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## TOWNSHIP CONTESTS ARE FEW

# Third Ward Democratic Council contest generates limited enthusiasm

By R. R. Faszczewski

In spite of the fact there is only one Primary Election contest in all four township ward councilmen elections in both parties, township politicians have been unusually quiet this year.

That contest is on the Democratic side in the Third Ward, where the incumbent Clark councilman, Donald W. Labella, a Democrat, has decided not to seek another term.

Vying for their party's nomination are Carol Pluta of 36 Lincoln Blvd., running with the Regular Democratic Organization of Union County, and Joseph A. Comarata of 27 Colonial Dr., running with the Clark Third Ward Democrats.

Mrs. Pluta has been a resident of Clark for 21 years. She is presently the vice chairwoman of the township Democratic Committee.

No information was available as of press time on

Mr. Comarata

In the other three wards all the Council candidates of both parties are running unopposed in the Primary.

In the First Ward incumbent Republican, Mrs. Virginia Apelian of 35 Rutgers Rd., has already received her party's endorsement to run against the Democratic nominee, Raymond B. Krov of 51 Woodland Rd., in the General Election in November.

The current president of the Governing Body, Mrs. Apelian was elected as the representative of the First Ward in 1978. She served first in township government in 1976, when she was appointed to fill an unexpected term as councilwoman-at-large.

She formerly served as a member of the Mayor's Committee on Drug Abuse, and is a member of the Union County Environmental Committee. She is employed by the United

States Dept. of Defense in Springfield.

A resident of Clark for 25 years, Mr. Krov is a graduate of the township's public schools. He holds a bachelor of science degree in accounting from Seton Hall University in South Orange and a masters degree in business education from Rutgers University in New Brunswick. He is studying for his masters in business administration degree in finance at Seton Hall.

A former member of the Clark Board of Education, the treasurer of the Clark Democratic Club is an instructor of accounting at the Union County Technical Institute in Scotch Plains and the owner of Woodland Landscaping in Clark.

Although both Second Ward election contenders, Republican Councilwoman Jean Anderson, and former Democratic Councilman George C. Nucera, are

unopposed for their parties' nominations. The coming November Election will be a rematch of last year's election for the unexpired one-year term of former Democratic Councilman Bernard R. Hayden.

When Mr. Bernard Hayden resigned the post last year because he moved into the First Ward, Mr. Nucera was appointed to fill the position until the 1981 General Election. In that balloting he was defeated by Mrs. Anderson.

A secretary for Schenck Plough, Inc. in Kenilworth, Mrs. Anderson has been a township resident since Feb. 1961. She attended both the Nancy Taylor Secretarial School in Plainfield and the Catford Central Secondary School in London. She was the 1981 program chairwoman of the Clark Republican Club, and has served as the Clark delegate to the Union County Republican Con-

ventions for governor and President.

A grantsman with the Belleville school system, Mr. Nucera has been employed in that school district for many years. An 18-year Clark resident, he received his bachelor of arts degree from Montclair State College in Upper Montclair in accounting and his master of arts degree from Montclair State in administration. He has been a public employees' negotiator for more than 16 years.

The Third Ward GOP nominee, running unopposed, is Ruth DeLuca of 313 West La. She is a former member of the elementary Board of Education.

In the Fourth Ward the Democratic incumbent Peter M. Campana, will be facing the son of a former Democratic councilman in November, John Bodnar, 3rd.

Mr. Campana, who won the seat vacated by John Bodnar, Jr., a former Democratic councilman from the Fourth Ward, in 1980, is a local Realtor and the former president of the Railway Board of Realtors, of which he is a member. He has lived in the township since 1957.

The councilman served as the chairman of the Board of Adjustment for four of his six years on the body. He was also the chair-

man of the Mayor's Enforcement Committee and a former commander of the Jersey City Post No. 52 of the American Legion.

Running as a Republican in November against Mr. Campana will be the younger Mr. Bodnar, the son of the former councilman.

Unless someone receives enough write-in votes to defeat those who are running unopposed on June 3 they will carry their party banners in the General Election.

In the newly aligned Seventh Congressional District, shaped this year because of the change in the state's 1980 census, which

includes Clark, both the representatives whose district has included Clark for many years, county Republican, Matthew J. Rinaldi, and Democrat, Adam K. Levin, the former state director of consumer affairs, are running unopposed.

For details of county and United States Senate races, please see a story inside.

