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Perth Amboy

Fire Chief Volk Fields Questions About 6/3/12 Cortlandt Street Fire

PERTH AMBOY - Fire Chief David Volk gave an extensive explanation to a question from a local resident who lives 1 1/2 blocks from the Cortlandt Street fire. The resident questioned why some of the hydrants in the immediate area of the fire had either no pressure, low pressure or not a drop of water coming out of them. Fire Chief David Volk explained the reason behind this, "Hydrants in a certain radius are on the same grid. If one hydrant on the grid needs extra water it will pull excess water from another hydrant." He compared it a similar situation on a smaller scale: if someone has water running, for instance in the kitchen and someone else turns on a faucet in another part of the house, for instance in the bathroom at the same time, pressure from one of the faucets will drop. "That is why you can't pull all the water out of the same grid."

In a phone interview, Fire Chief Volk explained that each hydrant is supposed to get 700 gallons of water per minute. "We had to get water from State Street and West Side Avenue, which have bigger mains and grids."

"The hydrants are numbered and maintained by the water company. The water company doesn't share all

their data that they gather on hydrants when they do their maintenance. The Fire Department flushes the hydrants. If there is any problems with the hydrants that are flushed a report will be submitted to the Business Administrator."

B.A. Greg Fehrenbach stated that he had not gotten any reports stating there were any problems with any fire hydrants.

The hydrant numbers are more of an assistance to the water company and there are over 700 of them. Water fluctuates for hydrants also because of pipe replacements. We have good equipment but you can't plan or design a water system for the size of this fire. Two houses were fully engulfed when I arrived on the scene," Volk stated.

Volk compared this fire to the Harbortown fire (December 2010) where they were forced to go outside the grid because of the intensity of the fire.

Volk also mentioned that, "This was a very intense fire," comparing it to the fire at Water's Stadium in the 1980s that burned down the wooden grandstands including the concession stands, lockers and bathrooms. "You can't plan for a fire that intense."

When asked how old the houses that burned down were, Volk answered, "Of the struc-



Fire Chief
David Volk

tures on Cortlandt Street, #654 (which is still standing) was built in 1919; #664 was built in 1899; #660 was built in 1909; #662 was built in 1899; and #656 was built in 1899. They were all Balloon Houses."

(Balloon framing was a popular construction method in the 19th Century up until the mid 1950s.)

911 received the first call at 3:45 a.m. It came from 662 Cortlandt St. "Based on our investigations and interviews there may have been a possibility of the fire spreading because of people trying to put the fire out themselves." Volk emphasized that you should get out of a house or building quickly and close the door behind you. "Everyone was out of the building when we got there."

zalez said, "The Zoning Board excludes you from being on other Boards." Speaking to Blunda, he said, "He should advise the Mayor so she can make appointments appropriately."

Businessman David Caba said, "I don't have time to be on 3 Boards. I am looking at the list on the agenda and there are some people on 3 Boards.

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Frustration Mounts at Perth Amboy Board of Education Special Meeting



The Board of Education met at a special meeting on Wednesday, June 13, 2012 *Photo by Joseph L. Kuchie

by Joseph L. Kuchie

PERTH AMBOY - Frustration mounted at the special Perth Amboy board of education meeting on June 13th as the board attempted to agree on the Superintendent's propositions for the 2012-2013 school year.

The agenda for the meeting consisted of 38 different items that needed board approval, but only 32 were successfully motioned and passed. The entire process took over four hours, including a two-hour private session and two hour discussion.

Conflict ensued over two portions of the agenda, one including the Teach-to-One program and the other dealing with Reading Horizon Training. Vice President Kenneth Puccio was firmly against the Teach-to-One program, insisting that he would not allow Perth Amboy's education system to become privatized.

"We are spending a lot of money for outside consultants to come in with no guarantee that it will work," Puccio said. "Why do people have to come in and teach? We don't need to privatize Perth Amboy because we have teachers that can teach the kids. We will not privatize this school district while I'm on this board."

Superintendent Dr. Caffrey defended her plan to bring Teach-to-One to Perth Amboy, saying that the teachers of the district strongly supported the idea and that this program would be the best way to improve scores in the middle school.

"I urge the board to move forward with the plan and let it pass today. It can dynamically transform the McGinnis School," Caffrey said. "I'm not privatizing the school district, that's not what this is. The teachers brought this idea to you."

AFT President Donna Chiera, who sat in the audience for the entire meeting, took Caffrey's side during the public session of the meeting. She confirmed that the teachers did approve this new program, and that Teach-for-One would definitely help the district's test scores.

"Dr. Caffrey was 100 percent right about the Teach-for-One program. The teachers were excited about it and based on that excitement, the AFT supported it," Chiera said. "This has nothing to do with the cost or privatizing the district."

The board was also split on proposition six which would bring in Elizabeth Willaum to instruct the staff on Dual

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Board Appointments Questioned

PERTH AMBOY - Resident Alan Silber was one of several people questioning some of the appointments of various Board Members. He questioned a resolution to appoint the Mayor to the Redevelopment Agency for a term to expire on June 30, 2017. "Wouldn't it be embarrassing and uncomfortable to have a former Mayor on the Board? Shouldn't we wait until after the elections to do appoint-

ments? Can't we just fill seats for six months temporarily?"

Attorney Mark Blunda said it depends on the Boards. Some are covered by state statute. If a seat becomes vacant before that person's term ends, you can have someone fill that seat until the term expires. We can look at each Board individually and see if the Council can change the stature of the terms of the Board.

Councilman Fernando Gon-

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Board of Ed

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Language Training. Some believed that the training would better the district, but it would eventually be tabled until the next board meeting due to a lack of data needed for further action.

"I want to see data for this year compared to last year before we move this proposition, we don't even know the results yet," Puccio said. "I'm not saying to do away with the whole thing, but I'm not comfortable changing our dual language program without seeing the data. The training is not for another two months, why is it important to vote right now? Wait until we have more information."

