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Primary Results:

RAHWAY VOTERS PUT FLORIO AHEAD OF KARCHER BY A HAIR FOR LEAD IN GOVERNOR TALLY; HARDWICK GETS GOP NOD

Froelich enjoys clear win for Dem sheriff slot

by Pat DiMaggio
Tuesday's primary election drew a light turnout in Rahway when residents went to the polls to decide between Democratic and Republican party nominees for the state's gubernatorial contest in November.

In Rahway, Democratic contender James J. Florio narrowly beat out Alan J. Karcher by only 49 votes. Florio tallied 572 votes compared to Karcher's total of 523. Barbara Boggs Sigmund garnered 145 votes. Thomas J. Deverin and

George Hudak, seeking positions in the General Assembly, received 744 and 739 votes.
Ralph Froelich, with a total of 721 votes, overwhelmingly defeated his opponent, Arnold Stewart, who garnered 210 votes.

The top votes-getters in Rahway for Democratic candidates seeking seats on the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders were Rahway Councilman Walter McLeod (745), Casimir Kowalczyk (649) and Elmer M. Ertl (606).

Sheila Harding received 227, Corrine Bouknight Smith tallied 219, Jorge Concepcion garnered 181 and Guido Esposito tallied 75 votes.

Republican Chuck Hardwick handily defeated his nearest opponent in Rahway by totalling 294 votes. Jim Courter received 187 votes from Republicans. Other Republican candidates are as follows: Cary Edwards, 133; Bill Gormley, 103; Gerald Cardinale, 91; Tom Blomquist, 5; Lois G. Rand, 4; James A. Kolyer, 3.

Running for the General Assembly Thomas C. Cusmano garnered 564 votes and Jeffrey B. Cohen tallied 552. John DeSimone received 555 votes for the office of sheriff and Paul J. Keefe, Mattie J. Holloway and Joan Papen, seeking seats on the Board of Chosen Freeholders, totalling 581, 548 and 552 votes.

Statewide, Florio got the Democratic gubernatorial vote by a landslide: 205,518 to Sigmund's 51,743 and Karcher's 48,307. Courter was the GOP's victor with 92,272. Edwards, his closest rival, trailed by a tidy margin (69,056). Hardwick ran a close third with 68,272.



Paul R. DiGiano

Outgoing adult school Director issues statement of appreciation

Paul R. DiGiano has issued to this paper the following statement regarding his recent resignation as Director of the Rahway Adult School:

It is with mixed feelings that after 11 years I have decided to resign my position as Adult School Director. The decade-plus of experiences in working with residents of this town and surrounding communities, I have found quite gratifying.

I felt it worthwhile providing this service so that community members could expand their exposure to a wide variety of vocations, avocations, business courses, and physical fitness training.

Being a teacher by day and a director on a part-time basis was often taxing. I was quite fortunate to have Eileen Miller as my secretary. Eileen had resigned to work full time in Rahway and

in part was one of the reasons for my resignation. Eileen worked with three directors of the Adult School, starting with the late Leigh Emmons. She served the Adult School well in the 14 years of registrations, brochure designs, staffing, and telephone contact at all times of the day and night.

Those readers who know the Millers can attest to their hard work and community spirit. Eileen continues to serve the community. At present she is Chairperson of the Board of Adjustment. No doubt her absence at the adult school will be felt.

My new position as Director of the Alternative School for Education has been totally absorbing and is the main reason for my resignation.

A new Adult School director with fresh ideas, resources, and a secretary whom he will train, will bring a new dimension to the

Adult School community program. In conclusion, I wish to thank the following to the staff of the school for their support and advice: Building Principals Messrs. Brown, Buglionie, and Manfredi, who worked with me in providing the physical sites; the custodial staff at those schools — most importantly the teaching staff who made it all work; and, again, Eileen Miller, who transcribed my cryptic notes.

Last but not least, I thank my Advisory Board, in particular Mrs. N. Weber, Mrs. R. Staglich, Mrs. R. Risko, Mrs. J. McGurr, Mrs. P. Gechtberg, and Mrs. F. Ederer.

