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WINNERS ATTRIBUTE VOTERS' SUPPORT TO POSITIVE CAMPAIGN AND REPUBLICAN ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Councilman McClintock and Dr. Marks Victorious Over Democratic Challengers in Tuesday's Contested Race For Available Seats on Scotch Plains Township Council

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Republican Councilman William F. McClintock, Jr. and his running mate, Dr. Martin L. Marks, won the race Tuesday for two available seats on the Scotch Plains Township Council Tuesday, which has been all Republican since 1988. Of the 13,891 registered voters in Scotch Plains, 10,118 went to the polls in the township's 21 voting districts. According to unofficial tallies, Councilman McClintock received 4,916 votes and Dr. Marks drew 4,678 votes, while Democratic challengers Kenneth N. Lipstein garnered 4,241 votes and Mrs. Barbara Schwartz captured 4,316 votes. Absentee and provisional ballots were in the process of being tallied this week by Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi's office.

"We're very happy," remarked Councilman McClintock, who celebrated with his running mate and other Republicans Tuesday night at the Westwood in Garwood. "It's been a very funny year, with a lot of voters flip-flopping, but when it got down to the local level they supported the way the Republicans have been running the town and the accomplishments they have made."

The councilman, who has been a member of the Scotch Plains governing body since 1991, served as Mayor in 1994 and has been Liaison to the township's Fire Department, Recreation Commission, the Shippen Golf Tournament, the Board of Health and the Youth Commission. He is also a past Vice Chairman of the Scotch Plains Environmental Commission and a past member of the Scotch Plains Public Library Board of Trustees.

Dr. Marks, a member of the Scotch Plains Planning Board and the Master Plan Committee, ran on the Republican ticket this year in place of Mayor Alan Augustine, who decided not to seek re-election in order to concentrate on his duties as a State Assemblyman for the 22nd Legislative District, which includes Scotch Plains and Fanwood.

"I'm ecstatic," remarked Dr. Marks, who attributed the Republi-

cans' victory to a positive campaign which avoided the negative aspects evident in other races this year. "We just said, let's talk about what we've done for the town. I think we kept it on a very positive level and stuck to the issues, and I think we were rewarded."

During their campaign, the Republicans cited their combined experience on municipal government bodies and in volunteer service, as well as improvements which have been realized under the Republican council in recent years, including construction of the Senior Citizen Housing Facility; the acquisition of two new fire pumps and an aerialscope fire engine, and the addition of two Scotch Plains police officers through a federal grant.

They also spotlighted development by the Master Plan Committee, in conjunction with a professional planner, of a "Vision Plan" which is expected to serve as a concept for revitalization of the township's central business district. The Republicans additionally noted that the current council has saved substantial amounts of taxpayers dollars by aggressively pursuing state and federal grants and by entering into interlocal agreements for services with other communities and with Union County.

Mr. Lipstein and Mrs. Schwartz are both attorneys and long-time Scotch Plains residents. In their platform, the Democrats offered new ideas and leadership while calling for an end to one-party government in the township. The candidates also favored having a directly-elected Mayor rather than the present system whereby the council selects

one of its own members for what is generally a one-year term.

They had also protested the governing body's amended zoning code, which they argued will lead to zoning erosion by allowing buildings up to two-and-one half stories high to be built without rear yard setbacks, and charged that the council had not taken action to curb apartment conversions in secondary structures. The Democrats also called for officials to oppose the New Jersey Department of Education's proposed Comprehensive Plan for Educational Improvement and Financing, which they maintain will compromise the quality of education in the township.

On the two public questions, Scotch Plains voters supported with a vote of 5,275 to 1,926 a bond act allowing the state to issue \$300 million in bonds to finance construction of subaqueous pits and a containment facility or facilities for the disposal of materials dredged from the Kill Van Kull, the Arthur Kill and other navigation channels located in the New Jersey and New York area; the decontamination of dredged materials and related environmental measures.

