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Rahway wields all-Dem broom in solid sweep

Picks Florio 2-1; Courter swamped in all wards Helps solidify Dem Freeholder base; Hudak, Deverin keep seats

by Pat DiMaggio
Voters of Rahway agreed with state totals on November 7 when they elected James Florio as governor of New Jersey by a two-to-one margin. Florio, who garnered 4657 votes in the City, will

take the reins of office as the 26th Democratic governor of the state. "Tonight belongs to the entire state of New Jersey," said Florio during victory celebrations at his headquarters in New Brunswick.

Republican candidate Jim Courter, who tallied 2311 votes in Rahway, accepted defeat graciously but didn't rule out future political plans. "Sometimes you just can't grab the golden ring the first time around," he

said to dejected supporters in conceding the victory to his opponent. Rahway totals for the gubernatorial election are as follows: Ward 1, Florio 762, Courter 258; Ward 2, Florio 781, Courter 376; Ward 3,

Florio 842, Courter 585; Ward 4, Florio 863, Courter 128; Ward 5, Florio 586, Courter 428; Ward 6, Florio 823, Courter 536. Voters also returned two incumbents to the General Assembly by re-electing

George Hudak with a total of 4270 and Thomas Deverin with a total of 4110 votes. Their Republican opponents, Jeffrey Cohen and Thomas Cusmano garnered 2114 and 2266 votes respectively.

Democratic candidates for the Board of Chosen Freeholders earned the most votes in the City with a total of 3910 for Casimir Kowalczyk, 4108 for Walter McLeod and 3801 for Elmer Ertl. Republican opponents totaled 2504 for Paul J. O'Keefe, 2366 for Mattie Holloway and 2428 for Joan Papan.

Rahway residents also gave the nod to incumbent Sheriff Ralph Froehlich with

a total of 4990 votes opposed to Republican candidate John DeSimone who garnered 2121 votes in the City. Voters also approved all of the public questions on the ballot as follows: Number 1, Open Space Preservation Bond Issue, 3204 in favor, 1707 opposed; Number 2, Public Purpose Buildings and Community Based Facilities Construction Bond Issue, 2682 in favor, 2156 opposed; Number 3, Stormwater Management

and Combined Sewer Overflow Abatement Bond Act of 1989, 3149 in favor, 1745 opposed; Number 4, N.J. Bridge Rehabilitation and Improvement and Railroad Right-of-Way Preservation Bond Act of 1989, 3232 in favor, 1688 opposed; Number 5, Use of 1981 and 196 Hazardous Discharge Bond Monies for Cleanup and Protection of Underground Drinking Water Supplies, 3726 in favor and 1323 opposed.

Saturday is filing deadline for Community Development Funding

JFK Center seeks to expand present 'Food Pantry' services

by Pat DiMaggio
The public was invited to a special meeting last week to submit their proposals for programs and to ask to be included in applications for Community Development funding. At the meeting, held November 4, Community Development Director Tom Connell explained that the deadline for filing applications is November 11. Funding will begin on September 1, 1990.

The City applies each year for a share of Union County's Community Development funding. Union County receives between \$4 and \$5 million on an annual basis and 19 municipalities compete for a share. Elizabeth and Union apply for funding separately.

Rahway has received the second highest amount of money for four of the last five years, said Connell. Last year, Rahway received almost \$500,000 to fund community projects.

In order to qualify for funding, projects must meet federal criteria including the following:

The project must benefit low and moderate income residents; monies must be used principally to benefit Rahway residents; money must be used to eliminate blight or meet an extremely urgent need.

David Brown, chairman of the J.F.K. Community Center, asked for a portion of the Community Development Block Grant to extend "food pantry" services. The J.F.K. Center currently has a food distribution program servicing over 1,000 low and moderate income families in the City.

The program, staffed by volunteers, provides food distribution on an emergency basis to residents and to all four of the senior citizen buildings in the City.

Brown asked for funding to expand the program to a City-wide monthly distribution center. "I'd like to make the City aware of our organization and would like you to take the time to review our proposal and give it priority," said Brown.

"In Rahway, the tax situation is not getting better, people are being laid-off. We'd like people to know food is available to help low and moderate income people," Brown added.

"Many people call who need this food badly," said

Lillian Wilder, a volunteer in the distribution program. "This program is so needed. With your help, I'm sure we can do wonders." Ruby Edgar, also a volunteer with the program, cited the many senior citizens who are in need of assistance. "When they finish paying their taxes and insurance, they don't have enough money to buy food," said Edgar. "I'm surprised how many people in Rahway are on this level. They feel kind

of left out. They are elderly people with enough pride left to try to hold on." Brown asked for funding to expand the program to service between 1,500 and 2,000 residents. Additional monies would be needed for storage and delivery equipment, utilities and insurance costs for a total of \$51,356 in Community Development funding.

