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Perth Amboy

NJ Transit Releases Preliminary Perth Amboy Train Station Design



News Release

PERTH AMBOY— Mayor Wilda Diaz received an update from NJ Transit this week consisting of the preliminary design of the Perth Amboy Train Station.

In an effort to renovate and create barrier-free accessibility the design submitted to the City primarily focuses on establishing an ADA compliant station, in addition to overall facility improvements.

“I’m so glad to hear that we

are moving forward with project. This station renovation will not only enrich our business district, but will ensure the safety and best service to ALL residents and visitors of Perth Amboy. NJ Transit and the City of Perth Amboy are working together to improve public transportation,” said Mayor Wilda Diaz.

The plan includes the preservation of the 1920’s historical architecture design and features, as it was listed under the National Register of Historic

Places in 1984. Additionally, a new elevator shaft, stairway, stairwell and elevator landing will lead to the new high-level island platform and canopy that service Eastbound and Westbound trains.

According to NJ Transit, the conceptual plan is in its initial stage and will undergo additional investigation and assessment before reaching 30 percent completion by the end of the year. It was also indicated that no funding has yet been identified for construction.

South Amboy

Education Commissioner Reinstates Caffrey Despite Second Board of Ed. Vote



Commissioner Christopher Cerf



Dr. Janine Walker Caffrey

By Joseph L. Kuchie

PERTH AMBOY - On May 7th, the Perth Amboy board of education held another special meeting at Perth Amboy High School to once again vote on the future employment of superintendent Janine Caffrey.

After a private session that lasted over one and a half hours, the board put the doctrine of necessity in place, a resolution that allows all board members to vote regardless of a conflict of interest. Although three members chose not to participate, the rest of the board voted 6-0 to continue the paid leave of Caffrey.

However, in a sudden twist, Education Commissioner Christopher Cerf overturned this vote on May 8th, allowing Caffrey to return to her position. According to NJ.com, Cerf said that the board did not have enough votes for such a move to take place and offered to supply a mediator to help settle the dispute.

The members of the board who chose not to vote on Caffrey’s future believed that certain details were being kept from them and that the timeliness of the special meeting was unlawful. According to the Open Public Records

Act, meetings must be posted to the public 48 hours before the meeting is held, but in this case the details of this meeting weren’t posted until the night before.

“It was brought to my attention today that the Home News Tribune did not post this meeting until yesterday, which means it was posted under the 48 hour requirement by law,” said board member Mark Carvajal. “Based on the Sunshine Law, I think this meeting is illegal and we should reconsider what we are doing. We need to stop and get back to helping our kids.”

Board member Dianne Roman noted that there were “special meetings” with some of the board that other members were kept out of, and she believed it was unfair to vote on such an important topic without hearing the entire story.

“It would be unfair to cast a vote with anyone who was conflicted without due diligence, which includes hearing about what went on in those closed meetings,” Roman said. “Those members who were there heard things that others didn’t hear, and I think it’s unfair to take a vote as serious as

Entrepreneurship Training

News Release

19TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT - Assemblyman Craig J. Coughlin is pleased to announce that the UCEDC, a statewide not-for-profit economic development organization has scheduled its Entrepreneurship 101. Are You Really Ready to Start Your Business in the 19th District’s own Woodbridge Township?

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preneurs will be assisted by UCEDC trainers in determining the following

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- Drafting and developing a business plan;
- Understanding credit and ability to access capital;
- Developing cost, revenue and cash flow projections.

Upon successful completion of the course, each entrepreneur will receive one-on-one mentoring for 12 months.

The course beginning Monday, June 11 and ending Monday, July 16, will be conducted at the Woodbridge Community Center located at 600 Main St. in Woodbridge. Cost is \$225.

To register or to learn more information, interested entrepreneurs can call or e-mail Erich Peter, Director of Training & Technical Assistance at 908-527-1166 or epeter@ucedc.com.

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Perth Amboy Board of Ed

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this without hearing that information for ourselves.” Parents and teachers from the Perth Amboy school district once again came out in numbers to hear the board’s ruling and comment on the situation. Although the public session was not as lengthy as the previous meeting, many words were said about the unstable school district and the cloudy future of the board.

“What you’re doing has nothing to do with the kids. Our kids are supposed to be gaining something from us and right now they are getting nothing,” PTO member Cecil Graham said. “We need to stop the fighting no matter what the underlying things are. You need to forget about this and let due process take its place.”

Mel Knight also believed that the board wasn’t really listen-

ing to the public since the vote was made before they could get a word in. She criticized the board’s lack of interest in what people were saying and judged their body language during the public session. “I’m not understanding your general process of these meetings. Why do you even bother listening to the public if you have already made your decision? Are you even interested in what we are saying?” Knight said. “You’re body language is awful. People are talking yet you’re looking the other way, doodling. Why do we bother?”

Vice president Kenneth Puccio, who oversaw the meeting for Samuel Lebreault due to the ongoing conflicts with Caffrey, defended himself once the public session ended. He criticized those who took to the Internet to bash the board

members and stressed that they were doing everything they could to make things right.

“We knew what we were getting into when we took this position... It’s very easy for some of you to get up in front of a microphone and take shots at us. You’re either taking shots at the microphone or hiding behind a screen name,” Puccio said. “If you have something to say, say it to my face. We hear you and your complaints... If you think this is easy feel free to come up here and take our place... We are doing everything we can.”

Dr. Caffrey was in attendance for the special meeting, but chose not to comment on the board’s decision. However, once the decision was made by Commissioner Cerf to reinstate her, she told NJ.com, “It definitely feels good.”



News Release

PERTH AMBOY - Martin Delgado-Yactayo was a 2nd Place Winner in the 5th Grade Division of The Diocese of Metuchen Respect for Life Poster Contest. Martin’s work will be featured in a 2012-2013 Pro-Life Calendar. Martin attends Perth Amboy Catholic School and was honored at an Awards Ceremony & Luncheon on May 1st, 2012 at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center in Piscataway. His Art Teacher is Rose Lavin Pennyfeather. 1st photo - Martin Delgado-Yactayo 2nd pPhoto - Sr. Rebecca Piatek - Principal, Perth Amboy Catholic School, Martin Delgado-Yactayo, Mrs. Delgado-Yactayo.

