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## Shootings at complex bring calls for protection Residents voice concerns over safety



A MATTER OF SAFETY... Residents of Capobianco Plaza and Leesville Avenue housing units, mostly children, demonstrate concerns over incidents of shooting violence at their complexes by carrying signs into City Hall.

by Pat DiMaggio  
Tenants of the Capobianco Plaza and Leesville Avenue family housing units have once again asked Rahway's Municipal Council for help in alleviating dangerous conditions in their neighborhood. Last week, residents of the complex marched to City Hall to voice their concerns over drug sales and usage and recent shootings.

In May, two separate shooting incidents took place at the complex, and residents say they live in fear for their lives. "Our children can't go outside and play because of the shootings," said Sandra Washington, treasurer of the complex's tenants association. "We need on-premise security guards and 24-hour police protection."

Teniel Stockley voiced the concerns of many of the children in the area. "We are afraid, there are too many drug dealers," said the 14-year-old. "We are afraid to go outside."

The housing units have a history of crime and drug sales. Two years ago, residents banded together to drive drug dealers out of the area, and police increased patrols in the neighborhood. Many of the families who live in the area show a real concern for the safety of their children and refuse to accept living conditions they call "dangerous."

"We live in fear of a continuous drug problem," said Lisa Howard, president of the Glen Denning/Kennedy Tenants Association. "We are in fear of our lives and our children's lives. Our kids are exposed to constant drug usage and shootings. We are afraid to walk to our cars—we might be the next to be shot. We are in need of protection."

Ms. Howard said she didn't want to criticize the Housing Authority security officers, but noted that they are unarmed. "Unarmed protection is not good enough," she noted. "People are coming in from outside, and they are bringing guns."

## City will fight UCUA suit over referendum

by Pat DiMaggio  
The City has decided to fight a suit filed by the Union County Utilities Authority over a resolution calling for a second advisory referendum on the planned incinerator to be built in the Fourth Ward.

At its regular June 12 meeting, the council approved a resolution authorizing the defense of the City against the authority, and directed the law department to solicit the help of the Rutgers Environmental Law Clinic. Cost of the defense is not to exceed \$15,000.

On May 13, the council approved a resolution requesting that a non-binding referendum be placed on the ballot in November. The advisory referendum would have read as follows: "Should the Mayor and City Council of the City of Rahway continue to support the siting of the Union County Resource Recovery Facility in the City of Rahway?"

## 50th graduating class numbers 211

by Pat DiMaggio  
City and school officials, parents and family members celebrated the 50th Graduating Class of Rahway High School last week, under clear blue skies at Veterans Field. The "Golden Years" class numbered 211 graduating seniors who proved their mettle in academics and athletics.

Rahway High School Principal Nicholas Delmonaco said that 29 students in the Class of 1991 earned 40 scholarships, totalling more than \$120,000. More than 50 percent of the graduating class will go on to two- or four-year colleges, 29 will enter business schools, 10 will join a branch of the armed services, and 37 were still undecided at the time of the ceremony.

Delmonaco introduced Garden State Scholar Tracy Evans and Garden State Distinguished Scholars Christopher Hardy, Allison Reedell and Clare Savard. The top 10 ranking students were also introduced beginning with 10th-ranked Keri Pisapia, James Caverly, Jennifer Canales, Heidi Ann Brainerd, Clare Savard, Tracy Evans, Allison Reedell, Jacelyn Chapman, Thomas Ziolkowski and Christopher Hardy.

"I hope all of this year's graduates prosper and succeed," said Valedictorian Christopher Hardy. "May we all rise to great heights in work and society." Hardy closed his remarks with a reminder to his fellow students. "Don't drink and drive—the life you save may not even be your own."

"Today is special," said Salutatorian Thomas Ziolkowski. "Students now have the opportunity to enter the real world and make a change for the better. It is up to us to set things right."

Superintendent of Schools Frank Brunette recalled famous students who attended Rahway High School including Dr. Roy Vagelos and Dr. Carl Sagan. "The class of 1991 stands among the best over the past 50 years," he noted. "You have made us proud of your accomplishments in academics and athletics."