Brown's proposal would be included in the City's ap-

plications, said Connell, along with applications for nine other projects including: Housing rehabilitation, \$360,000; code enforcement, \$30,000; senior citizen transportation, \$25,000; Allen Street sewer separation, \$137,500; downtown beautification project, \$150,000; the reconstruction of Clinton Street (\$115,000), West Emerson Street (\$170,000), Lullberry Street (\$148,000) and Brady Court (\$93,500).

Rahway High aims for brightness ...inside and out

by Pat DiMaggio
Rahway High School's Home Maintenance class has been working towards the beautification of their school by planning walkways and planting shrubs. The students have surveyed, designed and measured the area in front of the High School and are in the process of planting shrubs and flowers. Guy Bottini, chairman of the Beautifica-

tion Project Committee, has advised the students and is enthusiastic about their commitment and dedication.

"Rahway High School will look a lot different than other schools in the district," he said. "We want people to ride by, look and say 'wow.' As far as I know, no other school in the county has something like this."



DIGGERS ... Pictured left to right: students Curtis Jackson, Phillip Amarando and Adam Wickes and teacher Guy Bottini. They represent Rahway High School's Home Maintenance class in a beautification project at the school.



EXCAVATION ... Pictured from the left are Rich Schade, Freddy Cruz, Gary Browne and Mike Repasi, members of the Home Maintenance class at Rahway High, preparing to beautify the school's front yard.

Rahway pair win return trip to Hawaii

Mr. and Mrs. George Horton of Rahway are the lucky winners in the "1989 Paradise Sweepstakes," sponsored by six car rental companies. The Polynesian Cultural Center, located in Laie, Hawaii, was one of the co-sponsors in the contest.

The Center - Hawaii's most popular paid attraction - is a unique nonprofit organization sponsored by The Mormon Church that, for more than 25 years, has been dedicated to helping preserve the cultural heritage of Polynesia while providing

jobs and scholarships for hundreds of students at the adjoining Brigham Young University - Hawaii Campus.

The Hortons won two round-trip airline tickets to Honolulu, Hawaii, a rental car, a week's accommodations at the Sheraton Moana Surfside, and Ambassador packages to the Polynesian Cultural Center. The prize package is valued at about \$5,000.

The participants in the contest were among thousands who had rented cars over the summer of 1989 in Oahu. The Hortons, having anticipated the trip for a long time, finally came to Oahu this past summer. While here, they rented a car, never expecting that it would win them a trip back to Hawaii so soon.

Baker promoted to senior airman

Horace L. Baker, son of Ruth I. Baker of Rahway and grandson of Mammie Hogan of Lodi, has been specially identified for early promotion to senior airman in the U.S. Air Force.

The airman was awarded the new rating ahead of other Air Force members by a "below-the-zone" promotion board which considered job performance, military knowledge, bearing and self-improvement efforts.

Baker is a bomb-navigation systems specialist with the 2nd Avionics Maintenance Squadron at Barksdale Air Force Base, La. He is a 1985 graduate of Rahway High School.

In past seasons Peggy has held the position of "Freshwoman" Manager.

The band is student-governed by a nine-student committee. As Librarian, Peggy is responsible for the music the band plays.



HOW LET'S HEAR 'EM YODEL ... Two members of the Rahway Retired Men's Club - Ed Schweinberg and Joe Crain - recently showed off their authentic Tyrolean hats, brought back from Salzburg by relatives to remind them of their German heritage. Needless to say, the two "krauters" look happy with their gifts.

