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Kennedy To Wnuck & Allies:

'Stop Pandering, Start Governing'

statement released by Councilman William P. Wnuck last week, criticizing Mayor Jim Kennedy and his City Council allies for losing "at least \$2.5 million in additional annual revenue to Rahway" in the latest host community agreement with the Union County Utilities Authority, Kennedy lashed back at Wnuck and his Republican colleagues, ac-cusing them of having acted completely irresponsibly by pandering to the public on one of the most sensitive and critical issues confronting

the Rahway community." Kennedy further stated "it

In response to a prepared (was Mr. (for mer Republican of the incinerator was a done Councilman James) Fulcomer who originally cast the vote which accepted the the amount of financial remuneration coming to the four dollars per ton, binding City of Rahway. The City is the City of Rahway to his expected to receive apcontractual armount." proximately \$1.7 million for "My Administration has the next two years, in addi-

serious concerns and diftion to \$2.2 million annualficulties with insuring the quality of design, construct tion and stafety by the Kennedy said his Ad ministration is "pledged to UCUA," the Mayor con-tinued. "However, it is nothholding the line on property

ing less than lying to infer taxes for our entire community," and "this will be that this Actiministration in done only through thoughtany way approved the contractual amount per tonnage ful negotiations which will which Rahway was to insure the best interests of receive. In fact, this Ad- the entire Rahway comministration. after the siting -munity.'

The Mayor criticized 1 deal, managed to increase | Wnuck for "stating that we should never deal with the Union County Utilities Authority," accusing him of engaging in "rhetoric and pandering, which has not provided any tangible benefit in stopping the siting of the incinerator. Indeed, it

> is Republican James Fulcomer who signed the original host community agreement in 1985, which coerced this City in accept-ing the incinera or. Indeed, Eulcomer's bost community agreement provided the City

with only an estimated \$1,115,200.

Kennedy accused the tunately we are passed the Wnuck and his Republican -Republicans of trying to play to both sides of the incinerator issue. "One week. the Republicans are attempting to portray themselves as extreme opponents to the incinerator who refuse to negotiate: the next week. they are attempting to City and its taxnavers. Mr. portray themselves as those who encourage greater negotiations," he said. "This is a perfect example of hypocrisy, which is ignoring the general welfare of our

The Administration "does not have the luxury to act in such an irresponsible and capricious matter: unfor-

point where any court recog-nizes the legitimacy of Rahway's attempts to block the incinerator," Kennedy said. "This Administration has a moral obligation to concern itself with the legal economic well-being of this

counterparts should be less concerned with political grandstanding; and - by rising above petty politics -

they should abide by their oath of office and attempt to provide responsible leadership for the City of Rahway



by Pat DiMaggio

Evans and fellow resident

tial homes

Primary Battle Looms In GOP

by Pat DiMaggio A tug of war has crupted between two Republican factions for control of the GOP vote in Rahway. On June 2, when residents go to the polls in New Jersey's primary election, they will be sked to choose from a full slate of Democrats and two

full slates of Republicans. Last week, Democratic and Republican candidates announced their intentions to seek seats on Rahwav's Municipal Council. GOP Chairman James Fulcomer. a former councilman and former Freeholder, introduced a slate of six can didates running on the Regular Organization Republican ticket. And Council President Michael Esposito introduced six candidates running under the Regular Republican Organization of Union

County" banner. All Ward council seats are up for election this year. The council is currently comnoted of six Democrats and a three-seat Republican ority. Democratic filers fect, become a one-party include: First Ward, Jerry Coleman and James Young; Second Ward. Paul fort include former City Sefranka; Third Ward, Rick Councilman George Wag-Proctor: Fourth Ward, inenholfer as Party Vice cumbent Chester Holmes: Chairman: Fifth Ward City Fifth Ward, Frank Caraoher: and Sixth Ward, Kevin O'Brien, Incumbents Den-Rinaldi: former Council and nis Hemenway and Alex Assembly candidate Shipley will not seek re-cleetion.

