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## Perth Amboy

### School Board Debacle

**Special Meeting Today, Wednesday, April 25, 2012  
6 p.m. McGinnis School, 271 State St.**

**Board Member Israel Varela: Message to Superintendent Janine Caffrey - Prove Your Allegations or Resign Immediately!**



Israel Varela



Dr. Janine Walker Caffrey



Sam Lebreault



Kurt Rebovich

PERTH AMBOY - In an exclusive interview with School Board Member Israel Varela said he puts his money where his mouth is. "What is the most important to me are the students, community and school staff," states Israel Varela. Varela was responding to the allegations brought up by the Superintendent accusing him of going to her to try to place his friends in jobs in the school system.

"If Dr. Caffrey could produce evidence of this infraction I will resign immediately. If not, I think she should resign effective immediately."

Varela also stated that Dr. Caffrey has been misinforming the public. He named one case in which the Superintendent claimed that an employee of the school system was on drugs and because of tenure she was not able have her removed. "First of all if someone is on drugs they must be taken to the hospital and it has to be documented and those documents must be brought before the Board. Again, show me the proof, Dr. Caffrey! (The documentations of this occurring.) And again I will resign immediately. If not, you need to leave!"

"There was also an incident where a staff member reportedly washed out a student's mouth out with soap according to Dr. Caffrey which turned out to be totally untrue." Varela stated that this incident occurred two years before Caffrey was hired, "And I knew who the educator was that was falsely accused. As a matter of fact, this child was acting up in school and the students grandfather showed up to the school to see what the problem was. After being told about

his grandchild's being disrespectful in class, the grandfather proceeded to take something out of his pocket and put it in the child's mouth which turned out to be a small bar of soap. This action was done so quickly that the teacher did not even notice it. The teacher was not aware of what was actually put into the child's mouth until the object was spit out by the student. If we Board Members did not find out the truth, that teacher would have been fired. This was just one instance of a case that Dr. Caffrey jumped the gun and was about to dismiss an educator before finding out the facts."

"Money is not being spent wisely. Dr. Caffrey should take a look at what programs are currently being used to educate our students and see if they can be updated instead of displacing them completely with brand new ones."

"I do not view Dr. Caffrey as constantly going to the media as being professional."

"Some school employees are threatened when they open up to Board Members and they are the ones that will give you the most vital information when it comes to looking out for our children. I also had a problem when it came to positions in the schools opening up and why there were not many candidates applying for these jobs. There have been people employed in the school system for years. When they put in an application for an open position they are not even considered. Even if they are considered qualified."

"I ask a lot of questions at the School Board Meetings because of I am wary of voting on agenda items if I do not

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## South Amboy

### South Amboy Announces Jersey Central's Building Demolition

By Joseph L. Kuchie

SOUTH AMBOY - During his opening comments at the South Amboy council meeting last week, Mayor Fred Henry announced the city's plans to tear down the Jersey Central Power and Lighting building in South Amboy.

The building has been unused for sometime and is contaminated with asbestos, which made the decision for Jersey Central easier to make. The company will still have small power stations on the property, but the main building will be torn down over the next 14 months.

"The contractors at Jersey Central are planning to take down their building, and it should take up to 14 months to complete, so if you see anything going on down there that's what it is," Mayor Henry said. "As of right now, there are no immediate plans for anything else to go in that location."

Resident Eileen Ryan stood in front of the council and asked a number of questions about the project, ranging from the environmental issues to the future plans of the property. She first wanted to know if the area was strictly industrial and if the land could potentially become condos or other housing options.

"Now that this building is coming down, are we going to entertain the idea of purchasing that land from them to build something else?" Ryan said. "I'm just asking whether or not we are financially able to purchase that land for something better."

Ryan also wondered if the city of South Amboy would be interested in buying the property from Jersey Central once the building was torn down. Business Administrator Ca-

mille Tooker explained that there were a lot of things that could affect a future purchase, and there was no way to tell what would happen with the property.

"It's not just the plant on that location, there are also 'peakers' and other generators that are being used from that location," Tooker said. "It also has environmental issues and we don't know exactly the level of contamination to the building or ground is. Right now it doesn't make a good residential area, but they still have to come and work it out."

The current property owned by Jersey Central currently has the main building that will be torn down plus five other generators and 'peakers' that are used for extra power during the warm, summer days. The generators and small buildings will remain on the property after the main building is torn down as the area still belongs to the company.

Resident Nancy McLaughlin was more concerned about the environmental aspect of the project, wondering how such a large building would be kept sealed off during demolition. Council president Joseph Connors explained the process to McLaughlin and ensured the air would remain clean during the tear down.

"Anytime you do a large job like this, the Department of Labor has someone monitor the process by law," Connors said. "They will encapsulate the entire building during clean-up and the process will protect the area surrounding their property. It's an EPA law that they have to follow to keep everything clean."

Resident Vince Mackiel, who has constantly pushed the environmental issue on the

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## Board of Ed

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have enough information to make a informative decision. The Board is not beholding to the Mayor or Superintendent."

Varela also was disappointed in Mayor Diaz supporting Dr. Caffrey without having all of the facts that the Board of Education Members are privy to. "As for fellow Board Member Kurt Rebovich (who is also came out in support of Caffrey) - he was a fanatic about former Superintendent Rodecker and he feels the same way about the present Superintendent and that is his right."

"Many teachers and other staff members work a lot of unpaid overtime. Instead of taking into consideration how much overtime a person puts in, Dr. Caffrey would deduct from a staff members' pay if he/she was late. I was not part of the interview process when the school board members were interviewing candidates to replace outgoing Superintendent Rodecker's replacement. Although I felt that Dr. Caffrey was not the one for the job. Even Sam Lebreault thought she was a good choice."

"The new Board Members look at the Veteran Members for guidance but it is up to them to research the facts for themselves. We also respect and listen to each other remembering to let each member finish their thoughts before we even rebuttal what they say."

When questioned about the closed sessions that seem to take such a long time Varela explained, "Basically when we go into closed session any Board Member that has concerns about agenda items, they use President Sam Lebreault as their spokesperson to ask questions to the Superintendent, Board Secretary, or Lawyer."

"Board Vice President Ken Puccio because of his work

with the juveniles as a member of the police department is very concerned about the bullying situation whether it be against our students or staff members."

When asked who initiated the charges against Dr. Caffrey? "The personnel committee are the ones who started the ball rolling that Dr. Caffrey's contract be terminated. The lawyer then contacted the rest of the Board Members with a phone call. Then follow-up information was sent out. The School Board had met with Dr. Caffrey initially to discuss some of her aggressive behavior to see if some improvements could be made. When they saw that there was not much improvement in her actions they started to look into terminating her contract. The deciding point was her constantly misleading the community and she is a very aggressive, and negative and does not extend the same courtesy to others as she receives. If Caffrey doesn't like you she'll be on you like an angry beaver!"

"The teachers are retiring because of her and this is causing us to lose valuable experienced staff members. The teachers are losing their enthusiasm over pettiness. The children were always first with former Superintendent Rodecker. I never disrespected Mr. Rodecker and he would never go after the school staff like Dr. Caffrey does especially the way she goes to the newspapers to try to intimidate the Board. I have to say that the High School Principal Dr. Nestor Collazo was a very good choice and is very pleasant to work with as is Dr. Vivian Rodriguez who is also a very respectful person."

"A good leader, leads by example - not by force. The Board Members ask questions and we cannot move forward if we have another dictator like former Mayor Joe Vas."