Thank you all for making it worthwhile.
— Paul R. DiGiano

WILD BLUE YONDER . . .
Patricia Leon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Leon of Oliver Street, Rahway, graduated on April 29 from Embrey Riddle Aeronautical University with a bachelor's degree in Aeronautical Science. She also has her Commercial/Instrument Airplane Rating and Certified Flight Instructor License. She was enrolled in a flight engineer ground school in the spring, where she learned the systems of a Boeing 747 aircraft.

Rahway's Keefe is aviation grad

2nd Lt. Thomas M. Keefe, son of Joseph L. and Catherine E. Keefe of Central Ave., Rahway, has graduated from the aviation officer basic course at Fort Rucker, Alabama.

Students were given instruction on how to prepare for conduct and evaluate unit missions, military law, leadership, professional development, arms tactics, military history, and maintenance and supply operations.

The lieutenant is a 1984 graduate of St. Joseph's High School in Metuchen, N.J.

H.S. spring concert tonite

The Rahway High School Music Department will be presenting its annual Spring Concert tonight (June 8) at 7:30 p.m. The concert will feature the Madrigals and Chorus, under the direction of Mr. Donald K. Pennell. The vocal groups will be singing selections from the classics as well as musical favorites from Broadway.

The concert and stage bands, under the direction of Ronald P. Dolce, will also be performing at the concert. The concert band

Trinity dedicates memorial gifts

On Memorial Sunday, May 28, during the Family Worship Service at Trinity United Methodist Church in Rahway, the Rev. Donald B. Jones, Pastor, dedicated the following memorials:

- Wall Display Case in Educational Building in memory of Harold L. Jones and Adolf Wiese.
- Gestetner Folding Machine in Church Office in memory of Charles Leonard.
- Portable Lectern and Sound System in memory of Mary Olsen.
- Organ Renovation and Establishment of Permanent Organ Fund in memory of Dora and Milford Lewis.
- Flower Gardens of Recognition.

Day Care Center hosts unique wedding

Nuptials unite pair active in civic affairs

Two pastors officiate; many children attend

by Pat DiMaggio

The Rahway Day Care Center hosted a wedding last Saturday when Director Judith Munsey married Phil Prasser. Rahway's first "day care center" wedding drew children from the school and members of the City's Kiwanis Club to witness the proceedings between two community leaders.

Judi-Prasser, who has

served as director of the center for the past four years, also serves on the Union County Human Services Advisory Board and the Sheriff's Commission for Missing Children. During her tenure as director, enrollment at the center has increased from 90 to 165 children. All the children were invited to the wedding and a group of them serenaded the

audience with their rendition of "The Rainbow Song."

Phil Prasser is the proprietor of the Prasser Agency and is a past Lieutenant Governor of the New Jersey District and past president of the Rahway Kiwanis. He is also a member of the Rahway Honorary FBA and Rahway Landmarks/Union County Arts Center. The groom invited the entire

Kiwanis Club, and the Vonder, president of the Kiwanis, served as the officiating pastors. The ceremony was held at the Rahway Day Care Center, 201 St. Joseph's Church, and the Rev. Donald B. Jones, Pastor, officiated. Prasser is a past Lieutenant Governor of the New Jersey District and past president of the Rahway Kiwanis. He is also a member of the Rahway Honorary FBA and Rahway Landmarks/Union County Arts Center. The groom invited the entire



WEDDING PARTY . . . Centered beneath the balloon arch at the Rahway Day Care Center are, left to right, bride Judi Munsey, Rev. David Buck of the Terrill Road Baptist Church in Scotch Plains, Rev. Donald Jones of Rahway's Trinity United Methodist Church, and groom Phil Prasser. The wedding

party consisted of Marta Charbonneau — Mother of Honor, Stephen Prasser — Best Man, Shelli Greenberg and Dana Hertzog — Bridesmaids, and Richard Vossler and Nancy Alexander — Ushers.

RAINBOW SONG . . . Children enrolled at the Rahway Day Care Center prepare to participate in Saturday's wedding with a song.



BRIDE & GROOM

Judi Munsey and Phil Prasser both well-known in the community.