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The Saga Continues

Thomas O'Leary Pleads Guilty



Tom O'Leary

Former Executive Director of the South Amboy Housing Authority pleaded guilty in Federal Court on Friday, March 12, 2012.



Joe Vas

Former Perth Amboy Mayor Joe Vas received illegal campaign contributions from O'Leary and Gartland.



**Frank Gartland
Insurance Broker**

NEWARK - U.S. Attorney General Paul Fishman announced in U.S. Federal Court in Newark that Thomas O'Leary pled guilty to the following charges: 1.) Illegally funneling campaign contributions of thousands of dollars to former Perth Amboy Mayor and Assemblyman Joe Vas. 2.) Conspiring to defraud the federal election commission. 3.) One count of tax evasion.

O'Leary pled guilty to the following charges:

O'Leary received funds from Insurance Broker Francis Gartland to recruit five people of whom donated \$2000 each to Vas' failed bid for Congress. These funds were used to refund those five individuals known as straw donors.

The straw donors contributions were made during the failed Vas Congressional Campaign of 2005-2006.

O'Leary concealed income and other benefits from Gartland to avoid thousands of dollars in tax assessment on his 2006 income tax return.

O'Leary had at one time worked for companies owned by Francis Gartland. O'Leary and Gartland split commission money that Gartland received as an Insurance Broker of record for the City of Perth Amboy and for the Perth Amboy Board of Education.

The sentencing for O'Leary is due on Friday, June 8, 2012. A \$250,000 fine and maximum penalty of five years in prison can be imposed on the conspiracy charge.

Joe Vas is currently serving a 6 1/2 year sentence in a federal prison in Ohio which he started in June 2011. Those charges included corruption and a violation of laws involving campaign financing.

Vas was found guilty on state corruption charges but his sentence is being served concurrently with the federal charges.

South Amboy

South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry

State of the City Address

Venetian Healthcare and Woodmont Properties Highlighted



Mayor Fred Henry

By Gabrielle Gatdula & Ben Cain

SOUTH AMBOY - On Feb. 29, Mayor Fred Henry gave his first State of the City address at the YMCA in downtown South Amboy. His roughly 35-minute speech focused on the rejuvenation of the city's downtown area and his desire to bring a ferry service back to the city.

A vital part of the downtown renovation includes the construction of the \$25 million Venetian Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center, which is being privately funded by Windsor Healthcare Communities. The rehabilitation center, which will stand adjacent to the YMCA, began foundation work on Feb. 6.

The four-story, 93,000 square foot facility is scheduled for completion by the spring of 2013. According to Windsor Healthcare Communities founder and CEO Hyman Jacobs, the building will be tax ratable, and it is estimated to create 200 construction jobs while employing approximately 200 people once it opens. Henry expressed his enthusiasm on the potential benefits of the project.

"This is a win-win for South Amboy," said Henry in a press



Plans for Venetian Complex and Woodmont Properties

release. "With the Venetian, we will add another great ratable to the city and many jobs."

Along with the creation of the Venetian, plans are in place for the construction of 88 townhouses in the same area, which will be built by Woodmont Properties. City business administrator Camille Tooker hopes that the townhouses, which are also privately funded and will be sold at a market rate, will revitalize the downtown area, stabilize the real estate market, and help the budget by increasing tax revenue.

"It will help everyone that wants property here," said Tooker. "Not to mention that it will be adding people to the community. The business district hopefully will be able to have more traffic down there, so jobs will be offered."

The mayor also highlighted the ongoing completion of the Radford Ferry Road extension, which would bring back ferry service to New York for the first time in over ten years. The city awaits state approval to complete the third phase of the project, which is the extension of Radford Ferry Road from the Main Street Bridge to a ferry terminal.

The construction of the fer-

ry terminal and its adjoining parking lot will be the fourth and final phase of the project, and the city will start extending bids for it once phase three is completed. The project is being funded entirely through the Federal Transportation Equity Act (TEA-21), which has allocated the city with over \$13 million in transportation-related funding.

"At this point we have advertised, received bids, and submitted all the information to the state for approval," Henry said. "Once we get that approval, we can finish the road to the terminal site and the so-called "bridge to nowhere" will go to a place where people can once again get a ferry ride to New York."

Henry also discussed his "pet project," the Historical Society, which is dedicated to preserving the history and culture of South Amboy by educating city residents about important events in the city's history. One of the ways the organization plans to carry out its goals includes the placement of plaques around historical sites throughout the city, such as the 1950 Camden-Amboy Railroad explosion and the first air mail flight from South Amboy to Perth Amboy

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**Mayor Wilda Diaz's Continued Capital
Improvement Program New Equipment
For Pot-Hole Patch Work**

News Release
PERTH AMBOY— Mayor Wilda Diaz witnesses the first-time use of Department of Public Works' (DPW) newest piece of equipment, an asphalt hot box, allowing for better and more permanent repairs of pot holes throughout the City.



Prior to the use of this hot box, pot-holes were mended with a "cold patch" during the winter season. Though lasting, the repair was not permanent. The new equipment keeps the asphalt at an appropriate temperature to settle and bond to the surface, allowing for a long-term pot-hole repair.

"The safety and cleanliness of a municipality is often what is most important to residents. To that end, it is my goal to also make sure that our pathways are in a suitable condition for our motorists," said Mayor Wilda Diaz.

While potholes normally

Pot-Hole Repair on McClellan St.

Photo by Paul W. Wang

occur during the change of seasons due to precipitation, DPW will work year-round to ensure improved streets for Perth Amboy residents and visitors. Priority locations are roadways leading to emergency services facilities, school zones, houses of worship, the business district and main thoroughfares.

This \$28,000 equipment was purchased as a result of the Capital Improvement Program that was initiated

during Mayor Diaz's administration, to begin replacing outdated and overused City equipment and capital—while focusing on one of her greatest priorities of reducing the overall debt and the making the most of the City's available resources.

To report a pothole, please contact the Department of Public Works at 732-826-2010 or visit our website to submit a Pothole Repair Request Form.



**Board of Ed VP
Ken Puccio**

Correction

In a previous Board of Education Article. Comments were made praising the late LeRoy Nanton. It was Ken Puccio who gave heartfelt reflections at the Board Meeting. This was incorrectly contributed to Board Pres. Sam Lebreault.

Correction

PERTH AMBOY - In the photo on the front page of the 2/29/12 issue for the \$90 million Agreement Signing it is Geri Bolanowski not Geri Barcheski between Mayor Diaz and Elaine Jasko



PERTH AMBOY - (L to R) Damaris, Alina (front), Board of Ed VP Ken Puccio and Virginia M. attended the Board of Education 1st Community Meeting on 3/3/12 held at the Flynn School. When Damaris and Virginia were students they attended the D.A.R.E. Program under the guidance of Ken Puccio. *See Story Next Week on Meeting*

Photo by Carolyn Maxwell

South Amboy

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in 1912.

"You have to know where you came from to understand where you're going," said Henry, who is a former history teacher. "If the people don't understand the history of their town, they have no real direction, and that's why I want to keep that alive."

Other topics Henry discussed were upgrades to the electrical systems in five firehouses, updates to technology in the police department, the enhancement of facilities and infrastructure at the YMCA, and the eventual replacement of a leak in the roof of city hall. All improvements have been carried out with the help of a variety of grants.