Board member Israel Varela was against many of the decisions proposed by Caffrey, explaining that he did not have the proper information

on most of the propositions to confidently vote. Varela would eventually vote "nay" on 16 propositions, and wished that more information were given to the board before they decided to meet and deal with these important issues.

"I'm uncomfortable voting on this whole situation and almost everything on the agenda. We are not getting the information we need," Varela said. "I am unable to have an intelligent conversation on most of this, and I wish I had a little more knowledge."

There were also comments made about Caffrey's current job status, which was brought up by a number of board members during debates on the propositions. Along with Puccio commenting on her attempt to privatize the school district, Caffrey shot down accusations that she was getting paid to bring in programs such as AMIkids.


"There were some rumors

that I was getting paid off by some of these programs. When it was voted to place me on leave... one of the items on the list said I was getting a financial advantage by bringing them into Perth Amboy. That is not true," Caffrey said. "I'm doing what is best for our kids. There was a belief that I was getting paid off to put it on the agenda... so I believed it was due for another vote."


The board recently voted to invoke the doctrine of necessity for a second time against Dr. Caffrey, but no further action was taken and Caffrey remained Superintendent. Board attorney Isabel Machado addressed the comments made by the rest of the board, urging them to refrain from making comments about Caffrey's status and remaining focused on the meeting's real goals.

The propositions that were tabled will be discussed at the next Board meeting on June 28th.


Cotillion - May 20, 2012 - Renaissance Woodbridge Hotel
**photos submitted*



Cotillion Guys: Senior Escorts are Marcus Anthony Cruz, Clarence Tyler-Stevens, Adrian Ramos, Julio Medina and Patrick Jason Nolasco Santiago



Flowers & Debutantes: Ballroom floor dance. Phoebe Curry, Regina Bishop-Mbachu, Kirra Alexis Nelson, Ariana Sena/Flowers are Kristiana Lincoln, Alecia Richardson, Amaris Vargas, Jannan Florian, Kaela Cruz



Brianna Zayas, Tiffany Marmolejos, Imani McClendon, Yarisa Ortega, Destiny Cruz - Senior Debutantes

Students learn Ballroom Dance for Grand Cotillion and Give Honor to Veterans 12 Weeks learning social skills and formal ballroom dancing culminates in Grand Cotillion

News Release
ISELIN – Students from high schools, junior and elementary schools in Sayreville and Perth Amboy participated in the Multicultural Grand Cotillion, 3 p.m. on Sunday, May 20, 2012 at the Renaissance Woodbridge Hotel, 515 Highway One South, Iselin.

Students engaged in cotillion workshops learning social skills such as proper greetings, table manners, public speaking, volunteerism, bully prevention, preparing for college, personal grooming and the traditional elegance of ballroom dancing. One class was conducted at the Hudson County College Culinary Arts Institute where cotillion students received proper table instruction while being served a full course meal.

Amputee and bone cancer survivor is the story of 10 year old Kaela Cruz was excited about participating in her first Cotillion. She was one of the students dancing in formal gowns and tuxedos in an event that promises to have a highly positive impact.

Sponsoring the Grand Cotillion is the Multicultural Grand Cotillion Scholarship Society Inc. (MGCSS) which was established in memory of Staff Sergeant Johnnie A. Walker and his high school friends who gave their lives serving our country.

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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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Lessons to be Learned: A Joint Venture Sounds Good to Us



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Dorothy Daniel
The Housing Authority

Recently, the "Perth Amboy Young People History Hunters Program" was presented to the City Council by Dorothy Daniel. The idea is to get the children to visit all the historical sites in the surrounding area. Dorothy Daniel provided each Councilman with a copy of the Raritan Millstone Guide to Historic Sites in Central Jersey. The basic idea behind this program is to get the children acquainted with the historic sites in the New Jersey, specifically in Perth Amboy. "If you teach the children about history, especially in the town where they live, they in turn will pass this knowledge along to their parents," Dot Daniel explained to the Council.

She went also on to say that she herself didn't know the history about William Dunlap. Nor were any of the residents who lived in Dunlap Homes Complex. She also mentioned that she was not aware that Thomas Mundy Peterson was the first black voter under the 15th Amendment and he was from Perth Amboy. She learned about these facts as an adult.

Daniel said, "Catholic Charities runs afterschool programs for the Dunlap Homes children. The Housing Authority, YMCA and Alianza would like to partner together to plan trips to have the students of Perth Amboy go to the historic sites at least once a week during the

summer. All of these entities have their own transportation and we can borrow each other's busses when necessary,"

Daniel stated, "We can make arrangements that each organization can provide interchangeable chaperones. Each time a student visits a historic site, we can give them a certificate. When they return to school, they can truly talk about what an exciting summer they had." She also spoke to Woodbridge about doing a similar summer program.

Councilman Bill Petrick wanted to know how many children would be participating in this program.

Councilman Joel Pabon said, "Each organization has 75 children or more participating in summer school programs."

Petrick stated, "I would like to see Perth Amboy sites visited first by the participants in this program."

Carolyn: I for one am all for this project. As a member of the Historic Preservation Commission, it is extremely important that we highlight the history of Perth Amboy. It is too important for it not to be recognized for the contribution it has made to not only to our country but worldwide.

Katherine & Paul: Perth Amboy was described by one individual as "One of the 10 most historic sites in the United States." Perth Amboy's rich history needs to be told, espe-

cially to the children. Many of Perth Amboy's citizens have no knowledge of the history of our City. Mainly because: 1.) it is not taught in our schools; 2.) many of the children of our town are immigrants or children of immigrants and have no knowledge of Perth Amboy history.

