

Sun pipeline cleanup hits \$10M

By SEN LA BARTH

Daily Times Staff Writer

PHILADELPHIA — The price tag attached to the Sun Company's massive oil leak in King of Prussia is now \$10 million.

That revelation came from company officials Wednesday following the announcement that Sun will spend up to \$6 million to replace the gasoline pipeline running from Twin Oaks to Newark, N.J.

The Oct. 7 spill, which resulted from a broken pipe in a section of the 108-mile underground line, forced more than 400 residents of the King of Prussia area to evacuate their homes. Hundreds of local merchants, including businesses at the Court at King of Prussia, were forced to

close their doors and a 23-mile section of the Pennsylvania Turnpike was closed when authorities declared a state of emergency.

About 130,000 gallons leaked out the damaged section of 30-year-old line near the Philadelphia Gas Corp. Cleanup crews recovered about 87,000 gallons, with the rest believed to have evaporated. More than four million gallons of gasoline flow through the pipe daily.

A report by the Battelle Institute of Columbus, Ohio, commissioned by Sun Pipeline Co. to probe the leak, concluded that the 23-inch break in the line resulted from a number of factors, particularly the type of steel used to make the pipeline,

said Sun spokesman L.D. "Bud" Davis.

According to the report, the break occurred when repairs were made to a "ditch" used to attach a protective sleeve around a small dent a month before the spill.

The high carbon content of the 1950s-vintage pipe and resulting downward pressure on the line caused the break, according to the report.

Davis said the Office of Pipeline Safety of the Federal Department of Transportation has given its approval to a plan calling for Sun to shut down the line, beginning next Monday, for 47 days to allow private contractors time to replace approximately 140 protective sleeves with

new pipe.

"We're not aware of any other shut-downs of this length for this kind of repair," Davis said. Sun will transport its gasoline via barges traveling the Delaware River and trucks.

Davis called the \$6 million to replace "leakable but not 'waterproof'" to the bottom line of the year.

The repair cost is being tacked on to the other list of expenses associated with the oil leak.

Sun must account for between \$2 and \$3 million dollars in lost revenue for the actual leak, the one-week shutdown following the spill, and projections of losses during the upcoming repair period.



Daily Times staff photo by DALE CHODNICKA

BIG MONEY Delaware County received a big boost for its trash-to-energy plant as a \$350,000 state grant will be used to help defray costs. Holding a symbolic make-up of the check are, left to right, E. Harry Bittle, Environmental Resources Deputy secretary; County Councilman Joseph Kafir and County Councilman Nicholas Catalano.

Delco gets \$350,000 to fuel trash plans

By ANDY CITER

Daily Times Staff Writer

CHESTER — Delaware County got a \$350,000 state grant yesterday to help pay the cost of choosing a builder for its trash-to-energy plant, which is expected to cost \$1 million.

Environmental Resources Deputy Secretary E. Harry Bittle presented a grant, ceremonial check yesterday to County Councilman Nicholas Catalano at the LCA Learning site at Front and Thurlow streets before a small gathering of county officials and Westinghouse representatives. He praised Delaware County for moving quickly to find a permanent solution to its trash problem.

Delaware County is among 20 planned trash-to-energy plants in Pennsylvania. Only three plants have been permitted so far statewide, Bittle said. Two are in operation and the third, at Fair Acres Cemetery Center in Middletown, was abandoned in the planning stage.

Delco won't actually get a check from DEB to cover the grant. It will be able to draw down on the amount to pay for specific tasks, ranging from design review to a study of how the ash residue from the plant will impact the county-owned Cokesburyville Landfill in Berks County, where it will be dumped.

Westinghouse won the endorsement in November to build a 2,000-ton-per-day trash-to-energy plant at the site. Construction should

begin in June, depending on Westinghouse's ability to get city and state permits, and is expected to take up to 20 months.

"We believe the state-of-the-art facility when completed will aid Delaware County's initiative in recycling," Bittle said of the Delco plant.

He pointed out two-thirds of Pennsylvania's local recycling programs are located in Delaware County.

Delco's \$350,000 grant was part of \$2.6 million in grants awarded yesterday to 20 county and local governments for resource recovery and recycling. Delco applied for the grant last August.

The money comes from a settlement of the U.S. Justice Department's suit against Enron Corp. for violations of the Federal Petroleum Price and Allocation Regulations.

Catalano, who officiated yesterday, said development costs will come in "over a million by the time we're totally finished."

The state wants to be born by the developer, then after the bid award, county officials said it would be a county responsibility.

Catalano said it may be the vendor's bill after all.

"In all fairness, negotiations aren't totally completed yet," Catalano said.

Westinghouse projects manager Jim Cronin, however, said the cost is usually covered by the bond issue, unless the project fails.

Acid moved from college, detonated

By JOHN M. ROMAN

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BADFORD — Police evacuated a building at Eastern College and detoured traffic for four hours Tuesday night while the Philadelphia Police Bomb Squad removed a one-pound container of volatile purple acid, Police Chief Maurice Hennessey said yesterday.

"It could have blown up the whole building," Hennessey said, pointing out that the crystallized substance was unstable and highly explosive.

"Any form of shock or any sudden increase in the heat could cause it to detonate, with the force greater than an equal amount of TNT," Hennessey said.

But Academic Dean Dr. Juan Kim, a chemist, said the chemical was safe.

"It becomes explosive only when detonated with a fuse or when temperatures reach above 300 degrees," said Kim. "Clearly it wouldn't have gotten that hot in the lab."

When the bomb squad headed by Sgt. Joe Becker detonated the chemical on township property known as Shook Hollow on Derby-Park Road, it made such a loud noise that residents in as far away as Newtown inquired about it.

"It rocked the ground. It shook the area," he said.

