Montclair panel urges

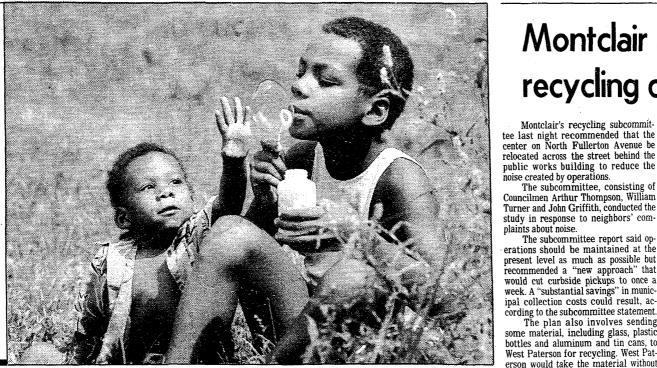
recycling center shift

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### The art of bubble blowing

Marcus Miller shows his cousin, Corey Miller, 2, how to blow a bubble during an afternoon in Weequahic Park Newark. The two Newark residents, like many New Jerseyans, enjoyed pleasant temperatures and sunny skies. Today should be slightly warmer and partly sunny.

Photo by Jim MacBride



"Our intentions to scofflaws are to show no mercy and use any means necessary to collect the taxes that hon-

est taxpayers pay and dishonest people try to avoid paying," said the mayor,

From now on, Brown said, such

cofflaws will be personally notified

of their delinquent status by Business Administrator Thomas Morrison. Viola-

tors subsequently will face being pro-hibited from doing any business with the city and having municipal services,

such as garbage removal, curtailed, he

Regarding changes in the police

outlining a 10-point program.

## Mayor, council tangle over Orange budget

The Orange City Council and Mayor Robert L. Brown last night wrangled for more than 1½ hours over some final municipal budget amendments that are expected to send the property tax rate from \$14.96 to \$16.73 per \$100 of assessed valuation.

Council members Louise Corvino, Todd Mark Galante and Patricia Juliano opposed raising the budget in the mayor's office from \$77,334 to \$86,334, a \$9,000 hike. They similarly objected to the city council's expenses and wages being increased from \$81,480 to \$116,480, a \$35,000 hike.

Council members James J. Brown, no relation to the mayor, Mims Hackett, Dwight Mitchell and Marian Silvestri supported the budget amendment in-

During the heated special session, Galante, along with at least one mem-ber of the audience, accused the mayor of manipulating the council on the amendments and of running the council

The mayor denied the accusation. Council President Silvestri insisted she

was in control and running the meeting.
A regular city council meeting followed, and when it ended after 11 p.m., the council said its final budget-to be voted upon Monday night-would total \$25.8 million and require a \$9.8 million

Galante had noted that the mayor's original budget would have sent the property tax rate soaring to \$18 per \$100 of assessed valuation.

The council needed five votes to approve the two amendment increases. The 4-3 vote defeat means the mayor's salary will not be increased 67 percent, from \$15,000 to \$25,000 a year, retroac-tive to Jan. 1, as had been suggested. Nor will the council members' salaries go up 50 percent, from \$10,000 to \$15,000.

In other business, Mayor Brown outlined a new program aimed at col-

## Spending plan amendments could bring tax levy of \$16.73

lecting delinquent property, sewer and interest water taxes; the council introduced an ordinance to eliminate the police department's top chief position and create a new deputy police director's post, and the council approved a 5 percent wage hike for municipal employees, retroactive to Jan. 1.

"This administration has initiated a special campaign to target and attack those who have previously made a mockery of taxpayers," the mayor said. "With the extra difficulties attached to the collection and foreclosure on water and sewer taxes, some building owners have consciously not paid water and sewer taxes. This administration will not tolerate these actions.'

developed a list of the businesses and commercial developments in Orange that owe more than \$5,000 in water and sewer taxes, some of them since 1986. According to Brown, "That list contained some well-known and prominent organizations, as well as slumlords and

The mayor publicly identified the top 10 water and sewer tax scofflaws as landlord Louis Malavarca, also known as South Center Associates and Macron Realty, \$102,000 plus interest; Orange Memorial Hospital, recently paid \$25,000 but owes \$70,000 plus interest; C. Samuels, \$36,400 plus interest; Winston (only name available), \$30,000 plus interest; J. Cassini Jr., who recently paid \$10,000 but owes \$28,000

Also, Expert Management Co., \$27,000 plus interest; Woosung Realty, \$17,400 plus interest; Ari Parnes, 14,000 plus interest; R. McCree and William Goodwine, each \$12,000 plus department's table of organization, the ordinance amendment calls for a police director, a deputy police director, five captains, 13 lieutenants and 18 ser-

Charles Cobbertt is the police director and Anthony Benevento is the acting police chief. Police Chief Robert Sorge has been on a combination of sick leave and vacation since late last year.

The council also approved establishing a salary range for the police director of \$45,000 to \$55,000, and for a deputy police director, \$45,000 to \$50,000.

