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Carvajal Named Board President, Puccio, Vice-President

By: Katherine Massopust
PERTH AMBOY - At the 1/7/2013 Board of Education Meeting the oath of office was given to incoming BOE Members: Maria Garcia and William Ortiz and returning Board Members: Obi Gonzalez and Ken Puccio.

Mark Carvajal was nominated for President by Dianne Roman and seconded by Maria Garcia. Ken Puccio was nominated for President by Israel Varela. Puccio declined the nomination as President. The votes for Carvajal for President were: Israel Varela: No, Milady Tejada: No, Dianne Roman: Yes, Ken Puccio: Yes, William Ortiz: Yes, Anton J. Massopust: Yes, Obi Gonzalez: Yes, Maria Garcia: Yes and Mark Carvajal: Yes.

Ken Puccio was nominated as Vice-President by William Ortiz and seconded by Dianne Roman. The vote was a unanimous "Yes" for Puccio to be Vice-President of the Board.

Puccio then offered some words to the Board and those in attendance, "Welcome Mr. Massopust, William and Maria to the Board. I take this oath of office very seriously. We took an oath to represent this City and to put aside personal differences. I urge us all to work together. I tell you I am aligned to no one but the people. I credit my mom - my hat is off to her and the teachers in the schools. Some of you don't like me. I don't owe my allegiance to no one."

Garcia also spoke, "I want to thank the people in the City of Perth Amboy; thank them for having the confidence in me. It is an honor and a privilege. I want to thank my husband, two daughters and my son. They guide me as a human being. I want to thank my campaign manager, Maria. She has been a ray of sunshine. I also want to thank those who support me. True friends are what is important. Perth Amboy wants the best education for



Mark Carvajal is elected Board President



Maria Garcia is sworn in



William Ortiz is sworn in *Photos by Paul W. Wang

our people."

She continued, "We are not here to play politics. We need to move schools forward to the future."

Garcia stated, "I came to this country when I was ten years old. I did not speak any English. I learned to speak English with a Spanish/English dictionary and from a teacher that took the time."

"We need parents, teachers and the community involved.

You need an education to prosper. We need to turn around the Board, a construction of a new High School."

Obi Gonzalez offered some of her words, "This is my second term. I'm here to serve, to move toward a Board that moves together and never disregard the people of the community. We serve with our hearts. We go to the polls and

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Added Police Security Discussed New Council Piggybacks off Old Topics

Caucus 1/7/13 & Council 1/9/13 Meeting



Council President Joel Pabon & Mayor Wilda Diaz present gifts of appreciation to former Councilman Fernando Gonzalez & former Council President Kenneth Balut *Photo by Paul W. Wang

PERTH AMBOY - At the 1/7/13 Caucus Meeting newly elected Councilman Fernando Irizarry wanted to know more about the ordinance pertaining to the hiring of Special II Police Officers.

B.A. Greg Fehrenbach said, "Officers would have to be requested by a judge during court sessions or sometimes they would be needed to escort someone to the bank making a deposit. The officers selected would have to have been active police officers or have been through the police academy. They would be allowed to carry firearms and most are often retired police officers. They will also work at a lower hourly rate for special security duty. In the courtrooms metal detectors were not operational because there were not enough personnel to man them."

Newly elected Councilwoman Lisa Nanton brought up the topic of making certain streets one-way to ease traffic congestion and perhaps utilizing bike lanes on some streets. The two streets mentioned were: Market and Fayette.

Nanton who is also President of the Royal Garden Club was concerned about all the weeds in the sands at the Sadowski Park Waterfront resulting from the recent hurricane.

Director of Public Works

Frank Dann said, "We started working on the weeds in that section from the High Street Fishing Pier all the way to the War Memorial last year. There will be a fence built around that area while it's being worked on."

Business Administrator Greg Fehrenbach said, "We are seeking reimbursement from FEMA for temporary fencing at the waterfront."

Councilman Fernando Irizarry wanted to know what recommendations or strategies are there to change perceptions of cleanliness of the City.

Greg Fehrenbach responded to Irizarry, "The Mayor is dismayed at the amount of litter in the City. We will meet with Public Works and Code Enforcement. There is a combination of 63 employees in Public Works. 55% - 60% are volunteers from the County who clean up after the people in the City."

Irizarry said, "If there's anything that the Department of Public Works needs, please let us know."

City Attorney Mark Blunda said, "Fines were increased; there was the Litter Critter Campaign but what it boils down to is some residents not caring enough."

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Future Direction for Board of Education Layed Out

By: Katherine Massopust
PERTH AMBOY - During the open portion of the 1/7/13 BOE meeting local resident Leslie Dominguez-Rodriguez stated her disapproval of the meeting time change. "The meeting was changed to 4 p.m. when it was supposed to be at 6 p.m."

She was reassured by Board President Mark Carvajal, "We will make sure it doesn't happen again. You have my phone number."

Leslie Dominguez-Rodriguez continued, "I don't want this to be private. This should be spoken in public."

Board Member Obi Gonzalez offered her comments on the 4 p.m. meeting time change, "I know Milady (Tejeda) had to ask her employer to let her out of work to go to the meeting. We are the Board; we decide when we meet. This should not be repeated."

Board Member Maria Garcia argued that the original date of the meeting was changed as well, "The ceremony was supposed to be on January 2. My son took off work that day. The meeting was changed without notice. My son was not able to come today."

Gonzalez remarked that January 2 was a only a tentative date.

Board President Mark Car-

Carvajal, Puccio

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speak our wishes to work for the future of the country - our children."

William Ortiz offered his words, "I'm proud to be elected to the Board of Education. I went going door to door, met parents and grandparents that shared stories. I come to represent children and parents in our district. I am not alone with those concerns. We are not as important as we think we are. There could easily be 3 persons on the Board instead of 9."

Ortiz continued, "This is a nonpartisan Board. There is no time for equivocation. We were chosen to lead. I'm a realist and I know we will not succeed with all of these kids. It's a tough job. Our job is not to run the school. I'm a parent and will serve as a parent. I have no hidden agenda; no vendettas - we should make it easier."

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vajal made his feelings clear, "We have to make sure it doesn't happen again. We'll get through. We will look into the \$39 million. We need to work together. We are a team. We have a lot at stake here."

Board Member Dianne Roman remarked, "If there is a special meeting I need to be called."

Board President Carvajal

then said, "Everyone will be called for every meeting."

Board Member William Ortiz offered his thoughts on moving forward, "Let's make Perth Amboy a shining example in this state. We could make the Perth Amboy School System really great. Citizens pay high taxes in New Jersey and I want for people to say, "I want to send my kids here.""

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Obi Gonzalez is sworn in



Ken Puccio is sworn in

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A. C. Bus Trip

PERTH AMBOY - Knights of Columbus Council #299 is offering a trip to the Trump Taj Mahal on Saturday, Feb 2. Bus leaves at 1 p.m. from the Council at 228 High St returning at 11 p.m.. Donation is \$30 pp. Cash back \$20. Food and drinks provided. For more info call Edgar at 732-535-2562.

