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CLARK RESULTS IN TOWNSHIP AND CONGRESSIONAL RACES

Candidate or Issue	WARD 1	WARD 2	WARD 3	WARD 4	TOTAL
Virginia Apelian	705				
Raymond Krov	1,213				
Jean Anderson		894			
George Nucera		1,022			
Joseph Comarata			839		
Ruth DeLuca			872		
Peter Campana				831	
John Bodnar, 3rd				834	
RENT CONTROL (Repeal)					
YES	887	987	1,075	991	3,940
NO	1,071	913	658	659	3,301
Matthew J. Rinaldo	1,230	1,130	1,224	1,203	4,787
Adam K. Levin	706	802	544	502	2,554
Donald Siano	15	9	17	10	51

Former township girl needs Clarkites' help

By R. R. Faszczewski
The members of the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Blairs town recently conducted a fund drive to help a 13-year-old former township girl, Dawn Squero, in her battle against kidney disease.

The girl attended Clark's Frank K. Hehly School while the family lived for three years at 7 Terry Ln. Her mother is the former Mrs. Gail Van Pelt of Clark.

Although the church drive sought to help offset the enormous medical bills being endured by the family, and every dollar made was matched by the Aid Assn for Lutherans, a fraternal insurance company, there is still a long way to go.

While Frank Squero, the girl's father, is able to get 80% of the tab picked up by his company insurance,

the 20% the family must pay is getting to be a difficult problem.

Dawn Squero's treatment requires dealing with specialists in New York, 10 prescriptions at the same time, and a couple of hospitalizations and dialysis treatments twice a week.

Described as an average child, Miss Squero had just started the seventh grade a year ago, and seemed to be missing more school from illness than normal. In May a detailed examination seemed in order to deal with symptoms of tiredness, pale skin, lack of appetite, vomiting and nosebleeds.

An exhausting round of blood and urology tests finally narrowed it down to kidney failure.

A battery of tests and a biopsy of the kidney at the Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center in New York City showed the organ was

down to 20% of its normal function.

After the biopsy the child worse, and she began having trouble breathing, as well as enduring many side effects from the medicine. She made weekly trips to the specialist in New York, and within a month was hospitalized again for massive doses of drugs to help her condition. After two days it became clear she wasn't responding.

Soon dialysis became necessary, and the possibility of a kidney transplant loomed.

The fund drive from the church helped with some of the costs, but the drive, and the mounting bills, are still continuing.

Those wishing to donate directly may do so by sending a check to the Dawn Squero Fund, Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Rural Delivery Rte. No. 2, Box No. 2, Blairs town, N. J. 07825.

A slide show prepared for these luncheons pointed out some of the problem areas the hospital is facing. Because of its impact on so many people the functional obsolescence may be the most frustrating aspect to be addressed, it was pointed out.

As programs and services grew, it was impossible to keep pace with their increasing space require-



ON THE HUNT - Warming up for a "Kookaburra Hunt" at the Bronx Zoo, the Girl Scouts of the Washington Rock Council, which includes Clark, join in a pep rally with a training and program specialist, Sheila Glor, and "Kookaburra" mascot, Toni Allen. Over 1,000 Girl Scouts participated in the trip, which officially opened the council's Girl Scout cookie sale, "Kookaburras" (Please see a story inside.)

Rent control voted down; county probes literature

By R. R. Faszczewski
Although the voting on the controversial township rent control ordinance is over, with the law being defeated on Nov. 2, 3,940 to 3,301, controversy still surrounds the two-seat-old issue of contention between the tenants and those who backed a repeal of the measure passed in 1981, which gave the landlords the right to raise their rents 7 to 8% a year.

According to the Union County Assistant Prosecutor Howard Knox, charges were filed last week with his office by Sheldon Siegel, the attorney for the Clark Tenants Assn., on his own behalf, contending a letter reportedly circulated on Nov. 1 by the members of the Clark Homeowners Assn. may have contained a forged signature of a tenant leader, and may have incorrectly alleged Mr. Siegel and the tenant leader, Sandford Krasky, were proxy to damaging information about the effect of rent control on property taxes, and had attempted to withhold the information from the public.

Assistant Prosecutor Knox told The Clark Patriot of his investigation, which is still continuing, should uncover evidence of forgery, as the tenant leader reportedly said it will, the act constitutes a criminal offense punishable by three to five years in prison and a \$7,500 fine.

Although the leader of the homeowners group, John Amato, whose return address allegedly was on the letter, was unavailable for comment last week, John Rutala, the association vice president, refused to comment at all on the letters when contacted by The Clark Patriot.

A local daily newspaper did report last week, however, Mrs. Rutala had confirmed the homeowner group had sent the letters, although refusing to comment on their authenticity.

Neither Mr. Siegel nor Mr. Krasky could be reached to comment on the let-

ters, although the daily newspaper did report Mr. Krasky's first name had been misspelled in the letter and that both Mr. Krasky and Mr. Siegel had called it an "outright forgery."

In another development related to the rent control issue, Superior Court Judge V. William DiBuono told The Clark Patriot he had issued an injunction on Nov. 1, the day before the election, prohibiting a group known as The Clark Homeowners for Rent Control from distributing palm cards urging the retention of rent control because the cards did not contain the proper information about the names and addresses of those publishing them, according to state election law.

Although Judge DiBuono did say if the information was corrected he had told the rent control supporters they would probably be safe in distributing them, he denied knowing of reports his order had been further amended to further clarify the terms under which the literature could be distributed.