**Photos courtesy of Perth Amboy Catholic School*



**Photo by Juan Varela*

EDISON - The staff of the Amboy Guardian was sitting in Pantagis Diner on April 27, 2012 during the Dennis and Judi broadcast. Someone called out our names as our pictures were being taken with the two broadcasters. That person’s name was Karen Szemesak Varela. As she sat at our table conversing she suddenly received a text on her cell phone. She excitedly told me to look at a picture that her husband, Juan forwarded to her. He had just photographed the Enterprise Space Shuttle that had just flown over his place of work. We would like to thank Karen and Juan for sharing that photo with us.

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Movie Time

SOUTH AMBOY - There will be a movie "Lady and the Tramp" Rated PG at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, May 22 at the Dowdell Library, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. For more info call 732-721-6060.

Andes Festival

PERTH AMBOY - In celebration of the Andes Festival, we are seeking the following vendors: musicians, dancers, writers, arts and crafts and performing artists representing the culture and heritage of the Andes. The Andes Festival will take place on Saturday, June 23, 2012 from 12 noon to 6 p.m. at Fink Park located at Smith Street and Madison Avenue, feature continuous folk music, folk dancing, arts and crafts, theater and native clothing of Argentina, Bolivia, Peru, Ecuador, Venezuela, Colombia and Chile. In the event of rain, it will be held on Saturday, June 30, 2012. This event is free, co-sponsored by the City of Perth Amboy & Business Improvement District and made possible by a grant from the Middlesex County Culture and Heritage Commission. Interested vendors or for more information please contact: 732-826-0290 ext. 4012.

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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL



Joseph L. Kuchie (C) with girlfriend, Kaila Kraft (L) and his mother, Kathy (R)
Photo submitted by J. L. Kuchie



Audrey Rosemond Maxwell graduates from Centenary College, Hackettstown, NJ
*Photo by C. Maxwell

I'd like to congratulate 2 special people who graduated this weekend from college. You may have noticed the articles written by Joseph L. Kuchie that have been appearing in the paper for the last 6 months. He has been a valuable contributor to the newspaper and we are very fortunate to have him share his talents with us. He graduated from Rutgers University, New Brunswick with a Bachelors Degree in Journalism and Media Studies.

I'd like to also congratulate my baby sister, Audrey who graduated from Centenary College, Hackettstown, NJ. She received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration.

It was a beautiful sunny day courtesy of the keynote speaker, Bill Evans. He is well known meteorologist from Channel 7 Eyewitness News. Even's exact words were, "I predicted this to be a beautiful day - otherwise I would not have come."

Now - about those hats! Although many graduates had different sayings on their hats, these 2 stuck with me. There was a 3rd hat with a stunning message. I was so taken aback by what it said I forgot to take a photo of it. This is what was written on it: "This hat cost \$110,000." You always hear about the high cost of a college degree. When I saw this on someone's hat then it hit me squarely between the eyes. Wow! *C.M.*



THE COMMUNITY VOICE

Menendez And Pallone Right Choice For Middlesex County

As Election Day approaches, it's understandable that much of our attention is focused on local municipal and school elections. After all, we see and feel the impact of local policies every day and naturally want to support our neighbors who step forward to serve the community. We must not forget, however, that this November we also have the opportunity to cast ballots for two men who have supported our city and our state. Senator Bob Menendez and Congressman Frank Pallone have fought hard for New Jersey and deserve our active support.

There has been no greater champion for New Jersey's middle class than Senator Bob Menendez. Through his legislative tenure, he has worked hard to deliver tax relief. His efforts helped bring an \$800 tax credit to middle class families through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 and his property tax

relief bill made it possible for taxpayers to take an additional property tax deduction on their federal income taxes.

Despite an undeniable decline in the job market, Senator Menendez has helped support the manufacturing industry and has helped create hundreds of jobs at companies like Individualized Shirts in Perth Amboy. He's also brought money back to this area to benefit organizations like Jewish Renaissance, which is helping citizens of Perth Amboy increase their marketability by getting their GED's, as well as, increasing access to health care in urban areas.

At a time when citizens are losing jobs and their homes in record numbers, Senator Menendez supported a bill which helped fund Homeless Assistance Programs to help New Jerseyans transition into a new job or a new home. These funds have directly benefitted organizations like the Perth Amboy Salvation Army and the Puerto Rican Association for Human Development (PRAHD).

Recent legislative redistricting has led to an exciting change for citizens of Middlesex County and Perth Amboy.

Congressman Frank Pallone will now represent Perth Amboy in Washington, D.C. Congressman Pallone has a proven record of smart policy leadership and of fighting for the middle class. His experience in the U.S. House of Representatives will be a huge asset to our community. Despite the short amount of time since Perth Amboy has joined his constituency, he has embraced its citizens and endeavored to learn about our needs and concerns.

He has visited on several occasions - not just stumping for office - but instead genuinely listening and discussing ideas with residents.

Let's not allow ourselves to become drawn in, or rather, consumed by the chatter and posturing of local candidates and their respective propaganda. As we move toward November, it is imperative that we support and re-elect those who fight for Middlesex County and the working middle class. To that end, Senator Bob Menendez, Congressman Frank Pallone, and democrats down the line have earned our support.

Joseph "JB" Vas, Esq.,
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The Purple Heart

On 4-14-12 I was privy to attend the Annual State Dinner of the Purple Heart. Not only were there representatives of all 24 Local Chapters and National officers but Gold Star families who had one of their loved ones killed in the quest of freedom this past year.

Something most profound which left tears in many people's eyes was the sight of an empty table near the front at which no one sat. The table set for one was small and symbolized the frailty of one prisoner against his oppressors. The tablecloth was white - symbolic of the purity of their intentions to respond to their country's call to arms. The single rose displayed in a vase reminds us of the families and loved ones of our comrades who keep faith waiting for their return.

The red ribbon, tied so prominently on the vase is reminiscent of the red ribbon worn upon the lapel and breasts of thousands who bear witness to this tragedy and with unyielding determination demand a proper accounting of our missing.

A slice of lemon on the plate to remind us of their bitter fate.

There is salt upon the plate - symbolic of the families tears as they wait. The glass is inverted - they cannot toast with us tonight. The chair is empty - they are not here.

That night we took time to recall the plight of our POW's, MIA's and KIA's - they were our comrades in arms - we depended on them for aid and support. Surely they would not have forsaken us.

Some things happen in life and leave an impression on us which we will never forget. This was one of them for me and I'm sure for most in attendance.

Why is that when our country is in dire stress, e.g. wars, riots, there are people who rise above it and show determination because of what was done for them. It has happened all too often that a son or daughter will leave home, join the service and help preserve peace which this country promises.

