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## Democrats sweep all local posts; GOP landslide hits most other offices

By Joan Gozzenik

In an unusual upset, in direct opposition to the national trend of voters supporting Republican candidates in most offices, Mayor Bernard G. Yarusavage, the GOP incumbent, lost his bid for reelection to the township's highest office to Democrat, George Nucera, Clark's Second Ward Councilman and Council vice president. Councilman Nucera gained 4,923 votes to the mayor's 3,815. The Second Ward Councilman was backed heavily in his home ward as well as the First Ward. He received 1,428 and 1,341 ballots in each, respectively.

Mayor Yarusavage has served the township in his present capacity since 1973. He also served as a councilman for eight years in addition to serving an unexpired term on the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

In addition to the party upset in the township's mayoral race, the

Democrats reinforced their stronghold in the legislative branch of the municipal government. The two incumbent Democratic councilmen at large up for reelection, Joseph Pozniak and Fred Eckel, the Council president, retained their four-year seats. The third incumbent for councilman at large, George Sanghiani, a Republican, was defeated. Democrat Bernard Hayden, a former Second Ward councilman, captured the third councilman at large post, thereby increasing the Democrats' control of the council.

The Second Ward Council seat, to be vacated by George Nucera as he moves to the chief executive's post, will probably be filled by an appointed Democrat who will serve for the remainder of the unexpired term. The governing body will now be controlled by the Democrats by a 5-2 margin. In numbers, Democrats, Fred Eckel, Bernard

Hayden, and Joseph Pozniak, received 4,802, 4,683 and 4,601 votes, respectively, as opposed to the GOP opposition, George Sanghiani, Fred Keenan and Thomas Belverio, who received totals of 3,681, 3,564 and 3,587, respectively.

In the Presidential race Clark voters followed the national trend by overwhelmingly supporting President Ronald Reagan and his vice president, George Bush. The Republican team garnered 6,266 votes out of 11,205 registered voters in Clark, of which 4,039 are Democrats, 1,901 are Republicans and 5,265 are independents. The Democratic team of Walter Mondale and Geraldine Ferraro received a total of 3,741 votes.

In the race for United States Senate, Democratic incumbent, Bill Bradley of Denver, soundly defeated his opponent, Republican nominee, Mary Mochary of

Montclair, the first woman mayor of that city. Bradley gained 5,601 ballots, an Clark to his opponent's 3,051. In this race, Clark voters stayed with the statewide trend.

In the Congressional race for the Seventh District, which includes Clark, incumbent Republican Rep. Matthew J. Rinaldo overwhelmingly defeated John F. Feeley, the Democratic hopeful for the seat, by a 5,183-vote margin in Clark. Rep. Rinaldo, who was greatly supported in all four wards of the township, easily won reelection district-wide.

The Republican candidates for the four freeholder terms up for election were victorious in Clark as well as within the county. The GOP team of Edward J. Slomkowski, Alan M. Augustine and Robert F. Gonor, vied for the three three-year seats on the board of chosen freeholders, received tallies of 4,379, 4,285 and 4,303,

respectively. Their opponents, Democrats, Harry E. Pappas, incumbent Freeholder Gerald Green and Mary Ann Dorn, gained 3,339, 3,347 and 3,485 votes in Clark, respectively.

Republican, G. Richard Malgran, took the one-year unexpired term on the Board of Chosen Freeholders countywide. He had a total in Clark of 3,862 as opposed to the 3,485 votes garnered by his opponent, incumbent Freeholder Peter Okrasinski, the Democratic hopeful for this office.

The six public questions in the General Election passed state-wide.

In Clark the Jobs, Science and Technology Bond Issue passed 3,996 to 2,787; the Human Services Facilities Construction Bond Issue, 3,987 to 2,850; the dedication of part of the motor fuels tax to pay for improvement of the transportation system, 4,336 to 2,533; the right for senior citizen groups to conduct and use proceeds from bingo games for their organizations, 6,272 to 899; the Constitutional amendment to allow senior citizens and the disabled to take both those deductions and veterans' deductions on their property taxes, 6,077 to 927 and the ban on future taxation of Social Security and Railroad Retirement Act benefits, 5,459 to 1,205.

Approximately 56% of the township's voters cast ballots.

## Franks bill seeks election delay streamlining

A bill to streamline the present "hit-or-miss" notification procedure used in postponing elections due to weather conditions or other emergencies, sponsored by Assemblyman Bob Franks, whose district includes Clark, was released on Oct. 24 by an Assembly committee.

Assemblyman Franks said the measure (A-306) was prompted by the confusion which surrounded postponement of the April, 1982, school district elections due to a snow-emergency situation.

The mis-information and costly confusion which resulted from the postponement procedure inherited by the Kean administration

could easily occur as a result of future postponements unless we act to make the notification process, the assemblyman noted.

Under the Franks bill the governor's office would notify all affected counties and the news media of any postponement and the counties would, in turn, notify municipal clerks, who would then notify all persons involved in the election process.

The bill would also set the date for the rescheduled elections two weeks from the date of postponement. This bill, which was originally introduced in 1982, did not receive final consideration before the end of the last session and

was reintroduced by Assemblyman Franks at the beginning of the current session.

"People have short memories, but anyone who remembers the school district elections of 1982 also remembers the snowfall that caused the postponement fell unevenly across the state, producing great confusion which was made worse by the lack of a viable system of notification," the legislator said.

"This bill will give the governor the tools to broadcast a clearer message in case of future events like that of April, 1982."

The lawmakers' original bill (A-1706 of 1983), released by the Assembly State Government Committee and passed by the Assembly by a vote of 67-0, was referred to the Senate State Government Committee where it received no further action in 1983.

