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It's official:

Martin to seek re-election

Mayor Daniel L. Martin made it official yesterday that he will be a candidate for re-election this year. "I'm very proud that in 1970 I was the youngest person ever elected Mayor of Rahway," Martin said. "And I'm very proud to have served as Mayor longer than anyone else in our community's long and distinguished history."

"But, most of all, I feel I'm entering the peak productive years of my life and I'm very excited about Rahway's future," he declared.

"I realize," the Mayor said, "that there will undoubtedly be opportunists looking to take advantage of all the hard work the people of Rahway have done during my tenure. This hard work has put us on the threshold of an exciting time for Rahway — among many things, the people of Rahway have Hartz Mountain coming in with a major development; they have resource recovery coming to give us tax relief; they have the Arts Center poised to really take-off

now; and they have the train station and the downtown on the verge of turning around."

"So, yes," the Mayor said, "the people of Rahway should fully expect — and I predict — that a few opportunists will now want to run for Mayor to reap the glory of what's coming."

"But I have a message for anyone who wants to run for Mayor," Martin said. "Number one, this is America, and all candidates are welcome; and number two, you are going to find a Dan Martin at the peak of life ready to take on any and all challengers."

"Tough times never last," the Mayor said, "tough people do."

"I know the conventional wisdom says that incumbent mayors in New Jersey are the underdogs in elections because of how property taxes have been rising all over the State," Martin declared. "This, however, is nonsense because it insults the intelligence of voters who know it wasn't their mayors who

forced garbage to Pennsylvania or caused insurance rates to skyrocket or did any of the other things which jumped property taxes."

"And if any voters are the smartest, it's right here in Rahway, and that's one of the many reasons I love our hometown so much and have never sought any other office," the Mayor said.

"I'm going to be very, very proud to run on my record," Martin said. "Number one and always the most important thing, we give the people of Rahway honesty and integrity in government."

"Whenever there has been a problem, and there really hasn't been many, we've moved swiftly and decisively to excise it like a

cancer. This is because I've always believed two things: first, that government is a calling and not something you do for yourself; and second, that, as Thomas Jefferson wrote, 'The whole art of government consists of being honest.'"

"Our record of achievement in office is unsurpassed by any municipality anywhere in New Jersey, and everyone can be certain that our campaign will get that message out to the people with full and complete details," Martin stated.

"We've rebuilt the public facilities of the City and now we're rebuilding the City financially. We also rebuilt the Democratic Party to

newer and higher ethical standards and, while some old time politicians might remain resentful of this, we did the right thing and will continue to do so. Good government is what I've always stood for."

"I am eagerly looking forward to this year's election and very confident about putting my fate in the hands of the people of Rahway, even if some outside experts might say I'm the underdog," the Mayor concluded.

"That's what I've done five times before and I'm ready to do it again."



Mayor Dan Martin

Republican Councilmembers question Mayor's right to City-paid fringe benefits



William Wnuck



Katherine Fulcomer

Rahway Councilmembers Michael Esposito, Katherine Fulcomer, and William Wnuck recently announced that they will be introducing legislation to eliminate fringe benefits from the compensation package received by Rahway elected officials. In line with that legislation, Councilmember Fulcomer announced that all Rahway Republican Councilmembers are withdrawing from the City of Rahway-paid state medical plan and challenged Mayor Daniel Martin and any Democratic Councilmen who "are the city plan to do likewise."

"Councilman Wnuck said that eliminating the city payments for any fringe benefits beyond salaries for elected officials would save the city thousands of dollars over the years."

"If an elected official wants to enroll in the state medical plan, the payments should come out of his salary. It should not be a city expenditure in addition to his salary," said Councilman Esposito.

Councilmember Fulcomer said it is time to end the 20-year-old policy of the Martin Administration of providing expensive fringe benefits for elected officials. She said that these policies of Mayor Daniel Martin must end in these times of high property taxes.

"We have the highest paid part-time mayor in Union County. Must we give him and some of his councilmen expensive city-paid medical fringe benefits in addition to their salaries?" asked Councilmember Wnuck.

Members of the community are urged to begin their spring cleaning in their medicine cabinets and bring all outdated prescriptions to Rahway Hospital to be safely disposed on "Brown Bag Day," scheduled for Wednesday, March 21, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the President's Room. A free bottle of syrup of ipecac and a free Medical Staff Roster will be given to anyone who brings in a brown bag of expired medications or comes in to ask questions about medications.

"Parents are especially urged to take advantage of this opportunity to meet with hospital pharmacists and ask questions," says Angela Musso, R.Ph., M.P.A., Assistant Pharmacy Administrator. "Parents are the vital link between children, who learn their medication habits from their parents, and the elderly, who are the biggest consumers of prescription medications."

For more information call the Rahway Hospital Pharmacy at 499-6175.

'Brown Bag Day' at Rahway Hospital

Colonial Dames discussed Costa Rica

The Lady Elizabeth Carter Chapter of the Colonial Society, Colonial Dames of the 17th Century, held a luncheon-meeting recently at the home of Mrs. John D. Markey, Co-Vicepres was Miss Florence Whitehead.



BOXED IN ... Walter McLeod, right, Union County Freeholder and Rahway Councilman-at-large, attended the recent "town meeting" held by U.S. Sen. Ed Bradley at the main branch of the Elizabeth Public Library. Bradley, former Princeton University and N.Y. Knicks basketball star and Rhodes Scholar, fielded questions from local residents for approximately an hour, according to McLeod. "Sen. Bradley now knows what it's like to be boxed in by Union County's citizens," said McLeod. "The audience asked some tough questions on health care, social security and drugs, but the senator fielded them with honesty and sincerity."