**Music on
Main St.**

WOODBIDGE - Woodbridge Township & The "Music on Main Street" Concert Series Present, Lipbone Reading and the Lipbone Orchestra Live at The Barron Arts Center in Woodbridge, March 15 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$18.00 in advance or \$20.00 at the door. The Barron Arts Center is located at 582 Rahway Avenue, Woodbridge, NJ 07095. For news, upcoming "Music on Main Street" events or to purchase tickets visit www.WoodbridgeArtsNJ.org.

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Comedy Night

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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

A Two-Way Street**We Serve the Community but We Need the Community to Also Serve Us**

Parents are always told by experts that you should not show favoritism towards one child over another. Although I have no children of my own I do have many special people that I come into contact with. One particular person who comes to mind is Rose Pennyfeather. She is the art teacher at the Perth Amboy Catholic School. We often get calls from different organizations asking if we could send a photographer to take pictures at their various functions. We don't mind doing this but occasionally there are numerous activities taking place at the same time, and with our limited staff we can't cover them all.

The one thing about Mrs. Pennyfeather is that she submits photos of activities at her school and that of the students' accomplishments. She knows how important it is for the pupils to be recognized for their achievements. She realizes how busy our staff is covering the municipal meetings to keep the public informed of what is going on in their towns.

The Guardian will gladly accept submitted photos from our area and surrounding towns. If there is a student or someone in your community that you feel should be recognized for their accomplishments, in academics, athletics, performing arts or civic service, etc. Please let us know and we would be glad to publish your submitted materials. (We would give you photo credit) Please supply any pertinent information so we can give proper credit to the appropriate party.

Our staff often does double duty. Besides taking pictures they put the paper together, create ads when necessary, type up the paper and do interviews. If need be they also go out and get businesses to advertise. They are worth every cent I pay them and more.

If there are any fund-raisers

to help an unfortunate family or individual please contact us.

There are always people taking photos at different events. I often when go to the School Board or Council Meetings where individuals or groups are being recognized for their contributions. During the presentations there are always proud family members snapping photos. Why not submit them to the Guardian?

Looking through different publications I see organizations have submitted photos to other papers and I wish they would extend the same courtesy to the Amboy Guardian.

Serving the community has to be a two-way street. When I first started the paper one of my longtime advertisers told me I should just publish twice a month because he was concerned about my well-being and he could see that I was under a lot of stress. I thought long and hard about that but so many people said to me, "We need to have a weekly paper." And I decided a weekly was the only way to go.

I am very fortunate that I have a very good staff who goes beyond what I ask of them. You don't know how many times in the beginning and still today (once in a blue moon) we are up to 1 a.m. putting finishing touches on the paper.

We would also like to see more letters submitted to the editor telling us what you think about living in your town - the good or the bad. We assume that if you don't give your opinion that life is good and you're happy with the status quo. If that is so, then I am very happy for you.

Perhaps our readership might be so fed up with what's going on that they feel what is the point in voicing their opinions. This is why I like my staff. They are not afraid to say to me "You know Carolyn, I think this might work better if we do it this way." And sometimes they are right. *C.M.*

THE COMMUNITY VOICE

Traffic Signs

I'm questioning the necessity of several traffic signs in Perth Amboy. One on Florida Grove Rd. reads "deaf child at play". I've been on

this street thousands of times and have never seen a child at play, deaf or otherwise. Another on Brace Ave. declares "Autistic Child Area". Should this street be avoided as if it were radio-active or toxic. I

sympathize with people who are disabled, but what is the point? Also are these signs put up at taxpayers' expense? If so, why.

William Reina

Who Will Answer This?

Welcome to Perth Amboy, the gateway for illegal aliens that have flooded our community. But wait a moment - some people will tell you that they are H1-B Workers, here on a visa because so-called lazy Americans will not work for minimum wage. You think so?

Now, due to the overflow of H1-B (or illegal aliens) there are many causes for concern in our town: overcrowded schools, illegal housing situations and high unemployment due to day laborers paid low wages and in cash. In fact, you see these types hanging around Smith Street bridge, near the train station, where vans or trucks pick them. Or,

many sit in staffing agency offices (we have about 15 in town) hoping for work. I'd like to know how much money they sent last year to the south of the border to benefit their countries? What will prevent H1-B's, or illegal aliens, from coming here? I'd like someone to send the answer.

Orlando "Wildman" Perez

More Questions than Answers

The "Press Release" entitled "Perth Amboy to Hold Energy Port Signing" in the 2/21/12 issue of "The Amboy Guardian" gives rise to more questions than it gives facts or answers. The "Press Release" is rich in generalities and short on specific facts.

Apparently Veridian Partners, with no insult that I know of from the public (how about a question and answer session or forum, or perhaps a refer-

endum?) has been approved to develop a E-port Facility at and around the greatly contaminated National Lead Site. My first question is, "How will the contaminations be remediated or addressed, at what cost, by what time and by whom? Also are any costs attached to the City?"

The "Press Release" makes the port and distribution center sound like an answer to many of Perth Amboy's problems. They are not any such thing until the public receives answers to the questions, will the new rail access be utilized to transport toxic substances in and through Perth Amboy, per-

haps to Raritan Center? Will such substances pass near the Patten School or new municipal complex, which would be on that route? The public deserves answers.

This was an issue in Linden a few years back and there was much public opposition. The citizens of Perth Amboy need answers so they can decide whether to embrace this project or oppose it.

Very truly yours,

Jack M. Dudas, Esq.
Former Member of
Perth Amboy City Council

Feral Cats and the Waste of the Public Tax Dollar

The collection and euthanasia of feral and stray cats is a waste of valuable tax dollars. Trap, spay and release cost less and saves scarce public monies for more productive social needs such as public safety and education.

Feral cats are as much a part of the urban landscape as squirrels, pigeons, raccoons, possums and woodchucks. Why then do some people perceive them as a problem. Feral cats live in colonies, the others, except for pigeons, don't. This makes feral cats more noticeable and as perceived by some more of a nuisance. People complain about the smell of urine and feces. Of cats getting into the garbage and making a mess. Of noise at night, like all cats feral cats are nocturnal. In response to residences complaints municipal official often attempt, at great cost, an eradication program. In the short term this works. In the long term it's a failure. Feral cats are territorial. When one colony is

wiped out it opens the territory to a new colony. The problem repeats itself. The municipal officials respond to residence complaints in the same manner. Wasting more tax dollars and get the same results.

The solution is twofold. First Trap, Spay (neutering for males) and Release. This reduces the population naturally over time since the cats cannot reproduce. Second is to educate the residence as how to discourage feral cats from establishing a colony in their backyards. Gardens and patios should be sprayed with a commercial cat repellent or a natural one like citrus spray. Left over lemon and orange peels also works. This prevents from the cats using your yard as a litter box. If they did use your patio as a litter box white vinegar will neutralize the urine smell. The use of Garbage cans with tight lids, not plastic bags only, denies the cats a food source. Stop the littering! The KFC box of chicken bones is a dinner invitation to a feral cat, as well as raccoons and rodents. Hissing and yowling are sounds male cats make when squaring off to fight. What their fighting over usually is a female in heat. Spaying and neutering removes the urge to reproduce

reducing the noise problem. Many people think that feral cats are responsible for a reduced songbird population. It's a lucky cat that can catch a bird. If they do it's usually old or sick and this is nature's way strengthen the flock. Generally it's not a songbird but a pigeon. This helps keep the urban ecosystem in balance. A feral cats main source of food in the wild are rodents. This keeps the rodent population in check and the urban ecosystem in balance.