If you wish to vote in Tuesday's Primary, it is good to know your right polling place. The township voting locations are listed below. There are approximately 10,000 registered voters in Clark. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

For further information, please telephone Township Clerk Edward R. Padusniak at 388-3600.

**POLLING PLACES**  
**FRANK K. MINNLY**, First Ward, Districts 1, 2 and 3  
**CHARLES W. BREWER**, Second Ward, All Four Districts  
**VALLEY ROAD**, Third Ward, All Four Districts  
**FIREHOUSE**, Broadway, Fourth Ward, District 1  
**CARL H. KUMPF**, First Ward, District 4, Fourth Ward, Districts 2, 3 and 4

**REMEMBER TO VOTE**

## Students may join school body

In response to a proposal submitted in February to the Union County Regional High School District No. 1 Board of Education, which includes Clark, a Board subcommittee revealed on May 18 it will form guidelines for allowing a student from the four-high-school district to act as a non-voting Board member.

A junior at Gov. Livingston Regional High School in Berkeley Heights, Peter Sagal, originally went to the district's superintendent of schools, Dr. Donald Merschnick, with the proposal.

The student was later invited to meet with the Board.

The school body's communications subcommittee, which tabled Mr. Sagal's proposal two months ago, will form the guidelines to allow for a student representative, according to the subcommittee chairman, Joseph R. Vaughn of Berkeley Heights.

Elected as a student representative to the state Board of Education by the New Jersey Assn. of Student Councils, the Berkeley Heights student told the Board members at the May 19 session the best way for a student to learn what student needs and requirements are is to actually have an official student representative sitting at the Board meetings.

The student called for an annual election throughout the district to choose a student who will act as the representative.

In other action, the Board:

Approved 10 proctors for the 19th Annual Regional Mathematics Day, which was held on May 22 at David Brearley Regional High School in Kenilworth.

Gave its permission for a student at Arthur L.

Johnson Regional High School in Clark to attend a two-week special-needs-assessment program at the Union County Vocational Center in Scotch Plains.

Set the following tuition rates for summer school: Thirty-hour course, \$50; 60-hour course, \$75; and 120-hour course, \$125.

Accepted the resignation of Joyce Gresco, a clerk at Johnson, effective at the conclusion of the work day on Wednesday, June 30.

Adjusted the payment of Robert Kowalski, who served 10 consecutive days as a substitute teacher for Thomas Faulks in the Social Studies Dept. at the township school, to \$63 per day, effective on May 4 of this year.

Gave its permission for the employment of Mrs. Martha LaMotta as a summer clerical substitute, to be used as needed, at the hourly pay of \$6.94 based on her 1981-1982 salary with a retroactive adjustment to be made at the time a clerical salary guide for 1982-1983 is established.

Okayed the hiring of Hien Huynh of 51 Florence Dr., Clark, as a student custodial assistant for a maximum of three hours each day at \$3.35 per hour, effective on May 19 of this year.

Approved the following transfers: Barbara Hooper, social studies, Johnson to Brearley; Mary Ann Verlangieri, part-time Spanish, from Livingston to Johnson; Leonora Fleming, Spanish, from Johnson to Livingston; Walter Both, music, from Johnson to Livingston; Virginia Cartus, English, from Brearley to Johnson; Karen Rusin, business education, from Brearley to Johnson; and Maureen Toth, home economics, from Livingston to Johnson.



**NIGHT AT THE BALL** - Being serenaded by strolling musicians at the New Jersey State Opera Ball, "Le Bal du Printemps" are Mr. and Mrs. Richard Trabert, Dr. and Mrs. Leonard Gorkun and Mr. and Mrs. Robert

Cagnassola from Merck and Co., Inc. of Rahway, who are joined by State Sen. and Mrs. Donald DiFrancesco and Assemblyman and Mrs. Robert Gallo. Sen. DiFrancesco represents Rahway.