Slate is in place for Board of Ed elections

Four are running for 3 seats

By Pat DiMaggio

Voters will choose from among four candidates running to fill three seats on Rahway's Board of Education when they go to the polls in the schools election on April 24.

Filing petitions for three 3-year seats on the board were incumbents Lori Kennedy, Jacqueline Fagan and Eugene Moran. Kennedy is currently filling the unexpired term of former Board Member Rick Proctor and is seeking election to her 2nd full term.

Fagan is also seeking a 2nd term on the board, and

Moran, who was elected to fill the unexpired term of the late Roy Valentine, is seeking his first full term.

A new schedule of dates relating to the Board of Education's 1990-91 budget and school election was also released. The public hearing on the educational spending plan will be held on April 3 at 8 p.m. in the Intermediate School auditorium.

Following are additional dates pertaining to the election:

— April 4 — Budget figures will be delivered to the printer for the printing of the ballots; — April 12 — Election notices will be published and posted; — April 17 — Last day to receive mail applications for absentee ballots; — April 19 — Last day for candidates to file appointment of challengers and alternates with the board secretary; — April 23 — Civilian absentee voters may apply in person to the county clerk for ballots up to 3 p.m. Signature registers must be picked up from the County Board of Elections; — April 24 — School election from 2 through 9 p.m. Election results will be announced at the Madison School cafeteria.

Wounded Rahway chopper pilot phones home from Panama

Chief Warrant Officer John Petraro III of Rahway, whose unit returns to Ft. Ord, California tomorrow from duty in Panama, was off-duty in a Panama City disco last weekend when terrorists tossed a grenade into the discobar. One American G.I., Army Spec. Anthony Ward of Houston, Texas, was killed in the incident.

The 28-year-old Petraro, who pilots a Blackhawk chopper for the Army, escaped the blast with an injured left foot. He is considered to have been among the luckier of the 14 other Americans and 12 Panamanians who were injured.

Petraro, a cousin of this paper's advertising manager, participated in the Dec. 20 U.S. invasion of Panama, which led to the capture and jailing of former Panama dictator, General Manuel Noriega.

John Petraro Jr. and his wife Mary Jane, parents of the wounded soldier, had expected not to hear from their son until his return to California. They were not



PHOTOGRAPH ... Kean College Alumni Association member Katie Migliore of Rahway participated in the "For Dole's" the Alumni Association's raising phonation, which runs from March 1 through April 1. For more information, call the Alumni office.

Internationally celebrated trio to grace Rahway stage



Paul Ostrovsky, piano



Leo Grinhaus, cello



Piotr Milewski, violin

"Concentrated talent" might be one way to describe the celebrated N.Y. Amati Trio, booked for a matinee performance at Rahway's Union County Arts Center, Sunday, March 11.

The Los Angeles Times hailed Carnegie Hall veteran Paul Ostrovsky as a "fiery keyboard partner" after a recent performance with Isaac Stern. Violinist Piotr Milewski holds prizes from many of the world's most prestigious competitions and has played Europe's great concert halls. Young generation emigre Leo Grinhaus debuted as cellist with the Montreal Symphony just two years ago and has since toured the U.S. in several well-received chamber ensemble performances.

The N.Y. Times has dubbed the group's ensemble playing "a model of precision, flexibility and unanimity." Their arrival in Rahway for the March 11, 2:30 p.m. engagement follows stellar performances with the Chicago Sinfonietta and Richmond Symphony as well as other recent engagements in New York, New Orleans and throughout the American midwest.

From Rahway, the trio's one-time-only Rahway appearance is a bargain at \$7.50 (only \$5 for students and senior citizens). They will be in town for a full tour that will take them throughout Italy and to the Louvre in Paris.

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Six arrested on drug charges

On Thursday, March 1 at 8:04 p.m., members of the Rahway Police Department Narcotics Unit and other uniformed and plain-clothes officers, executed a search warrant on a single family dwelling in the 1700 block of Lawrence Street, Rahway. Six persons were on the premises at the time. All were arrested and charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance and of narcotics paraphernalia.

The arrest and execution search warrant was the culmination of an investigation that the narcotic unit had been working on for a lengthy period of time. The raid was headed by Detective Sergeant Paul Wohlman, Commander of the Rahway Police Narcotics Unit.

The following persons were arrested: Joyce Daniels, age 40; Theodore Pendleton, age 31; Clemmie C. Jones, Jr., age 40; Lisa Ann Jolly, age 25; Jerry Simeone-Sweetie, age 28; and George Mars, age 42. All are Rahway residents.

Model train exhibit

The 58th Annual Model Train Exhibit of the N.Y. Society of Model Engineers will be held from March 9 through April 1 at the Society's headquarters, 341 Hoboken Road, Carlstadt (one mile from Giant Stadium). It will feature 5,000 square feet of operating trains and exhibits.

The hours are Wednesday, Thursday and Friday — 10 p.m., Saturday and Sunday — 11:00 a.m. For additional information or directions, phone 939-9212.

Lynch oils on view

Oil paintings by Joann Lynch of Rahway are on exhibit at Kean College now through March 26 as part of a student art show. The exhibits are all fine arts majors at the college.

The site of the exhibit is the James Howe Gallery, Vaughn Eames Hall, at the college on Morris Ave. in Union. The public is invited and admission is free. The hours are 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 5-7 p.m., Mondays through Thursdays.