Perth Amboy includes such historical sites as the Royal Governor's Mansion (home to William Franklin, the last Royal Governor), the Kearny Cottage (home to Commodore Lawrence Kearny), the Historic Ferry Slip (site of the famous Tottenville Ferry), St. Peter's Episcopal Church (one of the oldest Episcopal Churches in New Jersey), The Simpson Methodist Church (and its famous clock tower), an original Carnegie Library, and the oldest functioning City Hall in the United States to name some.

Perth Amboy was also the first in many moments in history. Perth Amboy was once the capitol of New Jersey. The Bill of Rights was first signed in Perth Amboy. The first flight of a dirigible took place over Perth Amboy with the flight of Solomon Andrew's *Aereon*. The *USS Holland*, the first submarine was tested in Perth Amboy's Dry Docks. During the 19th Century Perth Amboy was the site of the Raritan Bay Union and its famous school Eagleswood which spawned many poets, artists, inventors, etc. In the 1930s Perth Amboy had the largest roller rink in the world. Much of the terracotta in New York City was manufactured in Perth Amboy. Also it is the 100th Anniversary of the first air-mail flight between South Amboy and Perth Amboy. A Cancellation Stamp has been proposed to celebrate this anniversary.

These list of "firsts" is quite extensive. What other town can boast so much?

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People History Hunters Program" will teach all of this rich history to the children. The organizations mentioned above will work together to accomplish this. The history of our town touched so many lives, now it is time for the children to learn about our town and appreciate it.

K.M. , P.W. & C.M.

Board Appointments

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The City Council extended their terms for six months. The form of government needs to be changed. We need young people serving on Boards."

"Silber is correct," stated Reinaldo Avelis. "Re-appointing people in February is a good idea. Is it necessary to be appointed to more than one Board? Were people contacted who were on waiting lists for Board vacancies. And were these Board vacancies advertised."

City Clerk Elaine Jasko stated that the people that were on waiting lists were notified when there were vacancies for positions that they applied for. "These openings were advertised on the City Website for 30 days. No one responded."

Council President Ken Balut requested that Attorney Mark Blunda take a look at the state statute for Board Appointees. "We should have more people come in. Some people have been on these Boards for 10 years and have done nothing.



City of Perth Amboy Benefits from Settlement

PERTH AMBOY - The City of Perth Amboy accepted a settlement in the amount of \$599,995 from litigation involving Garrubbo, Capece and Millman. R-284-612.

Correction

PERTH AMBOY - In an article that ran 6/13/12 Mayor Wilda Diaz was quoted, in discussing transparency in her administration. She was quoted by the Amboy Guardian as saying, "Nobody knows what goes on behind closed doors."

Actually what Mayor Diaz said was, " So, I just want to bring that to light. I have nothing to hide. Some people don't understand what really goes on behind working and trying to make things happen in the City to benefit the entire community," According to her office. The Amboy Guardian regrets this mistake.

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**Plays in The
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EDISON - My Fair Lady - Wednesday, Jun 20 through Saturday, June 30 - 8:30 p.m. Adults - \$7.00, Senior Citizens - \$5.00, Children 12 and Under Free. Shows play every night of the week at 8:30, except for Sundays. Plays-in-the-Park is located 1 block south of the Menlo Park Mall off of Route 1, in Edison, N.J. The turn off is called Grandview Avenue. At the top of the short hill make your first right on to Pine Drive and the Park Rangers will guide you to a parking spot. Fax:732-548-1484 • Phone: 732-548-2884. Please bring a non-perishable food item to benefit less fortunate residents through M.C.C.F.O.O.D.S. This program is funded in part by the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders, the Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission with assistance thru a grant provided by New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Dept of State.

Community Calendar

Perth Amboy	
TODAY. June 20	Municipal Court, 1:30 p.m., Court House, New Brunswick Ave.
THURS. June 21	Municipal Court, 6 p.m., Court House, New Brunswick Ave.
MON. June 25	City Council, Caucus 4:30 p.m. City Hall, High Street
TUES. June 26	Municipal Court, 9 a.m. and 6 p.m., Court House, New Brunswick Ave.
WED June 27	Municipal Court, 1:30 p.m., Court House, New Brunswick Ave. City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, High Street
THURS. June 28	Board of Education, 6 p.m. Perth Amboy High School, Eagle Ave. Historic Prservation Commission City Hall, High Street
South Amboy	
TODAY June 20	City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, N. Broadway

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Do you or someone you know have Old Photographs or Documents?

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For more info please call 732-293-1090

Elizabeth Lawrence Kearny Named On The NJ Historic Preservation Commission's: Women's Heritage Trail - Sign at the Kearny Cottage



Elizabeth Lawrence was placed on the Women's Heritage Trail - June 10, 2012 - (L to R) Vilma Novak, Re-enactor Jeffrey Macechak as James Lawrence, Katherine Massopust and Filomena Gianfrancesco.

**Photo by Paul W. Wang*

by Vilma Novak

PERTH AMBOY - The Kearny Cottage Historical Association invited the Raritan Millstone Heritage Alliance attendees, at the War of 1812 program, to join them at the unveiling of the sign from the NJ Historic Preservation Commission placing Kearny Cottage on the Women's Heritage Trail because of Elizabeth Lawrence Kearny's notoriety as a Revolutionary War era poet. Phyllis Gianfrancesco spoke about the Women's Heritage Trail, Katherine Massopust spoke about Elizabeth Lawrence Kearny and Vilma Novak cut the ribbon revealing the sign. The spirit at the events was that of a family reunion with the homecoming of Captain Lawrence and his visit to Kearny Cottage in honor of his half sister Elizabeth.