When the Amboy Guardian questioned Varela about speakers on the City Council who asked questions at the School Board Meetings Varela answered, "Everyone has a right to speak at Board Meetings but not for political reasons. It was because of politics that a new school wasn't built under Joe Vas. Sam Lebreault, Kenneth Puccio or myself were not asked to be present at the Council Meeting when they were discussing Delaney Homes as the potential site for a new High School - which I thought was unethical. I do not feel that Delaney Homes is the best place to put a school and we are trying to be very careful with taxpayers money. In the beginning I was the only one who criticized Joe Vas and I and my family suffered because of this. It seems that the same thing might be happening again. Let's not let the situation get out of control. City Hall has all the documentations that is needed about what is going on at the Celotex Property but right now we want to resolve this problem with Dr. Caffrey. Morale is down."

"As far as Sam Lebreault and the investigation into the School Lunch application," Varela said, "Anyone who has a child in the public school system is sent forms to fill out and one of the those forms includes an application for a free or reduced lunch program. It is the parents purgative to turn it in or not. The Lebreault's application was turned down and they are grasping at little things to try to blow them up."

When asked, Board of Education President Sam Lebreault stated that, "On Wednesday, April 25 we will be going into a closed session immediately to discuss personnel matters which I cannot comment on."

"A lot of people are jumping the gun. Nothing was said yet at a meeting."

## Dr. Caffrey Gives Her Side

PERTH AMBOY - Dr. Caffrey commented to questions posed in an interview.

AG: In the beginning Sam Lebreault was your biggest cheerleader. When did you notice a change in his attitude toward you from positive to negative?

JWC: About September 21, 2011 an investigation of Sam Lebreault began in the Attorney General's Office. Lebreault then started to bring a list of 14 allegations against me. After a lengthy process there was a special meeting on Saturday, October 29, 2011. That morning there was a snowstorm. At that meeting it was discussed about the issues

at hand. I thought things were going well. I began to have discussions with every Board Member individually.

AG: When did Sam Lebreault approach you about hiring his friends for district jobs?

JWC: Sam Lebreault attempted to hire the individual in June after I was appointed but before I officially started to work as a superintendent.

AG: Is there any proof of Lebreault asking you to hire his friends for district jobs? How was this communicated? Phone? Email? Person? at a school or non-school function? Was there any witnesses?

JWC: I cannot get into specif-

ics because of ongoing legal investigations.

AG: How do you feel about this meeting on Wednesday?

JWC: I fully intend and expect to keep this position and stay in Perth Amboy and do what I was hired to do. I am looking to ensure a positive outcome with the public relations with the students, parents and employees of the district.

AG: How are people reacting to your situation?

JWC: The outpouring of support from the community has been overwhelming. Rooting for us to get a quality educa-

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council in an attempt to clean up the city of South Amboy, was pleased with the decision to tear down the building and pointed out all the positives that will come out of the demolition.

"I just want to point out that the city is not spending one cent on this project, while other cities usually have to contribute to the clean up," Mackiel said. "This project is going to benefit the city, including developing 150 new jobs, and I hope this is a step toward making South Amboy safer to live in."

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## LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

### EDITORIAL

#### *Lessons to be Learned From Three Holocaust Survivors*



Erika Sauerhoff, Mr. & Mrs. Alan Farkas, Herschel Chomsky, and Nathan Kasdan remember those who perished in the Holocaust *photo by Paul W. Wang*

When I was growing up I remember watching the saga of "Roots" on television and the horrors of slavery but I have never met anyone that was a former slave. I also have never heard anyone deny that slavery ever took place which is why I am puzzled when people deny that the Holocaust ever occurred. I remember watching the miniseries "Holocaust" and seeing actual footage of dead emaciated bodies being thrown into mass graves. What an insult it is, especially to the survivors of today when people still insist that the Holocaust was a hoax.

It was a humbling experience to be in the presence of such strong and courageous individuals as Alan Farkas, Erika Sauerhoff and Nathan Kasdan.

April 19 was Holocaust Remembrance Day which was celebrated at a ceremony held at the City Hall Council Chambers.

The three individuals mentioned above told their stories of survival and how they lost loved ones during that horrendous time. At the conclusion of the ceremony I was told by some of the Mayor's staff that one young woman was so moved by the stories that were told by the speakers that she broke down in tears.

Mrs. Erika Sauerhoff had to pause several times to gain her composure when she re-

membered the horrors of her encampment at such a young age.

Mr. Farkas recalled how he was sent to a Concentration Camp at the age of 14 along with his sisters who were 9 and 7 years old and his mother who was 36. Since he was big for his age he said he lied and told those at the camp he was 17. He remembers all who were imprisoned there were very religious. What a stark contrast to the guards who had no concern for the prisoners. He recalled that when anyone died in the barracks the bodies stayed there along with those who were still alive. Out of 5000 prisoners at the Concentration Camp only 200 to 300 people survived.

"In March 1945 the camp was bombed and I was able to escape with 2 others. Friends he had in the past now became my enemies which was the only way for them to protect themselves." In 1948 Mr. Farkas joined a Jewish organization to go to Israel. Finally in 1962 he was able to obtain a visa to go to Paris and then from there he arrived in America with only \$1 in his pocket.

Mr. Farkas' parting words was, "Be good to your neighbors, and I hope you remember me and my story."

Erika Sauerhoff (born in Par-

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### THE COMMUNITY VOICE

#### *Let the Woman Do Her Job*

I have personally experienced (at several board meetings) a lot of bickering and whining from school board members,

teachers, staff and parents. I have to ask: how in the world can these individuals (knowing full well the poor outcomes of our school system) continue to focus on so many topics that have absolutely nothing to do with improving the academic performance of our children?

There is a massive amount of work to be done, which to my experience, Superintendent Janine Caffrey is accomplishing; let the woman do her job.

Tracy Jordan  
Perth Amboy

#### *Still Outrageous*

I am not at all surprised that Mr. Cabrera will answer for Joe Vas Jr. The apple doesn't fall far from the tree...

Let me repeat again what my letter was about..

The letter that Mr. Vas Jr. sent had many things that were not at all needed and he embellished it with them. This is the reason that I objected.

It is true that we all received tons of letters from Attorney's seeking to be hired to appeal our taxes yet, I don't recall any other letter 's from any Attorney telling us how the city gave a tax break to a Corporation and how is so unfair that the rest of us didn't get it.

As an Attorney you know very well that this was not necessary and it was misleading. You must know that just like the home owners of this city have the right to appeal their taxes the corporations or businesses have the same rights. Don't you think that an Attorney should be more honest?

Maybe, I am asking for too much but, I am the type of person that prefers facts and the truth...

I am shocked that as lawyers you weren't aware that just because the County or State wants a reevaluation every 10 years doesn't mean that all the towns in NJ will followed the recommendations.

For Example, in Union County, no town has asked for

a reassessment or reevaluation since the late 1990s,...This brings me to ask, why if Joe Vas thought that the reevaluation was needed he waited till the Market was at its peak? Why if he was so concerned for the citizens of this city knowing that most of them are not rich he didn't hold it back?

Your explanation about contingency fees was not needed, I am quite sure that we all know what it means. I'll maintain what I've said in my letter. This contingency business is to create the illusion that the services will be for free when we all know that at the end your clients will have to pay, as, I've explained ANYBODY can appeal their taxes today due to the crash of the real estate market and the cost is only \$25 dollars for the application and the time spent to go to New Brunswick. I'll also, stick to my point that if you and Mr. Joe Vas Jr. want to help the people of Perth Amboy you can offer your services pro bono, I am sure that many would appreciate your charity and good will and I will be the first one to commend you for your good deeds.