Fulcomer's leadership the City has experienced 22 publican Organization of Union County" slate as well as a candidate. "People need years of Democratic ada voice in government. Rahministrations and a loss of way has become a one-party more than half of the City's City, and we'd like to change that. We are a young group; Republicans, whether he wishes the group to absent itwe are active and interested self from the community in what is happening in until he finally becomes mayor? town "Many people have given

"The RRO also takes exup hope of getting things ac-complished," said Esposito. ception to Mr. Fulcomer's deception in now taking a "But we are here to tell them stance against the waste inthat government is responcinerator when, both as sive, and we are trying to get UCUA chairman and City people involved in working Councilman, he was intogether to rebuild this strumental in bringing it into town." "The Regular Republican Rahway. Organization of Union

Voros issued a challenge County Inc. has been formed from a group of young and old-time City Republicans di affected by Mr. Fulcouler's divisive tactics and

poor performance as municipal Chairman," the group said im a prepared statement. "The group feels that Republicans in Rahway no longer have an effective voice in City government, and that Rahway has, in cf-

"Republicans joining the

darsed by Mr. Fulcomer.

"fair, impartial public two of Kennedy's appoindebate on the issue

In a prepared statement, the Rahway Regular Organization Republican canthey called "Democrat

Republican Party. "Democrat Mayor Kenedy is running his henchmen against us in the Republican primary elections in an attempt to sup-press all opposition to his fiscal tricks and his catering to outside interests. Among

our opponents are Kento Fulcomer and his slate of | nedy's handpicked Democandidates to sit down to a crat Council President and that now run our city."

- Concrete Pour Draws Pickets -

Angered over continued state Department of Enconstruction of the 1,440- vironmental Protection and Energy and County officials ton-ner-day incinerator. members of the Concerned are allowing construction to Citizens of Union County proceed here in Rahway," the JFK Day Care Center picketed at the incinerator said Barbara Canfield, site last Thursday during the Secretary of the Concerned them?" The Center is lo-

"We don't need the pup-

pets of the Democrat mayor running our party. This primary election is, in part, a didates for City Council said fight to preserve the inde-that they would fight what pendence of the Rahway Republican Party and to Mayor James Kennedy's at- keep spokesmen for the taxtempt to take over the payers on City Council."

The Regular Republican asked for help in alleviating Organization candidate the problem. "Amtrak is still added that they "intend to active, and it's getting roll back Kennedy's attempt worse," said Evans. to takeover the Republican Party in June, and then defeat the Kennedy Richard Riker approached the council two months ago Democrats in November" in to complain of Amtrak's acorder to "put Rahway city tivity during evening and government in the hands of early-morning hours. They the Rahway taxnavers and said they were interrupted several times during the kick out the outside interests night by excessive noise and

the incinerator site.

activity in the rail yard. Brian O'Donnell, chairman of the City's Train Committee, said he has contacted , environment. Regarding representatives of Amtrak mercury emissions, Barbara and that they are trying to implement a "good neighbor policy." "Amtrak has O'Loughlin asked, "Doesn't anyone care about the kids at removed some machinery out of the yard," said O'Donnell. "But we are not

consider sending a formal Interrupted sleep has been a problem for Broad letter of protest to Amtrak. Rahway First Aid Emer-Street residents for the past two years. According to one resident, Amtrak workers gency Sound President William Hering also approached council members to remind them that May is run heavy machinery, offload equipment, and use foul language during the the squad's annual fundrais ing month. The Emergency night in the rail yard located Squad numbers 42 volumdirectly across the street from Broad Street's residenteers, including youth corps members, and operates five pieces of machinery, includ-ing two modular ambulan-Tim Evans attended Rahway's City Council ces, one van ambulance, one meeting Monday night and rescue truck and one light rescue vehicle.

Esposito, the council would

The squad operates on budget of about \$98,000 per year, and handles all emergency medical services for the City, Letters will soon be sent out to residents and businesses, said Hering. "We ask for \$25 per family, but will be happy with whatever they can afford to

give." During the meeting, the council approved a resolution requesting mercury scrubbers for the Union to police. County resource recovery In the basement, one of facility. Introduced by Court the robbers struck the victim cilwoman Katherine Fulin the back of the head with comer, the resolution stated an unidentified object, and that there is "substantial he was handcuffed to a water evidence" that such facilities pipe, police said. produce toxic mercury pollution obce said th hers returned to the victim's A recent study of the Warapartment and ransacked it. ren County facility indicated The matter is being investhat high levels of mercury tigated, and anyone with inare being washed out of ormation is asked to call stack emissions and de-Der William White at 388. posited near the facility. 5600, Ext. 445, or the Rah-There is no way we can conway Police TIPS Line, 388trol what goes in this burner," said Councilman 1553.

James Jones. "The prior ad-

ministration solicited this in

cincrator, and now we are

worrying about mercury

been voted on before accep

The council also con-

firmed the appointment of

Rainone of the law firm of

Donington, Karcher,

Edison, as the Director of

Law expiring on December

31, 1994, William Cladek as

Authority, Robert Mo

Carthy as an alternate to the

Board of Adjustment, and

Barry Dereaster as a mem-

ber of the Planning Board.

member of the Housing

tance.