Captain James Lawrence Returns To Kearny Cottage



Don't Give up the Shipu ! Don Katz and Jeffrey Macechak as Captain James Lawrence

**Photo by Sue Tisaker*



Jeffrey Macechak as Captain James Lawrence, Anton Massopust III and John Solowinski
**Photo by Vilma Novak*

by Vilma Novak

PERTH AMBOY - The Raritan Millstone Heritage Alliance, in their ongoing effort to promote historic Perth Amboy, presented a program for the 200th Anniversary of the War of 1812 at the Armory Restaurant on Sunday, June 11, 2012. Jeffrey Macechak, a Captain James Lawrence re-enactor, from the Burlington Historic

Society, spoke about Captain Lawrence's role in the war. Captain Lawrence was in command of the frigate Chesapeake, which was engaged in battle with the British ship, Shannon, he was mortally wounded. While being carried below deck he ordered "Don't give up the ship". "Don't give up the ship" became the battle cry of the fleet. Five ships were named in his honor: U.S Brig

Lawrence, 1813-1825; U.S. Brig Lawrence, 1843-1846; USS Lawrence, Destroyer #8; USS Lawrence, DD-250 and USS Lawrence, DDG-4.

Captain James Lawrence lived, for a time at the Kearny Cottage, cared for by his half-sister Elizabeth Lawrence Kearny, mother of Commodore Lawrence Kearny, and her husband Michael.

Children's Programs at The Dowdell Library

SOUTH AMBOY - Summer is finally here, and with it brings fun programs at the Dowdell Library of South Amboy! There will be plenty going on for toddlers, children, and teens for the month of July and August while school is out. July is "Music Playlist Month!" For the entire month, kids can suggest their favorite songs, and the library will create a big playlist for them to listen to for two hours per day. The one song that gets suggested the most, will win a prize for the kids who suggested it. Also, in August the library will have a "Build-Your-Own Robot" Contest! Kids can build them in groups and the best robot will win a prize. This summer, Pirate School will

be on July 23rd at 2:00 pm. Come dressed in a costume; learn how to be a pirate and what it takes to sail the open sea. On August 23rd at 3:30 pm, "Dragons and Dreams" Science Experiments will be at the Library. Come watch as our Scientists tell a story using experiments. Sign up for these two special programs must be done ahead of time.

The Dowdell Library will also be having many summer giveaways for young adults up to the age of seventeen. Through TD Bank: any child who reads ten books this summer will receive a ten dollar gift card. For every fifth book that a child enters into their summer reading log, they will receive a ticket for a free game of bowling

at Majestic Lanes while supplies last. Through Rutgers University: every child who reads one summer reading book will receive a ticket to a Rutgers Football game in September. Also, any child who takes out two summer reading books will receive a coupon for Dorney Park. There will be a lot going on at the library this summer, so don't forget to drop in!

The library is adjacent to the South Amboy High School off O'Leary Blvd. Library hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 10am - 8 pm; Wednesday and Friday 10am - 5pm. Directions: www.dowdell.org.

For additional information, contact the library at comments@dowdell.org or 732-721-6060.

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**South Amboy High School Graduation
June 2012**

**Photos by Aaron Beers*



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**Commission For Persons
With Disabilities**



(L to R) First row: Commissioners Lourdes Illa, Dorothy Daniel, Patrick Miller. Second Row: Commissioners Elizabeth Clark, Jo Ann Fulop, Abraham Pitre, Nephtaly Cordona, Herschel Chomsky, Venus Majeski, and Sharee Daniel with Mayor Wilda Diaz

**Photo by Vilma Novak*

PERTH AMBOY - The City of Perth Amboy and Alianza (Alliance), a program of the New Jersey Institute for Disabilities, have established a commission to serve and discuss the needs of those with disabilities. Their first meeting was Monday, June 4, 2012.



SOUTH AMBOY - Pictured here are some of Brian O'Connor's advanced music students performing in a concert that has been getting bigger and better each year. The concert was held on June 3rd at the Charles Hoffman Senior Citizen Building in So. Amboy. The concert was a huge success with a crowd of over 200 people. With music ranging from classic rock to country and jazz, the precision and professionalism of all the performers was right on the money. The crowd and the students both had a great time. O'Connor has been teaching music for the past 25 plus years. Giving lessons on guitar, bass, drums, saxophone and flute, he also works with many of his students on their vocal skills. It's hard to believe how good this show is each year until you truly see it for yourself. For more information go to brianoconnormusic.com. Front row - Shayna Lee O'Connor, Nicola Pawlowski, Alexis Pawlowski, Marena Carter, Diana Rodriguez, DJ Crocker, Mike Autunnale, Anthony Pesch and Kyle O'Connor; Middle row - Suhani Shah, Nick Zonak, Mark Kocsis, Lukas Szpindor, Brian O'Connor, Brian Batista, Giovanni Spataro, Tyler McCormack, Louis Mastro, Kevin O'Connor, Brendan O'Keeffe and Bruce Grankowski; Back row- Kyle Poetsch, Dennis Nardone, Kevin Eustace, Pranav Datla, Ron Sutter, Sean Kelly, Rich Steele and Steven Steele. **Photo submitted by Brian O'Connor*

**6 Daughters Of Us Military Families
Sail Into Perth Amboy On
All-Women Crewed Tall Ship**

*Perth Amboy, NJ to welcome 6 teens selected
to participate in onboard leadership development*

NEWS RELEASE

WEST POINT, NY (June 18, 2012) – The tall ship Unicorn and her onboard leadership program, Sisters Under Sail, will sail into Perth Amboy, NJ this Friday, June 22nd with a ship full of teens from U.S. military families. These girls will be finishing a weeklong sail with hands-on leadership development lessons delivered by the only all-female tall ship crew in the world. Each of the 6 teen girls who were selected to receive a full scholarship for this week's voyage from West Point, NY to Perth Amboy, NJ have a parent who actively serves in the U.S. military or who has fallen in the line of duty.

Though they all share a common military bond, the group is diverse, representing the U.S. Army from West Point, NY; Ft. Campbell, KY; Ft. Bragg, NC and the U.S. Coast Guard Station in Cape May, NJ.