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It is ironic that you would accuse me of wanting to take away Joe Vas Jr. rights just because I chose to write a letter to express my opinion. You may not agree with it but, it doesn't make me wrong either. If, I was you I will be very careful on making such accusations about people like me while in the process of defending the son of a man who took these rights away from people like me.

Do I have a personal animosity against Joe Vas Jr.?

Maybe the person that you need to ask about animosity is Joe Vas Jr.

If, you are open minded and care for the truth I am willing to meet with you and tell you the stories of all that my family, friends and self suffered for years because of the animosity that his father harbored for us..I would say that I've never hurt people just because they disagree with my political views and have never threaten their families, jobs or tried to bankrupt them. The facts is that I never had any personal hatred for Joe Vas. As a matter of fact I danced with him for a charity event and he is a good dancer. I opposed Joe Vas' policies and his tendency to hurt those that disagree with him.

I wish you and Joe Vas Jr. the best and hope that soon I will see both of you volunteering for our wonderful city and the citizens...

Maria Garcia  
Perth Amboy

#### *Choking the Businesses in Perth Amboy*

A friend and neighbor has received a ticket for overtime parking on a downtown street. Penalty - 30 bucks! He thought the meter was like the previous ones which took smaller coins than quarters of the present ones. He inserted two dimes and a nickel. A short time ago my wife received a ticket for parking in a no parking zone at the waterfront - penalty 60 bucks! At the hearing the case was dismissed because it was proved that she was not illegally parked. Nor did the po-

lice officer complainant show up in court. It is to be noted that the summons are in a totally different form.

This shows that in spite of Mayor Wilda's valiant efforts to restore our fair city from the depths caused by the previous administration the traffic mess remains as aggravating as ever. During the motorists endure nerve racking moments with numerous stops at each intersection. Not to mention pedestrians darting in and out of parked cars. At certain hours in the morning and afternoon the numerous school buses contribute to the chaos in violation of statutes and at considerable expense to taxpayers!

Like many others I prefer downtown Woodbridge. No parking meters on Main Street! Many free parking lots! And a lot better post office!

The City Council ought to look into this problem which is choking the business of this city. For starters how about one way traffic west on Fayette Street! And one way east on Market Street! And synchronized traffic lights on Smith Street for a smoother traffic flow!

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Peter Book/a.k.a. Pedro Libro  
Perth Amboy



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

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**Community Calendar**

**Perth Amboy**

- TODAY Apr. 25 Municipal Court, 1:30 p.m.,  
Court House, New Brunswick Ave.  
City Council, Regular, 7 p.m.  
City Hall, High Street  
Board of Education Special Meeting, 6 p.m.  
McGinnis School, 271 State St.
- THURS. Apr. 26 Municipal Court, 6 p.m.,  
Court House, New Brunswick Ave.  
Board of Education, 6 p.m.  
Perth Amboy High School, Eagle Ave.  
Historic Preservation Commission, 7 p.m.  
City Hall, High Street
- TUES. May 1 Municipal Court, 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.,  
Court House, New Brunswick Ave.
- WED May 2 Municipal Court, 1:30 p.m.,  
Court House, New Brunswick Ave.
- THURS. May 3 Municipal Court, 6 p.m.,  
Court House, New Brunswick Ave.

**South Amboy**

- MON. May 7 City Council, Business, 6 p.m.  
City Hall, N. Broadway
- WED May 9 City Council, Regular, 7 p.m.  
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**Civil War Round Table**  
 WOODBRIDGE - 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: 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"

**Caffrey**

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 tion. This is not about me at all. This is about a few members of the Board putting personal power over education." AG: *Why did you eliminate suspensions in the school system?*  
 JWC: Students are still suspended if they pose a risk. If students have drug and alcohol issues or they are violent or have ongoing behavioral issues and pose a risk to the student body or others then the principal or vice principal must confer with me before a suspension happens. The principal, vice-principal and I will confer if a child is to be suspended. This way more thought is put into it. This power was turned over to me by the Board of Education. I am the only one authorized to make a suspension. When you suspend a child from school

you are denying that child the right to a free education. If I know I am going to be absent I will designate someone to deal with disciplinary action. I only missed one day since starting this job.

AG: *What do you feel you accomplished most in Perth Amboy?*

JWC: Working with educators, teachers and administrators, having a real dialogue on where we want to go and how we are going to get there. It's happening now with the teacher team meeting on Friday. We are having quality discussions with teachers and use each other as professional development resources. I am extremely optimistic.

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**Kurt Rebovich Speaks**

PERTH AMBOY - Kurt Rebovich spoke in an interview.

KR: I am taking now as a citizen - not as a Board of Ed Member. Some news articles state that we were not looking out for the taxpayer's money. The Board of Ed is for students, staff and taxpayers. We have to balance what is right for those three as a group to affect the education for the people of Perth Amboy. Students and education come first, welfare of the staff second, and the most economic way to serve the taxpayers of Perth Amboy third.

AG: *Looking at other news sources it appears that you were actually there when other Board Members approached the Superintendent about placing their friends in positions within the district.*

KR: What I meant is at one of the Board Meetings a fellow member questioned the Superintendent about how job vacancies are filled. There was an instance where an employee put in for an opening and was overlooked for someone who had less experience. The Board Member wanted to know why a new hiree was getting paid more money than someone that has been employed in the school system for a long time.

AG: *What committees do you serve on?*

KR: I am the chairperson of the Discipline Committee. I also serve on the technology, athletics and co-curricular and building and grounds.

AG: *What are your thoughts on discipline?*

KR: It is broad and challenging regarding the suspension policy. Dianne, Israel and Mark really had to get suspen-

sions in line. In the previous year 38% of the student body was suspended for at least one infraction. When you suspend a student you are taking his/her right to a free education away from him/her. If students have violent physical contact with each other they should be arrested. I plan to sit down with the discipline committee and Dr. Caffrey and have an open meeting with the staff in regards to the suspension policy. The BOE changed the suspension policy this school year. We need to have a full school year to see if giving the superintendent the full power of suspension over students has been effective.

For other infractions students have Saturday detention or a.m. or p.m. detention. In Saturday detention the students do their schoolwork.

There have been 5 bomb threats over the past year. We could not have the buildings searched without the Perth Amboy Police Department. The police have acted very well with the security department. They have really stepped up and made safety an issue.

I am really blessed to have the Board attorney looking out for me. Since I have close relatives that are still employed in the district. I will not be a part of the voting process in determining the outcome of Dr. Caffrey's employment. I fear if we let Dr. Caffrey go we will lose the new High School. The state will look upon the Board as wasting taxpayers dollars because we do not know how to manage our own money. Then the state will not give us a new High School.

**Computer Classes**

PERTH AMBOY - Computer running slow? Learn the art of computer maintenance at the Kearny Cottage. Classes will be on Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. beginning April 19. Cost \$60 for eight weeks. For more info call 732-293-1090.

**Music on Main Street**

WOODBIDGE - There will be a concert of Stephen Wrembel on Thursday, April 26 at 7:30 p.m. at the Barron Arts Center, 532 Rahway Ave., Woodbridge. The guitarists of Little Feat playing the music of Little Feat & more. Tickets: \$22 advance \$25 at door.