The pride I saw in these 7 families was well deserved. They may not have their sons with them any longer but they do have the results of their actions.

We are a free nation, we wish to continue to be free. The blood spilled on foreign soil shows the love that these

warriors had for their country. Upon enlisting in a service they are dedicating their future to the country that gave them their freedoms.

May God bless those who gave their all and may God bless this country so that we continue to show its citizens that we Americans are faithful to our predecessors for all they have done. This great Constitution of ours has given us 236 years of a wonderful and inspiring history. Let us not throw it away by changing something which already works.

Just think! If it were not for our military we would today not have our present lifestyle and neither would the countries we fought for. The one thing people fail to realize is - we are the result of our actions and our children are a product of their decisions.

Barbara Skokan
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THURS. May 17	Municipal Court, 6 p.m., Court House, New Brunswick Ave.
TUES. May 22	Municipal Court, 9 a.m. and 6 p.m., Court House, New Brunswick Ave.
WED May 23	Municipal Court, 1:30 p.m., Court House, New Brunswick Ave.
THURS. May 24	Municipal Court, 6 p.m., Court House, New Brunswick Ave.
South Amboy	
TODAY May 16	City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, N. Broadway

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Sssshhhh, I'm counting - Geri Piegdon

New Open Mic

PERTH AMBOY - New Open Mic for music, song, poetry - Tuesdays - May 22, 29. Doors open at 6 pm, No Cover/Free Parking. Alcohol Free. Raritan Bay Coffee Co., inside the Perth Amboy train station, 233 Smith St., Perth Amboy NJ. Guest musicians Vinnie Rossi and Jim Blass will appear. For more info call 848-203-3432.

Dress for Success

PERTH AMBOY - The Housing Authority of the City of Perth Amboy is having a Dress for Success Workshop on Thursday, May 24 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at 881 Amboy Ave., Perth Amboy. Learn how to make a good first impression and obtain the job you want. Call Delilah to reserve your seat. 732-826-3110 ext. 624.

HIV Support

PERTH AMBOY — Raritan Bay Medical Center is sponsoring an HIV support group meeting on Monday, May 21 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.

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.

Meatball Prep for Festa di San Antonio (Most Holy Rosary)

**Photos courtesy of Darlene Gomez.*



(L to R) - Darlene Gomez, Pauline Mauro, Beverly Poloka



(L to R) Jack Masculin, Linda Cruz, Giulia Buffolino, Kay McAuliffe



(L to R) - Eleanor Latka, Ben Salerno, Kay McAuliffe



(L to R) - Sauce or Gravy -- whatever you call it, looks good over those meatballs (L to R) Giulia Buffolino, Connie Hundanish, Dominick Fazio

Domestic Violence Comedy Show at the ZPA, Perth Amboy April 26, 2012

**Photos by Bob Ned*



Grand Opening of Enterprise HVAC - Perth Amboy - May 11, 2012

**Photos by Bob Ned*



Perth Amboy Merchants Association Inc.



SAVE DATE

Remember, may 24, 2012

PAMA 10th Gala Annual

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Recuerde este 24 de mayo, 2012

PAMA celebra su 10th Gala Annual

The Perth Amboy Merchants Association, Inc. P.A.M.A. is Honored to announce the Annual Award Recipients. We are celebrating the achievements of individuals, businesses and organizations that have demonstrated an outstanding commitment for the betterment of the City of Perth Amboy.

Welcome New Business Awards of the Year

Maria & David Rodriguez (Hair Designs Salon), Romone and Kristina Torres (Romone's Pit),
Rita Patel (Shayona Pharmacy), Richard Santiago (World Weight Lifting Facility llc.)

Civic Leader Award of the Year

Mr. Martin Perez, President L.L.A.NJ
Roberto Rodriguez- Captain Aux. Unit

Humanitarian Awards of the Year

Rodolfo Maldonado, MD.
Former Assistant Director Residency Program RBMC
Mrs. Miriam Medina, RN
Program Coordinator Stroke Program RBMC

Outstanding Corporation Award of the Year

Ms. Gricel M. Rodriguez- Investors Bank

Professional Business Man of the Year

Mr. Robert Hand- Check -X- Change

Junior Award of the Year

Monica Benedicto- AULCHS

Educator Awards of the Year

Ms. Maria Del Carmen Farber
MSN, RN, BC, OCN
Professional Nurse and Nurse Educator, RBMC
Dr. Janine Walker Caffrey
Superintendent P.A Public schools
Dr. Nestor Collazo
Principal Perth Amboy High School
Nabareeta Mukherjee- AULCHS

Professional Business Women of the Year

Mrs. Judith Aquino- Judith Salon
Mrs. Vanessa Mendez- Tropical Cheese Company

Professional Business Award of the Year

Mrs. Monica & Rene De La Cruz- Nick Lugo Travel & Tour

Community Leader Award of the Year

Maritza Rodriguez- PRAHD
Interim Executive Director

Corporation Award of the Year

Vopak North America, Inc

Special Recognition Volunteer Service Award of the Year

Mrs. Nancy Diaz- Paralegal

Special Recognition Award of the Year

Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno - Secretary of State of NJ

Thursday, May 24, 2012

Seabras Armory Restaurant 732-826-6000

200 Front Street, Perth Amboy, NJ 08861

6:30 p.m. until 12:00 a.m.

If you have any questions, please Contact
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Secretary: Peguy Alerte- 908-400-5461

We encourage you to become a PAMA Member
E-mail: pamainc@yahoo.com



**St. Stephen's
120 yr. Jubilee**

PERTH AMBOY - St. Stephen's Church in Perth Amboy is celebrating their 10 years of existence. For this reason we will be releasing a Book of Remembrance. There is a place for everyone, for every family, institution or organization. Prices for the book are: Gold Page \$400, Silver Page \$200, Whole Page \$100, Half Page \$75 and 1/4 Page \$50. Also offered is a \$600 color cover if you wish. Please make checks payable to St. Stephen's Church. Thank you for your generosity. All proceeds received will be donated to the renovation (painting) of the church.

On July 1st St. Stephen's Parish will officially be joined with St. Mary's and Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary. From this point on we will be called Blessed Pope John II Parish, which is one of the first parishes in the U.S. to be dedicated to him.

Celebrations connected to this 120th anniversary will take place on June 2 at 4 p.m. at St. Stephen's Church with the celebration of the Holy Eucharist and continued with dinner at the ZPA, Perth Amboy.