Feral cats are not the problem of municipal governments. It's the residence that must take responsibility by using garbage cans with lids, by not littering, by spraying their property with repellent if they don't want cats on their property and by demanding that public officials abandon a failed policy of eradication which waste tax dollars and adopt the cost effect Trap, Spay (neuter) and Release policy.

Sources and Additional Information:

ASPCA at www.aspc.org

Alley Cat Allies at www.alleycat.org

John Yuhas

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Kidz Wii Club

SOUTH AMBOY - The Kidz Wii Club will meet every Friday at 3:30 p.m. at the Sadie Pope Dowdell Library, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. For more info call 732-721-6060.

Volunteer Firefighters Needed

PERTH AMBOY - The Perth Amboy Fire Department: Volunteer Division needs members. Accepting men and women ages 18 years or older. Volunteers must be a Perth Amboy resident. For more information please contact 732-442-3430.

Tea Room Open

PERTH AMBOY — The Tea Room at the historic Proprietary House, Kearny Avenue, is open on Wednesdays from 1 to 4 p.m.

For \$7 per person, visitors can enjoy assorted teas and delicious homemade desserts served by hostesses Helen, Dorothy and Kathy. Take a tour of the only remaining Royal Governor's Mansion in the U.S.

The Proprietary House, which was built between 1762 and 1764, and is on the State and National Registers of Historic Places, is owned by the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), Division of Parks & Forestry.

For more information or group reservations, call (732) 826-5527.

Kearny

Cottage Open

PERTH AMBOY - Come visit the historic home of Commodore Lawrence Kearny. The Cottage is located at 63 Catalpa Ave, Perth Amboy, and is open on Mondays and Thursdays from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. and the last Sunday of the month from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. The Kearny Cottage needs your help. Anyone interested in joining the Kearny Cottage Historical Society please contact 732-675-8826.

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Community Calendar

Perth Amboy

- TODAY Mar 7 Municipal Court, 1:30 p.m., Court House, New Brunswick Ave.
- THURS. Mar 8 Municipal Court, 6 p.m., Court House, New Brunswick Ave. Board of Education, 7 p.m. McGinnis School, State St.
- MON. Mar 12 City Council, Caucus, 4:30 p.m. City Hall, High St.
- TUES. Mar 13 Municipal Court, 9 a.m. and 6 p.m., Court House, New Brunswick Ave. Board of Ed. Forum, 6:30 p.m. McGinnis School, State St.
- WED. Mar 14 Municipal Court, 1:30 p.m., Court House, New Brunswick Ave. City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, High St.
- THURS. Mar 15 Board of Ed. Forum, 6:30 p.m. Perth Amboy High School, Eagle Ave. Municipal Court, 6 p.m., Court House, New Brunswick Ave.

South Amboy

- TODAY Mar 7 City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, N. Broadway
- MON. Mar 19 City Council, Business, 6 p.m. City Hall, N. Broadway

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Last-Minute Tips For Trimming Your 2011 Taxes

Time is short, but it may not be too late to trim your 2011 tax bill. Here are some last-minute moves and deductions you shouldn't overlook.

- Maximize your 2011 IRA contribution. You have until April 17 to make deductible 2011 contributions. The maximum contribution is \$5,000 for 2011 (\$6,000 if you were 50 or older last year).
 - If you changed jobs in 2011, make sure you didn't have excess social security taxes withheld. Claim credit for the excess on your Form 1040 if you paid over \$4,486.
 - Look into itemizing deductions if you usually take the standard deduction. Search for allowable deductions that you might have overlooked, such as the reinstated deduction for state and local sales taxes in lieu of deducting state and local income taxes.
 - Medical deductions are allowable to the extent they exceed 7.5% of adjusted gross income (AGI). Don't forget items such as eyeglasses and hearing aids. You can deduct mileage for medical appointments, plus parking and tolls.
 - Don't overlook tax preparation fees, safe deposit costs, and certain investment advice. They all qualify as miscellaneous deductions, subject to a 2% of AGI limit.
 - Up to \$2,500 of student loan interest is deductible whether you itemize or not.
 - The deduction of up to \$4,000 for qualified tuition and school expenses is available for 2011. Qualifying amounts for you, your spouse, and dependents may be deductible. Income limits apply.
 - If you're a teacher or teacher's aide, you can deduct up to \$250 for classroom supplies that you purchased with your own money.
 - The tax law is full of deduction restrictions and income limits. If that left you unable to take full advantage of certain losses, deductions, and credits in a prior year, check to see if you have some usable "carryforwards." The unused portion of prior-year items can often be carried forward to your current year to reduce your tax liability.
- Call our office for details or tax filing assistance.

School Bus Accident

PERTH AMBOY - At approximately 0810hrs there was a motor vehicle accident at the intersection of Neville St. and Groom St. A Shamrock school bus transporting children to the James Flynn Elementary School was travelling westbound on Neville St. approaching Groom St. when a van driven by Roberto Delgado 46 travelling northbound on Groom St. failed to stop at the intersection causing the crash. Injured during this crash were the bus driver Andres Apon-te 59, the bus aide Brian

Kun 49, van passenger Rios 35 and 7 children on the bus. The remaining 35 children were transported to Raritan Bay Medical Center for evaluation. All injuries are non serious at this time. All injured children were released to their parents from Raritan Bay Medical Center. Summonses were issued to the driver of the van for Failure to Stop and Careless driving. PO David Sanchez is the investigating officer.

News Release

Movie Time

SOUTH AMBOY - There will be a movie "The Muppets" Rated PG at 1 p.m. on Monday, March 26 at the Dowdell Library, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. For more info call 732-721-6060.

Family Communion Breakfast

HOPELAWN - The Holy Name Society of Our Lady of Most Holy Rosary Church is having its annual Family Communion Breakfast on Sunday March 25, after 8:30 a.m. mass in the Holy Rosary Auditorium on Florida Grove Road, Hopelawn. Donation for adults is \$8, Children under 12 are \$4. For tickets please call 732-826-9466.

South Amboy St. Patrick's Day Parade

SOUTH AMBOY - Preparations for the 2012 South Amboy St. Patrick's Day Parade are underway. This year's parade will be held on Saturday March 10th and will step off at 2 p.m. The rain date is scheduled for March 24th. This event is one of the city's highlights each year. The parade continues to be a success because of donations received from local businesses and corporations covering the cost of the numerous marching bands that participate every year. Along with the bands, there will be many floats and thousands of marchers.

The South Amboy Parade Committee has announced that Rob McQuade and Ed O'Connor will be serving as Grand Marshal and Deputy Grand Marshal respectively and Owner of Main Liquors Hershey Patel has been named the Honorary Grand Marshal.

Several fund raisers will be held in the New Year, including Grand Marshals' night celebrating the parade's honorees being held at St. Mary's Hall on Friday Feb 3rd, Sunday Feb 19th "Hoist a Pint afternoon" at the Landmark Inn and Thursday, March 8th "Hoist a Pint Nite" at the Munck-ee Bar in South Amboy.