**Andes Festival**

PERTH AMBOY - The Festival en Celebration of the Culture and Heritage of the Andes is looking for arts and crafts vendors, musicians, dancers, writers and performing artists representing the culture and heritage of the Andes on Saturday, June 23, 12 noon to 6 p.m. with a rain day on Saturday June 30th at Fink Park located at Smith Street and Madison Avenue. This event is free and is part of the Business Improvement District and City of Perth Amboy City event series. It will feature continuous folk music, folk dancing, arts and crafts, theater and native clothing of Argentina, Bolivia, Peru, Ecuador, Venezuela, Colombia and Chile. For more information please call 908-510-8181

**Antiques**

**Appraisal Fair**

PERTH AMBOY - The Proprietary House Museum will be hosting an Antiques Appraisal Fair on Saturday, April 28, 2012 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Proprietary House, 149 Kearny Avenue, Perth Amboy. Bring your collectibles, flea market finds or family heirlooms. Our Appraisers will offer a verbal appraisal for \$10 per item or 3 items for \$25. The maximum number of items per person is three. From 12 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. Steven Probert, local contractor and business owner, will talk about his experience restoring the Proprietary House over the last year. He will also be answering your questions regarding your old house projects. Admission is FREE. No reservation needed. Light Snacks will be available for purchase. For more info call the Museum at 732 826-5527, email address: [info@proprietaryhouse.org](mailto:info@proprietaryhouse.org) or visit our website at [www.proprietaryhouse.org](http://www.proprietaryhouse.org).



## THE COMMUNITY VOICE *Continued from Page 4*

### *In Defense of Dr. Caffrey*

Ira Resnick – one of the more well-known leaders and educators of community organizing – once provided a very simple comparative analogy to define true leadership.

Let's take two rooms both crowded with scores of people who have come together to voice concerns over pressing community needs. Both rooms are characterized by great chaos and hostility without a real sense of direction or purpose.

In one room, the single-minded 'politician' storms in and proclaims: "I know the concerns; I know the solutions; so this is what I'm going to do based on what I know you need!" Well, clearly, the operative term in this proclamation is the "I". "I" know – and "I" do! Why? Very simple – I want the credit; the glory; and the perceived power, however, without the messy muck of being responsible for leading a group. Well, I'm sure you've figured by now – politician, yes; leader, no.

In the other room, the collective-minded 'leader' walks in and says: "What are the needs as we know them? What can we do together to address these needs?" A true leader listens – a guy with the initials of MLK once said, "You must be led first before you can lead".

In the Perth Amboy Public Schools, this "we" versus "I" battle of power and leadership are waging war as we speak. In one corner, we have the "Is" represented by a few Board

members who believe that all actions and management functions – yes, I did say all actions and management functions – must begin and end with them. We have a few Board members who are more interested in placing their stamp on every action – even actions that are of administrative in nature. We have a few Board members who spend more time trying to control every hire and contract approval rather than directing their energies to student needs.

In the other corner, we have the "WEs" represented by Dr. Janine Caffrey, the Superintendent of Schools, who has the audacity to consider the needs of Perth Amboy students before those all-knowing "Is". We have a leader who has no qualms in tipping a few sacred cows in favor of actions and decisions that place student needs above politics and cronism.

A true leader places the "cause" above self. A leader acts as a facilitator to identify and galvanize any set of organizational, financial, and/or human resources to address the need. A true leader identifies what issues will be addressed, and how, when and why – from there, she then determines "who" is best suited to address those concerns. This is the sort of leader we have in Dr. Caffrey.

So, we have an emerging effort launched by these few Board members to oust Dr. Caffrey. Frankly, this is a foolish effort. Even though there are no valid or substantive factors rationalizing this action, we are spending precious time, effort and energy

(not to mention money!) to allow a select few to utilize their position and our tax dollars to move their political agenda. Even though Dr. Caffrey is only in her tenth month as the district's education leader, these few Board members are creating an adversarial environment that will foster contention and division, rather than unifying our strengths and passion for students. By the way, the very same Board members who hired Dr. Caffrey in the first place!

To those few Board members, I simply remind them that they were elected by the residents of Perth Amboy to represent the interests of public school students, and provide the leadership to improve the performance quality and achievement of our public schools. Not to represent any political interests; not to use your position as a stepping stone for bigger and better political opportunities; not to wield power based on an embellished sense of self-importance.

To the community, I ask a simple question – who do you want to go to battle with? The "I-driven" politician who, with little support base or community resources, will get knocked out in the early rounds? Or the "We-driven" leader who will maximize her resources and community assets to go the distance? Apollo Creed or Rocky Balboa? Yo Adrian – we did it!

Jorge Cruz  
North Brunswick

achieved for us could not have come at a more ideal time considering the tough economy, and with water and tax rates in Perth Amboy continuing to rise under the current administration.

Although I am a committeewoman in Perth Amboy, I was unaware of the tax appeal process until JB Vas informed me of it. Having an attorney guide us through the tax appeal process was a huge advantage to us since the entire process was new to us. I also may not have been able to take time off of work to focus on such proceedings.

We are very happy with our decision to hire Mr. Vas as he provided my husband and me with professional legal services. He made us feel comfortable with the process and delivered with real results. - TAX SAVINGS!! Besides tax relief, JB Vas was a pleasure to work with and I highly recommend his legal services. He is

young, smart, and passionate about his chosen profession. We should be encouraging young professionals, like Mr. Vas, to return and stay in Perth Amboy - not fueling their departure.

Ms. Garcia's suggestion that Mr. Vas has no right to work here simply because of the name he bears is ridiculous. There is nothing wrong with Mr. Vas soliciting legal services or informing residents about the opportunity to file a tax appeal. Ms. Garcia, instead of projecting your personal anger with Mayor Joseph Vas onto his son, maybe you should focus your time and energy on accomplishing something on the Planning Board. Let's start by maintaining a quorum.

Linda Ferreira  
Committeewoman,  
Perth Amboy Ward 6 District 4

### *JB Vas Delivers Tax Relief*

My husband and I read with delight Eric Cabrera's April 11th response to Maria Garcia's letter "Outrageous." Like Mr. Cabrera, we were outraged and disgusted by Ms. Garcia's attacks of Joseph "JB" Vas, a local attorney and son of former Mayor Joseph Vas. Mr. Cabrera hit the nail perfectly on the head when he stated that JB Vas has a right to free speech, a right to be judged on his merits, and a right to work where he was born, raised and resides.

Last year, Mr. Vas filed a tax appeal for my personal residence, and he delivered with tax savings!!! His work has already saved my husband and me more than \$700 and we will save us over \$2,100 over the course of the next three years. The tax relief Mr. Vas



\*photos by Joseph L. Kuchie

## *Brian Noble Promoted to Police Sergeant; Christine Noble Joins South Amboy Council*

By Joseph L. Kuchie

SOUTH AMBOY - It was a big night for the Noble family last week, as two family members were sworn into different positions before the South Amboy council meeting.

Police officer Brian Noble was the first to be honored, as he became the second member of the South Amboy Police Department to be promoted to Sergeant in 2012. Mayor Fred Henry swore him in with many of his friends and family in attendance.

"It's a great thing. I want to thank my wife and kids for standing through this with me," Noble said. "It's been a long time for me to try to get up here and the people that surround me make this job a lot easier than it appears in the papers."

Police chief Darren Lavigne had many kind words to say about Noble, who has been on the force since 1996. He praised Noble's hard work and leadership over the years, and emphasized the difficulty of being promoted to sergeant in South Amboy.