**Captain James
Lawrence And the
200th Anniversary of
the War of 1812**

PERTH AMBOY - The Raritan-Millstone Heritage Alliance is pleased to announce its Spring Sunday Luncheon & Lecture Program on June 10 at The Armory restaurant, foot of Gordon and Front Streets, Perth Amboy, between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Re-enactor Jeffrey Macechak, education director for the Burlington County Historical Society, will present the program, "Don't Give Up the Ship" featuring the first-person character of Captain James Lawrence. Lawrence, who commanded the ship U.S.S. Chesapeake, is best known for his dying command, "Don't give up the ship!" Capt. Lawrence and his half sister Elizabeth Lawrence Kearny were both born in Burlington, NJ in the house that later became the residence of the fourth governor of New Jersey, Joseph Bloomfield, who was born in Woodbridge. Elizabeth married Michael Kearny and lived in Perth Amboy's Kearny Cottage where she helped raise her younger half brother James. Elizabeth and Michael's son, Lieutenant Lawrence Kearny, also served in the War of 1812. To reserve a place, please call Elyce Jennings at 732-463-0767. The cost for a buffet luncheon is \$30.

National Day of Prayer - May 3, 2012

**Photos by Carolyn Maxwell*



One of the Chaplains leads those in attendance in prayer



Mr. & Mrs. Barlow from the Cathedral International



The Crowd listens as speakers lead in prayer's & scriptures



Rev. Samuel Pena from Faith Fellowship in Sayreville



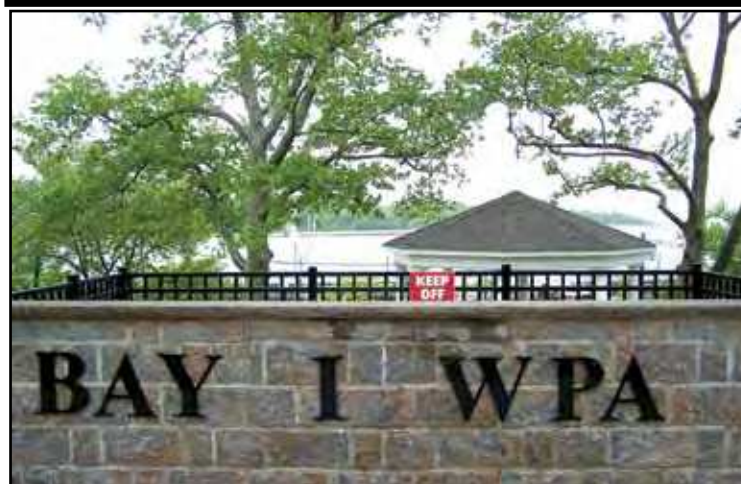
In quiet contemplation



The Police Chaplains, Mayor and Church leaders listen to Fr. Gordon

Around Perth Amboy

**Photos by Carolyn Maxwell and Paul W. Wang*



Art Exhibit at the Kearny Cottage With Artist Sharee Daniel

**Photos by Vilma Novak & Paul W. Wang*



Cinco De Mayo Celebration in Fink Park, Perth Amboy - May 4, 2012

**Photos by Paul W. Wang*



General Meeting for Friends of the Library

PERTH AMBOY - Interested in helping out your community? There will be a general meeting for Friends of the Perth Amboy Free Public Library on Thursday, June 7 at 7 p.m. at the Perth Amboy YMCA, 357 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy. Discussed will be the renovations of the library, future programs for Friends and how you can help make a difference with our public library.

Fashion Show

PERTH AMBOY - The 7th Annual "Fashions by the Bay" Sponsored by: St. Peter's Episcopal Church will have a fashion show at the Raritan Bay Yacht Club, 160 Water St., Perth Amboy on Thursday, May 17. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Dinner: 7 p.m. Advanced Tickets only. Donation \$40. Contact Elaine 732-738-4138 or Barbara 732-721-8206.

Vegas Trip

PARLIN - come join us on Oct. 8 to Oct. 12 on an all inclusive trip to Las Vegas. Leaving from Knights of Columbus Council home, Parlin, to Newark Liberty Airport for a 8:55 a.m. non-stop flight to Las Vegas. Transported to Harrah's Hotel Casino for 5 days 4 nights of fun. Coming home we catch 3:15 p.m. non-stop flight home. Transported by coach back to Knights of Columbus Council in Parlin. All for \$766 per person. Interested? Call Ellie at Main Street Travel 732-828-8800 or Bill 732-721-5436.

First Time Home Buyers Fair Olive Street, Perth Amboy - May 3, 2012

**Photos by Katherine Massopust*



Capital One Bank



Susan Hoagland of RRD and Enrique Hernandez of Petra



The Staff of Petra Best Realty



Dave Benyola speaks to those in attendance

Music at

Saint Mary's

SOUTH AMBOY - On Sunday, May 20, at 4 p.m. there will be Music at Saint Mary's presents its 5th Annual Mozart Festival, featuring the String Quartet of Mariam Machaidze, Elizabeth Derham, Deanna Anderson and Sofia Nowik of the Juilliard School in New York City. These four lovely and talented young ladies will perform Mozart's String Quartet No. 19 (Dissonance) and No. 16 in E-flat major, among other works. A Meet-the-Artists wine and cheese reception will follow the concert. Donation Cheerfully Accepted! \$15 Suggested. Please call with any questions: Eszter at 732-727-0838 or Chris at 732-721-0179 at Saint Mary's Church, 256 Augusta St, South Amboy. Any questions? Please contact Eszter 732-261-8979.



SAYREVILLE - The Sayreville Lions Club wishes to thank all who supported our White Cane Sale at the Sayreville Shop-Rite on March 29 and 30th and who came out to support our Fall Pancake Breakfast on April 1st 2012. Proceeds from these fund-raisers will go to supporting community projects including scholarships and awards for the graduating seniors at SWMHS, the Peace Poster Contest in the Middle School and providing vision and hearing care to those in need in our community and to the various Lions state projects like the Lions eye banks, blind camps and eye research that benefit residents of our town and state. Also, thanks to those who recycle their used eyeglasses through our drop box at the Sayreville Borough Hall and thanks to the Girl Scouts who help us every year in making our breakfast a success. Thanks for caring.

**Photo submitted*

Test Prep Service

SOUTH AMBOY - Free college and career test prep service at the Dowdell Library, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy, Starting June 1st. For more info call 732-721-6060 or Email: egaber@dowdell.org

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.