Township residents also voted 4,848 to 2,241 in favor of an amendment to the state constitution dedicating 4 percent of the annual revenue from the Corporation Business Tax, or other similar tax, to finance state-funded hazardous discharge cleanups; providing financing, loans and grants for underground storage tank improvements, and providing financing for monitoring and protecting water quality. Both questions passed in the state.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5 RESULTS OF GENERAL ELECTION IN SCOTCH PLAINS										
Districts	William F. McClintock, Jr. Republican		Dr. Martin L. Marks Republican		Kenneth N. Lipstein Democrat		Mrs. Barbara Schwartz Democrat		Question No. 1	
	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES
1	96	82	368	393	221	113	231	103		
2	106	95	252	261	164	84	152	95		
3	201	188	175	180	201	78	189	92		
4	200	187	175	176	201	81	197	88		
5	271	247	190	202	255	105	248	113		
6	179	168	116	120	151	78	149	79		
7	192	184	164	163	198	89	195	95		
8	308	302	260	277	327	115	276	153		
9	186	171	162	158	205	72	202	76		
10	200	202	172	164	204	75	194	83		
11	199	191	168	164	243	69	209	102		
12	272	243	174	183	263	89	246	104		
13	215	196	202	210	252	70	233	82		
14	242	235	144	138	235	95	224	103		
15	274	267	154	153	274	80	252	102		
16	357	338	378	383	478	148	434	181		
17	439	437	251	247	382	141	325	184		
18	219	216	169	164	221	75	208	84		
19	254	246	180	180	258	110	254	114		
20	329	319	194	205	327	97	243	126		
21	177	164	193	195	215	62	187	82		
TOTAL	4,916	4,678	4,241	4,316	5,275	1,926	4,848	2,241		

Councilman Jung and Mr. Kline Capture Two Borough Council Seats to Maintain Status Quo on Fanwood's Governing Body

By SUZETTE STALKER
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The Republicans claimed victory Tuesday in the race for two seats on the Fanwood Borough Council, as incumbent Councilman Louis C. Jung was elected to a second term on the governing body and his running mate,

Stuart S. Kline, won the council seat of retiring Republican Councilman Andrew J. MacDonald.

There are 4,699 registered voters in the borough, of which 3,544 went to the polls this year in Fanwood's seven voting districts. Absentee and provisional ballots were in the pro-

cess of being tallied by Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi's office this week.

Unofficial totals received after the polls closed showed Councilman Jung received 1,899 votes and Councilman-elect Kline captured 1,809 votes, while Democratic challengers Mrs.

Christine Tighe garnered 1,406 votes and her running mate, Russell Wells, Jr., drew 1,385 votes.

The successful run by Mr. Jung and Mr. Kline means the council will retain its current 3-3 split between Republicans and Democrats, with Democratic Mayor Maryanne S. Connelly serving as tie-breaker.

"I'm very grateful to Fanwood voters for supporting me," said Councilman Jung, who celebrated with his running mate and others at a Republican gathering at the Stage House Inn in Scotch Plains Tuesday night. The councilman, noting that he visited every home in Fanwood during nine weekends of door-to-door campaigning with his running mate, stated he believed that this "personal attention" by the candidates was the key to their victory.

"We really learn from each other," the councilman remarked of the conversations he and Councilman-Elect Kline had with residents during their walks through the community. "I'm really excited to serve the residents for another three years. Fanwood is a great."

"I'd like to thank the voters for supporting myself and Lou Jung," added Councilman-Elect Kline, who had first run for a seat on the council in 1995. "I hope to be able to serve them to the best of my ability. To my opponents, Christine Tighe and Russell Wells, I felt they ran a good campaign and I'd like to wish them the best."

A Fanwood resident for 22 years, Mr. Jung was first elected to the Borough Council in 1993. He is a past

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Democrats Sweep Republicans, Regain Majority on Board of Chosen Freeholders

Republican Congressman Robert D. Franks Wins Re-Election Bid Against Democratic Opponent Larry Lerner

By PAUL J. PEYTON
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Democrats won a sweeping victory over their Republican opponents in the battle for control of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders on Tuesday. The Democrats not only retained their seats which were up this year but also wrestled away

two seats held by the Republicans. The victory will give the Democrats control of the nine-member board for the first time in six years when they take over the majority on New Year's Day. The Republicans missed retaining control of the board by some 11,500 votes, the difference between the highest Republican vote-

getter and the closest Democrat. Incumbent Freeholder and former Fanwood Mayor Linda d. Stender was the top vote-getter for the Democrats with 86,915 tallies. Also elected to the board were her runningmates Donald Goncalves of Elizabeth (82,620) and Nicholas P. Scutari of Linden (82,603). They were followed by incumbent Freeholders Linda-Lee Kelly of Elizabeth (71,119) and Linda Di Giovanni of Union (69,410) and challenger Robert F. Vigilanti of Mountainside (66,740).

The Republicans' majority has been 5-4 the past three years. Come January, the Democrats will have a 6-3 edge on the board. Over the past year, Republican and Democratic freeholders have battled over the temporary budget, approved on the first of the year, the introduction and final adoption of the county budget, and a number of multi-million bond projects.