"Some people don't understand the testing process these officers go through to become sergeant. It's intensive and competitive, they

take a lot of time away from their families, and the testing comes out of their own pocket," Lavigne said. "I'm glad to see someone like Brian get rewarded for making that investment, and I'm sure Amy will love to have his husband home instead of studying for the tests."

After Brian Noble's ceremony was complete, it was then time for another Noble to take center stage. Christine Noble, Brian's sister, was sworn in as secondward councilperson on the South Amboy council.

Noble, D-South Amboy, will replace her cousin Mark Noble on the council, who stepped down last month to focus on his family and future plans. She was nominated and unanimously voted on by the rest of the South Amboy council members.

"I want to thank my family and friends for all their support and the council and Mayor Henry as well," Noble said. "I'll do the best for my ward and the city of South Amboy."

Noble began her term as councilperson at the council meeting once the ceremony was complete, and she will serve her position until December 31st. The next council meeting will be on Wednesday, May 2nd at 7:00 PM.

### *Italian Sausage Sandwich Sale*

PERTH AMBOY - The Holy Name Society of Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Lawrie and Johnstone Streets, Perth Amboy, will hold an Italian sausage sandwich sale in the parish hall after the 5 p.m. Mass, Saturday, Apr. 28. Cake and assorted beverages will be included in the \$8 tickets sold only at the door. For further information, call 732-721-5914.

### *Job Search & Networking*

SAYREVILLE - There will be a Job Search and Networking techniques program at the Sayreville Public Library, 1050 Washington Road, Parlin. Wednesday, May 9 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Dr. Colleen Georges will share her tips for successfully searching for a job in this tough market. For more info call Alaina at 732-727-0212 ext. 25.



# Editorial

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is - her father and grandfather perished in camp) was a very young child when she was sent away to camp. She remembered her dad going into the army in 1939 but he had no idea what would happen to him. "Jewish people were under curfew and eventually they were sent to a camp outside of Paris in buses."

"1.5 million children perished. They had to wear ID badges - those six years and older. Prisoners were given only 350 calories a day to eat and children were separated from parents. No food or medical attention was given to them."

Upon being liberated she was first placed with a Christian family. She grew up resenting her mother for abandoning her not realizing that it was for her own protection.

In 1945 she was reunited with my family in Israel but she had an estranged relationship with her mother.

"I created my own world to protect myself." In 1969 Sauerhoff went to Israel and met her future husband. Fighting through tears Sauerhoff continued with her story. "Because of what I went through as a child growing up and being separated from my own mother it enabled me to understand how much it means to be a good mother. I have a daughter and now I'm also a grandma."

Nathan Kasdan kept his story short because he said he could go on for weeks. "But I have to credit my dear aunt for my survival because when they came to capture us she pushed me under a couch. I remember hiding in the forest and being reunited with my father. I was liberated in 1944 and I was in Germany for 5 years. I worked in the City of Perth Amboy for over 20 years. I raised my family here although I no longer live here."

*My last thoughts:*  
 I encourage anyone who gets a chance to hear Holocaust survivors speak to do so. Although it is very sad to hear the stories of the atrocities they saw and lived through. We must never forget that it happened. For to do so could make it happen again and that is something that should never have happened in the first place.

C.M.



## Holocaust Remembrance Day - Perth Amboy City Hall - April 19, 2012

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Holocaust Survivor Alan Farkas and Herschel Chomsky before raising of the Israeli Flag



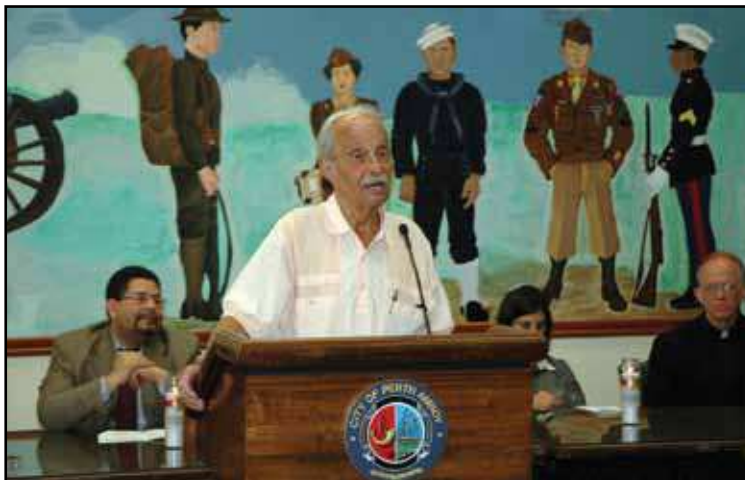
Herschel Chomsky watches as Rabbi Melinda Zalma speaks



Mayor Wilda Diaz raises the Israeli flag with Alan Farkas



The Israeli flag in City Hall Circle



Holocaust Survivor Alan Farkas speaks



Holocaust Survivor Erika Sauerhoff is overcome with emotions as she tells her story



Holocaust Survivor Nathan Kasdan



Musical Interlude with Brad Selby



The Holocaust Survivors Receive Citations from Mayor Diaz



Nathan Kasdan, Ira Heller, Herschel Chomsky and Erika Sauerhoff



**Women's Club Art Show - The Barge, Perth Amboy - April 21, 2012**

*photos by Katherine Massopust*



**Opening Day of Softball Season Perth Amboy**

*photos by Bob Ned*



**Bicycle Maintenance and the Green Way - Raritan Bay Coffee Company Perth Amboy - April 18, 2012**

*photos by Paul W. Wang*



**Beach Clean-up Day - April 21, 2012**

*photos by Aaron Beers*



Scout Branden Lenahan heads the Beach Sweep



The Mayor and his wife do their part



Cleaning up the Beach



Hauling away the trash!

**Community Update on the Green Initiatives**

PERTH AMBOY - Geri Barcheski of the Perth Amboy Public Works Dept. will give a community update on the Green Initiatives of Perth Amboy at Raritan Bay Coffee Company, on Tuesday, April 24, at 6 p.m. Free and ample parking after 6 p.m. Location: Inside the Perth Amboy Train station, 233 Smith St., Perth Amboy, NJ 08861. For more info, call (732)826-2010 ext 4204.

**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.

**Tricky Tray**

SAYREVILLE- The Music Association for the Visually Impaired Students of New Jersey will be holding a Tricky-Tray fundraiser on Friday, May 18 at the Sayreville Senior Center, 423 Main St., Sayreville. The doors will open at 6 p.m. with drawings beginning promptly at 7:30 p.m. There will be a great many prizes. Admission is \$8. Adults only. Complimentary cake and coffee will be served during break. Refreshments will be available for purchase. For more info call 732-254-4795.

**South Amboy Get's Ready for Summer**

By Beverly Samuelson  
As the warm weather is headed our way, Scout Branden Lenahan decided to start Project Beach Sweep. Branden is a Scout in Troop #91 and wants to make the beach something to be proud of again. About 100 volunteers came out with rakes, shovels, wheelbarrows, and trash bags in hand to clean up the beach. Mayor and Mrs. Fred Henry were hard at work helping the volunteers with the project. South Amboy has a beautiful bay area with fishing, a beach and park for all to enjoy. It was a fun day for all!