Employees at Eastern College on Fairview Drive were taking inventory of chemicals in a chemistry department classroom when the crystallized acid was discovered about 4:40 p.m., Hennessey said.

Joseph McGraw, a college official in the maintenance department, called Badford police requesting instructions for disposal of purple acid.

Dispatcher Carter Fisher checked the hazardous materials handbook and learned that the substance was "potentially very volatile," he said.

Fisher immediately alerted Badford Fire Chief Doug Foltke to the dangerous situation.

The dispatcher also contacted Chem-Tech Industries International Inc., Philadelphia, which

crystal form is classified as "unstable, highly explosive," Hennessey said.

Chem-Tech advised police to evacuate the building, McGraw Hall, and secure it, he said.

They also recommended contacting a bomb disposal unit to handle the disposal.

The Delaware County Criminal Investigation Division was alerted, but they advised police they were not allowed to respond to chemical calls, Hennessey said.

Badford police then notified Philadelphia police about 5 p.m., he said, and a four-man bomb squad arrived at the school about 7 p.m.

Badford Fire Co. assisted at the scene with one engine, he said. Traffic was blocked off as the bomb disposal vehicle transported the chemical.

"I don't know why it was over there," Hennessey replied when asked about the presence of the chemical.

Dr. Kim said the purple acid was on campus because it is a routine component of most academic chemistry labs. He said if the chairman of the biology department had not decided to clean house, the chemical would still be sitting harmlessly in the lab.

Kim said the biology chairman was taking inventory when he spotted the purple acid and realized that it would have to be disposed of in a careful manner. He said he instructed McGraw to research proper disposal procedure for the chemical.

"I understand Mr. McGraw called the EPA (U.S. Environmental Protection Agency) to request advice about appropriate disposal. Somehow it got from there to the bomb squad in an attempt to comply," said Kim.

Fire Marshal Dennis Quinn was on the scene with police Lt. Henry James and Sgt. William Brown and other officers, he said. The situation was cleared up about 5 p.m. with no injuries.

"Our dispatcher Carter Fisher was the one who came up with knowing the danger was as he heard the type of acid," Hennessey said, lauding the knowledgeable efforts of the dispatcher.



Help needed in hit-run

HAYESBORO — Police are proving their probe into a fatal hit-and-run accident that claimed the life of a pedestrian early Sunday morning.

Thomas H. Kaffer, 18, of the east block Palmer Avenue, was run down about 3:15 a.m. as he walked to the 1400 block Lawrence Road, police said.

Authorities are seeking the driver of a yellow or light tan full-size car that struck Kaffer and fled west on Lawrence Road toward West Chester Pike, police said.

Anyone who has information about the accident, the driver or the vehicle can contact police at 823-2400. All information will be handled in strict confidence, police said.

Hearing tonight

UPPER PROVIDENCE — The planning commission will hold a hearing at 7:30 tonight on proposed zoning amendments which would re-define the special use (SU-1) district.

Council will hold a hearing on the same subject at 7:30 p.m. March 10 in the Berks. The changes would revise various SU-1 lots to residential, with designations R-2, R-4 or R-6, depending on exact location.

Deficit reported

SACON — James Dittmar, director of Parks and Recreation, revealed his department has a deficit of \$83,260.

He said the deficit was due to overtime costs and the need for two permanent part-time employees. Dittmar said that some of the overtime costs were due to manning the recycling center.

Board meeting tonight

The William Penn School Board meeting originally scheduled for Monday night will be held tonight in the Ball Room auditorium. The executive session will be held at 7:30 p.m., while the regular business meeting will begin at 8 p.m.

Today's Meetings

ASTON — Board of Directors Meeting, 7:30 a.m., administration building, Park and Garden Lane.

BIRMGHAM — Planning Commission, 7:30 a.m., Township Hall, Market and West.

BOOTHBY — Citizens' Board of Education, 7:30 a.m., Village Elementary School, Cherry Tree Road.

CHRYSLER — Board Meeting, 7:30 a.m., board members, municipal building, 25 and West St.

COLLINGSWOOD — Board of Health, 8 a.m., municipal building, 800 West Lake Boulevard.

CONCORD — Board of Education, 8 a.m., high school, 1000 West Lake Boulevard, 200 West Lake Boulevard, 100 West Lake Boulevard, 100 West Lake Boulevard.

COURT — Council, 8 a.m., Government Center, 100 West Lake Boulevard, 100 West Lake Boulevard, 100 West Lake Boulevard.

LAUREL — Planning Commission, 7:30 a.m., 100 West Lake Boulevard, 100 West Lake Boulevard, 100 West Lake Boulevard.

MARPLE — Planning Commission, 8 a.m., 100 West Lake Boulevard, 100 West Lake Boulevard, 100 West Lake Boulevard.

MIDDLETON — Planning Commission, 7:30 a.m., 100 West Lake Boulevard, 100 West Lake Boulevard, 100 West Lake Boulevard.

NEWTOWN — Board of Education, 7:30 a.m., 100 West Lake Boulevard, 100 West Lake Boulevard, 100 West Lake Boulevard.

PROSPECT PARK — Board of Education, 7:30 a.m., 100 West Lake Boulevard, 100 West Lake Boulevard, 100 West Lake Boulevard.

ROSELAND — Board of Education, 7:30 a.m., 100 West Lake Boulevard, 100 West Lake Boulevard, 100 West Lake Boulevard.

THORNTON — Board of Education, 7:30 a.m., 100 West Lake Boulevard, 100 West Lake Boulevard, 100 West Lake Boulevard.

UPPER PROVIDENCE — Board of Education, 7:30 a.m., 100 West Lake Boulevard, 100 West Lake Boulevard, 100 West Lake Boulevard.

UPPER MERION — Board of Education, 7:30 a.m., 100 West Lake Boulevard, 100 West Lake Boulevard, 100 West Lake Boulevard.