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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

A Little Conversation

Recently in the past few weeks the news, blogspots, websites, etc are bringing attention to the violence attributed to guns, assault rifles, automatic weapons, violent games, and movies.

It is my belief that anyone who has read such works as Carl Sagan's "Dragon in Eden" and American Psychology has stated that this violent nature of man is inherited by our development through evolution. This is due to the reptilian part of our brain, the most primitive part. Each and every one of us has the potential for violence. It depends on how one keeps oneself in check or how one restrains the "urges of the beast."

If you look into our history, violent acts upon each other is nothing new. Just the methods on how it is done changes. Such examples throughout history are: Jack the Ripper who btw was not exposed to the media or violent games. Take the bible: Cain killed Able. There were no video games or guns back then.

Criminals such as Ed Guin (the real Norman Bates), Jack the Ripper, Timothy McVeigh, the Boston Strangler, Jeffery Dahmer, the Unibomber, Son of Sam, and the more recent "Joker" of Aurora Colorado etc., are all glorified in the media through movies, news and other literature.

Everyone is blaming guns. You do not need a gun to kill a person. A weapon is just a weapon - an inanimate object. Anything could be used as a weapon. You can kill someone with a pencil.

P.W.

I listen to a variety of talk shows since I don't have a television. A caller to one of those shows made a good point. He said if guns were removed, there would be more violence. The weakest amongst us would be the most victimized. Recently I was traveling through a remote part of New Jersey. I saw a lot of isolated homes. Although I don't own

any guns (you noticed I said guns) I would consider learning to use and purchase one for my own protection if I lived in isolation.

When a person is determined on committing a violent act, they find a way to do so even without a gun. There are some countries where the citizens are not allowed to possess guns, but violent acts are committed using other forms of weapons.

Remember the 9-11-01; box cutters were used by the hijackers on those planes. I believe that there are some people who are just plain evil and there is nothing that can be done to help them.

Anyone can have evil thoughts but chose not to act on them. I would love to hear your comments on this subject whether you agree with me or not.

C.M.

I believe that people are neither good nor evil - they just are people. I think that people are capable of both great good and great evil. The concept of Yin-Yang states that good cannot exist without evil. It is what a side that a person gravitates to that they follow. Some people are "darker" than others, and take a dark path, while others follow the path to the light. I believe that we all have taken both paths during our lifetimes which have been a mixture of performing "good" acts and "evil" acts. No one is without sin and no one spends their entire life spending every moment sinning.

There is great evil in the world such as the terroristic acts by people who attacked us in 9-11 who are consumed with hatred of the United States and our ways. Other people who have lost their way occupy the prisons of America. Are these people completely evil? My personal belief is "no." They must have some ounce of good in them. People are capable of great evil, but are certain in-

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THE COMMUNITY VOICE

The Fiscal Cliff

Well, I guess we are going to have our own fiscal cliff in New Jersey. The State is going broke because of falling revenues over the years and Superstorm Sandy added fuel to the fire.

Now, how many hard working families will have their own fiscal cliff with-

out jumping off the cliff. In fact, we might have to move out of New Jersey in the next five years. No joke! In fact, I should have moved to Canada back in the late '90's when the door was open for us.

Why? Here's why. Let's look at those fat greedy cats in Washington D.C. and living in hog heaven and enjoying the easy life as we have to live and work harder and pay more out of our pockets. In fact, some

of us are living like low class citizens.

For shame. What happened to America? I'd like to know who really screwed this country up. You guess? There should be a sign when you come country: Rich Man's War; Poor Man's Grave.

Orlando "Wildman" Perez
Perth Amboy

Offensive Comedians

"The Amboy Guardian" in their January 9th edition had an announcement about "Comedy Night 2013" at Memorial Hall at Sacred Heart Church in South Amboy sponsored by Mechanicville Hose Company No.1. I spoke to the person taking reservations on the telephone and he told me that the humor was not family-oriented, that it isn't clean hu-

mor, but is risqué, giving it a PG-13 type of rating.

The hose company didn't mention that in the announcement. The degree of improper humor was his opinion; the immoral humor could even be worse than that. Whoever booked the engagement for the Church probably wasn't aware of this. Sad to say, we are living in an era when religious organizations must be on their guard against having their meeting places used as venues for indecent entertain-

ment. It contributes to looking at people as objects for gratification rather than recognizing the inherent dignity in human beings.

Why do modern comedians have to resort to this? Some of our country's greatest comedians in the not too distant past used imagination and wit and were hilarious without being offensive.

Marianne Zanko Komek
Perth Amboy

Waste of Taxpayer's Money

To Newly-Elected Councilwoman Lisa Nanton: You stated at the December 27 Council meeting that Fernando Gonzalez and Kenneth Balut "stains" our reputations by voting for the censure of Kenneth Gonzalez and that it was a waste of taxpayer dollars.

Let's give you a history lesson: Your running mate Fernando Irizarry and campaign manager Tom Zambrowski, while on the Board of Education, voted for a piece of property on Seaman Avenue for \$1,450,000 in 1997 that to this day is a vacant lot and polluted, costing the taxpayer over \$2 million. The next time you talk to your campaign manager, ask him about his votes when he was on the UEZ. Just look at the sidewalks downtown. Good

luck on your upcoming votes because Fernando Gonzalez and my votes never cost taxpayer money. How much did the investigation of Joe Vas cost? Was that money well spent? The problem here was not the cost of the investigation but the integrity of Councilman Kenneth Gonzalez.

Ken Balut
Former Perth Amboy Council President

When East Meets West

In the January 5, 2013 edition of the Home News Tribune in the Today in History section "1964 Pope Paul VI and Patriarch Benedictos meet in Jerusalem in Holy Land on the Mount of Olives - the first meeting in five centuries between a Roman Catholic pope and Eastern Orthodox patriarch. It is also the first papal pilgrimage to the Holy Land." (p. 2.)

Since then there have been efforts to reunite the western and eastern parts of Christianity. They have been separate since 1054 when the pope and

the patriarch excommunicated each other.

Echoes of this schism have reverberated right here in Perth Amboy. St. John the Baptist Greek Catholic Church on Broad Street in 1897 by immigrants from Carpatho-Russia or Ruthenia. In the 1500's the people by treaty with the Roman Catholic Church came under its jurisdiction with the condition that its services be conducted in its native language, each parish handled its own finances and the priests be allowed to marry. One of them had nine beautiful daughters!

In the 1920's Rome decreed that services be conducted in Latin, the bishop would handle the finances and that priest

be celibate. After a long, bitter and costly legal battle, St. John's won its freedom from Rome. Eventually it became St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church. Rome was represented by David Wilentz. He had just won international fame in his successful prosecution in the Lindbergh Kidnap-murder case. In view of the decline of religion in the materialistic and violent world it is heartening to see efforts at reconciliation between East and West. May the heads of religion practice what they preach!