## ***Partners Support Families to Play and Learn at Healthy Kids Day®, April 28***

News Release

PERTH AMBOY— On April 28, the Raritan Bay Area YMCA is celebrating Healthy Kids Day® with a free community event for kids and families in Perth Amboy and surrounding communities. More than 1,900 Ys across the country are taking part in the celebration, meant to kick start physical activity and learning throughout the summer – a critical out-of-school time for kids. Healthy Kids Day, a national initiative of the Y to improve the health and well-being of kids, is filled with fun, active play and educational activities that will help parents improve their kids' lifestyles for the long term. This year the Y has partnered with many organizations, including Darryl Dawkins Former NETS player guest of HealthFirst, Raritan Bay Medical Center, the United Way of Central Jersey, the New Jersey Institute for Disabilities – Allianza, the Middlesex County Office of Health Services, ParamCare Foundation, and many others, that support the growth of a healthy family. Research shows that without access to activities that stimulate the mind and body, kids are more prone to gain weight and fall behind academically over the summer months.

“This program not only encourages our kids to stay active during their summer vacation, it also teaches them how to improve their health for the future,” said Freeholder H. James Polos, Chairperson of the County's Public Safety and Health Committee, who added that by working collectively with the County's public health partners in raising awareness and promoting healthy behaviors, the County is encouraging residents to “Eat Right - Move Right”.

The RARITAN BAY AREA YMCA's event will take place at 357 New Brunswick Avenue, Perth Amboy NJ from 10am – 2pm and will feature activities such as Family Group Exercise Classes, Youth Sports Competitions, Elementary School Swim Meet and much more. Also, April is Child Abuse Prevention month. In celebration of this month, there will be activities focusing on fostering families' Social Connections with one another, as a means to prevent child abuse and neglect. In addition, information and resources will be available to educate the community of the need to be vigilant and watchful in order to protect

our children.

Invited Honored guests include Perth Amboy Mayor Wilda Diaz, the Perth Amboy City Council, members of the Perth Amboy Board of Education, Senator Joe Vitale, Assemblyman Craig Coughlin & John Wisniewski, Freeholder Director Christopher Rafano and the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders, Commissioner Mary O'Dowd – Department of Health & Senior Services and Commissioner Allison Blake - Department of Children and Families.

“At the Y we know that when the school year ends, many kids lose exposure to activities that keep them moving and learning. Healthy Kids Day will help parents begin thinking early about what their kids need to stay physically and intellectually active in the summer,” said Steve Jobin, President & CEO of the RARITAN BAY AREA YMCA “Summer is just around the corner and is an ideal time for kids to get out and grow so they are healthier and sharper when the next school year begins.”

In addition, the Raritan Bay Area YMCA is proud to host representatives from: HealthFirst Health Plan of New Jersey, Inc. a not-for-profit health plan dedicated to providing affordable, quality care for the communities we serve and improving the effectiveness of healthcare delivery. On April 28th NBA former star Darryl Dawkins will be our guest and will engage with kids and families to promote the health & wellbeing of children and families.

Raritan Bay Medical Center's Division of Integrative Medicine is holding an open house. Integrative medicine providers will offer visitors Reiki, Energy Medicine, Massage and other treatment samples, nutrition education and healthy recipes. Families can also participate in the group exercise class “Tai Chi in the Jungle” where they will tour ‘the jungle’ exercising with Tai Chi movements based on animals met along the way. Healthy snacks and information about the Division's services will also be provided. Also, hands-only CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) demonstrations and button making for the kids will be offered.

Alianza is a family support program which brings help and hope for teens with disabilities and their families. Working with many community partners, Alianza assists families not only with disabil-

ity concerns, but with many challenges which may confront the family. Located in Perth Amboy's new YMCA, Alianza has quickly become an important resource in the community. The compassionate and responsive Alianza staff has helped hundreds of families with information and referrals, to navigate available services, or with more intensive transition plans. Alianza provides important disaster readiness assistance to persons with disabilities and their families. Alianza also offers an array of recreation and support groups for teens, families and parents.

The United Way of Central Jersey (UWCJ) was selected to sponsor the Child Abuse Prevention month activities by the New Jersey Department of Children and Families. The focus of this portion of the day is on strengthening families through social connections. UWCJ and its partners will present resources and activities in the tent outside the YMCA that are geared toward encouraging parents' interactions with one another, as well as with the providers at the resource tables. The goal is to assist parents and families in linking together and forming bonds with one another that will last beyond the day itself.

“Middlesex County Office of Health Service is pleased to work with the YMCA and their partners on this program aimed to improve the health and wellbeing of our youngest residents,” said Middlesex County Freeholder Director Christopher D. Rafano. “As a father myself, I know it is critical to teach our children the importance of fitness and good health.”

ParamCARE Foundation is pleased to be part of this event intended to the wellbeing of our residents. Taking steps to promote this year's theme for the minority health awareness month “Health Equity Can't Wait. Act Now in Your Community!” ParamCARE Foundation will be providing free Nutrition Counseling and easy, healthy snack demonstrations for participants to learn and make at home. With an emphasis of utilizing the youth as educators themselves, not just as receivers of the educations, believing that they are a big influence on parents' choices and that the message will be taken and shared at home.

For additional event information, please contact Steve Jobin at (732)442-3632 ext. 6501 or visit [www.rbaymca.org](http://www.rbaymca.org).



News Release

PERTH AMBOY - Ms. Alyssa Sierra of Perth Amboy Catholic School won Honorable Mention at the State Level of the 2012 International Aviation Art Contest, Category II (Ages 10-13). Alyssa received a certificate of recognition from the State of New Jersey and Ms. Clare Mansfield of the Division of Aeronautics. Photo shows Ms. Alyssa Sierra, Grade 4.

*photo courtesy of Perth Amboy Catholic School*

## ***“Underage Drinking in Latino Communities” is Focus of Town Hall Meeting in Perth Amboy***

***April 30th Event to Focus on Issues with Underage Drinking***

News Release

EAST BRUNSWICK- The Middlesex County community is invited to join a discussion among parents, youth, educators and other community members about underage drinking and raising awareness about it.

The dangers of under-age drinking, especially among the County's Latino community, will be showcased on Monday, April 30, 2012, as area youth will be joined by Perth Amboy's Mayor Wilda Diaz and other community leaders to address area youth and their parents at a town hall meeting to be held at the Alexander F. Jankowski Community Center in Perth Amboy.

The town hall meeting on underage drinking will begin at 6 p.m. at the community center located at 1 Olive Street Perth Amboy, NJ 08861. The event is taking place in recognition of Alcohol Awareness Month, an annual event that encourages communities to reach out to the public with information about alcohol and alcoholism as a chronic, progressive disease, fatal if untreated, and genetically predisposed.

The forum is being presented by the Youth Community Leadership Academy (YCLA) and NCADD of Middlesex County, Inc., the Perth Amboy Municipal Alliance and their Youth Coalition and the Middlesex County Coalition for Healthy Communities' Underage Drinking Taskforce. It is designed to increase the public's awareness that alcohol use by persons under age 21 years is a major public health problem. In fact, alcohol is the most widely used substance of potential abuse among Ameri-

ca's youth.

The forum will highlight facts such as:

- Adolescents use alcohol more than tobacco or illicit drugs
- Young people begin drinking, on average, at 13.1 years of age
- Young people who begin drinking before age 15 are four times more likely to develop alcohol dependence than those who begin drinking at age 21
- Alcohol abuse is a major factor in unprotected sex, increasing risk of contracting HIV or other sexually transmitted diseases
- Alcohol abuse is linked to as many as two-thirds of all sexual assaults and date rapes
- Alcohol is a primary factor in the four leading causes of death for young persons under 21

The event will also highlight issues being faced by most Middlesex County communities, including a relatively permissive attitude toward alcohol held by parents and their youth and that a large percentage of parents seem to condone their kids drinking underage.