Delco tells Philly it has two weeks for trash decision

By ANCH CITEN

Daily Times Staff Writer

Delaware County gave Philadelphia two weeks to decide if it wants to send 20 percent of its municipal trash to the county-sponsored trash-to-energy plant to be built in Chester.

But two weeks may be too soon to make a commitment, according to a spokesman for Mayor Wilson Goode.

"The mayor says that's one option to deal with excess trash after a trash-to-energy plant is built in the Navy Yard. It's something that's being looked at," said Karen Warrington, the mayor's press secretary.

"It would be a complement to an existing trash-to-energy facility. So it might be difficult at this time to say whether the city will enter into that kind of arrangement, since the negotiations have not been decided upon," she said.

Delaware County Councilman Nicholas Catania said yesterday the decision to send Philly's trash to Delco could be a politically feasible one for both sides in the continuing controversy surrounding Goode's plan to build a refuse recovery plant at the Navy Yard.

That plan has brought vocal opposition from South Philadelphia residents, where the Navy Yard is located. Most of the city council appears to be siding with the opposition.

Catania said those who oppose the Navy Yard plant will see Delco's offer as the first step in finding alternative places

to take Philadelphia's 2,200 daily tons of household trash.

Those who favor Goode's trash plant, he said, will approve of Delaware County's offer because the city needs more daily capacity than the proposed Navy Yard plant can offer.

Catania said the major selling point for Delaware County residents to accept Philadelphia's trash is the \$40-per-ton tipping fee the city would pay.

Westinghouse will charge Philadelphia and commercial haulers about \$40 per ton to dump at its Chester plant, allowing Delaware County municipal haulers to dump for free.

"That doesn't make us bad people," Catania said Monday.

"I think the mayor wants to. He recognizes we have a doable project and can have that plant operating and accepting his trash a hell of a lot sooner than the Navy Yard," Catania said.

The Westinghouse plant, to be built at the former Chester Telephone site in the Riverbridge Industrial Park, Chester, is expected to be on line by 1989.

"We have reviewed the papers and we're just studying them at this point," said Philadelphia Deputy Mayor Jay Fishery. "We have to look at methods of disposal of the trash which will not be handled by our Navy Yard plant."

The mayor's Navy Yard plant would burn 2,200 tons of daily municipal trash. The city generates 2,200 to 2,500 daily tons. That would leave about 1,000 tons to



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be disposed of elsewhere, Fishery said. Can the city give its commitment in two weeks?

"I don't know. Obviously, any of these projects have all sorts of extremely complicated issues, from the economic point of view, engineering, legal permitting, etc. We just have to look at it," Fishery said.

Marple loses mobile home fight

By HELEN FAGIARO

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MARPLE — The township has lost a seven-year court battle to prevent a mobile home development in Lawrence Park.

Township Manager Joe Flicker said yesterday the state Superior Court has dismissed the township's petition to ban mobile homes on the tract known as Marple Gardens.

Marple Gardens, owned by developer Claude Guilford, consists of 20 vacant

lots on Lawrence Road.

The wooded parcel is bordered by Springfield Lane, Hillside, Rose and Woodside roads with their affluent single homes.

Marple is St. Paul's Church and across the road is Lawrence Park Shopping Center.

For many homeowners, Marple Gardens, a very valuable site, is "the last apple."

The tract, they say, was rezoned through "a fluke."

The rezoning was contrary to the wishes of township officials and residents.

In 1979 developers were utilizing "the rezoning amendment," a provision under law allowing builders to introduce amendments to "over" a deficiency in a municipal zoning ordinance.

Lack of zoning allowing any type of housing was interpreted by the courts as a deficiency.

After a rezoning amendment was presented municipalities had 90 days to amend their zoning ordinance to include mobile homes, apartments, townhouses or whatever type housing was excluded in their ordinance.

An historic Nether Providence court case established the precedent. The supreme court ruled a developer could build apartments in Nether Providence which had no zoning for apartments at that time, but the township could designate where it wanted apartments to go.

When Delbert submitted his rezoning amendment for mobile homes on Marple Gardens, Marple Township was holding public hearings to determine what land should be rezoned for townhouses and mobile homes.

Two tracts were selected, one on Old Marple Road and another behind 100 Peter and Paul Cemetery, and the board approved amendments covering those two parcels.

But the township had delayed too long, exceeding the period allowed by law to "over" its ordinance. Delbert's attorney maintained.

Delbert brought his case to Common Pleas Court and made two years wait a favorable decision.

The township spent five years vainly promoting appeals.

Snow, ice blamed for deadly crash

By KELVIN ANDERSON

Daily Times Staff Writer

EDGEMONT — A snow and ice-covered road claimed the life of a 26-year-old woman yesterday, when her car was struck head-on by another vehicle sliding out of control on Providence Road, state police said.

Barbara L. Hardisty, 26, of the 800 block of Hadson Avenue, Tredon, was pronounced dead at Riddle Memorial Hospital at 5:52 p.m. yesterday after her car crashed into a car driven by Keith A. Phillips, 27, of the 800 block of Chester Lane, Ridley Park, police said.

The accident happened at 4:44 p.m. on

Providence Road in Edgemoor Township just south of Route 2 and north of Oakville Road, police said.

Phillips, who sustained minor injuries in the accident, was headed north on Providence Road attempting to negotiate a curve in the road, when he lost control of his car, police said.

Phillips' car came out of the curve on the wet roadway, veered left and struck Hardisty's car, which was headed south on Providence Road, police said.

Hardisty was taken to Riddle Memorial Hospital by paramedics from the Newtown Square Ambulance Company, police said.