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.

Loan Scam & Mortgage Fraud Workshop

PERTH AMBOY - There will be a Loan Scam & Mortgage Fraud Workshop on Wednesday, May 30, at 6 p.m. at the Housing Authority, 881 Amboy Ave. For more info call Martha at 732-826-3110 ext. 627. Sponsored by the Housing Authority of the City of Perth Amboy.

Resume Workshop

PERTH AMBOY - The Housing Authority of the City of Perth Amboy, will be offering a Resume Workshop on Friday, May 18 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 881 Amboy Ave., Perth Amboy. Come learn what employers are looking for. Workshop is Free! Call Delilah to reserve a seat. 732-826-3110 xt. 624.

Hunger Games

SOUTH AMBOY -The Dowdell Library Proudly Presents its First Annual Hunger Games- Every Thursday In May at 6 p.m.!! You've read the book! You've seen the movie ! Now put yourself to the test!! Jeopardy challenge, Cornucopia challenge, Nerf Gun challenge & more! Winning team gets a prize!! "Happy Hunger Games, and may the odds be ever in your favor!" Must Sign Up to participate!! Comments@dowdell.org For more info call 732-721-6060. Ages 10 to 17.



PERTH AMBOY - Congratulations to Perth Amboy Resident Tracy Jordan for winning the 2012 Citizen Leadership Award for Citizen Journalism. Tracy is one of the contributors to the Amboy Guardian.

**Photo by John M. Flores*



PERTH AMBOY - The Jewish Renaissance Medical Center presented the Golden Age Fashion Show sponsored by WellCare on Sunday, May 6, 2012 at Seabra's Armory.

**Photo by Bob Ned*

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

Police Blotter: Drug Arrest

Press Release

PERTH AMBOY - On Saturday, 05 May 2012 police arrested Hector Aran-Amador, age 23 of Gordon Street and Manuel Perez, age 23 of Smith Street.

Police Office David Formeza was dispatched to the tunnel area that connects Stanford Street and New Brunswick Avenue on a report a suspicious activity. After an investigation both suspects were arrested.

Mr. Amador was charged with possession of cocaine, marijuana, intent to distribute drugs, distributing drugs within 1,000 feet of the Richardson School, and resisting arrest. Bail was set by the Honorable Judge George Boyd for \$35,000 with no 10% option.

Mr. Perez was arrested for loitering in a public place to obtain drugs. He was summonsed out a short time later.

Police Blotter: Suspect Arrested In Assault Case.

Press Release

PERTH AMBOY - On Monday, 07 May 2012 police arrested Justino Gutierrez, age 47, of Prospect Street, Perth Amboy for possession of a weapon, possession of a weapon for unlawful purpose, aggravated assault with a knife and attempted murder.

Police were dispatched to a building on Market Street at 10:31 p.m. on a report of a stabbing. When police arrived they found victim laying on the floor in the front

doorway, with multiple stab wounds to her cheek, throat, and wrist. Victim was taken by medivac to Robert Wood Johnson Hospital, New Brunswick. Victim is currently being treated and is presently stable.

It was reported to police that during a domestic dispute an argument ensued and a knife was used in the assault. Police were able to recover the knife after arresting Mr. Gutierrez.

Honorable Judge Toth was contacted and bail is to be set at county level.

Police Blotter: City Man Arrested For Drug Possession.

Press Release

PERTH AMBOY - On Tuesday, May 8, 2012 at approximately 6:50 p.m. Detectives for the Special Investigations Bureau along with Detective Bureau personnel arrested Sean Brown, age 37, who possessed (120) decks of heroin in an apartment on Convery Blvd., Perth Amboy. Mr. Brown refused to grant consent to search his apartment. Police apply for and were granted a Superior Court Search Warrant by the Honorable Judge Vincent Le Blon for the apartment along with a 1998 Jeep Cherokee that was registered to Brown.

Upon execution of the Superior Court Search Warrant, an additional (370) decks of heroin, \$10,783.00 in U.S. Currency, a .40 caliber Beretta Handgun, loaded with (8) hollow point bullets, and a digital scale was recovered from the apartment.

A search of the Jeep Cherokee was then conducted and an additional (7) decks of heroin were recovered.

Mr. Brown was charged with possession of heroin, possession of heroin with the intent to distribute, possession of heroin with the intent to distribute within 1000 feet of the Woodbridge Vo-Tech High School, possession of heroin with the intent to distribute within 500 feet of Warren Park, unlawful possession of a weapon, possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose, possession of hollow point bullets, Certain persons not to possess a weapon, and possession of a weapon during the commission of a drug offense. Bail was set by the Honorable Judge Allen Comba at \$200,000.00 with no 10% option.

The total street value of the CDS seized is approximately \$5,000.00. The \$10,783.00, Jeep Cherokee, along with a 2008 Audi S5 was seized. The investigation was lead by Detectives Mohamed Mohamed and David Guzman.

**We are on the Web!
www.AmboyGuardian.com**

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)
For an Archiving Project - Your Photos & Documents will be scanned into digital format & returned to you.
For more info please call 732-293-1090

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Memorial Day Parade Scheduled for May 28, 2012

News Release
 PERTH AMBOY— Mayor Wilda Diaz invites the residents of Perth Amboy to honor and remember military personnel who gave their lives while serving our country during this year's Memorial Day parade and ceremony to be held on Monday, May 28th.

"We would like to welcome and look forward to the participation of local churches and other Perth Amboy organizations to join our efforts in recognizing the men and women who have served the United States," said Mayor Wilda Diaz.

If you are interested in participating in the parade, please contact Lissette Martinez at: (732)-826-1690 ext. 4307 or email lmartinez@perthamboynj.org by Friday, May 18th. PARADE: Monday, May 28th at 10 a.m. Begins at the Public Safety Complex Parking Lot (365 New Brunswick Ave.) and will proceed to Sadowski Parkway. CEREMONY: Monday, May 28th at 11 a.m. at the Veterans' War Memorial on Sadowski Parkway

As a reminder, the City of Perth Amboy offices will be closed Monday, May 28th and there will be no garbage collection on Memorial Day. Trash will be collected on your next regularly schedule pick-up day.