Sisters Under Sail is the only sail training organization to specifically target these teens for leadership development. Sponsors for this initiative include New York, New Jersey and Eastern North Carolina alumni clubs from The

University of Notre Dame and the New York City & New Jersey alumnae clubs of Saint Mary's College.

Dawn Santamaria, Founder and Executive Director of Sisters Under Sail and Hunterdon County resident, has chosen to recognize U.S. Military daughters because "these teens face the difficulty of having a parent deploy for months on end to protect and fight for our country. They are brave, and we at Sisters Under Sail want to show our appreciation for their courage in the face of adversity."

Santamaria also commented that there was no better port to sail into for the maiden voyage of this new Sisters' initiative. "The City of Perth Amboy means something to Sisters Under Sail. 8 years ago, Sisters launched its maiden voyage from this New Jersey port that we will be sailing into on Friday with these 6 daughters of our U.S. military.

Working closely with the City of Perth Amboy as our destination for the maiden voyage of our new program seems fitting – like we have come full circle in a way."

Sisters Under Sail will continue its commitment to bring daughters of the U.S. military

aboard during the 2013 season, when the Unicorn travels to the Great Lakes. Based in New Jersey, Sisters Under Sail helps teen girls and women of all ages build confidence, enhance their self-esteem, develop social conscience and learn the value of sisters working together towards a common goal through sail training. Sisters was born from the personal experiences of the Santamaria family sailing aboard their tall ship, the Unicorn. Her four daughters discovered their own leadership potential onboard the Unicorn.

Since inception, Sisters Under Sail has put aboard over 450 teenage girls and 250 women, and 45% of those teenage girls have shipped aboard the Unicorn via sponsorship dollars. The Unicorn is Sisters Under Sail's "experiential learning lab" for her leadership programming.

To learn about Sisters Under Sail's Daughters of the U.S. Military Initiative, for more information regarding 2013 eligibility or to inquire about sail training programs for women of all ages, please visit sistersundersail.org, facebook.com/SistersUnderSail or contact Dawn Santamaria directly at dawn@sistersundersail.org.

Hall Avenue Puerto Rican Festival - June 8, 9, 10, 2012

**photos by Paul W. Wang*



One of the organizers, Jackie Quiles



Mrs. Clemente receives the key to the City from Mayor Diaz



The crowd enjoys the day of festivities



Having a great time!



Showing Puerto Rican Pride!



The pig roast was very popular



Children display the PR Flag



Her smile says it all



Rides were popular all day long



Raritan Bay Cruisers

WOODBIDGE - Raritan Bay Cruisers Cruise Nights Are Back For 2012. 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. starting Jun 12 (General) The Raritan Bay Cruisers At The Pizza Hut 320 Route 9 North In Woodbridge, NJ 07095 EVERY Tuesday Night Starting May 8, 2012 to Sept 25, From 6-9 p.m. Rock & Roll Music, Trophies, Kids Games, And Just Family . For Any Info On This Cruise Night FOR ANY Info about this Cruise Night CALL Danny 1-732-921-0113 or Sonny @ 732-585-7365. We Are A Member Of The Central NJ Car Club Assoc.Com (CNJC-CA.COM)

Spotlight on New Brunswick Avenue Businesses - Maple Street

**Photos by Paul W. Wang & Katherine Massopust*



Staff of Pizzarelli Pizza



Staff of 24-7 Appliance



The DJ plays



Mayor Diaz with local business leaders and officials

Mayor Wilda Diaz Announces her bid for Re-election - June 13, 2012

**photos by Paul W. Wang*



Mayor Wilda Diaz announces her bid for re-election of Mayor of Perth Amboy



Assemblyman Craig J. Coughlin, Mayor John McCormac of Woodbridge, Senator Joe Viatale, Mayor Diaz and Congressman Albio Sires at City Hall Circle



Mayor Wilda Diaz' supporters listen to her speech



Mayor Wilda Diaz starts her campaign

Stay Safe This Summer 3rd & 4th Grade Safety Conference at the Perth Amboy YMCA & PRAHD Mi Escuelita Preschool End of School Year Luncheon (bottom 2 photos) **photos by Bob Ned*



Health, Senior Svs. & Reps from the State with Steve Jobin



Playground safety is important



Water safety is emphasized



A little fruit-kabob was in order



Kids enjoying the afternoon



End of School Year Program

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.

Record Collection

PARILIN - The Friends of the Sayreville Public Library will continue its program of record donations. The records must be either 45's or 33 1/3. We do not accept 78's. Please contact Teri at 732-727-7639 for further information or if you have large record donations.

PAHS All

Alumni Picnic

PERTH AMBOY - The 3rd annual PAHS Alumni Picnic, Sponsored by class of 75' and 76' on Saturday, August 11 @ Warren Park, Woodbridge from 12 noon until 6 p.m. Tickets are \$20. Contact the following for tickets. Randi Fleischman - rfleischman@remn.com, Candy Pyzik - cp-pookie@yahoo.com, Donna Pryga,- Dpryga65@comcast.net

Community Flea Market

PERTH AMBOY - On Saturday, June 30th, between 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. "We Care" Perth Amboy Coalition of Food Pantries is hosting its first Flea Market. We invite our community to come and enjoy great prices on clothing, housing items, decorations, electronics, food, music and much more. All proceed will help support the fight against hunger. If you are interested in getting a table to sell your products contact Damaris @ 732-826-8206. Location: 205 Smith Street, Perth Amboy (Parking lot in front of the train station)

The 35th Annual Frog Hollow 5K Run & Health Walk

SOUTH AMBOY - "The Run Through the Streets of South Amboy Hills & Flats" The event will be timed and there will be 2 water stations. The run will be held on Saturday, June 30. Rain or Shine! \$20 Advanced Registration, \$25 at the Gates. For more info call Dan at 732-721-6592 or go to www.froghollowswim.com. All proceeds will be given to the South Amboy First Aid Squad and South Amboy Fire Department evenly.