The NAACP's Rainer Branch will hold its reg monthly meeting on Mon-Second Bantist Claurch, 378 Mikos Ave. All are just and take part.

Jan Kennels

Suspects Handcuff Inspection of the un-used property will begin at 19 a.m. A int officens to Victim Of Robbery e placed on sale by suc Two black males, on 000.15.25 ل ک ع Cert's office, City Hall

armed with what appeared to be a shotgan, forced their way into a Rahway spartment Monday, handcuffed **Dean's List** the resident, and stole \$200 cash, police said. The University of About 2:15 n.m. the tur

suspects entered the 46-Delaware has an that McEada L. Laul year-old victim's apartment in the 1500 block of Main formerly of Raleway, a 1988 graduate of Raleway High Street and handcuffed him. ichool, has been as took \$200, and led the tenant the Dean's List for the Pall to the basement, according

1991 Semester In order to qualify for the Dean's List, a student m maintain a grade point average of at least 3.25

Upon graduation in May, Melinda hopes to cater the desters. 0.000 Grade ial of E DCSS Adami ristration, also at the University of Dela After many years in Rab way, Melinda, her sister Pamela and their parents William and Floobs recently relocated to Hockcasia. DE.

NAACP Meeting Public A st the City of Sta at the Public Garage, Hant 30

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Republican Party candidates include: First Ward, Robert Vesey: Second Ward, Francis Janusz; Third Ward, incumbent William Wnuck: Fourth Ward, Colton Weber; Fifth Ward, Jeffrey Cohen; and Sixth Ward James Fulcomer. Incumbent Councilwoman Katherine Fulcomer will not seek reclection.

Candidates running under the Regular Republican Or-President Michael Esposito. ganization of Union County The effort is chaired by sanner include: First Ward, Andrew Voros, who is chief incumbent Michael Espoof staff to State Republican Assemblyman Ernest Oros sito: Second Ward, Thomas Cusmano; Third Ward. of the 19th Legislative Dis Brias O'Donnell; Fourth trict. Ward, Linda Freeman-

Chandler; Fifth Ward, Irene Rinaldi; and Sixth Ward, the former Republican or-Andrew Voros ganization for his personal

advancement. He would Adam Mackow has filed to run as an Independent in make an issue cof the fact that the First Ward. several memobers of the

"This is not a grudge match," said Voros, chair-man of the "Regular Regroup are very active in the community. The group wonders, wh

initial concrete pour of the Citizens. Once again, the group facility's refuse pit.

"In view of the data that is | focused its attention on The pour went on as emerging regarding mer- potential damage that the in- scheduled, and there were cury, a highly toxic metal, it cinerator could have on no incidents, according to a is reprehensible that the human health as well as the UCUA spokeswoman.



CONCRETE POUR ... Union County Utilities Authority (UCUA) reached millestone in construction phase of resource recovery facility last Wednesday and Thursday with initial concrete pour of foundation of facility's refuse pit. Shown here on Wednesday morning discussing project's progress are, from left, UCUA alternate Edward Kahn of Scotch Plains, Commissioner William Wolf of Rahway, Commissioner Joseph Cook of Elizabeth, UCUA Chairman Angelo J. Bonanno of Hillside, UCUA Treasurer Chester Holmes of Rahway, Option Martin's Project Manager Robert Graham and UCUA executive Director Joseph E. Kazar. Demonstrators from Concerned Citizens eas. under Mr. of Union County arrived next day, but no incidents were reported.

vet to where we would like to be. We would like Amtrak to work more closely with us in

eliminating this problem completely. Evans arread that some progress has been made, but complained that the noise was getting out-of-hand. "It seems Amtrak is digging in more. They are regrouping by moving trailer offices around, possibly to fit more vehicles. scrubbers. This should have

He said the neighborhood was disrupted every night by crane-type comment. lights, vehicles tooting horns, and workers using foul language. "And the yard is a filthy disgrace," he added.

City Attorney Louis Rainone was asked to prepare a written opinion of legal responses. Rainone said it would be difficult to deal with Amtrak. "We cannot impede their ability to operate the rails, and cannot dictate to them how and when they can ma their tracks," he said. "We are dealing with a facility for a main train line."

Conncil President Michael Esposito asked Evans and Riker if they would wait until June to so if further negotiations could be hammered ont with Amtrack. If not, said