A Night of Storytelling With Vic Henley, Mark Riccadonna & Car LaBove

WOODBRIDGE - Live at the Barron Arts Center, 582 Rahway Avenue, Woodbridge on Friday, May 11. Showtime: 7:30 p.m. (seating begins at 7:00 p.m.) Ticket Price: \$20 advance / \$25 day-of For Tickets Call (732) 596-4048 or go to <http://www.woodbridgeartsnj.org>. For Interview Requests: pryanmusic@gmail.com (Pat Ryan). For Hi-Res Photos: lostbrothersbooking@gmail.com (Franklin Marcus)

Art Exhibit
 PERTH AMBOY - The Kearny Cottage Historical Association will feature the artwork of local award-winning artist Sharee Daniel at the Kearny Cottage, 63 Catalpa Avenue, Perth Amboy.

Ms. Daniel, winner of the Expressions of Courage art contest sponsored by Ortho McNeil Neurologics, Inc., in partnership with the Epilepsy Foundation.

Ms. Daniel has never let epilepsy stop her from pursuing her quest to express herself through art. She graduated from Gibbs College with an Associate's Degree in Visual Communications. Her works are multi-media: computer-generated graphic design, sculpture, pencil sketch and oil paint. Some of her works will be on display at Kearny Cottage during the month of May.

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: 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"

Edison AARP #3446

EDISON - The Edison AARP Chapter #3446 will meet on Monday, May 21 at 1 p.m. at the American Legion Hall, 167 Bower Avenue, Edison. Peter Cerrato, who has appeared on NBC TV's "Let's Talk Antiques" will speak on collecting stamps and coins, and exhibit part of his collection. For a nominal fee, appraisals will be part of the program. Trips: June 4-7 - Niagara Falls and Toronto, Canada. For information, call Bob at 732-885-1789. June 14 - Paper Mill Playhouse: "Once on This Island". For information, call Claire at 732-549-5316. All trips are open to non members. Canned food for MCFOOD and miscellaneous items for the veterans home will be collected at the meeting. Call Kay at 732-548-1976 for information on the knitting and crocheting club.

Ads Sell Call Carolyn 732-896-4446

Opening the Door To Homeownership

PERTH AMBOY - Interested in buying a home? Get the facts about home ownership. There is a workshop at the Housing Authority, 881 Amboy Ave., Perth Amboy on Thursday, May 17, 24, 30 & 31 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Must attend all three classes to obtain certification. Fee \$30 Register Today! 732-826-3110 ext. 627.

Dog Walk & Pet Fair

WOODBRIDGE - 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 krishelers@comcast.net. All proceeds benefit the Woodbridge Township Animal Shelter and Pet Adoption Center.

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.

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)

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.

Free College and Career Test Prep Service @ Dowdell Library

News Release

SOUTH AMBOY - SAT CLEP GED GMAT ACT PSAT TOEFL LSAT NMSQT MCAT NCLEX-RN ASVAB, EMT, PANCE PRAXIS... South Amboy residents preparing to tackle academic or career-orientated exams will soon have an opportunity to try their hand at free full-length practice tests thanks to a new service provided by the Dowdell Library of South Amboy.

Starting June 1st, the Dowdell Library will offer FREE and unlimited online access to more than 770 career and educational courses and practice tests! Improving the job search process, preparing for career certification, raising college entrance test scores, and improving basic skills are all possible with just the click of a mouse. So, visit the Dowdell Library, log on to a computer, and enjoy free, unlimited access to interactive skill building courses in math, reading, and writing as well as a broad range of practice tests based on official exams such as: SAT, GED, firefighter, police officer, paramedic, Allied Healthcare, U.S. Citizenship, postal worker, cosmetology, and real estate agent and broker exams. This valuable service is available 24/7 from any Internet-enabled computer—in your library and even from your home!

The most up-to-date test preparation and skill-building resources are available which help both students and adults prepare for a wide range of academic and career-oriented exams. In addition, job-skills tutorials are available to assist in creating a great resume, honing interviewing techniques, and improving business communications. In addition, patrons also have the option of selecting from more than 130 e-Book titles to help learners of all ages prepare for success.

This innovative platform can be accessed from any computer that has an Internet connection.

The Dowdell Library of South Amboy is located off O'Leary Boulevard; adjacent to the South Amboy High School and is open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 10 am - 8 pm and Wednesday and Friday from 10 am - 5 pm. Closed Saturday from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

To find out more about how you can access the free online test preparation resources, contact the Dowdell Library at 732-721-6060 or comments@dowdell.org or stop by and ask one of your librarians for more information!

Fall Event

3rd Annual Taste of Perth Amboy

Press Release by Barbara Sottilaro

PERTH AMBOY - Mark your calendars! Back by popular demand, the Friends of the Perth Amboy Free Public Library are doing it again. They are hosting the 3rd Annual Taste of Perth Amboy on October 2, 2012, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the St. Demetrios Community Center on Sadowski Parkway and Wisteria St. This delight to your taste buds will offer culinary samples from the many diverse restaurants, caterers, chocolatiers and fresh ice-creameries of our fair city. This event not only benefits the library but also the businesses of Perth Amboy, as people come from the surrounding area for an evening of food, fun, and friendship and get out of their comfort zone to try something new. Last year. Everyone that attended liked the location for the seating capacity, size, parking and waterfront setting and the added surprise of the Greek dancers.

Last year The Barge won for the best entrée serving London broil, salmon and bruschetta. Fajii's Ice Cream several flavors of

ice cream and sorbet was a refreshing finish to the evening garnering Tom Griffin the certificate for the best dessert. People came back so many times, he ran out of spoons. My first stop was Karini II for the Flan Cocho which Maria described when I asked her to participate. It was to die for and I have had it several times since. She also served garlic chicken and roast pork. The New Coney Island served their famous hot dogs and fresh squeezed orange juice. Ed and Mary's rolled cookies were a nice surprise and they also served stuffed cabbage and green beans and chicken. Luigi's served their great lasagna, Marios's Pizzeria offered penne vodka, Pizzarelli's- chicken rollatini, Seabra's Armory provided their famous paella and Slavko's Harborside walk his tasty crab cake sliders. Taqueria Rincon provided taquitos, Carvajal-empadas, El Taco-locoshrimp, chicken, and beef tacos, Tipico Vegano-pastelon, Healthy Choice Grill-wraps, brown rice, black beans, Terrazza-Cuban sandwiches and Masitas, Troy an abundance of their delicious appetizers including hummus

and baba ghanoush, plus almond pudding. Portuguese Manor delighted us with their well known favorites-garlic chicken, garlic shrimp and yellow rice. Diamond Chinese served a favorite of mine, General Tso's chicken.