HENRY NACRELLI

HENRY NACRELLI AND BOARD MEMBER MARY JEAN TOMLINSON

RTM will can Campbell, Nacrelli return expected

By HARRISON LOCKE
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UPPER PROVIDENCE — Blue Tree Media District is expected to terminate the contract of Superintendent David Campbell tonight.

The agreement, reached in executive session Tuesday, paves the way for the return of former Superintendent Henry Nacrelli, who was ousted two years ago by a board which lost its majority in the next election.

"There will be an item that concerns the superintendent's contract on the agenda Thursday night," said board President Mary Ann Stuart said yesterday. "Part of it does provide his contract is over as of June 30."

By that date, Campbell will have served two years of a five-year contract.

Stuart said she will have a recommendation to make to the board and she would not deny it concerned Nacrelli's return.

"I think everybody knows my feelings," she said. Stuart was a strong supporter of Nacrelli when the former Clear Lake majority terminated him on a 5-4 vote two years ago.

She said she has been in touch with Nacrelli and has permission "to mention his name in public" tonight.

"If there is a vacancy in the Blue Tree Media District, and if the school board is interested in talking to me, I would be interested in talking to them," Nacrelli said yesterday.

"It would be a matter of working out a satisfactory contract," Nacrelli said. "Whatever is comparable to other superintendents."

Nacrelli works for the Chester County Intermediate Unit without contract.

Campbell's salary is approximately \$40,000.

It was rumored the board agreed behind

'Campbell tired of fighting board'

MIDDLETOWN — Superintendent David Campbell is "tired of fighting" and wants to leave Blue Tree Media, according to board member Fred Lathrop.

Lathrop said yesterday the superintendent realizes his goals for the district cannot be accomplished.

Lathrop, a member of the board who worked to oust former Superintendent Henry Nacrelli, said Campbell was hit with a lawsuit his first day in the district and has been troubled by some board members, who have not spoken to him or his wife at any social occasion.

Lathrop said Campbell does not get his paycheck without first receiving a refusal from certain board members.

But what has disillusioned Campbell the most, according to Lathrop, was the low rating he received from the board at his yearly evaluation.

This goes into his file and becomes a part of his permanent record. Lathrop said that four board members gave Campbell "awful" marks, as the five-member majority would have had to give him "very poor" marks in order to drag him down.

That treatment, according to Lathrop, was the last straw for the superintendent. Lathrop said that he does not intend to vote to terminate Campbell's contract.

closed down Tuesday night to buy out Campbell's contract for \$100,000, but Campbell said Wednesday that was "not correct."

He also said the agreement reached with the board is not related to the job opening at the Intermediate Unit. It was reported earlier this month that Campbell is one of two finalists being considered for the post held by Juden Newberg.

Stuart declined to give figures on the contract buyout, but she did say negotiations had been going on since October and it was "a mutual agreement, mutually arrived at."

Stuart also said that Campbell officially is not available for another job until his present job is terminated. Officially, he can't even receive an offer until that is done, she said.

Regarding Campbell's tenure at Blue Tree Media, Stuart said, "In my view, this

was a shaggy wedding and we would like to have an amicable divorce."

Campbell has accomplished a number of things in the district, such as implementing the program for physically handicapped students, completing asbestos removal and helping to "get Blue Tree Media out of the newspapers," she said.

But he came into a "negative and hostile climate, against an overwhelming attitude of the community."

It would have been very difficult to express to "get moving" in the kind of climate which was created before he even arrived, she said.

Campbell and the board also had differences on philosophy and on leadership and management styles, said Stuart.

"I think he will do a very good job anywhere else. I know he will succeed," she said.



Fire badly burns Drexel Hill woman

UPPER DADDY — A Drexel Hill woman, burned over 40 percent of her body when her eight-year-old caught fire, was taken to critical condition at Cross-Chester Medical Center, Upland yesterday.

Mary Martin, 35, of the 3800 Mark of Mary St., was engulfed in flames when firefighters from Carmichael Drexel Hill Fire Company responded 10:30 p.m. Tuesday.

According to Township Fire Chief Vic Dominick, Mrs. Martin was sitting in a chair in the kitchen of the first floor apartment smoking a cigarette when she fell asleep.

"The cigarette fell on her lap and set her nightgown and robe on fire," Dominick said.

"She ran to the bathroom to put out the fire and the shower curtain caught."

"Someone spotted smoke coming from the first floor apartment window and called in the fire. Her husband, George, was in bed and woke up to her screams."

The fire was declared under control immediately and Princess Beane Wadsworth Park Fire Company members were needed. Mrs. Martin was transported to Delaware County Memorial Hospital and transferred to the burn unit of Cross-Chester.

Breakfast meeting

MEENA — U.S. Rep. Dick Schuler will be the guest speaker at a Saturday morning breakfast meeting hosted by area business organizations.

The 8:30 a.m. affair at the Howard Johnson Hotel, Chester, will feature discussions about international trade import restrictions, 1987 tax reform and White House Conference recommendations.

The meeting is co-sponsored by Congressional Action Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, the Chester Business and Professional Association and the Business and Professional Association of Western Delaware County. The cost is \$5 per person.

Course on driving

Delaware County Community College will offer a classroom driver refresher program from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. March 30 and 31.

The program, 30 Adult/Mature Driving, was developed by the American Association of Retired Persons and is the first comprehensive driver refresher course designed to meet the specific needs of older motorists.

Added information and registration data is available from Ernie Barthoff at 823-3075, or John Price at 823-4135.

Trash wars: Leake to counter county

By ANDY GYER
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Daily Times Writers

CHESTER — Mayor Willie Mae Leake is expected to announce today that Delaware County's trash-to-land plant can't be built in Chester.

She'll point to a lack of necessary city zoning and planning approval, according to a press advisory issued yesterday by the city's public relations firm, Culture Communications.

Leake will meet the press at 1 p.m. today in City Hall to return the bombshell dropped on her last week by Delaware County Council.