If you have a group interested in being a part of this great event or for additional information, please visit the South Amboy St. Patrick's Day Parade website at southamboyparade.com or you can contact the parade committee chairperson, Betty Sturgis at 732-261-7350 or rbsturgis@optonline.net.

Correction

Knitting Circle at Dowdell Library

Photo by Elaine Gaber



SOUTH AMBOY - The Knitting Circle meets the first and third Tuesday of each month from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. All are welcome to drop in! The Dowdell Library is on O'Leary Blvd in South Amboy and is adjacent to the South Amboy High School. For more information, contact the library at 732.721.6060 or comments@dowdell.org.

Correction

Wedding Expo VIP Friday 2/24/12

Photo by Katherine Massopust



Joe and Evelyn Cundari

National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

News Release

PERTH AMBOY — The Health Oriented Youth (HOY) Program has been in existence for over 10 years, successfully educating and empowering youth to adopt healthy and productive life styles for the prevention of HIV/AIDS and other STD's. With the support of our agency, the Puerto Rican Association for Human Development, Inc.(PRAHD), the HOY Program currently provides outreach, educational workshops, one-on-one counseling and referral services to over 300 young women per year.

This year, we will be commemorating National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day by hosting a fashion show. We will encourage our community

to take action in the fight against HIV/AIDS and raise awareness of its impact on women and girls. HIV/AIDS is a serious public health issue affecting nearly 280,000 women in the United States. While men account for most HIV/AIDS cases, the impact on women is growing rapidly.

The event will take place Saturday March 17 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Puerto Rican Association for Human Development, Inc., 100 First Street, Perth Amboy, Tickets purchased in advance are \$5, at the door \$7. For more info Contact: Samarie Rivera at (732) 442-1081.

Sponsored by DOTS Clothing Store, Sense of Style Boutique & Susan Hoagland.

We are on the Web!
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Do you or someone you know have Old Photographs or Documents?
 The Kearny Cottage Historical Society is Looking for Old Photos and Documents of Perth Amboy, South Amboy, Woodbridge, Fords, etc. (Local Area)
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For more info please call 732-293-1090

Annual Fish & Chicken Fry Dinner
Wednesday, March 21, 2012
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 Take Out Time 4:30 p.m.
 Open for Dinner 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Adults - \$15 (Advanced)
\$16 (At the Door)
Children (Under 10 yrs) - \$7
732-826-4559

Annual Fish & Chicken Fry Dinner

PERTH AMBOY - The Holy Spirit Rosary Altar Society is holding their annual fish & Chicken Fry Dinner on Wednesday, March 21 at the Holy Spirit Church Basement on Hazel and Brace Ave., Perth Amboy. Back by popular demand from our previous years Thistle Catering. Take out time: 4:30 p.m. Open for enjoyment of dinner atmosphere socializing 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tickets in advance are \$15 Adults, \$7 for Children under 10 yrs. Advanced tickets are sold at weekend mass or rectory during the week. For more info call 832-826-4859. Price at the Door \$16 Adults, \$7 Children under 10 yrs.

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HIV Support

PERTH AMBOY — Raritan Bay Medical Center is sponsoring an HIV support group meeting on Monday, Mar 12 at 6 p.m. Anyone diagnosed with or caring for someone infected with HIV is welcome to attend. Meetings are held at the hospital's Perth Amboy Division, New Brunswick Avenue.

To register or for more information, call (732) 324-5022.

We are on the Web!
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Happy Hour Workshop

PERTH AMBOY - Raritan Bay Medical Center's Division of Integrative Medicine is offering a Happy Hour Wednesdays, March 14 and 28, from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., at the Raritan Bay Area YMCA, 365 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy. Join Denise Reisert, EMP/RCP and Robin Matteo, EMP for an hour of positivity, transformation, and connection with like-minded souls that will leave you feeling more open, uplifted and lighter of spirit. Each individual workshop will be filled with activities and thoughtful conversation. Cost is \$10 per person. For more information and to register, call 1-800-362-8677

Employment Forum

PERTH AMBOY - The NAACP Perth Amboy Branch in collaboration with The City of Perth Amboy, Dept. of Human Services presents an Employment Forum, "Searching for Employment", "Resume Writing", "Interview Readiness" on Saturday, March 31 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Raritan Bay YMCA, 357 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy. *Vendors Welcome* For more info contact Sandette - 908-305-8519 or access www.naacp-perthamboyarea.org

Atlantic City Trip

SAYREVILLE - The Sayreville Historical Society will have an Bus Trip to Atlantic City to Showboat Casino on Sunday, March 26. \$30 Slot Cash Back, Bingo, 50/50 and snacks on the bus - movie on trip home. Bus leaves Sayreville Senior Center Parking Lot at 10:45 a.m. Returns approximately 8:30 p.m. Cost \$35 (A \$10 Deposit required by 3/17/12). To sign up contact Art at 732-525-3208 or leave a message at the museum 732-390-7048.

Storytime with Mia

SEWAREN - Storytime with Mia is a fun, free event for children ages 3-7 and their accompanying adult & siblings. Families get to enjoy story, snack, games, crafts and more on the 2nd Saturday of every month at 10 a.m. from October through March. The remaining date is 3/10. This event is free but requires a sign up by calling the library at 732-634-7571 or emailing sewarenlibrary@gmail.com. The Sewaren Library welcomes patrons from all towns, not just Sewaren and has a large variety of free events every month. Check out our website at <http://sewarenlibrarynj.com> Sewaren Library, 546 West Ave, in the Sewaren section of Woodbridge Twp.

Titanic: The Latest Chapters

SOUTH AMBOY - There will be a program on the Titanic: The Latest Chapters at the Sadie Pope Dowdell Library on Monday, March 19, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. This interesting program will be highlighted by author Charles Haas - who will takes us aboard the lost liner to discuss the 1985 discovery to the present day. Find out about the artifacts that were recovered on recent expeditions, the identification of the unknown child, and the last survivors. April 2012 will be the 100th Anniversary of Titanic's sinking. Commemorative events are planned around the world. For more Info call 732-721-6060 comments@dowdell.org. The Dowdell Library is located adjacent to the South Amboy High School. Sponsored by the Friends of the Dowdell Library

St. Pat's Story Time

SEWAREN - St. Pat's Story Time will take place at the Sewaren Public Library, 546 West Ave., Sewaren from on Friday, March 16 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Enjoy games, crafts, story & snack. Ages 2 to 9 appropriate. Families from all towns welcome. Registration required. 732-634-7571.

Tot Time & Storytime

SOUTH AMBOY - There will be Tot Time - (Ages 0-2) on Mondays at 11:30 a.m. and Storytime (Ages 3-5) on Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m. and Fridays Ages (Ages 6+) at 3:30 p.m. at the Sadie Pope Dowdell Library, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza South Amboy. For more info call 732-721-6060.

Lenten Breakfast Buffet

PERTH AMBOY - The Holy Name Society of Ukrainian Assumption Church will sponsor a Breakfast Buffet in the Assumption Catholic School Cafeteria, Meredith and Jacques Streets, Perth Amboy, Sunday, March 11 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Menu includes French Toast, Scrambled Eggs, made-to-order Omelets, Hash Browns, Egg Souffle, Pancakes, Waffles, Rolls, and juice/coffee/tea. Donation is \$10 per adult, \$5 for teens 12-17, and free for children under 12. Tickets are available in advance after liturgies or by calling 732-254-3966.