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Community Calendar

Perth Amboy	
WED. Jan. 23	City Council, Caucus, 4:30 p.m. City Hall, High St.
	City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, High St.
THURS. Jan. 24	Board of Education, 6 p.m. Perth Amboy High School, Eagle Ave.
	Historic Preservation Commission, 7 p.m. City Hall, High St.
South Amboy	
WED. Jan. 16	City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, N. Broadway
WED. Feb. 6	City Council, Business, 6 p.m. City Hall, N. Broadway

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City Council Rehash

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Councilman Kenneth Gonzalez said, "We need to push more education and encourage our Board of Education to sponsor a community cleanup day. We should not only go to schools but we should also go to churches and other community organizations to participate."

Councilman Bill Petrick agreed with Gonzalez and he also encouraged going to private and Catholic Schools. "We must start them young."

Council President Joel Pabon said, "We keep concentrating on educating the kids but adults are the worst offenders. According to local businesses Public Works will clean up an area. Adults will soon litter the area that has just been cleaned and the kids are in school at the time. The entrance to Harbortown is terrible. It's strewn with litter. It's embarrassing."

Pabon also mentioned a beautiful building on Market and First Streets which has been marked with profanity and graffiti.

Councilwoman Nanton said that the Royal Garden Club was having a cleanup on Saturday, January 12, 2013 and invited the public to join them. She encouraged the residents to look for further cleanup dates on their Facebook page.

Councilman Kenneth Gonzalez concluded the meeting, "Perhaps we could utilize Police Auxiliary to issue fines for litter offenders."

At the 1/9/13 Council Meeting, local resident Dot Daniel spoke about the dangers of the bright blinking lights on the signs of businesses. She mentioned how dangerous it is to people who are epileptic which can cause them to have seizures. She said, "You may get complaints from these business owners about their lights but it is a health matter. My granddaughter who has had several brain operations, has had the best doctors caring for her, but a lot of parents don't. I'm asking Code Enforcement to look into this matter. My granddaughter closes her eyes when we approach these lights when she is in the car with me at night."

Local resident Debbie Foley went before the Council on behalf of her niece who is a single mom that works part time. Her niece was one of the people that was misplaced because of the fire that occurred in Harbortown in December 2010. Foley was concerned because even though her niece was relocated in another unit in Harbortown, her rent was raised \$214 this year." Foley wanted to know if this was legal.

Business Administrator Greg Fehrenbach asked Foley if he can obtain a copy of her niece's name, phone number and original lease agreement.

Councilman Bill Petrick said, "The new lease needs be looked at, also."

Also during the public portion, Former Councilman Fernando Gonzalez who is also in the real estate business gave his expertise on what may have happened in regards to the lease. F. Gonzalez said, "Harbortown has been very cooperative in the past. Certain information may have been added to the lease to return to the original apartment. Because of the fire, some misplaced tenants may have been relocated to a different sized unit (whatever was available). Because of this, the contract may have been different. The Harbortown Management is a private entity, so they can do this."

Local resident Stanley Sierakowski who works for the County questioned the Council about new hires. "We need to know a list of their salaries and their addresses. We also need more information on homeowner's grants."

City Attorney Mark Blunda and Business Administrator Greg Fehrenbach said the State has seized many of the records (during the Vas investigation) and they have not returned them to the City. "In response to Mr. Sierakowski in regards to the new hires," Fehrenbach stated, "The Civil Service has to post jobs. There are certain confidential or unclassified jobs under Civil Service that don't necessarily have to be posted."

Resident Leslie Dominguez-Rodriguez said, "The Business Administrator is right. We should post all openings. I think Mr. Sierakowski thinks the jobs should be posted in-house and in the newspapers for new hires."

Local resident Ricky Avelis questioned the recent elections. "There should be a better way to run elections and perhaps runoff elections should be held. Some states have automatic runoffs. This town was divided and that is why there was so many candidates running."

Local resident, Ana Masce-nik who ran for City Council said, "We can go back to partisan elections and we should think about going back to them."

Maria Garcia who has run for Council in the past and is now a member of the Board of Education talked about new hires. Garcia, who was very critical of the Vas administration said that she fought the previous



**Councilwoman
Lisa Nanton**



**Council President
Joel Pabon**



Maria Garcia

(Vas) administration for eighteen years. "I never heard others ask about hires and their salaries. If someone wants to know this information, all they have to do is wait for the budget to come out. Addresses of employees should never be published. It is very dangerous now. We should concentrate on the qualifications of personnel - not their residency. I don't think the state or county releases relationships of hires to other government employees."

Business Administrator Greg Fehrenbach said, "The City Council has the requirements when hiring new employees. The City Council can give waivers for any new hires who do not live in Perth Amboy as long as they meet the requirements."

Fehrenbach added, "There is also a policy on nepotism in existence."

Councilman Kenneth Gon-

zalez asked Fehrenbach if he could give an updated report on the parking deck repairs that due to damage from Superstorm Sandy.

Fehrenbach said, "A majority of the work is completed. The window curtain walls should be completed in about eight weeks. The contractor is trying to correct the lighting situation. There has to be rewiring of the first wall of the deck. The 1970 wire is corroded and the electrical wiring must be updated."

Councilman Gonzalez also said that we need to have an organized plan for tourism attractions in the City."

Councilwoman Lisa Nanton responded to Resident Ricky Avelis in regards to the 2012 election. Nanton said, "In South Amboy the Mayor only won by one vote."

Councilman Bill Petrick added to Lisa Nanton's comments in regards to the bicycle paths.

He said, "Besides the bicycle paths we should also look into walking paths and solar stop signs. Woodbridge has them."

Councilman Joel Pabon was concerned about the stop sign at the end of Madison Avenue by the Wilentz School. "A lot of vehicles, especially the ones that are transporting sand are not stopping at that sign. The trucks are up high and the children are very small. The truck drivers can't see the kids. For those who put graffiti on buildings, they should be doing community service to remove it."

At the very end of the meeting, Councilwoman Lisa Nanton said, "Many alternate side of the street parking signs are faded and could something be done about it?"

The response from the department head was, "Unfortunately we are way behind on that project."

A Friend to the Kearny Cottage

PERTH AMBOY - Resident Dot Daniel thanked B.A. Greg Fehrenbach for appointing her to the Kearny Cottage Historical Commission. "When I first came to the Cottage I was leery about coming up the stairs onto the porch because of the condition it is in. Thank you so much for finally getting the porch fixed at the Kearny Cottage."



Dorothy Daniel



**B.A. Greg
Fehrenbach**

Editorial

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dividuals inherently evil? Are their souls beyond saving? Some people change. Most don't want to change. I guess people are just people. People just "are."

K.M.

Check Presentation to the Barge & Wolff Enterprises (Ice Cream Parlor), Sandy Disaster Relief.

PERTH AMBOY - Friday, January 18, 2013 from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. at The Barge Restaurant, Front Street.



