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## Fulcomer Slate Wins Five

### Esposito Only Off-Line Victor



James Fulcomer

Republican Municipal Chairman James Fulcomer and his Regular Organization Republicans turned back a primary challenge Tuesday by the Regular Republican Organization headed by Andrew Voros, winning City Council nominations in five of the city's six wards.

Council President Michael Esposito was the only Voros-backed candidate to be victorious. He defeated Robert Vesey backed by Fulcomer, 48-44.

However, Fulcomer indicated that Esposito's apparent win would not guarantee automatic backing by the GOP organization in the Nov. 3 general election.

Continuing the theme that dominated the heated

primary elections, Fulcomer accused Esposito of being Democratic Mayor Jim Kennedy's candidate in the First Ward because Esposito accepted the Council President's post in January with Democratic support, thereby aligning himself with Kennedy. The post was expected to go to Councilwoman Katherine Fulcomer, Fulcomer's wife.

Fulcomer said that GOP support may go to Adam Mackow, President of the Rahway Republican Club, who is on the Nov. 3 ballot as an independent, because Mackow believes in the Republican platform, unless Esposito demonstrates that he will run on the platform and "keep his word" to the GOP.

In response, Esposito said that Mackow cannot win and that, as party leader, Fulcomer is duty-bound to support Republican candidates and not independents.

Esposito said the challengers were hoping to "bring change to Rahway" by turning the local Republican Party into an effective organization that could win elections.

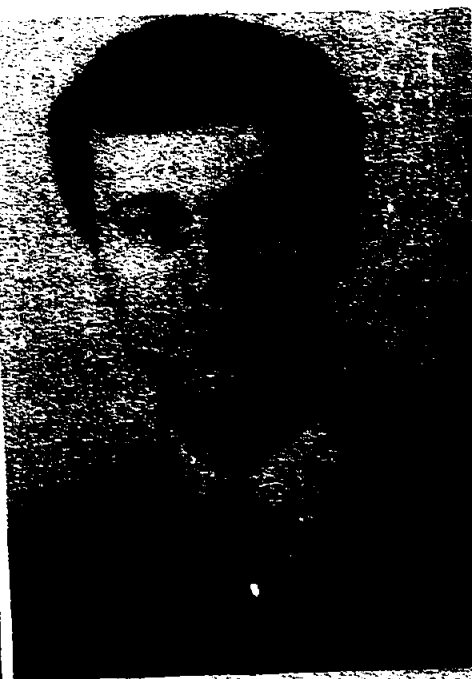
"Unfortunately, what we have now is a Republican Party of puppets, with Fulcomer pulling the strings," he said. "As long as that continues, Rahway will remain a one-party town."

Other vote totals in the GOP primary for Council are as follows:

Second Ward: Francis Janusz, 141; Thomas Cushman, 20.

Third Ward: William Wnuck, 148; Brian O'Donnell, 46.  
Fourth Ward: Colton Weber, 44; Linda Freeman-Chandler, 6.

Fifth Ward: Jeffrey Cohen, 93; Irene Rinaldi, 46.  
Sixth Ward: James Fulcomer, 125; Andrew Voros, 84.



Michael Esposito

## Fulcomer Retains Party Control

The dissident Regular Republican Organization candidates for GOP County Committee seats sustained a nearly-complete rout on Tuesday as the Regular Organization Republicans led by GOP Municipal Chairman James Fulcomer swept more of the 31 contests.

Council President Michael Esposito and his mother, Jacqueline, won as Committeemen and Committeewoman in Ward 1, District 1 as the only successful contest for the RRO. The only other seat picked up by the dissidents was in Ward 2, District 2, where Thomas Cushman was unopposed for Committeeman and won with only seven votes.

In the remaining 28 contests, Regular Organization Republicans were victorious — including Ward 6, District 4, where Fulcomer and his wife, Katherine, a City Council member, beat back a strong attempt to wrest away their Committee seats by John and JoAnn Ludington. James retained his seat by one vote and Katherine Fulcomer kept hers by six votes. The Municipal Chairman does not have to be an elected County Committee member.

Other contested votes were as follows:

1	Maryann Janusz	37
2	Mildred Stewart	6
2	Viola Stafford	41
3	Virginia Cusmano	6
3	Paul Novello	34
3	Brian O'Donnell	16
3	Sharon Surber	39
3	Fides O'Donnell	12