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HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Housing assistance programs are available for Perth Amboy residents who meet HUD-CDBG or HOME income eligibility and program criteria.
 Walk-ins welcome. No appointments necessary.
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For applications and more information contact:
 Department of Human Services | Office of Housing & Social Services
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- First-time homebuyer only.
- Must occupy the property as a principal residence and whose family qualifies as a low/moderate income family at the time of purchase.
- Down payment assistance **\$8,000.**

EXTERIOR PAINT REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM

- For ALL owner-occupied residents.
- Municipal taxes, water and sewer bills must be paid-To-date.
- Program available from March 1st- September 30th
- Maximum reimbursement is **\$400.**

Girl Scouts of America Celebrate 100 Years of Service

Article Submitted

PERTH AMBOY - This year, Girl Scouts of America will be celebrating 100 years of Girl Scouting. Perth Amboy's Girl's Scout Service Unit, proudly part of one of the largest councils in the State of New Jersey - Council of Central and Southern New Jersey under the leadership of Linda Gallucci together with many outstanding volunteer troop leaders are gearing up for an amazing year.

One of their many scheduled activities planned is a special "Women of Distinction" Recognition luncheon which will be held on Sunday, March 11, 2012 at the ZPA, 281 Grace Street at 1 p.m. During this event, nine

local community leaders will be recognized as they continue to make a difference in our community and in their career and inspire girls for the future:

Honorees include: Mayor Wilda Diaz - Keynote Speaker - Mayor of the City of Perth Amboy, Dr. Vivian Rodriguez - Asst. Superintendent of Education - Perth Amboy Board of Education, Eva Kucaba - Nurse Practitioner - Clinical Professor UMDNJ School of Nursing, Edna Dorothy Carty Daniel - Housing Commissioner - City Advocate/Activist - City of Perth Amboy, Judith Sandomierski - Police Officer - the City of Perth Amboy, Dianne Roman - Supervisor Senior Citizens - Perth Amboy Board Mem-

ber - Perth Amboy Board of ED., Tara O'Brien - Director Shared Services - Global Delivery - Merck & Company, Loris Welch - Special Education Teacher - Perth Amboy High School, Lisa Richardson Hall - Co-Owner Eventfully Yours, Inc.

Help us recognize nine of the most outstanding female leaders in our community and support the Girl Scout Mission - building girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place.

This is the Year of the Girl!

For additional information to attend, please contact Kristen Celecki, Perth Amboy Girl Scouts at kmcelecki@gmail.com or Linda Gallucci at girlscout1000@verizon.net

**Send Your Events
to Carolyn at
Crlynmxwll@aol.com and
to Katherine at
KMass514@gmail.com**

Bridal Showcase

WOODBIDGE - There will be the Woodbridge Chamber of Commerce Bridal Showcase on Sunday April 22 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Renaissance Woodbridge Hotel, 515 US. Highway 1 South Iselin NJ. ADDMISSION IS FREE. Brides, grooms, families are all welcome. To register contact the Woodbridge Chamber of Commerce at 52 Main Street Woodbridge NJ. 07095 or call 732-636-4040 or e-mail woodbridgechamber@comcast.net.

Save Money This Tax Season Get your Taxes Done for FREE!

PERTH AMBOY - Avoid using a paid tax preparer and save up to \$300. If you made less than \$60,000 in 2011, you can get your taxes done for free by IRS-certified volunteers at locations throughout the community. The free tax sites also help eligible taxpayers claim important tax credits and increase their income. Some of the credits include: 1 The Earned Income Tax Credit, 1 Energy Credit, 1 Childcare Credit. Get your tax return prepared at the Jewish Renaissance Foundation, 149 Kearny Avenue, Perth Amboy, Schedule an appointment for free tax preparation. Call Tania 732 324-2180 Sponsored by the United Way of Central Jersey and the Jewish Renaissance Foundation.

Living Art Display Photos submitted by Perth Amboy Catholic School



Living Art Display

News Release

PERTH AMBOY - On February 1st, 2012, the Perth Amboy Catholic School Gifted & Talented Art Club presented "Living Art". The students painted all the background art on canvas and portrayed in person many famous masterpieces including The Last Supper and Mona Lisa by Leonardo Da Vinci. Other Living Art included American Gothic by Grant Wood, The Scream by Edvard Munch, Ranuccio Farnese by Titian, Women with Calla Lilies by Diego Rivera, Girl Shooting Marbles by Norman Rockwell, Girl With A Pearl Earring by Johannes Vermeer and many others including Modigliani, Botticelli and Gauguin. Students worked as Art Guides and gave a brief history of each painting to all visitors. The event was organized by Art teacher, Rose Lavin Pennyfeather. Photos - Mona Lisa - Victoria Zayas, Girl Shooting Marbles - Athena Soto, two boys Francisco Vasquez and Joey Polanco, The Scream - Matthew Franco

Open Mic

PERTH AMBOY - There will be an Poetry and Music Open Mic Night every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Perth Amboy Gallery for the Arts, 339 Reade St., Perth Amboy. Come show off your talent. For more information contact 732-826-1690 ext. 4325.

Free

Breakfast

EDISON - There will be a free breakfast at the Pines Manor, 2085 State Rt. 27, Edison on Thursday, March 29 from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Enjoy a full Breakfast. Free will offering. Your donations will benefit battered women. RSVP ASAP Charisse 732-271-3450.

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Civil War Round Table

WOODBIDGE - The next meeting of the Robert E. Lee Civil War Round Table of Central New Jersey will be held on at 7 p.m. in the Woodbridge Public Library, George Frederick Plaza, Woodbridge. All are welcome! The upcoming speaker schedule is: April 2, John Hoptak, "Battle of South Mountain" May 7, John Quarstein, "Battle of Williamsburg" June 4, Steve Laird, "Lee & Jackson at Chancellorsville" July 2, David Koch, "Lincoln, the Gettysburg Address & Transformation of the Civil War" August 6, Gail Stephens, "Lew Wallace at Shiloh"

MCC Offering Free Training

EDISON - Middlesex County College is offering 288 hours of classroom and laboratory instruction to be delivered over 12 weeks. Students will attend class 24 hours per week plus participate in 6 - 10 on-site visits to participating NJBIA Manufacturing Network employers. The following employers have agreed to host site visits: Air Crusisers; Arrow Shed, LLC; Falstrom Company; Gerber Metal Supply Company; Kreisler Manufacturing Corporation; National Manufacturing Company; Power Magnetics; Unex; and Weiss-Aug Company, Inc.

The following employers have indicated that at this time they would be interested in hiring program graduates: Arrow Shed, LLC; Durex, Inc.; Falstrom Company; Gaum, Inc.; Gerber Metal Supply Company; Kreisler Manufacturing Corporation; Lee Linear; Micro Stamping Corporation; National Manufacturing Company; and Weiss-Aug Company, Inc.

We are recruiting candidates that are interested in entering the field of metal fabrication. There is an opportunity for them to take advantage of free training.

All candidates must be pre-screened by the NJ Department of Labor and Workforce Development. An information session for the program will take place on March 13th at the Middlesex County College Edison campus. Please have any interested candidates contact Mr. Luis Rivera, NJ Department of Labor & Workforce Development Representative at 732-293-4998 or e-mail luis.rivera@dol.state.nj.us.