In still other business, the council, on second and final reading, adopted an ordinance, effective immediately, that prohibits the use or possession of electronic paging devices on school proper-

The council said the beeper devices often are used by students and others to transact illegal drug business.

some material, including glass, plastic hottles and aluminum and tin cans, to West Paterson for recycling. West Paterson would take the material without

Montclair's revenue from the sale of such materials would fall by about \$19,000 to \$20,000 a year, according to subcommittee projections, but some \$225,000 yearly would be saved by cutting tonnage deposited at the transfer

Montclair's recycling subcommit-

The subcommittee, consisting of

The subcommittee report said operations should be maintained at the

present level as much as possible but

recommended a "new approach" that

would cut curbside pickups to once a week. A "substantial savings" in munic-

ipal collection costs could result, ac-

cording to the subcommittee statement.

The plan also involves sending

relocated across the street behind the

public works building to reduce the

Councilmen Arthur Thompson, William

noise created by operations.

station by about 10 percent.

The recycling center would be moved across North Fullerton behind

the public works garage.
"This will move it further from residents and allow the present center to be used for badly needed parking," the statement reads

The subcommittee also considered a second option, costing about \$126,000

in capital expenditures, which would have involved constructing a recycling building, buying a mobile electric crane, modifying existing packer trucks with electric motors and building additional fencing around the recycling area on N. Fullerton Avenue.

A third alternative would involve hiring a contractor to collect at curb-

"This option would address the noise issue, preclude the need to construct a state-of-the art recycling center and meet our required recycling percentage goals."

But, the statement adds, "It does put the township at the mercy of outside contractors."

The modified center would be open six days a week from noon to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday.
In other matters, Catherine Nicho-

las of New Street presented the council with a petition asking for action to stop drug trafficking in the neighborhood.

The petition, which Nicholas said

contains 100 signatures, asks for "a policy of intense police patrolling of the Residents are also asking that the

New Street parking lot be cleaned up and cleared of abandoned cars.

"I've lived on the street for 22 years and I'm totally ashamed to tell people that I live there," Nicholas said.

Mayor Clifford Lindholm said township officials were concerned about the area and that this year's budget had allowed the addition of two

Last month, he continued, the city

plus interest

## Airlink buses fitted with wheelchair lifts

All NJ Transit Airlink buses operating between downtown Newark and Newark International Airport are now equipped with wheelchair lifts to allow access by mobility-impaired persons, NJ Transit officials announced yesterday.

The six Airlink buses, which serve all terminals of the airport, operate between the Broad Street station, the Quality Inn Hotel on Park Place, the Public Service Electric & Gas Co. building and Newark Penn Station Bus Lane No. 1.

"Newark International Airport is the first of the three major metropolitan airports to be served with regularly scheduled accessible bus service NJ Transit Executive Director Thomas

## New county treasurer appointed in Essex

Essex County Executive Nicholas Amato announced yesterday that he has appointed Joseph Auriemma, the for-mer Bloomfield finance director, as county treasurer.

Auriemma, who was hired as a \$60,000-a-vear assistant budget officer for Essex in July, fills the vacancy left by the resignation of Joseph Galluzzi. Galluzzi resigned as treasurer and acting finance director to become a parttime consultant to the county.

Galluzzi's new contract, which was approved by the freeholders in 7-2 vote. set his salary at \$125,000 and gave him \$1 per \$1,000 par value for the underwriting of negotiated bond issues. Galluzzi had been receiving \$66,000 a year as county treasurer and acting finance director.

Mark Parnes, who has been on the staff of the county finance department the last 10 years, was appointed director of that office last month.

Auriemma did not receive a salary boost in accepting the treasurer's post, according to Amato.

confident that Joe Auriemma will continue the programs started by our outgoing treasurer, Joseph Galluzzi, to improve our cash management systems and controls " The new treasurer holds a degree

The county executive said, "I am

in business administration from Seton Hall University and a master's degree in public administration from Fairleigh Dickinson University. From 1977 to 1986, Auriemma

served as finance director for Bloomfield, where he resides. In his municipal post. Auriemma was responsible for supervision of tax collection, controller, treasury, water and public utility oper-

In 1986 Auriemma was named fi-nance director for Jersey City, the state's second largest city. During his tenure there, Auriemma reorganized the the department. While in Jersey City, Auriemma said he also implemented general and capital financing techniques resulting in substantial savings for the city.

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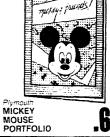
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# Verona provides funds to reconstruct two roads

A \$175,000 appropriation for reconstruction and resurfacing of Rockland Terrace and Orchard Street was adopted last night by the Verona council.

Township Manager Vincent Di-Mauro said the improvements, to include curbing, regrading of both streets and repairs to sidewalks and driveway aprons, are contingent upon the receipt of community development block grant funds from the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development. Di-Mauro said the council is required to approve the measure before it receives any funds from Washington.

In a related matter, the council applied for \$422,620 in state transportation trust fund aid to finance repairs to portions of Oakridge Road, Clare-mont Avenue and Hillside Avenue. Di-Mauro said Verona should receive a response on its application from the state Department of Transportation by late

The council awarded a \$28,403 contract to Creo Contracting of West Caldwell to resurface the municipal annex building's parking lot on Grove

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