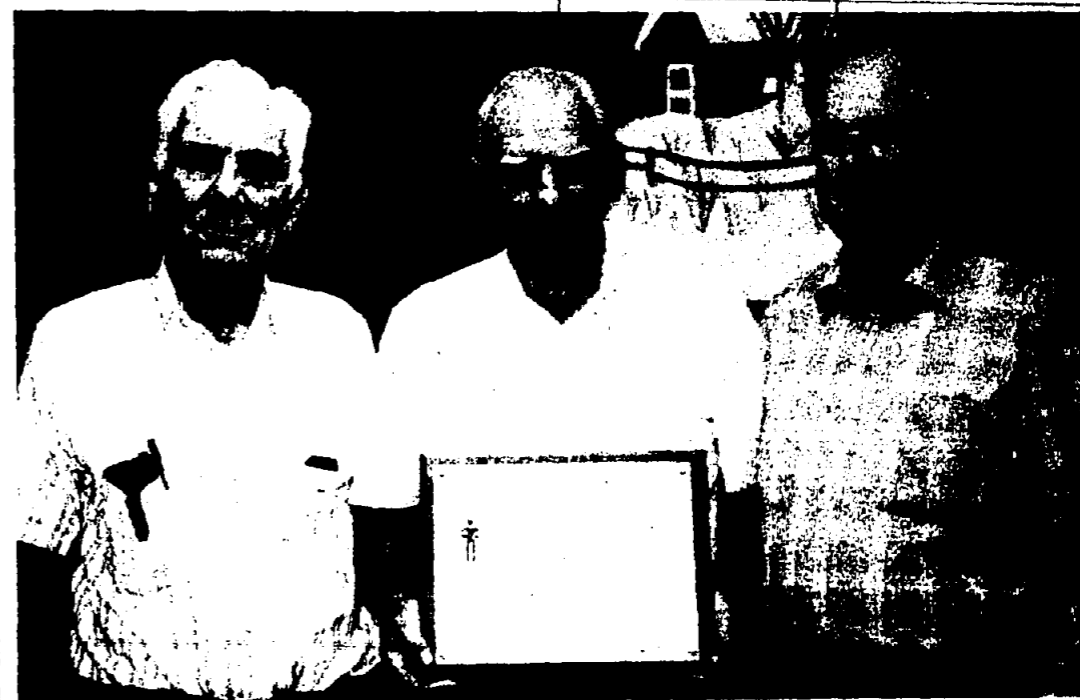
2nd Presbyterian marks 140th year

On November 17, the Second Presbyterian Church will celebrate its 140th birthday with a covered-dish supper and program. The property on which the church now stands (junction of Main St. and New Brunswick Ave.) was the site of a Revolutionary War battle on June 27, 1777 (which our side won). The church was an outgrowth of various Sunday schools founded about 1810 by the Misses Lee and Miss Catherine B. Edgar. About 1830, these were united as the Leesville Sunday School. In 1833, Major William

Edgar and Cornelius Baber donated lots on the corner of Main and Williams streets for the building.

A meeting was held at First Presbyterian Church in 1849, and it was decided that a second Presbyterian Church was needed in this neighborhood. The original church was built in 1851 at a cost of \$11,468.25.

Since its founding, 2nd Presbyterian has had 85 ministers, including one who came to the church from Wayne and is a graduate of Union Theological Seminary and Cornell University.



KINDLY RAT ... Flanked by past commanders Joe Sulo (left) and John Neubauer of Rahway American Legion Post 5, Edward Cwirko (center), another past commander of the Rahway post and currently vice-commander of the Union County American Legion, displays the citation he received designating him the 1988-89 "Mighty Rat" for his outstanding support of the Legion's Child Welfare Foundation. ("RAT" is an acronym for Regional Action Team.)

Rahway's Ryan assumes post with band

Peggy Ann Ryan, daughter of James and Shirley Ryan of Rahway, has recently assumed the position of Librarian of Lehigh University's Marching 97. A 1986 graduate of Rahway High School, Peggy is finishing a degree in Mechanical Engineering at Lehigh, in Bethlehem, PA.

The band is student-governed by a nine-student committee. As Librarian, Peggy is responsible for the music the band plays.

The band performs at football games as well as holiday parades. It is known for its high step, precision marching, endless spirit, and is hailed as "The finest in the East."



Vet memorial service sites

The Rahway Veterans Central Committee will hold memorial services for all veterans on Saturday, Nov. 11, at the Veterans Monuments located at St. George Ave. and West Grand avenues, Rahway. Services will start at 10:30 a.m. sharp. The principal speaker will be Sgt. Paul Werkmeister, U.S. Army. He is a former Prisoner of War, and presently Mayor of the City of Linden.

All Veterans Groups, Ladies Auxiliaries, and City Officials will be in attendance. A cordial invitation to all citizens is extended.

Please Remember Me

Remember me, America, for I was once your son. I fought and died at Valley Forge with General Washington. I was there at Gettysburg on that tragic, tragic day when brother fought against brother - the blue against the grey. I rode with Teddy Roosevelt on the charge up San Juan Hill; some came back to fight again - but I just lie there still. I went to France with the A.E.F. to bring the peace to you; I was 21 and full of fun - I never saw 22. I served on a U.S. submarine, the bravest of the brave; until a German depth charge gave me a watery grave. I bombed the Ploesti oil fields; they blew with one blast, but in the attack we were hit with back - I'll never bomb anyone. In Korea I heard the C.O. shout "We'll finish it; I'm sure we will." I lost my life to try and take a spot called Pork. Vietnam! Vietnam! When will it end? I'm one of the thousands who served. And so in my memory, I'll never forget you. I pray for you all.