3	William Wnuck	39
3	Richard Voynik	11
3	Kathleen Resch	35
3	Donna Voynik	11

3	Walter Merkel	40
3	Bernard Miller	6
3	Francis Rasmussen	39
3	Eileen Miller	7

4	Anthony Lordi	29
4	George Schwetje	8
4	Carol Hensch	31
4	Lorraine Schwetje	8

4	Bonita Brown	24
4	L. Freeman-Chandler	3

5	Andrew Auzemma	18
5	Manley Williams	8
5	Barbara Auzemma	18
5	Christine Williams	8

5	Robert Cipocca	30
5	George Wagenhoffer	21
5	Janet Sedlak	35
5	Valerie Wagenhoffer	17

5	Jeffrey Cohen	23
5	Arthur Pollack	10
5	Roberta Cohen	21
5	Irene Rinaldi	14

6	Robert Rooney	41
6	Andrew Voros	19
6	Ann Rooney	40
6	Margaret Kiss	16

6	Richard Lindemann	30
6	Paul Mulligan	14
6	Helen LaVia	28
6	Michelle Mulligan	14

1	Sean Devaney	17
1	Raymond Vansco	8
1	Amelia DeChiaro	18
1	Linda Vansco	8

as an independent entity versus a puppet of the Democratic Mayor," he said. "I think the Republican voters made it very clear what they thought of that."

### Contest Winners

The City of Rahway, in conjunction with the Rahway Board of Education and St. Mary's School, recently sponsored a drawing contest among First, Second and Third Graders on the theme of "Recycling and the Environment," which attracted about 150 entries that were judged by Joan Buhrendorf, County Recycling Coordinator.

First Place winners were: First Grade - Matthew Harris, Second Grade - Shaun Curtin and Third Grade - Lauren Copeland.

Second Place winners were: First Grade - Jessica Godfrey, Second Grade - Amy Brys and Third Grade - Danielle Williams.

Third Place winners were: First Grade - Vincent DiGangi, Second Grade - Jennifer Mendelson and Third Grade - Vincent Cilaon.

According to Anthony Deige, Rahway Recycling Coordinator, all First Place winners were given \$25 gift certificates for the Nature Store, Woodbridge Center. Second Place winners received a \$15 gift certificate, and Third Place winners received a \$10 gift certificate.

### Spring Bazaar

The Parent-Teachers Club of Second Baptist Church, Rahway, will be holding its Spring Bazaar on Saturday, June 6, at the church parking lot and fellowship hall, 379 East Milton Ave.

Persons interested in reserving a selling space should call 382-2948 or 962-2880. Spaces are still available at \$15 for space and use of table or \$10 for space only.

All proceeds from the Bazaar are used to finance activities for the youth of Rahway and surrounding communities, our leaders of tomorrow.

### 'Water Test' Proves Scam

An elderly male Park Street resident was the victim of a firm-firm theft last Thursday about 2:30 p.m., police said.

The victim told police that two white males in their 40s, driving a black van, came to his house and stated that they were there to test the water.

According to police, while one suspect went to the kitchen faucet and began some process for testing water — apparently, a fake procedure — the other suspect went to the bedroom and removed the victim's safe containing cash, jewelry and checks.

Both men fled in the van, police said.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to call Det. John Kaczor at 388-5600 or the Rahway Police TIPS Line, 388-1553.

Residents are urged not to let people into their homes if they are unsure of their intentions, and to call police if there is any question.

### UCUA Names New Director

Jeffrey S. Callahan has been named the new Executive Director of the Union County Utilities Authority (UCUA), Authority Chairman Angelo J. Bonanno announced during a special meeting last week.

"I am very excited about being selected for this position," Callahan said. "After serving as Deputy Director of the UCUA for the past four years, I am pleased that the Commissioners recognized my efforts and offered me this opportunity to serve as Executive Director."

Bonanno explained that the Authority completed an extensive search to find a new Executive Director. After receiving approximately 200 resumes, the Authority's Personnel Committee narrowed the field to five candidates before the UCUA selected Callahan.

"Jeffrey Callahan was the most logical choice for this position. He will bring a sense of continuity to the position, since he was promoted from within the UCUA," Bonanno said. "He has a complete understanding of the Authority and its projects. He is capable, knowledgeable and experienced in all aspects of solid waste management."

A 1981 graduate of Rutgers University, Callahan received a Bachelor of Science degree in Human Ecology. Four years later, he earned a Master of Arts Degree in Geography, also from Rutgers University.

Callahan has been involved with the solid waste field for the past 10 years. Prior to serving as Deputy Director of the UCUA, he had served as the Director of Solid Waste Management for the Passaic County Utilities Authority and as the Acting Director of the Middlesex County Department of Solid Waste Management.

Following Callahan's promotion, the Authority named Bryan J. Christiansen as the new Deputy Director of the Authority. Christiansen has more

than 15 years of administrative experience in both the public and private sector. A Councilman in Edgewater from 1979 to 1987, he is currently serving a second term as that borough's Mayor.

He has been a Purchasing/Logistical Manager for Lancaster Steel Co. since 1977. In that position, Christiansen has been closely involved with the construction of three resource recovery facilities.

A 1976 graduate of Montclair State College, Christiansen earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science.