Ren. Matthew J. Rinaldo, whose district includes Clark, said today a new GI education program scheduled to go into effect next July should boost military service enlistments and attract more high school graduates into military service.

Prospects' military enlistments will drop due to a growing job market and declining birth rate should be alleviated by the education benefits program, Rep. Rinaldo added.

Under a three-year pilot project authorized in the waiting days of the last



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## Rinaldo: College aid will boost enlistments

Congress each person entering active duty for the first time will be entitled to education benefits by deducting \$100 per month from his or her pay. Those benefits will increase with each year of service up to three years.

The test of the new GI education program will start on Monday, July 1, 1985 and terminate on June 30, 1988 unless Congress votes to extend it.

"This program should prove extremely attractive and will make college available to thousands of GI's willing to set aside part of their monthly pay in exchange for matching funds. After three years, a GI could accumulate \$11,000

to meet the costs of college," the representative said.

The legislator pointed out military enlistments, which took a sharp upturn during the recession, are expected to creep downward as a result of the economic recovery, an improving job market and a declining birth rate in the current crop of high school students expected to be graduated during the next three years.

In the event the program proves successful the lawmaker said the Secretary of Defense has the discretion to increase the rates for military enlistees with special skills. The new law also provides education incentives for those enlisting

in the Selected Reserve for six years.

The Selected Reserve includes military personnel with technical, engineering, computer, mechanical and military command skills and experience.

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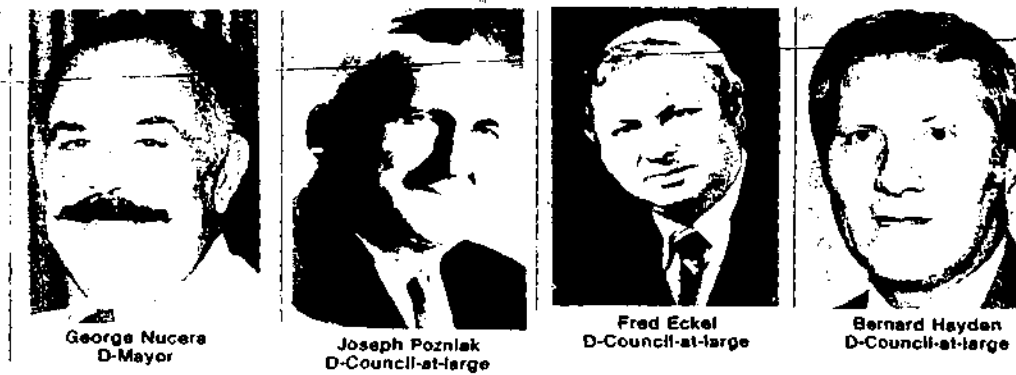
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## Papers set holiday deadline

The Thanksgiving issues, for the week of Thursday, Nov. 22, of The Rahway News-Record and The Clark Patriot will be mailed out on Wednesday, Nov. 21, since the offices of the newspapers will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 22.

In order for our staff to have a happy holiday the DEADLINE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF ALL COPY FOR THE NOV. 22 ISSUE WILL BE WEDNESDAY, NOV. 14, AT 5 P.M. ANY COPY RECEIVED AFTER THAT TIME WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE TRANSFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING WEEK'S NEWSPAPERS.



George Nucera D-Mayor, Joseph Pozniak D-Council-at-large, Fred Eckel D-Council-at-large, Bernard Hayden D-Council-at-large

## New aid given for asthmatic children, families

Children's Specialized Hospital and the American Lung Assn. of Central New Jersey, which is headquartered in Clark, will offer a new day-long program for children with asthma and their families on Saturday, Nov. 10.

The new program, called Superstuff Saturday, is based on the six-week long Respiratory Education and Support Program (RESPEP) offered by Children's Specialized Hospital and the association.

The concentrated program will be led by a team of health-care professionals from Newark's Children's Hospital, Newark Beth Israel Medical Center and

recreational activities including games, crafts and swimming. The program will also utilize the association's Superstuff package.

Asthma is one of the most common lung diseases in childhood. There are approximately 150,000 children with asthma in New Jersey. Asthma is the leading cause of school absenteeism due to illness and it often leads to hospitalization, the coordinator added.

Although some children do recover from asthma as they mature, she pointed out many do not.

She stated, "The treatment of children with asthma receive and the way they

learn to cope with it may have a lasting effect on the rest of their lives which is why we're encouraging children with asthma and their parents to attend Superstuff Saturday. The program will give them the knowledge and the skills they need to control the disease."

Superstuff Saturday will be held from 8:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountaineer.

To register for the program, please contact the American Lung Assn. of Central New Jersey in Clark or telephone Lynn Czarniecki at 233-3720.



SPANISH CUISINE-KUMPF STYLE. Enjoying their "fiesta" style dinner, left to right are: Front row, Joe Loong, Stacy Stewart, Deborah Kepniss, Donna Miller, Jennifer Runyon and Stacie Basile; back, Maria Cutinello, Bethann O'Brien, John Duch, Jeanne Abruzzo, Lai Lim, Keith Nunes, Dan Sweeney, Donna Herbster and Craig Chern.

## Kumpf pupils get taste of Spain

Students in David VanSoest's Spanish class at the Carl H. Kumpf School in Clark added a touch of spice to their lessons by preparing an authentic Latin banquet which featured beef chili, nachos and guacamole, enchiladas, tacos and arroz con pollo.

For dessert, the students feasted on galletas de mocha y cereza y nut (mocha cherry and nut cookies).

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