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## Bernie's back!

### Republicans sweep to victory in Clark

by Pat DiMaggio  
Republican supporters were jubilant Tuesday evening after voters in Clark decided to return former Mayor Bernard Yarusavage to office. Yarusavage served as mayor for 12 years before being defeated by present Mayor George Nucera four years ago.

The Republican sweep that elected George Bush to the office of president also swept Yarusavage into office. Garnering a total of

4,623 votes, Yarusavage swept all four wards, defeating his opponent Mayor Nucera, who totalled 3,239 votes.

"I am very happy the whole team was elected," said Yarusavage at victory celebrations held Tuesday night at the American Legion hall on Westfield Avenue. "It is gratifying to see that people figured out the trash and put their faith in us again. We will do our very best to do a good job for

the people in this town. The fact that we had the whole team elected is the most exciting part of our victory. We will be able to show what we can do as a full team."

Ward votes were as follows: Ward 1: Yarusavage, 1,057; Nucera 911; Ward 2: Yarusavage 1,097; Nucera, 981; Ward 3: Yarusavage, 1,283; Nucera, 621; Ward 4: Yarusavage, 1,186; Nucera 726.

Even though Democratic incumbent Senator Frank Lautenberg won in New Jersey, Clark voters showed their preference for Peter Dawkins with a vote of 3,790 for Lautenberg and 4,046 for Dawkins.

Clark voters also chose Matthew Rinaldo as their representative in the House and selected JoAnn Sarro Felger as the Registrar of Deeds and Mortgages, although incumbent Joanne

Rajoppi won on the county level.

Frecholders drawing the most votes in Clark were Republicans James Falcomer with 3,973 votes, Diane Heelan with 3,924 votes and Democrat Walter Boright with 3,681 votes.

Unofficial county totals showed that the Democratic slate of Frecholder candidates consisting of Boright, Falcomer and Heelan garnered the most votes.



GOP VICTORY... Victorious in Tuesday's election were Bernard Yarusavage, left, mayor; and council candidates, Ruth Rybak, center, and Bernard Hayden, right.

### Veterans Day observance planned tomorrow in Clark

The Clark Central Veterans Committee has announced the group's plans for the observance of Veterans Day in Clark. Commanders Robert Lundsen of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #7963 and Donald McArtelle of the American Legion Post #328 are issuing an invitation to the members of the community to participate in this year's observance on Friday, Nov. 11, 7 p.m., at the new Veterans Memorial Park on Westfield Avenue in front of the Arthur L. Johnson High School.

This year's observance is being sponsored by the veterans organization of Clark with the cooperation of the following groups and organizations: Disabled American Veterans Chapter 14, Elks Lodge, Lions Club, Knights of Columbus, Kiwanis, Volunteer Fire Dept., First Aid Squad, the Police Dept. (which includes the firing squad and color guard), the Winfield-Clark Girl Scouts

who will participate in the program, and Boy Scouts (who will play taps).

A special committee of Norman Smink, Gene Kublika and James Whalen of Post 7363 V.F.W. and James Kehoe, Mike Mitus and Ray Grimes has arranged this year's observance. Guest speakers will be Union County Regional High School Superintendent Donald Merschnick and the Honorable Mayor George Nucera. Invocation and Benediction will be by Father Walters of St. Agnes Parish.

"Our observance should begin with the flag of the United States on display at each home and business, not just in recognition of the veterans of the community, but as a reaffirmation of pride in America and our community's contribution to a coast-to-coast expression of national unity," stated a committee spokesman.



EASY AND SAFE... A call for blood donors goes out to all local citizens for the blood drive, to be held Saturday, November 12, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the headquarters of the Clark Volunteer Emergency Squad, 759 Raritan Road, Clark. Pictured are Squad member Maryann Genspa and her twin daughters Jaclyn and Jennifer, age 4. The drive will be conducted by the North Jersey Blood Center. (Photo: Elisabeth Schell)

### Clark voters change council majority

by Pat DiMaggio  
Republican candidates for at-large council seats in Clark swept to a decisive victory on the local level during Tuesday's election. Republican victories in the three council positions will change the makeup of the Municipal Council to a Republican majority, with a Republican mayor. After swearing in ceremonies in January, Clark's governing body will consist of two Democratic councilmen and five Republican council members.

Republican candidates Bernard Hayden, Joseph Rybak and Ruth DeLuca pulled enough votes to propel themselves into office. Their Democratic opponents Council President Fred Eckel, Marie Sojka and Councilman Joseph Pozniak, failed to garner enough votes to continue the Township's present Democratic majority.

"The voters of Clark have decided," said Eckel on Tuesday night. "I only hope that the incumbent mayor-elect and the council will continue the programs for the senior-citizens and youth and other programs we've started for the betterment of Clark."