Below is a list of the candidates for graduation class of 1991:

| CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION<br>CLASS OF 1991 |                           |                              |                         |
|--|---------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Hassan M.H. Abdallah                       | Darlene Edwards           | Arac Leo Kabilio             | Vita Navarra            |
| Abigail E. Alvarez                         | Wanda Enos                | William G. Kadaritis         | Cesar Enrique Nieto     |
| Brain Amaker                               | Cathy Erickson            | Robert Kalinsk               | Tom Michele O'Leary     |
| Darlene May Amosco                         | *Tracy Kathleen Evans     | Bradley John Kalciewicz      | Thomas P. O'Sullivan    |
| Jennifer Lynn Anderson                     | Dianne F. Fabner          | Julia Jadriza Kawczynski     | Deanna Lee Osterman     |
| Bonnie Lynn Anderson                       | Jorge Joseph Feliciano    | Robert M. Kenning            | Christopher Charles Ott |
| Caitiana Anna Arco                         | Brian Felner              | Earl E. Kinsey               | Prengin Paul            |
| Amy Aylward                                | Michael John Ferrante     | Jennifer Koch                | Rupal Patel             |
| Albert Babrow, Jr.                         | Scott C. Fitzgerald       | Chester Komorowski           | Robert L. Pettiford     |
| Paula Balaiza                              | *Kevin B. Fitzharris, Jr. | Carey D'Wayne Lacowell       | Tracy L. Phillips       |
| Laura Rose Barton                          | Traci Ann Flynn           | Fred Eric Lager              | Locklin, Teresa Pacheco |
| Shawn Boney                                | Veronica Lisette Flores   | Pamela Lamb                  | *Keri Ann Pisapia       |
| Shawn Boney                                | Kellie A. Ford            | John Scott Lang              | Jean C. Polycarpe       |
| David F. Bianculli                         | Janice Lorraine Francis   | Phillip Lemongelli           | Tracy Lee Prael         |
| Michael Blackwell                          | Steven Gall               | Chin Fai Leung               | Brian Eugene Raupp      |
| Todd Charles Boersman                      | Christine Marie Gavlik    | Carline Louis                | Bonnie Jean Resch       |
| Mary Anna Bondar                           | David Genz                | Frederic E. Louis            | Daniel Ribeiro          |
| *Heidi Ann Brainerd                        | Todd Glowczynski          | Sandy Lubin                  | *Eric Robinson          |
| Thomas D. Brock                            | Jose Benito Gonzalez      | Tricia Lynn Mac Avo          | Robert A. Robles        |
| Allison Joy Brophy                         | Heather Grillo            | Michael M. Makar             | Michael Edward Rod      |
| Cedric Andrew Brunson                      | James May Grubisic        | Jennifer Lynn Manto          | Jason M. Rodger         |
| Makesha Renee Brunson                      | Ronald T. Guersch         | Stephen G. Marcantonio       | Flourence Rodrigues     |
| Sean Travis Buckman                        | *Elizabeth Karen Guidi    | Jacqueline J. Mayo           | *Allison Joy Reedell    |
| Allen D. Bullard, III                      | Edgar Hans Gutierrez      | Lajuna Mayo                  |                         |
| *Jim Caffrey                               | Chance Hall               | James M. Mazur               |                         |
| James Michael Hammer                       | Tanisha Hamilton          | Dawn Leslie McCall           |                         |
| May Jane Canfield                          | James Michael Hammer      | Bryan K. McCarthy            |                         |
| Tarik R. Carter                            | Christine Marie Hardy     | Omar R. McClish              |                         |
| *James Patrick Caverly                     | *Christopher Hardy        | Sean McClish                 |                         |
| John Edward Chiesky                        | James Harper              | Michelle L. McCormick        |                         |
| David Church                               | David Heffner             | Angela Lynn McGeehan         |                         |
| Gary Michael Clarke                        | Sean Ode Hickson          | Jonathan K. McIlwray         |                         |
| Nicki Clarke                               | Jennifer Lynn Hillard     | Christopher Michael McIlwray |                         |
| Peter Crawford                             | Nicole Hoagland           | Richard M. Mendoza           |                         |
| Anthony Jerome Hunter                      | Patrick W. Hora           | Carrie Ann Metro             |                         |
| Althens J. Ingren                          | Dawn Marie Horsby         | Robert Meyer                 |                         |
| Dorise E. James                            | Ell Suzanne Horton        | Michael John Mihal           |                         |
| Gregory M. Johnson                         | Anthony Jerome Hunter     | Ruby Miles                   |                         |
| Jensen M. Johnson                          | Althens J. Ingren         | *Eric Billy Mills            |                         |
| *Anita Nicole Jones                        | Dorise E. James           | Amy Sue Lynn Miller          |                         |
| Carina Jones                               | Gregory M. Johnson        | Kevan Moloney                |                         |
| Gregory Jones                              | Jensen M. Johnson         | Alvin Warren Mosco           |                         |
| Eveline Joseph                             | Rocco A. DiMaggio         | Tyenna Monale                |                         |
| Glennyliza Jundo                           | Betty Dux                 | Helen Collette Morrisette    |                         |
|  | Leta Di Grado             | Kelli Morrisette             |                         |
|  | James Dux                 | Jessie Marie Moiso           |                         |
|  | Michael R. Dulinski       | Tracie Murriel               |                         |