PERTH AMBOY - Fire Department Parade Committee held its 3rd Annual Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, January 12, 2013 at the Knights of Columbus.

PERTH AMBOY - Tom and Alyah Rose celebrate their birthday together for the second consecutive year at the Fireman's spaghetti dinner at the KOC,

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Hurricane Sandy Spaghetti Dinner


WOODBIDGE - Hurricane Sandy Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser, Saturday, January 26, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. WHS cafeterias, \$8 for adults, \$5 for seniors and children 10 and under, with tricky tray raffles. Proceeds to benefit the WHS Sandy Relief Fund. For more info call 732-602-8600

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December 27, 2012 Special Council Meeting Giving Outgoing Council President Kenneth Balut and Councilman Fernando Gonzalez Their Due

PERTH AMBOY - Fellow Councilmen and residents thanked Kenneth Balut and Fernando Gonzalez at their last meeting as Councilmen. Resident Alan Silber said, "We will miss Mr. Balut and Fernando. I think we will go back to wearing blinders. I don't think their would be questions asked to Mr. Blunda."

Local resident Leslie Dominguez also thanked Balut and Fernando Gonzalez for their service. She also congratulated the new members of the Council: Lisa Nanton and Fernando Irizarry. She also hoped to see Fernando Gonzalez and Kenneth Balut "on this side," referring to the audience.

Mayor Wilda Diaz said, "We got a lot done. It wasn't easy. We had to take tough stands. A lot of work still has to be done. We had storm after storm and we have new Council members on board. We just want to do what's right. It was an honor to work with you. We worked hard. To the Council President - You did a great job!"

Councilman Bill Petrick thanked them both for their expertise. "I enjoyed working with you. I wish you the best. We will see you at future meetings."

Councilman Joel Pabon said to Balut, "I gave you my support. You have done an outstanding job. I hope to see you on the other side. If Kenny



Outgoing Council President Ken Balut, Mayor Wilda Diaz and Councilman Fernando Gonzalez

**Photo by Paul W. Wang*

Balut would have ran again, I would have voted for him."

Councilman Kenneth Gonzalez told Kenneth Balut, "I did not vote for you to be Council President but you have done a good job of being fair. Sometimes I didn't agree with you, but I agreed with you in securing funds. To Fernando Gonzalez - You and I have disagreed but you love the City very deeply and you have shown dedication as a Councilman."

City Attorney Mark Blunda thanked Fernando Gonzalez and Ken Balut. Blunda also said, "Ken Balut was the most active Council President that I have ever worked with."

In response to the praises heaped upon them, Fernando Gonzalez thanked the City, Mr. Fehrenbach and Mr. Blunda for their service. He told Fehrenbach, "I learned a lot from

you." He also mentioned City Clerk, Elaine Jasko who he said did a great job, "And I respect you greatly. We want to build a better Perth Amboy and not put blinders on."

He congratulated the two new Council members and also thanked the Mayor.

Kenneth Balut thanked the Mayor, employees, citizens, Mr. Blunda, Fehrenbach and Elaine Jasko. "You got us through the mess that we were in. My biggest regret is not getting money for the Prop House and the YMCA issues."

He also said, "Whistleblower and ethnics numbers are available. This town is not to be taken over by PAC's (Political Action Committee). I only do what I believe is right. I raised taxes for four-and-half years and it hurt me, but I had to do it."

Getting Started with Constant Contact

EDISON - Thursday, January 24 from 8:30 p.m. to 10 a.m. at the Edison Chamber of Commerce, 336 Raritan Center Parkway, Edison. Members & Nonmembers - FREE. Continental Breakfast Included. Advanced registration required by phone, fax or online at www.edisonchamber.com or call 732-738-9482 or fax 732-738-9485.

Lizard Guys

WOODBIDGE - Have you ever wanted to learn what a snakes favorite food is? How about how many flies a lizard can eat in a day? If so, then please, join us on Monday, January 21 from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. in the upper lobby of the Woodbridge YMCA, 600 Main St. for a very special presentation of the Lizard Guys! Meet 6-10 very special creatures and learn all about their natural eating habits, where they live and more! Please arrive at least 15 minutes early for this event, the Lizard Guys will be beginning promptly at 11:00 am!

Christie Administration Announces FEMA Transitional Sheltering Assistance Program Extended for Residents Affected by Hurricane Sandy New Jersey Approved for 14-Day Extension of Program

News Release: Michael Drewniak, Thursday, January 10, 2013 Kevin Roberts 609-777-2600

Trenton - The Christie Administration today announced that the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Transitional Sheltering Assistance Program has been extended for 14 days to the end of January 25, 2013.

"We continue to encourage people who sustained losses as a result of Sandy to register with FEMA if they haven't already," said Governor Christie. "Help is available, but the first and most important step to receiving assistance is to contact FEMA."

FEMA activated its Transitional Sheltering Assistance (TSA) program in the immediate aftermath of Hurricane Sandy at New Jersey's request. The program allows eligible survivors who cannot return to

their homes because of damage caused by the storm to stay in participating hotels or motels until more suitable housing is available.

The extension means eligible people can receive TSA assistance through January 25 with a check-out date of January 26, 2013.

Individuals and households may be eligible for TSA if they register with FEMA for assistance; pass identity verification; have a primary residence located in a geographic area that is designated for TSA; and are displaced from their residence.

Individuals who have questions regarding their eligibility should contact the FEMA helpline at 1-800-621-3362 (FEMA).

To register with FEMA, call the phone number listed above or visit www.disasterassistance.gov on the Internet.

SBA Business Recovery Center Has Moved To Bergen County Plaza

News Release 1/9/13

TRENTON -The Small Business Administration's business recovery center in Bergen County has relocated.

The center at the Bergen Community College has relocated to the Federal Emergency Management Agency's disaster recovery center in the Bergen County Plaza.

The business recovery center is staffed by SBA customer service representatives who provide help to business owners seeking disaster assistance for losses caused by Hurricane Sandy. Individuals can also receive help at the facility.

The center is located at the following address: Bergen County: Bergen County Plaza, 1 Bergen Plaza 4th Floor, Hackensack, NJ 07652. Hours: Monday through Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Interest rates for SBA disaster loans are as low as 1.688 percent for homeowners and renters; 4 percent for busi-

ness loans for physical losses and economic injury (working capital) and 3 percent for non-profit organizations with terms up to 30 years. Loan amounts and terms are set by the SBA and are based on each applicant's financial condition.

Applicants may apply online using the electronic loan application via SBA's secure website at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>. For more information about the SBA's disaster loan program, visit its website at www.sba.gov.

Additional details about the loan application process can be obtained by calling the SBA Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955 (or 800-877-8339) or by sending an email to disastercustomerservice@sba.gov.

The deadline for registering with FEMA and for filing SBA loan applications is Jan. 30. The deadline for filing an SBA application only for economic injury is July 31.