Dele announced last Friday it is seeking 1,000 tons per day of Philadelphia trash to feed a plant to be built in Chester by Warrington. That plant will also burn all of Delaware County's uncollected trash. County council is opposing that project.

Leake was outraged, since she's been negotiating with Philadelphia for months to get the trash to feed a Chester-sponsored incineration plant she says will save her city from economic doom.

If both plants are built, they'll be two plants from each other.

Leake is also expected today to name her offer to take all of Philadelphia's

trash.

"The city of Chester is serious about moving ahead. It's obvious that Chester is the solution — the only solution to Philadelphia's trash problem," she said in a prepared statement.

Yesterday, Leake would say only, "To address the issue of the county trying to acquire Philadelphia's trash."

In yesterday's city council meeting, resident Lane Murray questioned the mayor about newspaper accounts of Dele's plan to obtain the bigger city's trash.

"I think the county is a little too late," Leake said.

Another woman jumped up and said, "We don't want the county project in our city. Is it really necessary for them to come here? How can we band together to protest?"

Leake accused the county of trying to knock out the city's project to get the profits that would save Chester's economic problems.

Leake said the public has to show an interest and recommended they send notes to the Philadelphia Electric Co. along with their electric bills, "condemning the activities of Philadelphia Electric Company," which is fighting Chester's effort to condemn PECO property.

TV report miffs funeral directors

Charles Ebbert is one of many Delaware County funeral directors outraged by TV news reports that suggested there is used car anatomy.

"On every production you see that one or two rotten apples in the barrel," said Ebbert, president of the Ebbert Funeral Home of Shamers Hill, which has been in business for the last 30 years. "But it's wrong to take a general swipe at the funeral directing profession."

Recently, Channel 10 consumer reporter Mark Denenberg's two-part series revealed how some funeral directors take advantage of grief-stricken families to maximize their profits, often in violation of Federal Trade Commission rules.

"There couldn't be a business that's more tightly regulated than funeral directing," said Ebbert. "I know I was not obliged to read that in the mail, but I complied. We have nothing to

hide. Later, I discovered that had been no FTC agent just checking up on the credibility of the info."

Funeral Trade Commission regulations applied to the business in early 1986 require that price lists in the merchandise associated with funerals — caskets, vaults, clothing — be available for people to study and take home, if they choose. In addition, each funeral contract must list in detail the charges involved.

"The FTC is a strong enforcer," said Griffith, explaining that violation of the state law can be fined up to \$10,000.

Had the FTC taken enforcement action to be certain regulations are followed, he said.

"I received a phone call from a man from Florida one time, requesting price lists," Griffith said. "I knew I was not obliged to send them in the mail, but I complied. We have nothing to



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hide. Later, I discovered that had been no FTC agent just checking up on the credibility of the info."

But Cavanaugh of the Cavanaugh Family Funeral Home, a former member of the State Board of Funeral Directors which licenses morticians to practice, pointed out that funeral directors have "an unusual service to render."

"We can do it for under \$500 or over \$5,000," said Cavanaugh. "But the cost of a funeral is not what we charge. It's whatever the family wants."

A person can get a full-service funeral today for \$5,000, Cavanaugh said. If they want immediate, they can do it immediately or they can rest a casket to have a viewing and provide the opportunity for a mourning period. The body is then transferred to a disposable box for cremation.

Griffith, who has taught a college-level course on the sociology of death, pointed out that funerals are not as much for the dead as for the living to be able to cope with death. Most people find they need the support given by friends and relatives to get through the depression when they lose a loved one, he said.

Griffith also pointed out that the Christian ethic has been to respect the body, which will rise again at world's end and live through eternity.

Whether or not people adhere to this ethic, most funeral directors will agree that "a funeral is a final tribute to a life lived," as Cavanaugh phrased it.

Perhaps the most disconcerting misconception created by the Denenberg reports concerned the necessity of body preservation, according to Griffith.

"Of course, there's no law stating that you must be embalmed," said Griffith. "But there is a public health law which states that any person dying of a communicable disease or being transported across a state line must be embalmed," he said.

Griffith also explained that there is a regulation of the state board of funeral directors that "if a body is to be kept for more than 24 hours, it must be embalmed, refrigerated or mechanically cooled."

The reasons for keeping a body are often beyond normal control. If a person dies on a weekend, there is no way a grave can be prepared before Monday. If there are family members out of town, there's another reason to wait. If there is a need for an autopsy, that makes a third reason.

"Unfortunately, people don't choose when they die," Griffith said. Refrigeration facilities are limited, since they are expensive and most funeral homes don't have them. Mortuaries willing would be prohibited in cost for the majority of people, Griffith explained.

George H. Brown, proprietor of the Brown Funeral Home of Chester and current president of the Delaware County Funeral Directors Association, pointed out that there are three reasons for embalming — "sanitation, restoration and preservation."

One of the profession's biggest problems, he pointed out, is that any medical paraphernalia attached to a person before death is usually left there after death.

"The matter what Denenberg said, those things do create the appearance of a body," Brown said.

Griffith pointed out that funeral planning helps people spend just what they want when there are no problems after a death.

On the other hand, he advised anyone with a complaint about the business to contact the State Board of Funeral Directors at Box 3648, Harrisburg, Pa., 17120, the Consumer Protection Bureau of the State attorney General, 124 State St., Harrisburg, Pa., 17120 or Thayer, a national consumer group that arbitrates disputes in the funeral profession, located at 125 W. Wells St., Milwaukee, Wis., 53202.

"We're very fortunate here in Delaware County," said Griffith. "I don't know anyone in the business who is disreputable."

"Funeral directors operate in small communities," said Cavanaugh. "If there are any bad guys, there's a natural process in our industry that tends to put pressure on them to do better services (p. 4) trustworthy manner."