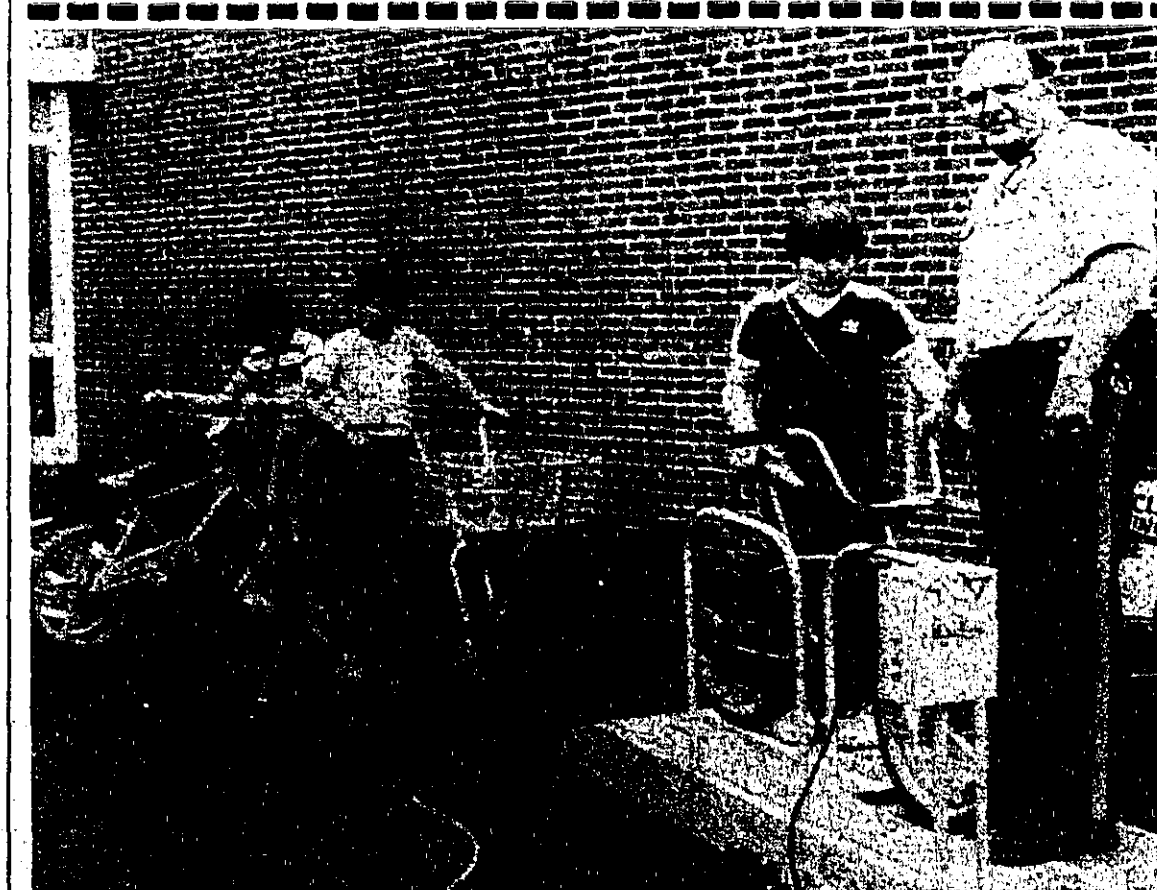


**HELP WITH PARENTING** - At a recent parenting meeting held at Clark's Carl H. Kumpf School, Dr. Marianne Rippe, second from the left, a clinical psychologist, discussed parenting roles with the group. After her remarks concerning the roles parents play, Dr.

Rippe responded to questions from the audience. Arrangements for the meeting were handled by Mrs. Muriel Cassidy, left, the curriculum co-ordinator. Taking part, Rippe and Mrs. Cassidy, left to right, are Mrs. Roslyn Slack and Mrs. Alice Feibush.



**PAINTING HER FUTURE** - Jo Ann Jezefzyk, a junior at Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School in Clark, won honorable mention in the 1982 Scholastic Art and Photography Awards. Under the supervision of John Aragona, the program co-ordinator of gifted and talented, she submitted a scratch board of an old house, which is a part of a series of houses she has drawn. The Gifted and Talented Program in the Union County Regional High School District No. 1, which includes Johnson, is now in its third year of operation. The program, under the supervision of Mrs. Lenore Born, provides opportunities for gifted and talented students to work on individual projects in areas of major interest to the student.



**FOR SAFETY'S SAKE** - Clark's Valley Road School fourth and fifth graders brought their bicycles to school for a Bicycle Road Safety Test on May 18. This program was co-sponsored by the Clark Police Dept. and McDonald's Corp. Patrolman Roy George and Timothy George, shown, right, and school physical education teacher, Joseph Patalano, inspected the bicycles for safety. Brakes, spokes, aligned handlebars and reflectors were part of the overall safety inspection. The students were also taken through a "road-obstacle" course set up on the playground. This tested the students skill for handling their bikes. This year McDonald's Corp. sponsored a written road safety test. Students, shown, left to right, are: Jason Steele, Mark Duda and Nicholas Sherman.