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Towns, Counties, Nonprofits Get More Time To Request FEMA Public Assistance

Advisory 1/9/13
NEW JERSEY - The FEMA Public Assistance cost-share program helps county and municipal governments and eligible nonprofits in New Jersey recover from Hurricane Sandy. FEMA is reimbursing 75 percent of eligible costs of emergency response, debris removal and repair or replacement of public facilities damaged by Hurricane Sandy.

Deadlines to submit Requests for Public Assistance (RPAs) have been extended. Governments and non-

profits in these counties have until the following dates to submit requests:
Jan. 28 - Atlantic, Cape May, Essex, Hudson, Middlesex, Monmouth, Ocean and Union
Jan. 30 - Bergen and Somerset, Feb. 3 - Burlington, Camden, Cumberland, Gloucester, Hunterdon, Mercer, Morris, Passaic, Salem, Sussex and Warren




The RPA form is available at <http://www.state.nj.us/njoem/plan/public-assist.html>. Click on the RPA link to download the form.

The RPA should be sent to: Lt. Col. Jerome Hatfield, New Jersey Office of Emergency Management, P.O. Box 7068, West Trenton, N.J. 08628-0068, Attention: Lt. Jeffrey Mottley, Telephone: 609-882-2000, ext. 2700 or 2500, Fax number: 609-882-1694

NJOEM has a brochure describing the public assistance program which can be found at www.state.nj.us/njoem/plan/pdf/pubassist-brochure.pdf.

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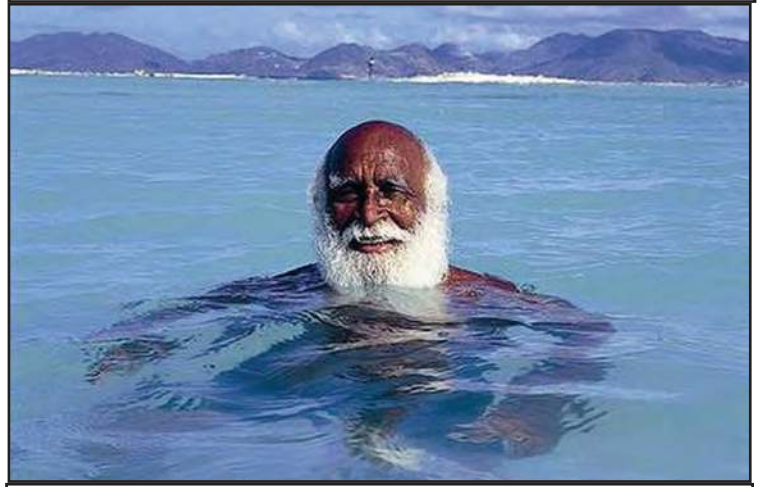
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Anguillan Jeremiah Gumbs owned a successful fuel oil distributorship, Gumbs Fuels, in Perth Amboy, New Jersey.

***African-American History as Immigration History:
Anguillans in Perth Amboy***

PERTH AMBOY - There will be a lecture about the Anguillans in Perth Amboy at the Perth Amboy YMCA, 357 New Brunswick Ave. in the auditorium on Sunday, Feb. 3rd at 2 p.m. A discussion of African-American immigration from the Caribbean island of Anguilla to Perth Amboy, NJ, from the turn of the century through the 1930s, and the establishment of a black community where so many of America's immigrants first settled. The speaker explores the adjustment and assimilation of immigrant African-Americans into the mainstream of New Jersey life in the 20th century. The presentation may include slides and guests of Anguillian descent. The speaker will be Lawrence Hogan, Ph.D., Professor of History, Union County College. Made possible by the New Jersey Council for the Humanities' Horizon Speakers Bureau Sponsored by the Kearny Cottage Historical Society. Recommended \$5 donation.

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THURSDAY, JULY 4	INDEPENDENCE DAY
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2	LABOR DAY
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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11	VETERANS DAY
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Metuchen's MLK Breakfast

News Release update as of Jan 9, 2013

METUCHEN (December 7, 2012)... The Metuchen Area Chamber of Commerce, YMCA of Metuchen, Edison, Woodbridge, & South Amboy, New Hope Baptist Church, and Second Baptist Church have joined together to offer an opportunity for the community to unite in a "Weekend of Celebration" to honor Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The annual interfaith community celebration will begin on Sunday, January 20th, at 3:30 p.m., at New Hope Baptist Church located at 45 Hampton Street in Metuchen. The service will include choir selections, youth recitations, remarks and reflections from local clergy and other special guests. A free will offering will be collected to benefit the MLK High School Senior Scholarship Program. Light refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the program. For more information about Sunday's event, contact New Hope Baptist Church at 732-549-8941.

The weekend celebration will wrap up on Monday, January 21st, at the 6th Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Breakfast to be held at the Pines Manor, 2085 Route 27 in Edison. We are proud to announce that this year's special guest is former Rutgers Football player and author, Eric LeGrand who will participate in a moderated Q&A with the audience led by Middlesex County Sheriff and 2012 Keynote Speaker, Mildred "Millie" Scott. In October 2010, LeGrand suffered severe spinal cord injuries on-field during a Rutgers vs. Army game at MetLife Stadium that left him paralyzed. Though doctors believed he'd be a quadriplegic and on a respirator for the rest of his life, within five weeks he had resumed breathing on his own and continues to work towards his goal of walking again. In

September 2012, he released a book, "Believe: My Faith and the Tackle That Changed My Life," also available in a young-readers' edition, which will be available for purchase during the event. LeGrand has turned his tragedy into an inspirational story and his determination serves as a great example for both the young and old.

Guest speakers will also include four local middle school children that will read their winning essays from this year's essay contest. In the spirit of Dr. King, student essays will explore modern day leaders, who holding firm to their beliefs, displayed acts of courage in their lives in order to bring people together to make a difference in their community. Musical entertainment will feature the uplifting and harmonious voices of local choir members who have come together to form the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Choir. Come join us for this inspirational event!

The breakfast will feature a hot buffet and will run from 8:30 am to 10:00 am. Reservations are a must! Tickets will be required for admittance and may be purchased by visiting the Metuchen Area Chamber of Commerce office (323 Main St., Metuchen) or by downloading and submitting a registration form which will be posted on the Chamber website at www.metuchen-chamberexchange.com. Ticket prices are: \$25 for Adults and \$15 for Children 12 and under. Please note that ticket requests not made in person must be received in the Chamber office by January 15, 2013. All proceeds will be donated to the YMCA Send a Kid to Camp Program. Sponsorships are available. For more information about the breakfast, contact Angela Sielski at the Metuchen Area Chamber of Commerce at (732) 548-2964 or e-mail metuchen.chamber@verizon.net.

The Life of Martin Luther King, Jr.

EDISON - The Edison Recreation Dept. is proud to celebrate the life of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the upcoming African-American Heritage Month on Saturday, January 19 at 1 p.m. at the Minnie B. Veal Community Center, 1070 Grove Ave., Edison. Highlighting the day will be the dramatic storytelling of

Tahira. Celebrate the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with tales of freedom fighters who risked their personal freedom to bring about social justice for African-Americans. As an added attraction, the traveling MLK Museum exhibiting memorabilia of Dr. King will be on display.

The Legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. will be celebrated throughout the area starting this weekend. A list of events are:

PERTH AMBOY- The Cathedral International located at at 277 Madison Ave will begin with a 10 a.m. celebration this Saturday, January 19 with local clergy and Mayor Wilda Diaz.

EDISON - A celebration will be on Saturday, January 19 at 1 p.m. at the Minnie B. Veal Community Center., 1070 Grove Ave.

METUCHEN - There will be an interfaith service on Sunday, January 20 at 3:30 p.m., New Hope Baptist Church, 45 Hampton St., Metuchen. On Monday, January 21st, a Memorial Breakfast will be held at the Pines Manor 2085 Route 27, Edison at 8:30 a.m.

WOODBIDGE - An interfaith community service on Monday, January 21 at 7 p.m. at the Woodbridge Community Center with Mayor John E. McCormac and clergy from local churches.



Dr. Martin Luther King , Jr.

King Philosophy Reflections at Cathedral International

Reflections on poverty, racism, non-violence, social justice, and the beloved community from Dr. King's perspective.

PERTH AMBOY - King Day service at Cathedral International will feature reflections on the philosophy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at 10 a.m., Saturday, January 19 at 277 Madison Avenue, Perth Amboy.

Dr. King said, "The hope of a secure and livable world lies with disciplined nonconformists who are dedicated to justice, peace and brotherhood." In response to Dr. King's statement, Bishop Donald Hilliard, Jr., Cathedral's Senior Pastor comments, "I believe the dedication Dr. King preached about is alive and found in

communities where committed leaders are making small and large differences."

Addressing Dr. King's philosophy will be:

- Monsignor John Gordon, Commanding Officer, Perth Amboy Police Chaplains
- The Reverend Dr. Gregg Mast, President, New Brunswick Theological Seminary, New Brunswick, NJ
- The Reverend Dr. Anne Marie Jeffery, Rector, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Perth Amboy
- The Reverend Amos Dickerson, Pastor, St. James AME Zion Church, Perth Amboy

- The Reverend Dr. Donald Hilliard, Jr., Senior Pastor, Cathedral International

Mayor Wilda Diaz, of Perth Amboy is participating in the King Day service, as well as the Perth Amboy High School Concert Band, Cathedral International Imani Dancers, New Jersey Orators, Perth Amboy Branch and the Cathedral Choir.

Everyone is welcome to attend this free service. Call (732) 826-5295 for more information and visit us on the web at www.cathedralinternational.org.

Woodbridge to Host Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

WOODBIDGE - Woodbridge Interfaith Clergy Council, First Baptist Church of Woodbridge Choir, High School Combined Choir & Woodbridge Officials to Honor Memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at Community Center Tribute. The Interfaith Clergy Council of Woodbridge Township, the Municipal Council, Mayor's Office, Woodbridge Township School Board and School

District Administration, students, and members of the public will honor the work and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at a community service on Mon., Jan. 21, 2013 at the Woodbridge Community Center. Members of the Interfaith Clergy Council will offer remembrances of Dr. King and the First Baptist Church of Woodbridge Choir and combined High School choir will present musical selec-

tions in memory of Dr. King. Mayor John E. McCormac, Woodbridge Township Municipal Council President Charles Kenny and the Municipal Council Interfaith Clergy Council of Woodbridge Rev. James Thomas, First Presbyterian Church of Woodbridge, Woodbridge Township community Mon., JAN. 21, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. Woodbridge Community Center, 600 Main Street, Woodbridge

Swans at Perth Amboy Waterfront



PERTH AMBOY - Swans enjoy the Perth Amboy Waterfront



Reflections on Arthur Brown



Arthur Brown
November 18, 1912
January 14, 2013

By: Lt. Anton J. Massopust
PAFD

PERTH AMBOY - Yesterday morning I received the sad news that Art Brown had passed away (Age 100 years. & 2 months). My heartfelt condolences to his family. His loss is felt by the Perth Amboy Fire Department, his family and all who knew him.

Arthur was a past Chief of the Perth Amboy Fire Department. (Assistant Chief for 2 years, then Chief) and Life Member of the First Aid Squad. But he continued to serve as an active fireman in the City of Perth Amboy for many, many years. I knew Arthur as a firefighter and as head custodian in Perth Amboy High School where I worked for many, many years.

He was always a gentleman and was very conscientious about everything he did. As

a friend and advisor he was outstanding. Never did he shirk at responsibility and for many years gave the Fire Department of Perth Amboy and First Aid Squad service and advice.

His whole family had a legacy of fire fighting. His father had died in the line of duty. Arthur Brown was a member of Eagle Engine Company #4, but in his heart and soul he was a fireman in the City of Perth Amboy, always participating 100%. He was the Grand Marshall of our 125th anniversary.

In his later years he walked with a walker. When I saw him at the Barge and the Fireman's Convention in Wildwood I found him on the second floor. I asked him how he got up there. He said, "One step at a time."

It is this spirit that he carried all through his life, never giving up. I had the privi-

lege of being the Master of Ceremonies at his retirement dinner from Perth Amboy High School.

In the summation of my remarks that evening, I said what my mother said about Art Brown, "Art Brown is a fine man., and I will summarize my remarks by saying, "Art Brown was a fine man. God rest his soul."

Kidz Wii Club

SOUTH AMBOY - The Kidz Wii Club will meet every Friday from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Sadie Pope Dowdell Library, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. For more info call 732-721-6060.

Sayreville Auxiliary

Police Looking for New Members

SAYREVILLE/SOUTH AMBOY - Attention Sayreville / South Amboy Residents: The Sayreville Auxiliary Police are seeking new members to join its volunteer force. Interested applicants must be 18 years of age or older, be able to pass a criminal background check and possess a valid New Jersey driver's license. Interested applicants can download an application from: www.sayrevillepoliceaux.org, or send a letter of interest to: Sayreville Police Department, Attn: Auxiliary Police, 1000 Main St., Sayreville, NJ 08872. Include your full legal name, address, phone number and a brief summary about yourself. Thank you.