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Rizzo and Egan boost Chester's trash plant

By ANNE COTTE
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Philadelphia's two contenders for the GOP mayor's nomination are giving Chester Mayor Willie Mae Leake a boost in her uphill battle to turn Philly trash to her city's proposed trash plant.

Representative Frank Rizzo and John Egan both oppose Democratic Wilson Goode's plan to build a trash-to-energy plant at the Navy Yard in North Philadelphia, they announced Monday night.

And both blasted Goode for not considering Chester's offer to take Philadelphia's trash for its own incineration recovery plant.

Rizzo and Egan made their announcements in a rally Monday night in South Philly, the headquarters of Leake's Navy Yard plan. Leake also attended and assured the crowd her plant would solve their trash crisis.

"I have not been totally involved in all the who's out there of the Chester plant, but it looks like a viable plant," Egan told the Daily Times.

"The main thing is, here is a city that wastes this at a time that this is a tough, tough time. Nobody wants this in their neighborhood, even again because Philadelphia has a terrible trash record" on environmental policing, he said.

Chester's plan has gotten little attention from the Goode administration. Officials have said Leake's project is years down the road and could be in for a lengthy court battle with Philadelphia Electric Co., which owns the site where Chester incinerates over Goode's Navy Yard plan. Leake also

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Chester seeks developer for trash plant

By BOB QUINN
and DEN LA BETH
Daily Times Staff Writers

CHESTER — Seeking advertisements in major publications in search of a developer for the city's \$30 million waste-to-energy plant, Chester is a serious player in the trash business, according to the public relations director for the project.

Jack Collins, whose firm Collins Communications was hired by the city to promote the construction of the plant, said the ads were placed in "Engineering News" and other trade publications to attract "fortune 500" companies who will invest the time and money needed to oversee development of the project.

"A plant this size is going to draw nationally known firms," said Collins. "There might be as many as 20-25 companies that would fit in this area."

The ad seeks developer firms interested in "entering into a contract to design, build and operate for a one-year demonstration period, a 4,500-ton-per-day materials and energy recovery facility."

A March 14 deadline had been set for interested developers to submit their qualifications, including a release of past projects and financial statements. Collins said inquiries have been received.

Locally, the ad was placed in the Delaware County Times and the Philadelphia Inquirer to alert subcontractors and smaller vendors to potential business opportunities, Collins said.

"The ad is good that the project is viable," Collins said.

At yesterday's regular council meeting, on East End, council pledged its support for the re-

source recovery plant and urged other residents to do the same.

"We, as a city, have to get behind you... We need that recovery plant which will bring hope back to this city," David Bush of East 26th Street told Mayor Willie Mae Looker at the meeting.

Looker slowly nodded her head as Bush listed county officials for "irregularly informing" any of our citizens regarding the construction of the county's \$270 million trash-to-energy plant, constructed to Westinghouse Inc., along the city waterfront.

Bush said he is concerned the health of his year-old son if a trash-to-energy plant is built in the city.

Looker has been holding county officials for months and recently denounced the "surrender manner" in which they offered a proposal to Philadelphia Mayor W. Wilson Goode to burn 1,000 tons of city trash a day for 10 years at their site in Chester.

Looker's been negotiating with Philadelphia officials to get trash to fuel her plant which is anticipated going on line in 1990.

Yesterday's meeting was recessed until 10 a.m. Tuesday to allow time for the advertising of an extended ordinance clarifying the description of property owned by the Philadelphia Electric Co. property and earmarked for condemnation for the Chester trash plant.

Assistant City Solicitor Linda Cuthbert said the move was made to save advertising costs.

If yesterday's meeting had been adjourned, council would be required to advertise a special meeting, she explained.

Guilt pleaded in fatal mishap

By MARLENE DIACONOW
Daily Times Staff Writer

MEDGA COOKHOUSE — An attorney for a former truck driver said yesterday a "moment of inattention" contributed to the accident which claimed the life of a 13-year-old boy.

The statement was given on behalf of David Golden, 36, of Southwest Philadelphia, as he pleaded guilty to a charge of vehicular homicide in an accident in which his truck crashed into a vehicle that was attempting to turn onto Route 322 near the Family Fun Spot in Twin Oaks.

Edward A. Callahan Jr., 15, of the 100 block of Deer Lane, Newtown Square, a passenger in

the vehicle being driven by his sister, Kelly Ann, 16, died in that collision.

Amateur Charley Saphireff, who represented Collins, read the statement to the court Wednesday in which the defendant apologized for his actions in the July 14 tragedy.

"He (Golden) is sorry for what has happened. He did not intend for it to happen. It was a moment of inattention," Saphireff told Judge Rita E. Pomeroy.

As Golden's plea was entered, the victim's father, Edward Callahan, wiped tears from his eyes.

Sentencing was deferred until April 27 pending an investigation into the defendant's background.

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This interested viewer observer shoulders his way into a group of Amish boys as they watch a horse and rider in a race. The annual event attracts Amish farmers not purchasing plowing animals for the upcoming spring plowing season.

Delco 'plants' the idea for city trash deal

By ANDY CETER
Daily Times Staff Writer

MEIDA — Delaware County has offered to let Philadelphia dump trash at its landfill in Berks County, but only if Philly guarantees to deliver that same 1,000 tons of trash daily to Delco's proposed trash-to-energy plant in Chester, Council Vice Chairman Nick Catania announced yesterday.

In backing the offer, Delco is upping the stakes in its pursuit of trash to burn at its high-tech facility to be built in Westinghouse. The county announced in February it wanted 1,000 tons of Philly trash daily for the plant.

The latest offer comes at a critical time. Philadelphia is facing a June 30 contract expiration at Loo-Chester Landfill near Honey Brook in Chester County, which currently takes about 900 tons of the city's 1,500-ton daily trash output. Chester County charges Philadelphia \$22 per ton to dump there.