## Copy fee hike defeated on second reading

by Pat DiMaggio  
An ordinance increasing the fee schedule for services and materials distributed by the City Clerk was defeated on second reading by Rahway's Municipal Council. At a meeting held on June 12, the council failed to provide the second vote needed for final adoption of the ordinance.

The fee schedule would have increased the costs of copies by the following: First page to 10th page, 50 cents per page; 11th to 20th page, 25 cents per page; all pages over 20, 10 cents per page.

Councilman Alex Shipley noted that the cost of copying 10 pages would increase from \$5 to \$10 and would create a hardship to most residents who only need a few pages of documents. The ordinance did not draw a majority of votes for final adoption.

The council also approved a resolution authorizing an application to the Commissioner of Transportation for aid under the Municipal Aid Program in the amount of \$450,000. If received, the funds would be used for the improvement of sections of Elm Avenue, Milton Boulevard, East Lake Avenue, Lulberry Street and Rutherford Street.

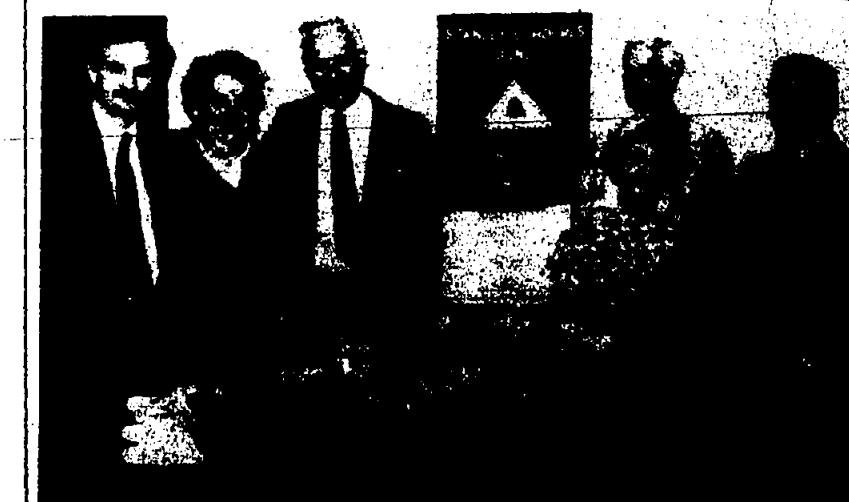
After repeated requests to the county for the reconstruction of the Bridge St. bridge, the council approved a resolution asking for its removal. The county officially closed the bridge because of its determination of structural defects. Because the City finds the blockades barring entrance to the bridge to be "aesthetically displeasing," the City has requested that the county remove the bridge as soon as possible.

\* Denotes National Honor Society  
\* Top Ten  
\* Peer Leader

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HOTLINE  
for Rahway  
is...  
**388-1553**

**Rahway Library  
summer hours**

The Rahway Public Library is on summer hours through Saturday, Aug. 31. The hours are: Adult Department, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; closed Saturday. Also, Children's Department, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday; closed Saturday.



TO MAKE A BAD SITUATION BEGAINABLE... Rahway's hand-crafted "tag-a-longs" donated by Union County are associated with ATAT. Banners are given to victims of providing some comfort to them. From left, SAC, Burns, Frank Polata, Eddie McDonald, John Weathers, Morris Clay.