Event organizers expect that the town hall meeting will increase community awareness of the issue of underage drinking and its risks, including memory loss, passing out, emotional problems, legal trouble, alcohol poisoning, risky sexual behavior, injuries, suicide and drunken driving. For more information, please contact Lis Mery Ramirez, Perth Amboy Municipal Alliance Coordinator at the Perth Amboy Office of Recreation at (732) 826-1690 x 4325 or Jason Victor, Preventionist at NCADD of Middlesex County, (732) 254-3344.



## Perth Amboy Holocaust Commemoration Film Series:

Raritan Bay YMCA Auditorium located on 357 New Brunswick Ave.

April 24	6:00 p.m.	Defiance (137 min)
May 1	6:00 p.m.	Hotel Rwanda (121 min)
May 6	2:00 p.m.	Schindler' List (195 min)

### 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 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.

### Vendors Wanted

PERTH AMBOY - There will be a Spring Flea Market on Saturday, May 5 (Rain or Shine) at the Perth Amboy High School (Main Campus) Cafeteria from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost: \$10 per space/\$15 space with table/\$20 for 2 spaces with tables. Interested in renting a space /table/have questions? Please contact the Perth Amboy High School PTO: Jeanette's-email-jmghi@aol.com or (732) 233-3397.

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### Italian Tripoli 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

TINTON FALLS - The Italian Tripoli Club will be celebrating its 100th anniversary on April 29. at Palumbo's Restaurant at Tinton Falls Centre on Asbury Avenue and Greengrove in Tinton Falls. We are asking all members, friends and all those interested to attend this great event and participate by also taking an ad for the Commemorative Journal.

The cost for the dinner and entertainment will be \$80. per person. The cost for an ad will be \$100 For ticket information contact Adam at 732-794-9004 and for Commemorative Journal Ad information contact Tony at 732-928-6130.

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# TAX FACTS

## Nonprofits Face Important May 15 Deadline

Courtesy of Tom Ploskonka

The April 17 tax deadline might be a distant memory for some, but charities have another due date to contend with: May 15. That's the deadline for most nonprofit annual returns, and missing it could be a serious problem for your charity.

Last year the IRS reported that it had revoked the tax-exempt status of more than 275,000 charities for failure to file their annual return. And the consequences of this action are rather severe. Donors can no longer deduct contributions to these organizations on their tax returns, and the organizations might be taxed as corporations.

With some exceptions, such as for qualified church and other religious organizations, every nonprofit is required to complete a Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-N. Private foundations are required to file Form 990-PF. The good news, however, is that filing your charity's

return might be easier than you think. A nonprofit with annual gross receipts of less than \$50,000 can file Form 990-N, which has only eight questions and is filed electronically. Larger nonprofits, however, are left with the Form 990-EZ or the longer Form 990. If your charity runs a business on the side to help raise funds, it might have to file Form 990-T, where income on those unrelated sales could be taxed. So what can you do if your nonprofit fails to file its return by May 15? Your first step might be to contact a tax professional to determine the full extent of the delinquency. Here's why: May 15 is the deadline for charities with a December 31 accounting year-end, but your charity might have a different year-end. In that situation, the due date is the 15th day of the 5th month after the close of the fiscal year. If you need help with this or other tax issues, give our office a call.

## Consider A Retirement Plan For Your Business

Courtesy of Tom Ploskonka

Does your business offer a retirement savings plan for employees? If not, consider setting one up. Small businesses and the self-employed can choose from a variety of plans specially designed to keep costs low and administration relatively simple.

**SEP-IRA Plans.** Perhaps the easiest plan to set up is a simplified employee pension plan (SEP). With a SEP, you make retirement plan contributions for your employees. The contributions are a percentage of their earnings, generally up to 25 percent, subject to dollar limits. The contributions you make go into individual retirement accounts set up for each employee. Employees manage the investments in their ac-

counts, just like a traditional IRA. You don't have to contribute every year, but if you do, you can't discriminate among employees.

You can set up a SEP plan yourself using standard IRS forms. In fact, you have until the due date of your tax return to set up a plan for the previous tax year.

**SIMPLE Plans.** SIMPLE plans allow your employees to defer part of their salary into their retirement accounts. You, as employer, can either match those contributions up to certain limits, or you can make nonelective contributions to each eligible employee.

Generally, you can set up a SIMPLE plan if you have 100 or fewer employees, subject to some additional restrictions. The plans come in two varieties – SIMPLE

IRAs and SIMPLE 401(k)s. Generally, they're slightly more complex than SEPs to set up and administer.

**Qualified Plans.** Qualified plans come in many flavors. Generally, they require a trustee and are more complex and costly to administer.

**Solo 401(k) Plans.** If you're self-employed and have no employees, check out a solo 401(k) plan. You might find these offer the best opportunity to shelter income and save for retirement. The plans, offered by major brokerages, are relatively inexpensive and easy to administer.

For more information and guidance in selecting a retirement plan for your business, give us a call.

## Rutgers Spring Flower Fair

NEW BRUNSWICK - The 20th Annual Spring Flower Fair at Rutgers Gardens, School of Environmental and Biological Sciences, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, 112 Ryders Lane off of Rte #1 South will be on, Friday, May 11 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, May 12 from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, May 13 from 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. On Sunday, May 13 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. there will be a Children's program. For more info call 732-932-8451 or Fax: 732-932-7060. Remember to bring your wagon to carry your plants!

## Dog Walk & Pet Fair

WOODBIDGE - The Woodbridge Animal Shelter is sponsoring the 5th Annual Dog Walk & Pet Fair on Sunday, May 20 Registration starts at 10 a.m. Rain or Shine! All leashed pets welcome! Walk Starts 11 a.m. Walk starts at Alvin P. Williams Park, Cliff Road, Sewaren and ends at the Woodbridge Animal Shelter, 195 Woodbridge Ave., Woodbridge. There will be raffles, food, vendors, dog contests, live music. Meet adoptable animals and more! For more info email krisehlers@comcast.net. All proceeds benefit the Woodbridge Township Animal Shelter and Pet Adoption Center.

## HIV Support

PERTH AMBOY — Raritan Bay Medical Center is sponsoring an HIV support group meeting on Monday, Apr 30 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.

## 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 date is: 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.

## Cardiac Club

PERTH AMBOY - RBMC's Cardiac Club will meet Mon., May 21 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.

## Healthy Kids Day®

SOUTH AMBOY – On April 28, the South Amboy Branch YMCA is celebrating Healthy Kids Day® with a free community event for kids and families in South Amboy and Sayreville. More than 1,900 Ys across the country are taking part in the celebration, meant to kick start physical activity and learning throughout the summer – a critical out-of-school time for kids.

The event takes place at 200 John T. O'Leary Blvd in South Amboy from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. and will feature activities such as Family Swim, a Camp S.A.Y. Open House, Soccer Demonstrations by Challenger Sports, Summer Safety 101, and much more. Representatives from Raritan Bay Medical Center, as well as the South Amboy Community Garden Club who will be kicking off their new vegetable garden here at the Y.

Nationally, Healthy Kids Day is supported by the Dodge brand.