Loo-Chester Director Eric Schaeffer said "Chester is not negotiating with Philadelphia and probably will get. They say they have other alternatives."

"By negotiating it as a total package with trash-to-energy, we're having a reduction of demands at the landfill. Our needs go down 80 percent," Catania said yesterday.

Catania said he made the offer to Philadelphia Streets Commissioner Harry Parks several weeks ago. Parks wrote back to Catania before leaving for vacation two weeks ago, saying he was interested in discussing the offer, Catania said.

Philadelphia Deputy Mayor Jay Talbot declined comment

on the latest offer and Parks remains on vacation.

Delco Solid Waste Authority Treasurer Matthew Haysop declined to give the price for the new charges to Delaware County taxpayers at the Cal-shersdale Landfill in East Township, which Delco bought in 1985.

"If county would indeed be considering offering space to the city of Philadelphia, I'm not about to discuss prices," Haysop said.

When the county bought Cal-shersdale, it charged \$40 per ton. That price has gone up, according to Haysop, to help cover \$700,000 in uncollected expenses for moving old garbage out of solid waste for removal.

At current permitting levels, the Cal-shersdale landfill has a lifespan of two to three years if it continues taking only Delaware County trash and trash from surrounding communities in Berks County, Haysop said. The landfill now takes about 1,750 tons per day.

In East Township, which is home to Cal-shersdale, Supervisor Henry Chomay said his constituents would probably fight the Philadelphia offer, which has never been presented to the supervisors.

"They'll definitely be upset about it," said Chomay. "When Nick Catania attended a supervisors meeting, when the

county was negotiating to buy the landfill, the contention was that landfilling would only continue for four years until they get their trash plant on line. At that time it looks to be a political and money-making deal instead of the four-year life they had proposed."

Catania said he believes Delco is looking for new customers to help cover the \$700,000 budget overrun.

"It's costing us considerably more than we estimated to get rid of the old garbage," Haysop agreed. "We may have to reconsider that cost and this is certainly an option for us. But there's nothing that's been committed that I know of."

Bulls rampage to new stock record

NEW YORK (AP) — The stock market bounced back to record heights Tuesday, as energy and technology issues helped Wall Street shake off Monday's lackluster session with a roaring rally.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials, down more than 30 points in the past three sessions, rose 36.36 to a record 2,254.55. The previous closing high was 2,200.23 on March 6.

Several broader market indexes also posted new highs. Gains outlasted losses by nearly 3 to 1, with 1,286 up, 502 down and 557 unchanged on the New York Stock Exchange.

After posting slight gains for much of the morning the broad market pumped higher, bolstered by energy and technology issues and by computer progress being linked to stock index futures.

Energy, technology issues lead charge on Wall Street

Rising oil futures prices added energy issues. Futures have strengthened in recent days as signs the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries was succeeding in holding down crude output among major world oil producers.

Oil stocks also were supported by the Budget and Infrastructure Committee's report that it would seek tax incentives and other programs for increasing domestic oil production.

Philip Petroleum rose to 14, leading the NYSE most active list with 4.15 million shares changing hands. Among other petroleum oil galleons, Mobil rose 1 to 47.

Exxon 2 to 34, Continental Petroleum, 1 to 32, Chevron 1 to 30 and Atlantic Richfield 3 to 75.

Among oil field service companies, Halliburton rose 3 to 24, Schlumberger 2 to 20, Hughes Tool 1 to 17 and Baker International 1 to 17.

Recent buy recommendations from stock analysts at several major brokerage houses contributed to strength in technology, according to Larry Wapnick, a fund vice president of Prudential Bache Securities Inc.

IBM rose 2 to 147 in active trading, General Data rose 2 to 39, Digital 1 to 106, Texas Instruments 3 to 104, Hewlett-Packard 2 to 59 and Unisys 4 to 103.

Tuesday's gains appeared to allay fears of potential volatility at Friday's "triple witching hour," which marks the last trading in a set of options and futures on stock indexes used by professionals to multiple computer trading programs.

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DELAWARE COUNTY NEWS

Trash plant on track

CHESTER — The city's proposed \$100 million refuse recovery project is "moving on wheels," Mayor Willie Mae Leake announced yesterday.

Not only have city officials begun issuing required for construction permits, earlier this week they approved an amended ordinance authorizing the Philadelphia Electric Company-owned site earmarked for the facility.

Council also approved resolutions authorizing that Leake, then, project representative, be paid a \$5,000 stipend for providing 3,000 tons per day of trash from communities in willing areas including Bricks, Montgomery, Chester and Burlington (M.J.) counties as well as New York.

Callings Communications, a Philadelphia-based public relations firm, has been retained as a consultant for the project at a fee not to exceed \$10,000 through May 31.

Deadlines extended

Delaware County Assistance Office announced the extension of its application deadlines for two programs.

The deadline for Low Income Home Energy Assistance Cash Component Program has been moved from March 1 to May 15. The deadline for the assistance program's crisis component has been extended from April 30 to Sept. 30.

Help is available 24 hours a day for families that have heating emergencies, including broken furnaces, or for persons who have run out of fuel. Call 447-3080.

Pit bull law sought

DARTMOUTH — Arnette Carter would like to see a pit bull dog ordinance enacted in the borough.

The resident asked ordinance chairman Robert Lyden to seek a copy of a Chester Township ordinance so that Dartmouth could copy it.

Following the meeting she said that she was concerned because there was one of the dogs in her precinct and neighborhood children were frightened of the animal.

'Dolly' comes to Chi

Chickadee Senior High School will present "Dolly, Dolly" tonight, Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m.

Call Brenda to direct the production and Gary Lattin to the music director. Les Dillmore was choreographer and Maggie Exline was the art director.