Employment

Bootcamp Workshop

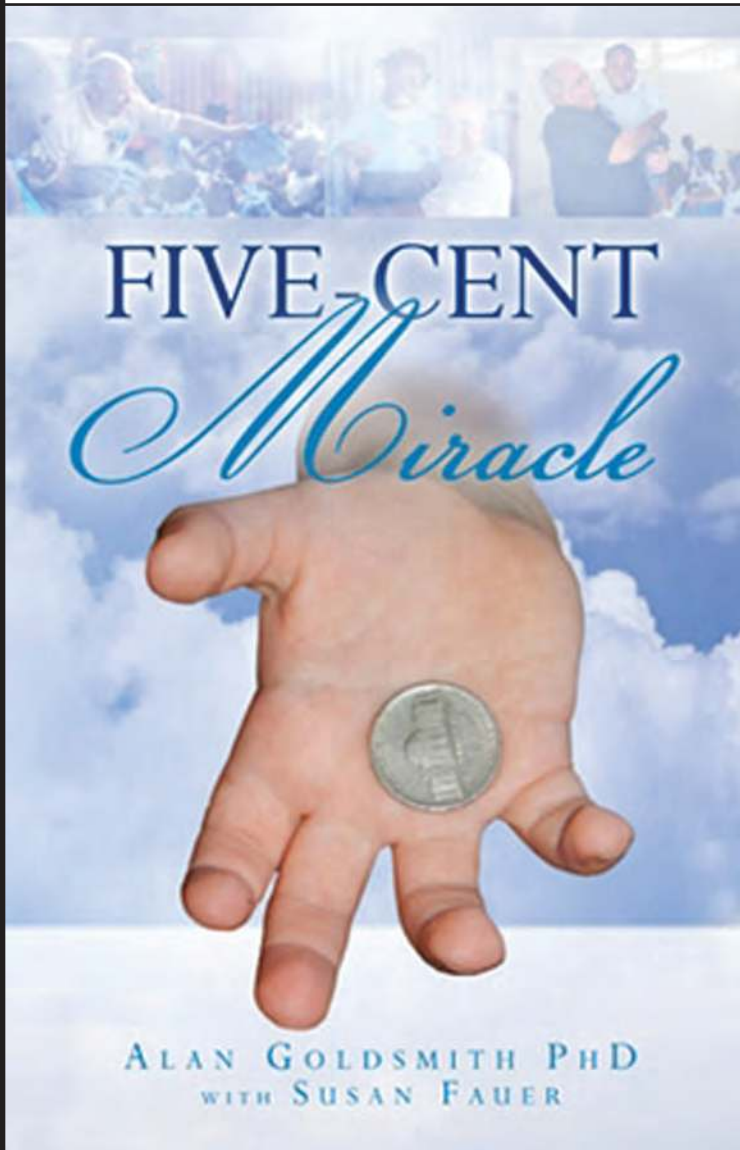
PERTH AMBOY - Are you having trouble finding or keeping a job? Do you have issues you feel prevent you from moving forward and reaching your career goals? Are you your own worst enemy? If you have answered yes to any one of these questions or know someone who does, this is the workshop series for you!! On Monday, January 28, 2013 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Delaney Recreation Center, 701 Chamberlain Ave., Perth Amboy the Academy for Workforce Empowerment (AWE) and the Perth Amboy Alliance for Community (PAAC) will be presenting the first of many employment support workshops – Employment Bootcamp Series. We will be bringing in Winston Trumpet, Chief Motivational Officer of Strategic Business Associates who is an expert in employment support. Attached you will find the flyer for the event. Please note you must RSVP!! Call 732-376-0501 and leave a message or email Sherri Goldberg at sherri.goldberg@jrfnj.org. Please provide your name and contact information so we can hold a seat for you at this special event.

Congratulations to Mark Anthony Carvajal on being elected President of the Perth Amboy Board of Education



*Love & Best Wishes
From Nat & Olga Carvajal*

Five Cent Miracle



Press Release

PERTH AMBOY - President and Founder of the Jewish Renaissance Organization of Families (JRFO), Alan Goldsmith, Ph.D., releases his first book titled "Five-Cent Miracle". In this heartfelt story, Dr. Goldsmith reveals the formation of JRFO, his global non-profit charity. Working with writer Susan Fauer, this grandson of immigrants and son of a humble family from Perth Amboy, New Jersey, tells his story in Five-Cent Miracle. His biography shows Dr. Goldsmith building his nonprofit organization out of the back room of the family shoe store. From the fifteen-million-dollar, state-of-the-art health care center built in his hometown, to the Jewish Renaissance Foundation's (JRF) ties to the United Nations, Dr. Goldsmith recounts the miraculous pathway he followed to make something monumental out of nothing more than an idea. Above all, Five-Cent Miracle examines what happens when one person follows his heart to try to make the world a better place. Available at Amazon and at the JRF, JRMC & Boys & Girls Club websites.

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PERTH AMBOY - The Waterfront is slowly being cleaned up from Hurricane Sandy as progress is being made.

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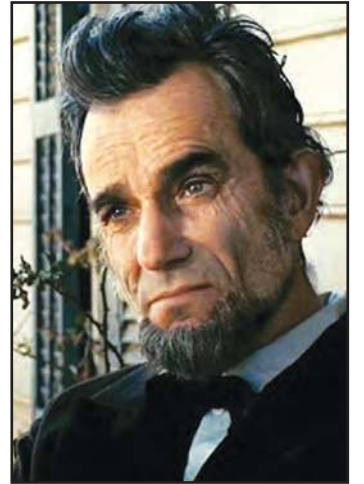
Movie Review: Lincoln

By: Anton Massopust III
 "What is this bill? We must act now! NOW! NOW!! NOW!!!"

Daniel Day Lewis enters into Oscar territory in one of his finest performances in Steven Spielberg's LINCOLN. Based on the book "A Team of Rivals" by Doris Kearns Goodwin, the movie tells not the entire story of Abraham Lincoln's life, but it does tell the story of the last few months of Lincoln's life in trying to pass the 13th Amendment and end slavery in the United States. Lincoln's greatest difficulty was in convincing the House of Representatives to pass the amendment as they were very hostile to it. This amendment would not have passed if Lincoln's presidency had not pressed for it. If you are expecting sweeping battle scenes and huge epic fights, you will

get some of that, however, you would need to see another movie in order to get that.

At the base of this movie are the performances: Daniel Day Lewis IS Abraham Lincoln and captures him very well. He shows Lincoln's greatness, his humor, and his strength as a leader. Sally Field gives a great performance as Lincoln's wife, Mary Todd, and Tommy Lee Jones plays a strong abolitionist with many secrets who may have to compromise in getting the 13th Amendment to pass. This movie is mostly about dialogue and the interaction between key players in Lincoln's government; it is not really about the Civil War but rather the underlying reasons behind it. The cinematography is sweeping, beautiful and bold, and it is a masterpiece to behold as a cinematic triumph by Spielberg. It has received



several nominations for the Golden Globe already and is sure to win some awards. Older children would appreciate this movie, but younger kids would be bored. If you want to see some good hard drama, this movie is for you. If you are a lover of American history, this movie will be sure to please. Grade A plus.

Open House at Bayada Home Health Care, Perth Amboy 1/10/13



PERTH AMBOY - Photo 1 - Kelly Bolton and staff nurse Gladys Acevedo stand outside BAYADA building on McClellan St. Photo 2 : (L to R) BAYADA Staff - Julia Nelson, Madelyn Colon, Kelly Bolton, Paula Martinez, Patricia Rodriguez *Photos by Joe Bayona

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Documentary

Courtesy of John K. Dyke
 PERTH AMBOY - Angelina Grimke Weld was a Perth Amboy School Teacher from 1854 to 1861 at the Eagleswood School. As a member of the Underground Railroad, Angelina assisted an untold number of slaves to freedom. And as a leader within the anti-slavery movement, Angelina inspired others to join the cause. Angelina is also featured in the PBS documentary series "The Abolitionists", which is currently airing on TV.