The Blues Comes to South Amboy - Performing July 3, 2012



“Rory Kelly” Comes Home To South Amboy To Play An “All American Hootenanny”



Submitted by Mary Kate Vacca

SOUTH AMBOY - Not only will there be a spectacular fireworks show on July 3rd, but get ready for a good ole fashion “All American Hootenanny” with music that will “rock out” the Raritan Bay County Park.

“RORY KELLY” is a 3 piece swamp rockin, blues band, headed by main man Rory Kelly. Triple Threat is adamant in its delivery of exactly what swampy’ rockin blues is all about; the core essence of pure southern music.

Rory Kelly drives the force of Triple Threat with his stellar guitar work, powerful vocals and a true captivating, charismatic front man. Possessing a playing ability in a league with prodigies, Kelly is a self-taught musician that picked up the guitar as a boy and strummed alongside his father, drummer and South Amboy born and raised, Mike Kelly. Mike Kelly has quite the back story in thrash metal as well, being part of the infamous

Old Bridge Militia of thrash metal fame. His ability to fill out the low end with precision and smooth refinement makes Mike Kelly’s contribution to Triple Threat’s performances mesmerizing.

Billy Miller, the bands bass player, also a skilled musician, experienced from touring gigs with Voodoo and Super Sport, brought the ultimate component needed to round out this dirty rock n’ roll trio, forming a exceptional rhythm section with the elder Kelly to compliment the smoldering swagger of Kelly’s rock riffs.

In 2010 “RORY KELLY” released their first album, Better than the Blues and soon was recognized by venues as a ‘house filler, bringing the house to capacity’ and a total crowd pleasing experience.

In March of 2011 they scored a coveted series of showcases with Texas Rock fest, which takes place in the heart of downtown Austin, Texas each year during the world famous South By Southwest music conference. Those showcases brought “RORY KELLY”

interest from endorsement companies and a connection with Rusty Knuckles, his label. Summer ’11 brought more recognition to “RORY KELLY” as they were thrust into and embraced by the Southern biker circuit. “RORY KELLY”’s new album was released in late Spring of 2012, and has captured the interest of well-known NC radio personality Steve Blanton who will assist “RORY KELLY” in the production of their second effort. Revealing a band edging toward a harder sound, (Don’t Shake My) Family Tree, will be released to world-wide distribution through Rusty Knuckles with both US and European tours planned for 2012 in support of the record.

The band’s Face book page www.facebook.com/rorykellytriplethreat describes their sound as “swamp rock with a Southern blues influence.” Also performing at this spectacular rock and roll show will be the opening band Shakedown is a newly formed acoustic cover band featuring Christina Kelly, Tom Small



Rory Kelly

*photo submitted

and Rich Fuentes...all familiar faces to the NJ cover band circuit. Expect to see this trio expanding and hitting the scene this summer.

Next in the lineup will be the return of “The Bomb Squad”. One of (OBMM) Old Bridge Metal Militia bands. Original lineup: John “Boy” Crothers-lead guitar; John Poper-lead vocals; Mike Kelly formally of South Amboy-drums; Mike Bloomer of South Amboy-bass guitar.

The shows sound will be produced by “Basement Audio

Productions”. Owned and operated by Emerson Jones with over ten years of experience. Emmy Jones is a bass player and a member of the “Rockdaddy’s and has performed in a band with Mike Kelly, drummer in “RORY KELLY”, back in the 70’s.

The “All American Hootenanny” will start at 6pm, Tuesday, July 3rd (rain date July 6th) at the Raritan Bay County Park. Come on down and enjoy a great night of entertainment.

Cathedral International Celebrates Holy Convocation 2012

NEWS RELEASE

PERTH AMBOY – Holy Convocation is the most important gathering of the year at Cathedral International. “Holy Convocation is a time that offers inspiring guidance, opportunities for reflection and recommitment to our spiritual walk,” said Cathedral International’s Senior Pastor Bishop Donald Hilliard, Jr. This special service is convening June 19 – 22, 2012 at 277 Madison Ave.

Speakers for Holy Convocation will include Pastor Phyllis Hilliard, Cathedral’s staff pastor; Rev. Shirley Graham, co-pastor, Holy Temple Church, Toms River, NJ; Rev. Dr. Bernadette Glover, Cathedral’s executive pastor and Bishop Donald Hilliard, Jr.

Rev. Dr. Glover will be retiring from 20 years of faithful service as executive pastor at Cathedral this month. On Friday, June 22 of the Holy Convocation, a

special service of worship and thanks will be held for Rev. Glover. Music from the Cathedral Choir and liturgical dance from the Cathedral Dance Ministry will be an important part of each service. Guest psalmists is Lucinda Moore, 2011 Stellar Award Winner for best traditional female gospel singer of the year.

Holy Convocation convenes 7 p.m., Wednesday through Friday, June 19-22 at 277 Madison Ave. Attendance is free and everyone is invited. For more information call (732)826-5293 or visit www.cathedralinternational.org.

Since 1983, Bishop Hilliard has led what has become known nationally as a relevant and vibrant ministry serving the needs of its congregation and community in Perth Amboy, Plainfield and Asbury Park. He and his wife, Pastor Phyllis Hilliard will host the Holy Convocation.

President Obama Honors Outstanding Math and Science Teachers

Perth Amboy Teacher Honored: Rebecca McLelland-Crawley, Science Teacher to Receive Award

NEWS RELEASE

WASHINGTON, DC -- President Obama today named 97 mathematics and science teachers as recipients of the prestigious Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. The educators will receive their awards in Washington, DC later this month.

The Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching is awarded annually to outstanding K-12 science and mathematics teachers from across the country. The winners are selected by a panel of distinguished scientists, mathematicians, and educators following an initial selection process done at the state level. Each year the award alternates between teachers teaching kindergarten through 6th grade and those teaching 7th through 12th grades. The 2011 awardees named today teach 7th through 12th grades.