Featured in the production are Denise Corbett, a junior, as Dolly Levi, and Chris Roberts, a senior, as Horace Vandergelder.

Today's meetings

CHESTER — Dining Board, 10 a.m.; City Council, 10 a.m.; Planning Commission, 10 a.m.; Board of Health, 10 a.m.; Board of Education, 10 a.m.

PHILADELPHIA — Planning Commission, 10 a.m.; Board of Health, 10 a.m.; Board of Education, 10 a.m.

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Photo by GARY ELLIS

ON ITS ROOF A station wagon, driven by Robert Rutter, 25, of the 488 block 25th Avenue, Pottsville, Wistley Township, landed on its roof after a collision about 2 p.m. Monday at Ashland Avenue and Maryland Boulevards, Glenolden. Police Chief Joseph Grant said the other vehicle was driven by Cathy Appenheimer, 34, of the 488 block Oak Lane, Glenolden. There were no injuries, police said.

Pharmacist charged in plot to kill wife, mother-in-law

By JOHN M. BOWEN
Daily Times Staff Writer

PHILADELPHIA — A Marple pharmacist is being held on \$1 million bail here on charges of trying to hire a "hit man" to kill his estranged wife and mother-in-law, the district attorney's office reported yesterday.

Dale Aker, 46, of the 488 block Warren Boulevard, Bensalem, is accused of conspiring to hire a hit man — who turned out to be an undercover detective in the DA's office — to kill his wife Pamela and his mother-in-law Mildred Tiedler, who live together in Havertown, during a burglary, something to DA Ronald D. Carillo.

Aker is a burly, quiet man who worked two jobs and kept a low profile, according to neighbors. He reportedly told the detective he was upset by divorce proceedings initiated by his wife.

Aker reportedly contacted a private investigator earlier this month on what appeared to be a routine domestic case involving his wife, according to Terry Williamson of the DA's office.

However, the suspect later indicated that he wanted his wife killed, prompting the investigator to contact the DA's office.

Aker met with the undercover officer — dressed in dark glasses and black gloves — on March 21 in a parking lot at Delaware Avenue and Market Street, the DA's office said. The pharmacist gave \$1,000 to each to the officer — who he assumed was a killer — as a retainer in the event he decided the following Monday to arrange a burglary during which the murders would take place, Williamson said.

Aker also discussed the possibility he would only want his wife seriously injured, Williamson said.

Subsequently, during a conversation Monday with the phony assassin, Aker indicated he wanted his wife "killed" and his mother-in-law slain, Williamson said. The hit man was to be paid a total of \$5,000 when the scheme was completed.

Aker will have a preliminary hearing March 27 at Municipal Court, 11th and Walnut streets, on two counts of criminal solicitation to commit murder, criminal solicitation to commit burglary, conspiracy, two counts of attempted murder and two counts of aggravated assault, according to Williamson.

Aker was arrested Monday night at

Leaf's Pharmacy, 3000 block Wynwoodfield Avenue, where he is employed, the DA's office said.

He also worked at the Alpine Diamond Pharmacy in Holmes, where he was contacted by phone by the detective, and after a few more calls, the March 21 meeting was arranged, Williamson said.

Aker's neighbors along Warren Boulevard said Aker didn't talk much to neighbors and "keeps pretty much to himself."

He has a daughter in her early teens and a son, who are staying with his wife, neighbors said.

Aker lived in the neighborhood of split-level homes on both sides of a wide boulevard about 10 years, they said.

"You don't know what makes people do goofy things — it's hard to imagine that he would hire a hit man," said a neighbor.

Aker was a hard worker who was busy working two jobs or playing with his kids and dog in the back yard, he said.

"He's very quiet about his wife with being gone," he said. "The guy hasn't been real happy lately."

Leake takes shot at Battle

Mayor pins blame for Penn drug woes on former policies

By BOB QUINN
Daily Times Correspondent

CHESTER — Mayor Willie Mae Leake yesterday blamed the policies of her predecessor for rampant drug abuse in the William Penn Project.

"He let a poor battle," Leake said of former mayor, now county sheriff, Joseph Battle at a city council meeting.

Although Leake never named Battle, she said he told her that he told his staff to stay out of the sprawling public housing project.

"They don't vote. They don't pay taxes. I don't care what happens to them," Leake quoted Battle's reasoning behind his alleged policy.

Battle last night denied the allegations saying that he not only waged an attempt to stamp out drugs in the city and project during the seven years he was mayor, but is continuing to do what he can in his capacity as county sheriff.

"I am at a loss to understand reasoning for singling out Joe Battle for criticism, everything is as much in my favor," Battle said, noting that several major drug busts were the direct result of requests he made for federal assistance when he was mayor.

"The most notable arrests were made in conjunction with the FBI at Christmas of 1982 when the Arsons was taken on," Battle said.

"I would think instead of being criticized I would have been given a certificate in view of national harassment, arrests on my person, raids on my house at Christmas and the rest of it," the sheriff continued.

Yesterday's attack on Battle's drug enforcement policy came in the wake of a

radio interview Tuesday during which narcotics Sgt. Commodore Harris lauded similar successes, according to Battle.

"This whole thing has been twisted by the current squad commander," Battle said, referring to Harris.

"I will be 50 next month and I have not yet had a medical operation and I pray for the monthly 20 every night," Battle said, sarcastically alluding to Harris' religious conversion experience several years ago.

"Although I had a long persistent war against drugs in the project, I thought the officers should respond to the neighborhoods as well. That is what was done and Harris has misinterpreted it."

"I really think this is a secret attempt to make me look good," Battle quipped. "It is an reflection on the fact that I thought they had a secret agenda and it is really their way of telling me what a fine job I have done. In a way I can thank them for the criticism, and I do thank them."