When a federal court judge ruled in January that New Jersey's system of waste flow controls was unconstitutional, the Democratic freeholders voted to block the majority of bond ordinances supported by the Republican majority by stating they did not want to put the county further in debt. The Republicans argued that the county was responsible for \$35 million of the \$281 million bonded for the Union County Incinerator in Rahway, with the rest falling on the backs of bondholders should the facility close.

Elizabeth has threatened to pull out of the facility if waste flow controls were lifted due to what they claim is accelerated tipping fees charged at the incinerator. Knowing that Union County was a swing county in the state, the State Republican

Committee helped finance the Republican Freeholder slate. Also, President Bill Clinton came to Union Township last Sunday to help United States Senator-Elect candidate Robert G. Torricelli and other Democrats in the county. Republican Vice Presidential candidate Jack Kemp came to the county earlier to help the Republican candidates.

Locally, the Republican slate out-pollied the Democrats in Westfield and Scotch Plains. In Fanwood, however, Ms. Kelly was the top vote getter followed by Fanwoodian Mrs. Stender. Mrs. Di Giovanni and Mr. Vigilanti tied for third place.

Mr. Scutari, an attorney, is a member of the Linden Board of Education while Mr. Goncalves is a senior project coordinator with the Elizabeth Development Company. Mrs. Stender is employed as a part-time florist in Scotch Plains.

In the Presidential race, President Clinton carried the county with 55 percent of the vote to 37 percent for former United States Senator Bob Dole. The President, the first Democrat to win two consecutive terms in the Oval Office in 52 years when Franklin D. Roosevelt accomplished the feat, received 88,990 tallies to Mr. Dole's 60,582. Reform Party candidate Ross Perot received 11,790 tallies (7 percent) while Green Party candidate Ralph Nader carried just 1 percent of vote or 841 tallies. President Clinton carried New Jersey and its 15 Electoral votes with 52 percent of the vote. Mr. Clinton was the top vote-getter in Westfield, Scotch Plains and Fanwood.

In the race for the United States Senate, Republican Congressman Richard Zimmer was the top vote-getter in all three towns although he

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Miss Mariana Cassidy Named McGinn Principal

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The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education voted 9-0 at its agenda-setting meeting Tuesday night to approve the appointment of Miss Mariana "Cathy" Cassidy as Principal of the William J. McGinn Elementary School, following the retirement of Mrs. Barbara J. Newbaker as Principal as of Wednesday, January 1. Miss Cassidy currently serves as Assistant Principal at the Park Middle School and McGinn.

In recommending Miss Cassidy to the board, Superintendent Dr. Carol B. Choye said, "She has the experience and the know-how." Board President Dr. Donald E. Sheldon said the board had been "impressed with her enthusiasm." Board Vice President Mrs. Lillian M. Dettmar said, "She brings a great deal of experience to the position." Miss Cassidy did not attend the meeting. The salary for the position is \$100,380 per year.

Public Information Coordinator for the board, Ms. Kathleen L. Meyer, said Miss Cassidy has been assisting on a part-time basis at McGinn Elementary while serving as Assistant Principal at Park Middle School, because of the high enrollment at McGinn, some 500 students. A Park Middle School parent asked the board to continue the position of Assistant Principal at Park, after Miss Cassidy's

departure. Ms. Meyer said the board would be determining whether or not it would fill the vacancy as the next step in the process, following Miss Cassidy's appointment.

The President of the Parent-Teacher Association at McGinn, Mrs. Dorothy Lusk, commended the board for its appointment of Miss Cassidy. "We are very happy with your choice," she said.

In other business, the board heard a report from the Foreign Languages Supervisor for the district, Mrs. Helga Thomas, about the cyclical review of the department which started in 1994. A task force made up of parents, teachers and administrators examined many aspects of the language programs. Mrs. Thomas said, including the scope of language offerings, enrollment, student proficiency, academic achievement, technology and staff. She said surveys were used that indicated district parents were interested in a language program for the elementary schools. Language programs currently run for grades 6 through 12, as electives, including an after-school Japanese program in the high school, with a volunteer teacher.

"It's my dream" before I retire to have every school in the district immersed in a foreign language program," Mrs. Thomas said. Ms. Meyer said Mrs. Thomas has no immediate

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David B. Oorbin for The Times

FANWOOD FAREWELL... Fanwood Mayor Maryanne Connelly stands with Roy Crazy Horse of the Powhatan Indian Tribe who performed a ritual tribute and farewell to the Old Oak Tree of Fanwood located at 180 North Bartle Ave. The tree, assumed to be between 320-400 years old, has been the oldest living thing in Fanwood. The ritual was given on November 3.