Morgan Lions Club holds Pancake Breakfast at Eisenhower School in Sayreville 3/4/12
 Photos by Aaron Beers



The proud members of the Morgan Lion Club



Breakfast is served!



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Cardiac Club

PERTH AMBOY - RBMC's Cardiac Club will meet Mon., Mar 19 from 7 to 8:30 p.m., 530 New Brunswick Ave in the hospital's Centennial Hall. Explore heart conditions and healthy living. Refreshments will be served. For more info call 1-800-362-8677.

Central NJ Prom & Sweet 16 Expo 2012

SOUTH AMBOY - Central NJ - MCS Productions, JerseyFashionista, and Club Pure have collaborated to bring New Jersey residents their first Central NJ Prom & Sweet 16 Expo. The event will be held on March 18 from one o'clock in the afternoon and end at eight o'clock in the evening at Club Pure, 1970 US Highway 35, South Amboy. (732) 952-2628. Admission is free and open to the public.

The expo will feature the very best New Jersey has to offer in first class transportation, baked goods, fine and international cuisine, designer gowns and party dresses, accessories, top notch salon services and much more.

For info on showcasing in the fashion show or on the red carpet, please contact Lillie Morales-Torres at 908-279-9125 or info@jerseyfashionista. The fashion shows will be hosted by Miss National Miss American Coed NJ, Kayla Marie. Special guests include Quinceanera Magazine and Vinny Buzzetta of WeTV's 'Staten Island Cakes'.

For more information on the event visit www.MyMCSEvent.com. To become a vendor or sponsor contact Cassandra Alvelo at 732-925-4935 or plan@mymcsevent.com

Veteran's Memorial Application

PERTH AMBOY - "HONORING YESTERDAY'S AND TODAY'S VETERANS WHO SERVED OUR COUNTRY." Any eligible veteran honoree that is not included on the memorial on Sadowski Parkway at this time, may request to have their name placed on the memorial by filling out the form available at City Hall or can be downloaded on the City of Perth Amboy's Website and submitting it to the City Clerk's office along with a copy of Form DD214. SUBMISSION DEADLINE OF ELIGIBLE VETERAN is MARCH 31, 2012. For more information call 732-826-0290.

Veteran Employment Services

MILLTOWN - The Jewish Family and Vocational Service Of Middlesex County is offering Veteran Employment Services. Qualifications - You must be a Military Veteran between the ages of 18 to 64 and a Resident of Central NJ and have Documentation of Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) (Defined as an injury to the brain, caused by external physical force such as a fall, physical violence, car accident or sports injury). For more info call Phone: 732-777-1940 or Fax: 732-777-1889 Email: office@jfv.org. The Jewish Family and Vocational Service Of Middlesex County, 32 Ford Avenue, Second Floor, Milltown, New Jersey 08850 or go to WWW.JFVS.ORG. This program is funded by a grant from the Kessler foundation

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Fashion Show

PERTH AMBOY - Join the Puerto Rican Association for Human Development, Inc. (PRAHD) and the Health Oriented Youth (HOY) Program as we commemorate National Women & Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day. with an afternoon of fashion. Saturday, March 17 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at PRAHD 100 First St., Perth Amboy. Tickets \$5 in advance \$7 at the door. Show your support - wear your RED HEELS!!. For more info contact Samarie at 732-442-1081.

Ghost Tours at the Proprietary House

PERTH AMBOY - The Proprietary House Museum announces that it will have a Ghost Tour on-site with renowned Psychic Jane Doherty, located at 149 Kearny Avenue, Perth Amboy. The Proprietary House is the only official Royal Governor's residence still standing from the thirteen Colonies.

Jane Doherty, a widely acclaimed psychic for over 20 years, is a leading authority on such experiences. Widely recognized and respected for her extraordinary skill and sensitivity, she has been featured on the FOX network news, CNN, The Today Show, Sightings, WB 11, and numerous publications, including the N.Y. Times.

The evening will be held on Friday, March 9. Jane will have tours every hour on the hour from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. There is a \$10 per person suggested donation for adults and children over 12 years of age. Refreshments will be sold. For directions look on our website www.proprietaryhouse.org or call 732 826-5527.

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Songwriting Class

WOODBIDGE - There will be a songwriting class in the Barron Art's Center, Rahway Ave., Woodbridge taught by Veteran Music Instructor and Recording Artist Jeff Saxon. The Class starts on Saturday, March 10 and will run for 6 consecutive Saturday afternoons. The class is appropriate for songwriters of all levels as well as those who simply are curious how songs are written. Saxon has taught songwriting classes at music schools, colleges and universities from coast to coast. His video of his latest single, "High Time for a Hero" is a finalist in the 2012 NJ Film Festival for best music video. Class cost is \$120 which includes a 35 page songwriting booklet written by the instructor. For more info and the class registration form email Mr. Saxon at info@jeffsaxonmusic.com or call the Barron Arts Center at 732-634-0413. or email BarronArts@twp.woodbridge.nj.us

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Kielbasa

Sandwich Sale

PERTH AMBOY - A Kielbasa (Kolbas) Sandwich Sale with homemade sauerkraut is being held at Holy Trinity Church on the corner of Lawrie and Johnstone Streets in Perth Amboy on Saturday, March 10 at 6 p.m. in the Church Hall. Tickets are \$8 and all tickets are sold at the door. Takeouts are also available from 5:30 pm. Included with the sandwich is coffee/soda and dessert.

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SOUTH AMBOY - There will be Lent Fish Fries every Friday at the South Amboy ELKS, 601 Washington Ave. from 2/24/12 to 4/4/12 from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Cost ranges from \$8 to \$15. Dinners offered from Haddock sandwich to Fried Seafood Combo. Chicken Fingers and Kids Meals also available. Eat in or Take out. Call 732-727-7170 for more info or to place an order.



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REVIEW: THE WALKING DEAD

By Paul W. Wang

It's kind of amazing that in 2010, years after the zombie craze reignited—and oversaturation had long been an issue—audiences received one of the most refreshing and exciting undead tales yet. But on the same note, and possibly because of its mostly stellar quality, it didn't take much to get caught up in the whirlwind of excitement surrounding *The Walking Dead* when it first aired. This week's release of its initial season on DVD and Blu-ray by Anchor Bay offers the chance to re-evaluate the first six episodes in hopes they measure up to just how excellent most thought they were.

"Days Gone By," the 90-minute premiere pilot of the walking dead, is a great piece of television one that promised an equally great series. That which followed was a captivating, often excellent saga that also had its share of missteps along the way, some of which prevented it from being wholly classic.

Adapted from Robert Kirkman's comics series, *The Walking Dead* follows officer Rick Grimes (Andrew Lincoln) as he awakens from a gunshot-induced coma to find a changed world, one that has been ravaged by zombies. Through tenacity and will to survive, he's able to find his family (wife Lori, played by Sarah Wayne Callies, and son Carl, played by Chandler Riggs) in a makeshift survivors' camp, where, along with its small population, he does his best to keep living despite ghoulish attacks and simmering personal tensions.