Winners of this Presidential honor receive a \$10,000 award

from the National Science Foundation to be used at their discretion. They also are invited Washington, DC, for an awards ceremony and several days of educational and celebratory events, including visits with members of Congress and the Administration.

President Obama has committed to strengthen science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education and prepare 100,000 effective science and mathematics teachers over the next decade. These commitments build on the President’s “Educate to Innovate” campaign, which has attracted more than \$700 million in donations and in-kind support from corporations, philanthropies, service organizations, and others to help bolster science and technology education in the classroom.

“America’s success in the 21st century depends on our ability to educate our children, give our workers the skills they need, and embrace technological change. That starts with the



Rebecca McLelland-Crawley

men and women in front of our classrooms. These teachers are the best of the best, and they stand as excellent examples of the kind of leadership we need in order to train the next generation of innovators and help this country get ahead,” said President Obama.

In New Jersey two teachers were honored: John McAllen III, Point Pleasant (Math) and Rebecca McLelland-Crawley, Perth Amboy (Science)

Festa di San Antonio - Most Holy Rosary Church - Hopelawn- June 2, 2012

**photos by Paul W. Wang*



A clown entertains young girls



The crowd enjoys the festival



The Pastor & Parishioners pause for a break



Picking the raffle winner

Greek Festival - St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church, Perth Amboy - June 1, 2, 3 2012

**photos by Paul W. Wang*



Cutting Meat at the Festival



R&S Glass had a table of happy folks



Greek Dancers Pose for a photo



Greek Dancers entertain the crowd



Baked goods were for sale



herbs and vegetable plants were for sale.

Free Concert

WOODBIDGE - Woodbridge Wednesdays presents Brother Sun Wednesday, June 20 at 7:30 p.m. at Parker Press Park, 400 Rahway Ave, Woodbridge. For more info call 732-596-4048 or go to www.WoodbridgeArtsNJ.org

Book Sale

SOUTH AMBOY - Need a book for the beach! Don't worry, The Dowdell Library of South Amboy is currently holding a Spring Book Sale. We have Fiction/Non-Fiction Books, Bestsellers, Paperbacks, Periodicals DVDs/Audio cds. We are also selling HP Printers, Emerson Stereo w/speakers, Brother Fax machine, and much more! We are located at 100 Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy (adjacent to high/middle school). For more info call 732-721-6060.

Civic Justice Corps

PERTH AMBOY - There will be a meeting of the Civic Justice Corps. at 701 Chamberlain Ave. (Rec. Center), Perth Amboy on Thursday, June 21 at 3:30 p.m. Must be a male between the ages of 16 to 24 years of age. Focus on Educational, Vocational, Career and Leadership Development. Contact Yudelkis for more info - 732-376-0500.

Kielbasa

Sandwich Sale

PERTH AMBOY - Celebrate the 4th of July with the Holy Trinity Holy Name...A Kielbasa (Kolbas) Sandwich sale with homemade sauerkraut is being held at Holy Trinity Church on the corner of Lawrie and Johnstone Streets in Perth Amboy on Saturday, July 7 at 6 p.m. in the Church Hall. Tickets are \$8. All tickets are sold at the door. Included with the sandwich is coffee/soda and dessert. For more info call 732-721-5914.

Book Sale

PARLIN - The Friends of the Sayreville Public Library will hold their summer book sale on Saturday, June 23 from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the library conference room located on Washington Road in Parlin. There will be no Sunday sale due to a program conflict at the library. Fill a bag with books for only \$8. Choose from a great selection of titles with something for all ages. Bags will be supplied by the Friends' group. Book donations can be dropped off for the sale at the beginning of June. Please do not donate encyclopedias or books written prior to 2000. For info contact 732-727-0192.

The Fisherman's Corner

By Eddy Gonzalez

PERTH AMBOY - This week on the fishing front, fluke action has been at its best with many reports and great fish are coming into the shop. One of Amboy Marina's finest fisherman, Bob Woods of *The Maryellen* when out and limited out in no time with two at 21" one two 17 1/2" and a 20" all on gulp. What a catch! Great Job!

Victor Dennis brought in four striped bass caught on chunk bunker. Fishing the night shift is verifying that stripers are still in the area along with the blues cocktail. Blues made their way in following the herring. Peanut bunker has been spotted in the bay as well. Reports from the guys coming off the sea hawk have been excellent with plenty of fluke being landed. The number of people going out are getting better by the day. Captain Vinny of *The Morning Dew* has been landing the fish as well, making his charters



very happy. The captain has a open boat on Sundays. For more info call 732-322-2456.

This week hot spots:

- Fluke the angle ,highlands, flats the ammo the boats and the outer bridge are worth giving a shot.
- The bunker been spotted at Great Kills and the Raritan River
- Bass- deeper cooler water by the channel, Great Kills and the ammo have reported some nice fish.
- Blues- by the coastline up and down to say the least

Fresh bunker has still been the top seller at the shop. Bunker heads have been landing some nice bass while chunks been working on the blues. Small fact - fluke love bunker! I often use bunker chips for fluke. I slice chips off by the tail end of the bunker thick enough to hook one time

through. I've had great success with this method.

Live killies have been blowing out of the shop. I'm lucky my killie guy brings me some jumbo killies that everyone seems to love along with clean ready to go squid strips. Along with white gulp minnows teaser rigs have been doing the job right this week. Blues are loving the metals krocs. Avs cripples herring cast masters and blue fish bombs all been selling well aside from bunker. Eddys Tip: Since crabs are becoming more active - check your bait more often to make sure that your not sitting on a empty hook. Also check for seaweed. It can cover your bait. I like to change my bait every 15 min or so and give it a nudge here and there if things are slow. It just might catch the attention of a fish passing by.