Because we feel that all the participants were winners we are not planning a competition this year. There was so much to taste, that many attendees, including me, did not get to sample all the fine offerings. I have since made it my mission to try all of the restaurants. I still have a way to go as we have so many fine ones in this town of which many of us are unaware.

I invite those who participated to join us again and I would like others in the city to join us to add to the enjoyment. The Barge, Seabra's Armory, Sugar Plum Palace, Aris Lounge and Karini II and Slavko's Harborside Walk have already expressed their interest. This year will be even better as we plan a cash raffle, door prizes and a silent auction.

For information call Barbara, 732-826-9466, Roza-lia, 732-904-8703, for Spanish Ana, 732-442-9363.

Tax Facts

Check Out These Tax Breaks For Seniors

Courtesy of Tom Ploskonka

When it comes to taxes, growing older has its advantages. Here are some of the tax breaks available as you reach a certain age.

- Higher standard deductions. You're eligible for a higher standard deduction once you reach age 65. On your 2012 tax return, you can claim an extra \$1,450 deduction if you're single. If you and your spouse are both 65 or older, your combined extra deduction is \$2,300.

- Tax credit for the elderly. You may qualify for this direct credit against taxes if you're age 65 or older during the tax year. There are limitations if your tax-free pension benefits, such as social security, exceed certain

levels. Income limitations may also apply.

- Tax breaks for social security benefits. Generally, you'll pay no tax on social security benefits if the total of one-half of the benefits plus all other income is less than \$25,000 (singles) or \$32,000 (married filers). Above those levels, you'll pay tax on up to 50% of your benefits. High-income seniors could be taxed on up to 85% of their social security benefits.

- Possibly escape filing a tax return. Because of the higher standard deductions and potentially tax-free social security benefits, your taxable income may not reach the filing threshold. The filing threshold depends on your filing status. For example, if you're single and 65 or older, a 2012 return is not

required if your income is less than \$11,200. A married couple over age 65 doesn't need to file if income is less than \$21,800.

- Higher contributions. Once you reach age 50, you may contribute more to your retirement account – an additional \$1,000 to an IRA, \$2,500 to a SIMPLE, and \$5,500 to a 401(k). At age 55, you can contribute \$1,000 extra to a health savings account for 2012.

- Additional breaks on state taxes. Some states offer special breaks on taxes for seniors. Also check whether you qualify for deferral programs or other breaks on your property taxes.

Please contact our office to make sure you're receiving all the tax breaks for which you qualify at any age.



Sciortino's Supports South Amboy YMCA At Proceeds Day Fundraiser

Sciortino's Harbor Lights gives back by supporting the Y's "Send a Kid to Camp" Program which provides scholarship assistance to local children for Summer Day Camp

News Release

SOUTH AMBOY — Sciortino's Harbor Lights and the South Amboy Branch YMCA are excited to announce "Proceeds Day" benefitting the Y's "Send a Kid to Camp" Program. Proceeds Day will be held at Sciortino's on Thursday, May 31st from 11:30 a.m. – 11:30 p.m. Sciortino's has generously offered to donate 15% of all bills, dine-in only, to the Y's camp scholarship program when a Proceeds Day flyer is presented. The restaurant is located at 132 South Broadway in South Amboy.

As a special treat, entertain-

ment will be provided by talented strolling magician Will Fern from 6 p.m.-8 p.m. He has been performing magic for over 20 years and is most locally known for his strolling magic at restaurants like the Stagehouse and the Frog & the Peach. In 2011, Will Fern was named the International Champion of Strolling Magic. The Y is lucky to have him perform at Sciortino's in support of the "Send a Kid to Camp" Program."

Please call the Y at 732-553-9622 for more details about the Proceeds Night Fundraiser. Flyers are available at the South Amboy Y's Welcome Desk.

South Amboy YMCA to Host Senior Health Day May 18, 2012

SOUTH AMBOY - The Y celebrates Older Americans Month in May as a way to show appreciation and support for our seniors as they continue to enrich and strengthen our communities. The South Amboy Branch YMCA will be hosting a Senior Health Day on Friday, May 18th to engage seniors in healthful activities together. Seniors throughout the community are invited to participate in the scheduled events that will take place from 8:45am to 1pm at the South Amboy Y, located at 200 John T. O'Leary Blvd in South Amboy, NJ.

Senior Health Day will kick off at 8:45am with an Aqua Aerobics Class in our Pool. Other classes include Yoga at 9am and Senior Fitness

at 12pm. At 10am, Craft Artisan Lois Griffin will be here to hold a beading and jewelry making demonstration. At 11am, there will be a "Meet the Doctor" Session with Dr. Ofori-Behome of Adom Family Medicine in South Amboy. Representatives from Raritan Bay Medical Center will be here providing blood pressure screenings and healthy living information. Finally, our Physical Director, Mike Manfre, will be hosting a Technology Q&A Session at 11am.

All community Seniors are invited to join us and celebrate Senior Health Day at the South Amboy Y. For more information, please call 732-553-9622 or visit our website: www.ymcaofmewsa.org.



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.

Classroom In Need Donations Accepted

CARTERET - Ms. C. Costa teaches an Autistic Program in Carteret School District. Due to NJ budget cuts and limited funding, her program is in desperate need of materials and a new work table for students. Her students are a wonderful bunch of children who need a lot of special attention and materials due to their disabilities. She has created a project proposal through a nonprofit organization called Donors Choose. Attached below is the link to learn more about her students and her project. She and her students would greatly appreciate it if you would consider making a donation to this great cause. Any small donation will be accepted and GREATLY appreciated. - <http://www.donorschoose.org/ms.costa>

Circus Vidbel

SOUTH AMBOY - A Night Of Entertainment For The Whole Family Sponsored By The South Amboy Fire Department 125th Anniversary Committee at the South Amboy High School Field Saturday, May 19th - Two Shows: 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Advance Tickets Are \$9 - \$12 At The Gate For Information - Call 732-525-0265 Tickets Available At: Foodtown, Colleen's Kitchen, Center Deli, And Jacqueline's Florist And Gifts

Festa di San Antonio

HOPELAWN - The Festa di San Antonio at Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Church, 625 Florida Grove Rd., in the Hopelawn section of Woodbridge will be hosting its annual Festa honoring St. Anthony on Saturday, June 2 from Noon to 9p.m. in Msgr. Gambino Hall. The day will include Italian food and desserts (eat in/take out), raffles, activities and games for kids including face painting, tattoos, arts and crafts and more. Hopelawn Engine Co. No. 1 will be on hand. Elevator service is available. Festa goers are asked to bring a non-perishable food item for donation to a local food pantry. For more information call, (732) 826-2771 or www.OLMHR.parishesonline.com

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.