With exciting diversions and improvements over the already solid comics, Frank Darabont and his incredible team of writers, directors and cast shepherded a horror series rife with both beautiful character moments and stunning makeup FX. In "Days Gone By," the characters of Morgan (Lennie James) and his son Duane (Adrian Kali Turner) were greatly expanded from helpful bit characters to a strong combined emotional center, setting a tone for the genuine empathy and often heart wrenching moments on display throughout the show, in both human and undead terms. The welcome additions of Michael Rooker and Norman Reedus as Merle and Dale Dixon were also an exciting source of tension and an empathetic reminder of the world's often moral gray area following its collapse. The series' greatest improvement on the comics—the treatment of Rick's partner Shane (Jon Bernthal from *Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian* (2009)), who saved Lori and Carl and has since taken up with Lori—also ended up being one of greatest faults, however.

Darabont and Bernthal, in the season's first half, crafted a three-dimensional and complex character out of Kirkman's Shane, a black-and-white douchebag who quickly escalated to hysterics upon Rick's return. Instead, in episodes three and four, Shane becomes a man who is obviously deeply hurt by the loss of the surrogate family and position of leadership he achieved after the outbreak, and although many of his extreme choices were direct results and expres-

sions of his inner turmoil (like beating abusive husband Ed to a literal pulp), he was often right as well. By episodes five and six, however, the hard work put in by the show's creative team started to falter, and the comics Shane spills out as he indulges in questionable and often unredeemable acts that push him toward being not only a clear-cut bad guy (aiming his rifle at a far-off Rick, drunkenly attacking Lori), but a bit cartoonish as well. He may be silently suffering, but his escalation of sheer awful behaviour seems incongruous and hasty for a show so clearly taking its time.

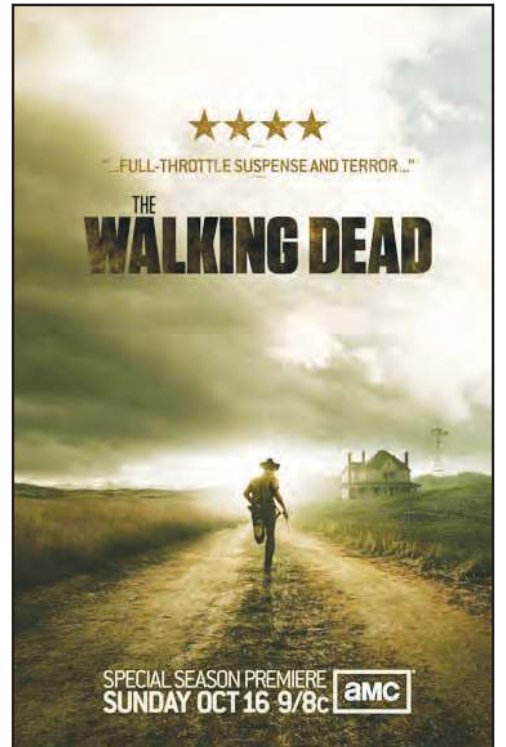
The Walking Dead's other major misstep was season finale "TS-19," which saw the series attempt to go a bit too big for its climax. As the main ensemble reaches the Center for Disease Control, they're confronted with a scientist (Noah Emmerich) who may have some answers, but who has also made a finite decision. This episode contains some highs, such as the folks we've followed gaining some much-needed reprieve in food, drink and showers, but they're also undercut by a number of more obvious moments. The shower montage, for instance, sees the likes of Shane and Andrea dealing with their guilt and grief, but they're obvious and fairly clichéd moments. The big finish also arrives a bit quickly and might have been better served as a small cliff-hanger wrapped up in the early part of the forthcoming season two, so that the audience would be left with a sense of nervous danger, rather than the aimless "What's next?" (although there's no doubt there

is an aim).

Thankfully, these problems are vastly overshadowed by what's done right here, and shambling right alongside the character work are the simply stunning makeups and blood FX. For the first time in a long while, thanks to Greg Nicotero and his staff, zombies are legitimately scary again. In *The Walking Dead*, they are creatures of wonder and disgust that elicit both mercy and hatred

and provide a vehicle for not only grisly attacks, but some wonderfully emotional and powerful scenes (Andrea's moment with her newly undead sister immediately comes to mind). And while we didn't exactly get to know Jacqui (Jeryl Prescott) well enough to warrant a true connection in her big scene in "TS-19," it's entirely commendable that Darabont and co. have the ambition to really focus on their ensemble and attempt to give everyone their moments.

The two-disc sets are lovely packages, and while a good number of the accompanying featurettes have been available on-line (which seems a bit disappointing, though it's nice to have them collected), there's no doubt that everything from the 30-minute making-of to the top-notch, in-depth makeup segments to simple visits with Kirkman hanging on set will hold your interest. However, the lack of commentary from Darabont, who's always



a pleasure to listen to, is a bit saddening.

The Walking Dead isn't a great series just yet, but is well on its way. It's entirely likely that season two will reach amazing heights, and with its return, there's not much better, both television- and zombie-wise, you could do than revisit season one.



Dr. Seuss's Birthday Party
SEWAREN - Come celebrate Dr. Seuss's Birthday at the Sewaren Free Public Library on Sat. March 10 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. There will be snacks, games activities & a chance to meet the Cat in the Hat! The event is free but sign-up is required. Please call 732-634-7571 or stop by the Sewaren Library, 546 West Ave., Sewaren. Geared for 3 to 8 yr olds and their families. Participants from all towns welcome.

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Cruise Inn Show at Alameda Care Center
PERTH AMBOY - There will be a One Night Only Cruise Inn Show on Tuesday, May 15 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Alameda Care Center, 303 Elm St., Perth Amboy. Come and enjoy the best music from the '50's '60's & '70's. Everyone is welcome at our Cruise Night! Trophies, Good Food and Family Fun. For more info call Richie at 732-525-0412 or 732-442-9540.

Neighborhood Business Meetings

PERTH AMBOY - The Urban Enterprise Zone Program and the Business Improvement District, are once again coordinating a series of meetings with business owners in various parts of our city.

As in previous years, the

objective of these meetings is to bring government into the neighborhoods. The agenda consists of a 3-5 minute presentation by City Directors about department operations and services available to the community. The main purpose is to provide small settings

and hear business owners' comments and input that will help us improve the delivery of services. For more info call Roxana Troche at 732-442-6421. The 2012 Neighborhood Business Meetings schedule is as follows:

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	ADDRESS
Wednesday, Mar. 7	9:00 a.m.	Batista Hair Salon	144 New Brunswick Ave.
Thursday, Mar. 15	9:00 a.m.	Elizabeth Corner Rest.	175 Hall Ave
Wednesday, Mar. 21	9:00 a.m.	Superior Dinner	464 Smith Street
Wednesday, Mar. 28	12 noon	The Barge Restaurant	201 Front Street
Wednesday, Apr. 11	12 noon	Karini II Restaurant	299 New Brunswick Ave.
Wednesday, Apr. 18	5:00 p.m.	Latin Grill	586 Amboy Avenue
Wednesday, Apr. 25	5:00 p.m.	El Taco Loco	308 State St.

Knitting Circle

SOUTH AMBOY - There will be a Knitting Circle on the first and third Tuesday each month at 6 p.m. at the Dowdell Library, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. For more info call 732-721-6060.