"I am looking forward to working as Deputy Director of the Union County Utilities Authority," Christiansen said. "I feel that this position will enable me to utilize my governmental and industrial experience in a manner which will benefit the Authority and the residents of Union County."

"We are delighted that Bryan Christiansen has agreed to take the Deputy Director position," Bonanno said. "He is an excellent choice and will undoubtedly be an asset to the Authority. As an elected official for more than a decade, we believe that he will understand and be sensitive to the issues facing the Authority."

Callahan became Executive Director effective June 1, while Christiansen will join the UCUA on June 15.



A 23-year-old Perth Amboy man was being held in lieu of \$20,000 bail after he was arrested in Perth Amboy on a Rahway warrant charging him with burglary and theft of a private residence in the 700 block of Holly Place on May 1.

Police said the arrest of Jose A. Rivera took place on May 24 without incident. An investigation by police is continuing to determine whether the suspect will be

charged with other burglaries in the city. Residents are urged by police to continue their vigilance for suspicious persons in their neighborhood to assist in the apprehension of burglars by reporting suspected criminal activities.

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### Sefranka Named To Commission

Paul M. Sefranka of Rahway has been appointed by Gov. Jim Florio to the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans Memorial Commission.

As one of 22 members of the Commission, Sefranka will be working to foster the public's awareness of the Memorial honoring the men and women who gave their lives in the Vietnam War and to raise money for its construction. Construction is already under way on the Memorial on the grounds of the Garden State Arts Center, Holmdel. The Memorial will list the names of each of the 1,500 men and women killed or missing in action.

Sefranka has been active in Vietnam veterans affairs and served in a voluntary capacity to the Commission prior to his gubernatorial appointment.

The New Jersey Vietnam Veterans Memorial will give

us the means to honor, to heal and to remember," Sefranka said. "It is most important that those selected recognize that for others, for families, for veterans and for this state and not for themselves."

While serving with the U.S. Army in Vietnam, Sefranka was awarded the Air Medal and Combat Infantryman's Badge. He was attached to the 9th Infantry Division at Rach Kein and the 360th transportation unit at Cam Raha Bay in 1969 and 1970.

Today Sefranka is a sales engineer for Mac Products, Kearny.

Sefranka is Vice President of Chapter 151 Vietnam Veterans of America Post, Bayonne, and a member of American Legion Post 5, Rahway. He also is a member of the Rahway Zoning Board of Adjustment.

### Coleman Beats Young

In the only contest in Tuesday's primary election on the Democratic side of the ballot, former Councilman Jerry Coleman defeated James Young for the First Ward City Council nomination.

Coleman, billing himself as the "People's Choice Candidate," was the choice of the people in the primary with 222 votes to 120 for Young.

Coleman bested Young in every district: 37-35 in District 1, 81-30 in District 2, 73-42 in District 3, and 31-13 in District 4.

In November, Coleman will face Council President Michael Esposito, who won in the Republican primary.

Coleman, who served as First Ward Councilman from 1985 to 1988, is employed as Director of Finance for a primary care community health care center in Plainfield.

In uncontested races, the following Democratic Council candidates were certified by the primary voters for nomination:

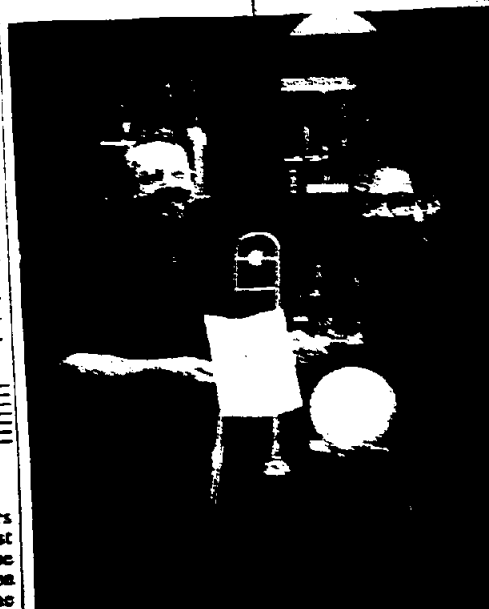
Second Ward: Paul Sefranka, 94 votes.

Third Ward: Rick Proctor, 139 votes.

Fourth Ward: Chester Holmes, 263 votes.

Fifth Ward: Frank Caragher, 121 votes.

Sixth Ward: Kevin O'Brien, 125 votes.



LATE APPLICATIONS STILL BEING ACCEPTED  
Recreation Department is offering Rahway Elementary School from June 17 through July 17. This program is for smoking talents of young musicians for ages 10 to 15 to register with June 1, but it is open to anyone including \$10 into fee with regular music classes instrument or \$45 to study with private instructor only. For respective \$45 or \$90 tuition. Students decide to study instrument classes. Registration deadline is 12:30 p.m. weekdays and 6:00 p.m. weekends. Grades 4-12 in September. 1992.