Volunteers Needed

PERTH AMBOY - Catholic Charities Diocese of Metuchen Connections Program is looking for both men and women to participate in one-to-one activities and become a mentor to the youth of Middlesex County and Franklin Township. For more info call Jeanette at 732-738-1323 or email jnadonley@ccdom.org.

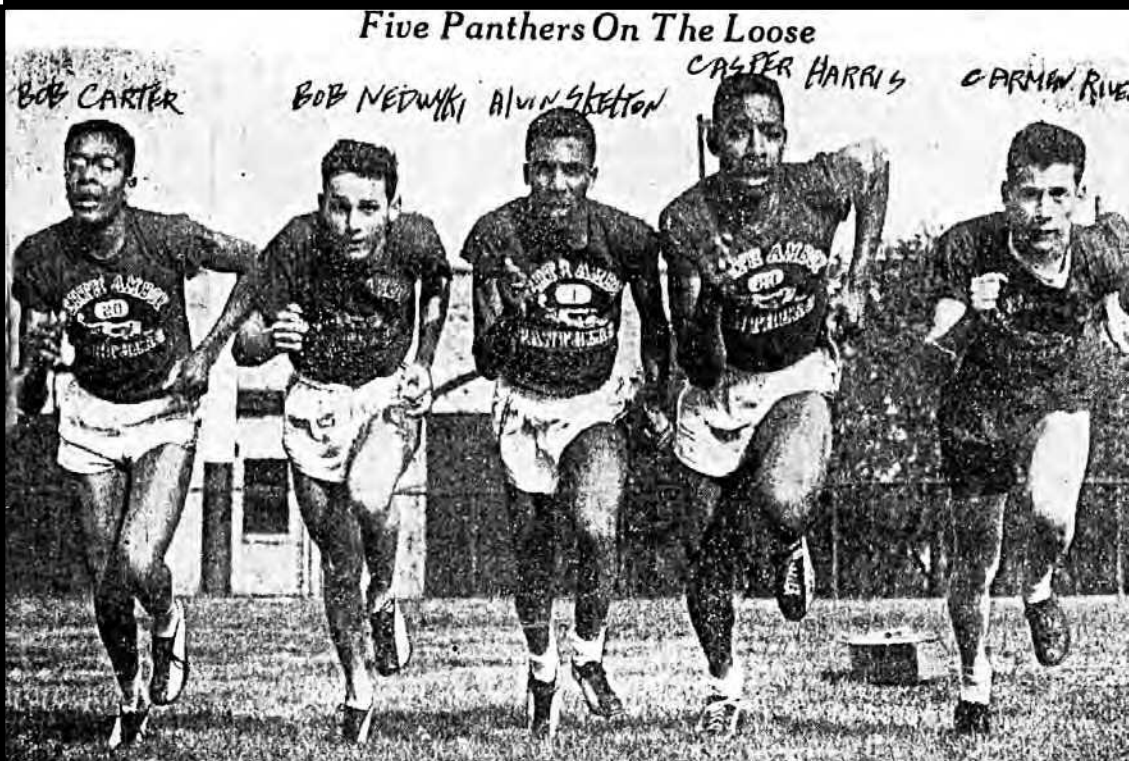
Volunteers Needed

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.



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LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY - Five Panthers on the Loose. Here are five boys who have performed well for Perth Amboy High School in track this campaign. In the unusual order Bob Carter, Bob Nedwyski, Alvin Skeleton, Casper Harris, Carmen Rivello. *Photo courtesy of the Reggie Navarro
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Senior Scene

Happenings

Perth Amboy

TODAY, May 16 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 17 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.

MON., May 21 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.

TUES., May 22 Holy Spirit Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Church Hall, Brace Ave.

• Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.

WED. May 23 Simpson Seniors, 10 a.m., Williamson Hall, High St.

• Holy Rosary Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Auditorium, Florida Grove Rd.
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THURS., May 24 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.

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MON. June 4 St. Mary's Seniors, noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.

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P.E.P

**Franklin
D. English
Scholarship**

SOUTH AMBOY - A \$1000.00 scholarship will be awarded by lottery to a South Amboy resident graduating in June. Interested High School seniors can register for the drawing by mailing a copy of their acceptance from an institute of higher learning, College, or Technical Institute to the address below. Please submit your acceptance letter by June 6, 2012. The drawing will held on June 8th at 3 p.m. at the Dowdell Library. All applicants are welcome to witness the drawing. Franklin D.. English Scholarship, c/o Robert P. Pawlik, 511 Augusta Street, South Amboy, NJ 08879.

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 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, Oh 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. **P.E.P.**

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5. It's a Living waitress
6. M*A*S*H vehicles
7. Hank Hill's boss (2 words)
8. Niles's alma mater
9. _____ Blood
10. Mary of Entertainment Tonight
12. _____ Hunter (2 words)
19. Sara of Popular
21. Popeye's gal: Olive _____
24. Footnote entry: Op. _____
25. One, in Paris
26. Mandela's land (abbr.)
27. Haul behind
29. Publisher's request (abbr.)
30. Brit. VIPs
31. Hospital room, for City of Angels
34. Nolin of Sheena (2 words)
37. Tint
39. _____-CIO
41. _____ Winds
43. Rick's wife on Ozzie & Harriet
44. Tiny amount
45. Phooey!
47. Frosted
48. Timbuktu's locale
49. Paris airport
52. 240-Robert actor Saunders

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1. Breakfast choice at Mel's Diner
4. Pt. of speech
7. Fable
11. ABC's _____ Camp
13. Adversary
14. _____ avis
15. _____ Sides
16. 66, on TV (abbr.)
17. Traduce
18. Rappaport of NYPD Blue
20. Designing Women role for Judith Ivey: B.J. _____
22. Actor's hint
23. Neighbor of Isr.
24. A _____ Affair
28. Speaks like Sylvester
32. _____ many words (2 words)
33. Murray, on Mad About You
35. Then _____ Bronson
36. Emulate Mr. Novak

38. _____ Link
40. While You Were _____
42. Monday Night Football gp.
43. Peter Benchley's Amazon actress Margot
46. Virgil Paris on Somerset
50. King of I'm a Big Girl Now
51. _____-Star Golf
53. Mayberry's locale (abbr.)
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