The Republican candidates won all four wards in Clark with the following totals: Ward 1: Hayden, 1,009; Rybak, 1,002; DeLuca, 999; Ward 2: Hayden, 1,050; Rybak, 1,013; DeLuca, 1,015; Ward 3: Hayden, 1,099; Rybak, 1,162; DeLuca, 1,192; and Ward 4: Hayden, 1,088; Rybak, 1,114; DeLuca, 1,088.

Councilman Bernard Hayden totalled 4,246 votes, Joseph Rybak garnered 4,291 votes and former Councilwoman Ruth DeLuca drew 4,288 total votes. Democratic councilmembers drew the following

votes: Ward 1: Eckel, 908; Sojka, 846; Pozniak, 915; Ward 2: Eckel, 974; Sojka, 965; Pozniak, 1,001; Ward 3: Eckel, 687; Sojka, 700; Pozniak, 644; Ward 4: Eckel, 733; Sojka, 705; Pozniak, 763.

Totals for the candidates were 3,302 for Council President Eckel, 3,216 for Marie Sojka and 3,233 for Councilman Joseph Pozniak.

### Book donations needed for sale

Friends of the Clark Public Library will hold a book sale at the library on Friday, Nov. 18, Saturday, Nov. 19, and Monday, Nov. 21. Book donations will be appreciated. Nothing mildewed, water-stained, no old encyclopedias, textbooks or magazines will be accepted.



ACADEMICALLY SPEAKING... Mr. Peter Fabrisse (second from left), Director of Guidance at the Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School in Clark, and ALJ senior students Marie Cutrelio (second from right) and Tricia Washington (far right) listen while Alyssa Cowburn of Gannon University in Pennsylvania describes some of the academic program offerings at

her school during the recent Union County Regional High School District "College Night." Over 130 institutions of higher learning were represented at the Regional "College Night," which attracted hundreds of high school students from the Regional District and neighboring communities to the Jonathan Dayton Regional High School in Springfield.

### Clark Legion Auxiliary lists activities, new chairmanships

The delegates of Clark Unit 328, American Legion Auxiliary, will attend the meeting of the Union County Organization, American Legion Auxiliary at the Martin Wallberg Post 3, Westfield on Thursday, November 17 at 8 p.m. They are President Mrs. Alexandria Rudnicki, 1st Vice President Mrs. Dorothy Rea, Secretary Mrs. Jessie J. Cox, Treasurer Mrs. Anne Gudor and Sergeant-At-Arms Mrs. Anne Krov.

Americanism chairman, Mrs. Jessie Cox, urged the members and the general public to fly their American flags on Veterans Day - November 11.

President Mrs. Alexandria Rudnicki announced that Veterans Day services would be held by the Clark Veterans Committee at the monument at the new site on the grounds of Arthur L.

Johnson Regional High School at 7 p.m.

Mrs. Rudnicki appointed the following chairmanships for the coming year: Americanism, Mrs. Jessie J. Cox; Children and Youth, Mrs. Irene Bott; Community Service, Mrs. Anne Gudor; Constitution & By-Laws, Mrs. Cox and Mrs. Gudor; Education and Scholarship, Mrs. Ann Krov; Gold Star Mothers, Mrs. Patricia Savage; New Jersey Girls State, Mrs. Krov; Membership, Mrs. Cox; National Security, Mrs. Dorothy Rea; Past Presidents Parley, Mrs. Rea; Poppies, Mrs. Margaret Kehoe; Publicity, Mrs. Gudor; Rehabilitation, Mrs. Rea; Sunshine, Mrs. Bott; and Ways & Means, Mrs. Alexandria Rudnicki.

The next unit meeting will be held at the post home on the corner of Westfield

Avenue and Liberty Street on Wednesday, December 7 - "Pearl Harbor Day" - at 8 p.m.

### Tour ALJ

David Carl, Principal of Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School, has extended an open invitation to all residents, parents and non-parents alike, to visit and tour the school during American Education Week, November 14-18.

Residents are asked to report to the school's Main Office upon entering the building.

Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School is located on Westfield Avenue, between Raritan Road and the Garden State Parkway, in Clark.

### Historical society sale to benefit Robinson Plantation

The Clark Historical Society will hold its annual Holiday Sale on Saturday, November 19, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the cafeteria of the Clark Municipal Building, 430 Westfield Avenue Clark (formerly the Charles H. Brewer School). Members and friends of the society have hand-crafted tin and wooden ware, tree ornaments, gifts, toys, dolls, decorations and

### Ensign Waldelich completes studies

Navy Ensign Scott J. Waldelich, son of Leni G. Waldelich of Richard St., Clark, was graduated from Basic Civil Engineer Corps Officer Course. During the two-month course at Fort Huachuca, CA, Waldelich received instruction on engineering management, network analysis, financial management, and Naval organization.

He also studied civilian personnel management, personnel administration, Navy industrial funding, shore facilities planning and construction Battalion (Seabee) operations.

A 1983 graduate of Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School, Clark, he joined the Navy in May 1988.