In a further development, recounts by the Democratic candidates in the Third and Fourth Ward, Joseph A. Comarata and Peter M. Campana, were dropped after Mr. Comarata found out absentee ballots still gave the Republican candidate, Ruth DeLuca, the

Third Ward Township Council seat by about 24 votes, and Mr. Campana found out absentee ballots gave the GOP contender, John Bodnar, 3rd, the Fourth Ward seat by approximately seven votes.

Legion aides to attend county parley

Delegates from the Clark Union No. 338 of the American Legion Auxiliary will attend the meeting of the Union County Organization of the American Legion Auxiliary at the Martin Walberg Post No. 3 in Westfield on Thursday, Nov. 18, at 8 p.m.

They are Mrs. Gus Bott, Mrs. Kenneth Rea, Mrs. Theodore Rudnicki, Mrs. John A. Gador and Mrs. Michael Grmek. Delegates at large are President, Mrs. William Cox and Mrs. Frank Krov.

The American Legion Auxiliary Dept. of the New Jersey Past Presidents Parley will hold its luncheon at the Coachman Inn in Cranford on Saturday, Dec. 4, reports the union parley chairman, Mrs. Frank Krov.

The unit ordered its poppies for Memorial Day, 1983.

The next unit meeting will be held at the post home on the corner of Liberty St. and Westfield Ave. on Wednesday, Dec. 1 at 8 p.m.

Hospital announces major building drive

At the first of a series of community information luncheons, Earl Seitz, the chairman of these information programs, announced the Rahway Hospital is embarking upon a major construction program that will correct inefficiencies and modernize the hospital.

Speaking before a group of area business executives and members of the press, Mr. Seitz, who is a member of the hospital's Board of Governors and a vice president of the Regina Corp. in Rahway, pointed out the hospital is facing a two-fold problem one that is faced by many New Jersey hospitals—architectural and functional obsolescence.

"Although the Rahway Hospital is exceptionally well-maintained," he said, "the B wing is 55 years old, and the A wing is 25 years old. Much medical and electrical systems should be updated throughout most of the building. The boiler plant has been automated and fuel-diversified, but it must be relocated to increase its capacity."

According to Thomas Dunham, the chairman of the Board of Governors, "The Expansion and Modernization '80's' Program will make maximum use of the existing plant, adding a new three-story wing with a full basement, a new one-story extension with a partial basement and a boiler plant building. The renovation will include refur-

ishing of patient rooms and nursing stations and provision of lounges for patients and nurses. Energy conservation will be an ongoing concern, and the parking problem will be addressed.

The total bond complement will remain at 307, which reflects the increasing emphasis on ambulatory care, Mr. Dunham noted.

The architect for the project is Maurice Finnegan of Newark, N. J.

The estimated total cost of the project is in the mid-forty million-dollar range. Angelo Fore, the immediate past president of the Board of Governors, announced the New Jersey Health Care Facilities Financing Authority will provide capital financing for approximately \$35 million through a bond issue. The hospital family is being solicited and following a public awareness campaign, a community fund drive will be launched in early 1983.

According to John L. Yoder, the president of the hospital, "This construction program is much more than a sensible solution to a critical problem. It is an opportunity for the Rahway Hospital to be contemporary and competitive—the hospital of choice for residents, employers, physicians and the entire community."

Referenda tally follows state

By R. R. Faszczewski
Area voters joined with those who cast ballots in other parts of the state on Nov. 2 in approving three of the five statewide questions on the ballot.

The referendum on a freeze on the escalation of nuclear arms, which was approved across the state at 1,078,062 to 575,527, was okayed in Rahway 4,667 to 2,396 and in Clark 3,963 to 2,453.

A proposal to provide \$170 million for the construction of new state and county prisons was approved 876,574 to 650,409 statewide, with the city tally being 3,402 to 3,237, and the township totals being 3,355 to 3,184.

The elimination of a commitment of federal funds before a disabled veterans home is constructed in the Bergen Pines County Hospital in Paramus was ap-

proved 3,588 to 2,890 in Rahway, 3,315 to 2,968 in Clark and 801,297 to 563,015 statewide.

Asked whether the state should commit \$85 million in Community Development Bonds to spur economic development in distressed areas of the state, both area voters and those across the state said "no." Statewide the tally was 742,793 to 744,845, in Rahway it was 2,871 to 3,347 and in Clark it was 2,876 to 3,524.

The Legislature was not given broader powers by voters to set the value of coastal tidelands. Across the state there were 568,739 "yes" votes and 894,467 "no" votes. Rahway voters cast 2,374 in favor and 3,913 against, while township voters said "yes" 2,613 times and "no" 3,514 times.

Papers establish holiday deadline

The Rahway News-Record and The Clark Patriot will publish their Thanksgiving Day issues on Wednesday, Nov. 24, one day before the holiday. Our offices will be closed on Thanksgiving itself.

In order for us to properly prepare the Thanksgiving Day issue, ALL EDITORIAL COPY FOR THE WEDNESDAY, NOV. 24, ISSUE MUST BE IN THE HANDS OF THE EDITOR AT 219 CENTRAL AVE., RAHWAY, BY 5 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, NOV. 17.



WAVE OF THE FUTURE - John L. Yoder, the president of the Rahway Hospital, left, explains the architect's rendering of the proposed new addition to the hospital to the Board of Governors' members, Thomas Dunham, the chairman, Angelo Fore and Earl Seitz. (Please see another picture inside.)