Book Sale

PERTH AMBOY - There is an ongoing book sale at the Perth Amboy Free Public Library, 196 Jefferson St., Perth Amboy. Fill a bag for \$5. New books have arrived! Mystery, Classics, Popular Authors! Book Dealers Welcome. For more info call 732-826-2600. There are also books for sale at Raritan Bay Coffee Company (at the Historic Train Station)

A.A.R.P. Meeting

SAYREVILLE - The Sayreville Chapter #4853 of A.A.R.P. Meetings are held at the Sayreville Senior Center (Main St.) on the 3rd Thursday of each month starting at 12 NOON. There are different informative speakers at each meeting. Food and coffee are offered at reasonable prices. Membership is \$5 per year. New members are welcomed at every meeting. Come and make some new friends.

St. Patrick's Day Celebration & Luncheon

PERTH AMBOY- St. Mary's Altar Rosary Society is sponsoring its annual St. Patrick's Day celebration with a Mass at 12 NOON followed by a Corned Beef and Cabbage and Pasta with Chicken luncheon on Saturday, March 17 in the Church Hall at 104 Center Street. Monsignor John Gordon is being honored as the "Irishman of the Year." The price is \$25 per person. For information and reservations, contact Millie at 732-826-0282 or Eleanor at 732-261-7462.

Kid's Bingo

SEWAREN - The Sewaren Free Public Library welcomes kids in grades K-5 and their accompanying adults & siblings for a fun night of BINGO! This event will be on the 1st Friday of every month at 7 p.m. from October through May. The remaining dates are: 3/2, 4/6 & 5/4. Come one, come all, but sign up is required every time. For more info or to register call 732-634-7571. Sewaren Library welcomes patrons from all towns, not just Sewaren. The Sewaren Free Public Library is located at 546 West Ave., Sewaren.

Rescuing the River

PERTH AMBOY - There will be a film and discussion about the decline of the Raritan River and the efforts to restore it followed by a Q&A with producer Eric Schultz, Raritan Riverkeeper Bill Schultz, and Bob Spiegel of the Edison Wetlands Association on Thursday, March 22 at 6:30 p.m. at the Perth Amboy YMCA Theater, 357 New Brunswick Ave. Perth Amboy. FREE Parking at the Municipal Complex Parking Lot. DON'T MISS IT! Admission is free, but space is limited. To reserve a seat, send an email to pethamboykayak@hotmail.com or RescuingRiver@aol.com by March 18.

Royal Garden Club March Meeting

PERTH AMBOY - There will be a Royal Garden Club Meeting with Guest Lecturer Pat Tratebas, Landscape Designer on Wed., March 7 at 7:30 pm at St. Peter's Rectory, 183 Rector St., Perth Amboy NJ 08861. The topic will be Historic Gardens and Heirloom Plants. Donation are Appreciated. For more info visit the site of Ms. Tratebas: cottagelandslandscapedesign.com or email asilmo08861@hotmail.com. The 2012 season work schedule for the Royal Garden Club will be available soon. Volunteers are always needed and welcome. No experience necessary. You can increase your knowledge of gardening by assisting the Club in its design, planting and maintenance of eleven public gardens.

Senior Scene

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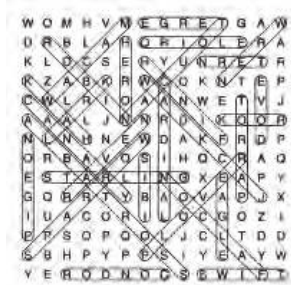
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- WED. Mar 7
- Simpson Seniors, 10 a.m., Williamson Hall, High St.
 - Holy Rosary Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Auditorium, Florida Grove Rd.
 - St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.
 - Holy Trinity Seniors, 1 p.m., Church Hall, Lawrie & Johnstone Sts.
- THURS., Mar 8
- The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
 - Ukrainian Assumption Seniors, 12 noon Alta Vista Pl
- MON., Mar. 12
- St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.
- TUES., Mar 13
- Holy Spirit Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Church Hall, Brace Ave.
 - Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.

South Amboy

- WED Mar 14
- South Amboy Seniors, noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
- MON., Apr 2
- St. Mary's Seniors, noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.

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LOOKING BACK



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Grant me the Spirit of Wisdom that I may despise the perishable things of this world and aspire only after the things that are eternal, the Spirit of Understanding to enlighten my mind with the light of Thy divine truth, the Spirit of Counsel that I may ever choose the surest way of pleasing God and gaining Heaven, the Spirit of Fortitude that I may bear my cross with Thee, and that I may overcome with courage all the obstacles that oppose my salvation, the Spirit of Knowledge that I may know God and know myself and grow perfect in the science of the Saints, the Spirit O Lord Jesus Christ, Who, before ascending into heaven, didst promise to send the Holy Ghost to finish Thy work in the souls of Thy Apostles and Disciples, deign to grant the same Holy Spirit to me, that He may perfect in my soul the work of Thy grace and Thy love.

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Amen. **R.M.**

Prayer to the Blessed Mother (Memorare)

REMEMBER, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen. **R.M.**

St. Jude Novena

Most holy Apostle, St. Jude, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the Church honors and invokes you universally, as the patron of difficult cases, of things almost despaired of, Pray for me, I am so helpless and alone. Intercede with God for me that He bring visible and speedy help where help is almost despaired of. Come to my assistance in this great need that I may receive the consolation and help of heaven in all my necessities, tribulations, and sufferings, particularly - (make your request here) - and that I may praise God with you and all the saints forever. I promise, Oh Blessed St. Jude, to be ever mindful of this great favor granted me by God and to always honor you as my special and powerful patron, and to gratefully encourage devotion to you. Amen **M.S.K.**

Prayer to St. Jude

To be said when problems arise or when one seems to be deprived of all visible help, or for cases almost despaired of. Most holy Apostle, St. Jude, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the name of the traitor who delivered our beloved Father into the hands of His enemies has caused you to be forgotten by many, but the Church honors and invokes you universally, as the patron of hopeless cases, of things almost despaired of. Pray for me, I am so helpless and alone. Make use I implore you, of that particular privilege given to you, to bring visible and speedy help where help is almost despaired of. Come to my assistance in this great need that I may receive the consolation and help of heaven in all my necessities, tribulations and sufferings, particularly (**Here make your request**) and that I may praise God with you and all the elect forever. I promise, O blessed St. Jude, to be ever mindful of this great favor, to always honor you as my special and powerful patron, and to gratefully encourage devotion to you. Amen. **R.M.**

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1. ALBATROSS

W O M H V M E G R E T G A W

2. CANARY

D R B L A H O R I O L E R A

3. CARDINAL

K L O C S E H Y U N R E T R

4. CONDOR

K Z A B K R W C O K N T E P

5. DOVE

C W L R I O A A N W E T V J

6. EAGLE

A A A L J N N R D I K O O R

7. EGRET

N L N H N E W D A K F R D P

8. FALCON

O R B A V O S I H Q C R A Q

9. FINCH

E S T A R L I N G X E A P Y

10. HAWK

G Q R R T Y B A O V A P J X

11. HERON

I U A C O R I L O C G O Z I

12. IBIS

P P S O P Q O L J C L T D D

13. JACKDAW

S B H P Y P P S I Y E A Y W

14. LARK

Y E R O D N O C S S W I F T

15. MACAW

20. RAVEN

25. SWIFT

16. ORIOLE

21. ROBIN

26. TERN

17. PARROT

22. ROOK

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