For more information, contact the South Amboy Branch YMCA at 732-553-9622 or visit [www.ymcaofmews.org](http://www.ymcaofmews.org).



## David's Touch Day

WOODBIDGE - Join us for David's Touch Day Mini-Golf Fundraiser at the Woodbridge Community Center Skyline Mini-Golf, 600 Main St., Woodbridge on Friday, May 4 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Receive \$2 off general admission with your donation of a new, unwrapped toy. Regular Adult Admission \$7, Regular Child Admission \$5. For more info call 732-596-4170 or go to [www.davidstouch.org](http://www.davidstouch.org)

## OLV Seniors Trip to American Music Theater

**Featuring Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons**  
SAYREVILLE - The OLV Seniors are sponsoring a bus trip to the American Music Theater in Lancaster, Pennsylvania to see Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons. The date of the trip is Thursday, May 17. The price of the trip is \$150 which includes: the price of the show ticket, bus transportation, bus gratuity, dinner at Shady Maple, and snacks on the bus. The bus will leave OLV lower parking lot at 2 p.m. and return approximately at 12:30 a.m. For further information or to make a reservation, please contact (732) 727-7639.

## 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, 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)

## Volunteers Needed

PERTH AMBOY - The Domestic Violence Response Team needs volunteers! Team members work in conjunction with the police to provide victim support, information and referral at the time of a domestic violence crisis. Training will be provided at no charge by the Perth Amboy Police Department. For more info contact Det. Liza Capo, Perth Amboy Police Dept. at 732-324-3815 or Det. Sgt. Joseph Breyta, Perth Amboy Police Dept. at 732-324-3819.

## NAACP Perth Amboy Branch Awards Banquet

EDISON - The 34th Annual Funds Awards Banquet will be on Friday, April 27 at 7 p.m. at the Pines Manor, 2085 Rte 27, Edison. Honorees: Michael G. Blackwell, Nina Nieves and Deputy Chief Benjamin Ruiz. Price \$75 - Adults, \$50 (ages 20 and under) - Tables \$750. Limited seating available. Purchase your tickets today! Call Brenda: 732-826-5284 or go to [www.naacp-perthamboyarea.org](http://www.naacp-perthamboyarea.org)

## Tool Time

WOODBIDGE - Tooling Around the Township will be on Saturday, April 28. To nominate a house for repair or to be a volunteer or business sponsor call 732-634-2750 ext 105. Tooling Around the Township is a program that organizes teams of local community volunteers to fix up residences of senior citizens and disabled residents unable to afford home repairs. You and your organization or business can be an important part of this annual 1-day community event by volunteering a few hours of labor or donating supplies. Needed are Volunteers, both skilled and unskilled in home repair and Donations of Materials, especially paint, paint brushes, smoke alarms & roofing material.

## 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.

## Scholarship Available

SOUTH AMBOY - South Amboy ELKS :Elks Care, Elks Share Scholarship applications are now available. One \$500 scholarship will be awarded to a deserving senior from each of the five area high schools: South Amboy, Sayreville, Perth Amboy, South River and Cardinal McCarrick. For more information visit [www.elks.org](http://www.elks.org) and refer to Lodge #784 website or email [susanapeterson@aol.com](mailto:susanapeterson@aol.com). Deadline for applications is May 1, 2012.

## 34th Annual Geranium Sale

PERTH AMBOY - Raritan Bay Medical Center is having their annual Geranium Sale on Monday, May 7. \$30 per Dozen. \$3.50 each plant. Orders are due by Friday, April 30. Also available - hanging Geranium Plants - \$20 each. Pick-up on Monday, May 7: outside of the medical center at Groom Street Entrance 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please indicate # of geraniums and color: bubble gum pink, white, ruby red, fuchsia, or hanging geranium plant. Call Joan at 732-442-0629 for more info.

# Senior Scene

## Happenings

### Perth Amboy

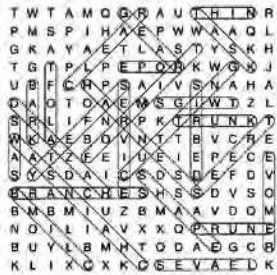
- TODAY, Apr. 25 Simpson Seniors, 10 a.m., Williamson Hall, High St.
- Holy Rosary Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Auditorium, Florida Grove Rd.
  - St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.
- THURS., Apr. 26 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
- MON., Apr. 30 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.
- TUES., Apr. 31 Holy Spirit Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Church Hall, Brace Ave.
- Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.
- WED. May 1 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., May 2 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.

### South Amboy

- MON., May 7 St. Mary's Seniors, noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
- WED May 9 South Amboy Seniors, noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.

## SEND US YOUR CLUB NEWS

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# LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY - Circa the early 1900's A rare photo of the Submarine *The U.S.S. Holland* docked at Schantz & Eckert also known as the Perth Amboy Dry Docks. The submarine underwent one of its many trials in Perth Amboy.

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**A.C. Bus Trip**

PERTH AMBOY - The Office on Aging is offering a trip to Caesar's A.C. on Friday, May 18. Bus leaves at 9:30 a.m. from the A.J. Center returning about 7 p.m. Cost is \$19 pp. Cash back \$25. Money Orders Only. For more info call 732-826-1690 ext. 4307 & 4326.

**Ethnic**

**Buffet Night**

PERTH AMBOY - St. Stephen's Roman Catholic Church, Saturday April 28 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. The dinner will take place in the church school cafeteria, 490 State St. Advance ticket sales until April 14 - \$12. After April 14 - \$14 Under 10 yrs - free. Menu includes Soup, Salad, Potato and Cheese Pierogi, Meatless Baked Ziti, a Taco Station, Coffee, Tea, Soda and Desserts. Call Brian at 732-589-4981 for more info.

**90's Birthday Bash**

OLD BRIDGE - The Middlesex County Office of Aging & Disabled Services Cordially Invites Seniors, 90 and over to a celebration of life in their honor. Wednesday, May 2 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Old Bridge Senior Center, George J. Bush Center, 1 Old Bridge Plaza, Old Bridge. For more info call 732-721-5600 ext. 6600. RSVP by April 11 by calling 732-745-4267. Sponsored by the Middlesex Co. Office of Aging & Disabled Services. Hosted by Old Bridge Township Senior Center.

**Bake Sale**

SOUTH AMBOY - The Sacred Heart Council of Catholic Women will be holding a bake sale the weekend of April 28 (Saturday) after the 4:30 PM mass and April 29 (Sunday) after the 7:00 AM mass until 1:30 PM in front of Memorial hall located across the street from the Church at 531 Washington Avenue, South Amboy. For more info call Eileen at (732) 525-2696.

**Become an Artist**

SEWAREN - Create a one of a kind work of art using paints, paper and glue! on Friday, April 27 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. ages 8 to 12. Hosted by the Sewaren Free Public Library, 546 West Ave., Sewaren. Sign up for this free event. 732-634-7571 or sewarenlibrary@gmail.com. Registration required. Limit 12.

**Qigong**

PERTH AMBOY-RBMC's Division of Integrative Medicine is offering a Qigong for Health class Mondays, April 11 through April 30, 7 to 8 p.m., at the Raritan Bay Area YMCA, 357 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy. Instructor Rich Lund presents four sessions, including Qigong exercises to promote a healthy spine and back and Qigong exercises to help cleanse the liver and strengthen the spleen and stomach. Cost is \$50 for four classes. Walk-ins \$15 per class. To register or for more info call 1-800-362-8677 or 732-324-5300.

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