This week I had a guest ask me if I could show him how to snell a hook. I teach a class on

basic fishing 101 which covers simple effective tips and techniques and a Q & A. Sunday mornings from 5:30 a.m. to 6 a.m. Anyone and everyone are welcome. Veteran anglers that would like to participate and share some knowledge are encouraged to come.

Tasty Recipes

by Eddy

True Blue Crab Cake

- 1 egg
- 3 tablespoons mayonnaise
- 4 teaspoons lemon juice
- 1/8 teaspoon red pepper flakes
- 1 teaspoon dried tarragon
- 1 tablespoon minced green onions
- 8 ounces crabmeat
- 1/2 cup crushed buttery round crackers
- 1 tablespoon butter

In a medium bowl, whisk together egg, mayonnaise, lemon juice, red pepper flakes, tarragon, and scallions. Gently



Looking back in 2006

stir in crabmeat, being careful not to break up meat. Gradually mix in cracker crumbs, adding until desired consistency is achieved. Heat butter in a skillet over medium heat. Form crab mixture into 4 patties. Place patties in skillet, and cook until golden brown, about 5 to 6 minutes on each side. Enjoy!

Shiva Nata

What is Shiva Nata?

By Anna Lawrence

PERTH AMBOY - Shiva nata, translated to "dance of Shiva," is a systematic approach to a traditional style of dance that has the potential to make you smarter, more compassionate, more creative, more intuitive, more coordinated and more self-aware. It can accomplish all this based on a fairly new scientific concept called "neuroplasticity." And it can accomplish all this in as little as five minutes a day.

Neuroplasticity is the idea that your brain is not a concrete object inside of your skull that develops only until a certain point in childhood, but rather, that it is constantly changing and adapting through our entire lives, even in our senior years. Neuroplasticity is proved every time someone loses the ability to talk or walk after a stroke - but then with therapy regains that ability. It is also proved by recent advances in cochlear implants that allow people who have been deaf all their lives to hear for the first time.

The main way our brain communicates is through the connection between neurons. The more we do something, the more certain neurons fire. Similar to the ways that muscles become stronger when we work them out at the gym, if we are always thinking and doing the same things, those

same neural connections can potentially become stronger. This leads to adages like "you can't teach an old dog new tricks." Because we can potentially become stuck in older patterns of thought, it does become harder for us to learn new things, and to create new neural connections.

Enter the dance of Shiva. Shiva nata is a mind-body exercise where practitioners learn 8 basic arm positions and then combine them into increasingly complex patterns. The actual process of learning and executing these patterns is what engages so much of your brain at one time that it helps to create these new neural connections. First, you have to learn the individual hand positions. Then you learn a pattern. Then you have to coordinate waving your arms around in this specific pattern. If that is not challenging enough, one can always learn the four basic foot positions (and the four different ways one can move in and out of those positions) and add those in as well.

Sound hard? That's the point. No one ever went to the gym and said, "Yes, I think I'm going to work with the one pound dumbbells today." When one wants to improve something about themselves, a challenge is always involved. In fact, the only way someone working on a Shiva Nata patterns can tell that they are

actually giving themselves a mental workout is if they are, in fact, making a mistake every now and again while moving through a sequence.

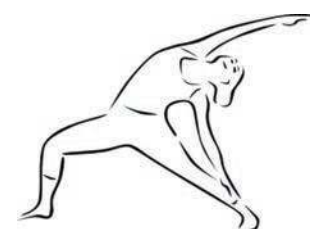
But one of the great things about Shiva nata is that anyone can do it. Starting out requires very little beyond the interest to give it a try. No special gear or clothing needs to be purchased. Attending a class only requires that you wear comfortable clothing you can move your arms freely in. It can be done while standing, but even that is not necessary if you do not engage your legs. You can sit in a chair if that is more comfortable, or even cross legged on a comfortable cushion on the floor. Positions can be adapted if you have a limited range of motion. And of course, the teacher will never make it so hard that it becomes frustrating, it will be just enough of a challenge to jump start those neurons.

Since it is primarily an arm workout, you can expect your arms to be sore the first time you try it, and that's ok, because you can take as many breaks as you need. A typical Shiva nata class can be anywhere from 30-60 minutes, but once you take the basic moves home with you, your own practice can be as long or as short as you like. If you are creating enough of a challenge for yourself (and there are infinite ways to make it a

challenge), you can reap the mental and physical benefits just from a 5 minute practice while you wait for your tea to steep each morning.

Now that you know a bit of the scientific fundamentals of what Shiva nata is, and how it is practiced, you can visit <http://www.missannalawrence.com/shivanata> for more information. If you are ready to give it a try, the next big Shiva nata event will be held

at the beach in Perth Amboy on Saturday June 30. More info is at the website. Also, watch next week for an article on who can benefit (and how) from starting a Shiva nata practice.





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EDISON - Edison AARP Chapter #3446 will be having a trip to the Paper Mill Playhouse. Reservations are now being taken for next seasons shows at The Paper Mill Playhouse. For information, call Claire at 732-549-5316. There also will be a trip to Biloxi & New Orleans from September 8-16. For information, call Bob at 732-885-1789. On October 10 there will be - "An Afternoon of Comedy" at The Brownstone. For information, call Mary Ann at 732-287-3659. All trips are open to non members. Our chapter wishes everyone a safe and pleasant summer.

Senior Scene

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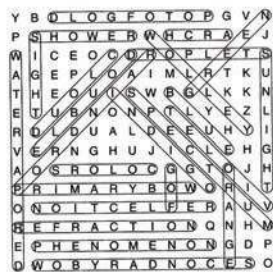
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 MON., June 25 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.
 TUES., June 26 Holy Spirit Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Church Hall, Brace Ave.
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 WED. July 11 South Amboy Seniors, noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.

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LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY - Spring 1888 (after the blizzard of 1888) - An old house near the Raritan River. Possibly part of Eagleswood.

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