Strike violates contract

**PHILADELPHIA** — A two-month old strike by members of Teamsters Local 878 against Motor Coachway Co. is a violation of their contract with the Teamster union, according to a federal judge declared yesterday.

The strike began on Sept. 13, after the company announced plans to eliminate two landing positions, and go out of the trucking business.

The union is in violation of a no-strike clause in its current contract, according to attorneys for Motor.

A hearing is scheduled for Dec. 8 before U.S. District Judge Donald Hovet.

Local 878, president and owner of Motor Coachway said yesterday that he expected the union to abide by the judge's decision.

"It hasn't been a particularly aggressive strike," he said. "The two picketers sleep in a car outside most of the day."

### Hospital valet parking

Valet parking now is available for visitors and patients at Chester County Medical Center. Between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. weekdays through Fridays, attendants will be located at the main entrance of the medical center to park cars. The charge is \$1.

"We hope that this new service provides an immediate, convenient option for those who visit OCMC," said Gerald Miller, under vice president for operations.

"Within the month, reconstruction begins for a 150-car parking garage on our campus, which will add to our parking capacity."

### Haverford OKs budget

**HAVERTFORD** — Councilmembers unanimously passed a preliminary budget Monday night with no tax increases and a reduction in the sewer rental fee.

Spending will be approximately \$11.6 million, up 6.1 percent over last year.

Sewer rental fee will be reduced 10 percent.

It is the first budget that Democratic Councilmembers Don Kapowitz has voted for in 10 years, announced Board President Stephen Campitelli.

### Special meeting set

**LANSDOWNE** — A special council meeting is scheduled at the borough hall on Wednesday, Dec. 3 at 7:00 p.m. to consider passage of the 1987 budget.