Angelina Grimke Weld

Circus

Du Soleil

PERTH AMBOY - Come see Circus Du Soleil on Saturday, January 26 at 7 p.m. on the Cornucopia Majesty. Get to know Oro Solida. To Celebrate 40 years of Irving Lozado. \$50 per person. Also Gelena Solan from "The Fat and the Skinny." For tickets call 732-293-0757. Cash Bar. Event coordinated by Flowers 'N Things and Love Your City Committee.

Colombian Club Fitness Classes

SOUTH AMBOY - Colombian Club Fitness Classes, Mondays: Booty Camp 7:20 p.m. - 8:20 p.m., Light weights and mat required, Tuesdays: Yoga 6:30 p.m. -7:20 p.m. Mat required, Thursdays: Zumba Fitness 7:20 p.m.- 8:20 p.m. Mat required. Price: \$60 for 8 classes. Part of the proceeds benefit the Colombian Club Council No. 426. Location: Knights of Columbus council No. 426, 308 Fourth Street, South Amboy. If you have questions or for registration information please email zumbasayreville@gmail.com or call Denise 732-525-9536.

Story Time with Emily

SEWAREN Mark your calendars for Fall 2012 - Spring 2013 Children ages 3- 7 and their accompanying adult can enjoy a story, crafts, games, snack, and so much more on the second Saturday of every month at 11 a.m. at the Sewaren Free Public Library, 546 West Ave. in Sewaren. Our Story Time sessions will be held on: January 12th, February 9th and March 9th. Sign up is required for each month. Stop by or call the library at 732-634-7571. This FREE event and all Sewaren Library activities and usage is open to families of all towns, not just Sewaren

Monthly Book Club

SEWAREN - There will be a monthly book club at the Sewaren Library, 546 West Ave, Sewaren. For more info call 732-634-7571 or email sewarenlibrary@gmail.com. We are looking for adults to join a book club starting in November. Please fill out the attached form if you are interested in joining us. Day and time will be determined by interest. The first Book will be *Defending Jacob* by William Landay.

Comedy Night 2013

SOUTH AMBOY - Mechanicville Hose Company No. 1. presents Comedy Night 2013 on January 26 at Memorial Hall - Sacred Heart Church, Main Street & Washington Avenue - S. Amboy, Doors Open at 7 p.m. Donation: \$40 per Person. Includes: Buffet, Beverages (Beer, Wine, Soda). Entertainment (Two Comedians and a DJ). For tickets and info Call (908) 296-4254. Seating is limited.

Zumba Class

PERTH AMBOY - Here is what you have been waiting for... We have started a brand new Zumba class every Monday at 7 p.m. and will be taught by one of the best Zumba instructors in our area. So, we invite you and all your friends to come work-out with us every Monday night. There is no better way to start of the week than burning some calories, losing weight and eliminating stress while having fun! Admission: \$5 per person. Address: 189 Fayette St., Perth Amboy (Entrance by the Administration building). For questions call: (732) 709-0129

Edison

AARP #3446

EDISON - Edison AARP Chapter #3446 will meet on Monday, January 21st, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the American Legion Hall, 167 Bower Avenue, Edison, NJ. Mr. Walter Stochel Jr. of the Metuchen-Edison Historical Society will present a program on the history of North Edison. A day trip

to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse is scheduled for February 6. Call Angie at 732-738-0759 for information. For information on the Knitting and Crocheting Club, call Kay at 732-548-1976. Canned food for MCFOOD and misc. items for nursing homes and hospitals will be collected at the meeting.

Senior Scene

Happenings

Perth Amboy

- WED. Jan. 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.
- THURS. Jan. 17 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
- MON. Jan. 21 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.
- TUES. Jan. 22 Holy Spirit Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Church Hall, Brace Ave.
- Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.
- WED. Jan. 23 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 St

South Amboy

- WED. Jan. 9 South Amboy Seniors, noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
- MON. Feb. 4 St. Mary's Seniors, noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.

Attn: If Your Club changes Your Schedule due to the Holidays Please give us two weeks notice! 732-896-4446 or 732-261-2610

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LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY - Local boys build a model plane, probably entered in a soapbox derby which was popular in the 1950's.

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Prayer To The Blessed Virgin

(Never known to fail)
 O Most Beautiful Flower of Mt. Carmel, Fruitful Vine, Splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my Mother. O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in my necessity (*make request*). There are none that can withstand your power. O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 times). Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands (3 times). **K.M.**

Say this prayer for 3 consecutive days. You must publish it, and it will be granted to you.

The Concert For Sandy

WOODBIDGE - Proceeds Benefit Red Cross Sponsored: International Professional Musicians, Saturday, January 19 Noon - Midnight, RUGS & RIFFY'S, 493 Rahway Ave, Woodbridge

Women's Bible Study Group

PERTH AMBOY - New Christian women's bible study group in private home weekly on Tuesdays from 11:30 am to 12:30 p.m. Interested in joining, email churchinvitation@gmail.com

Cardiac Club

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

Scholarship Gala

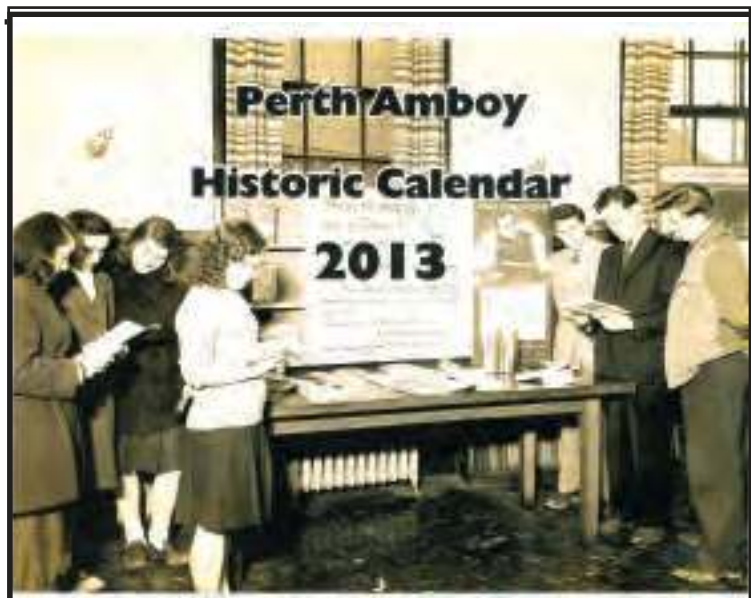
NEW BRUNSWICK - There will be a Scholarship Gala, New Brunswick Lights Shining Bright on Saturday, March 2 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, New Brunswick. Mayor James Cahill '72, Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, and New Brunswick Tomorrow will be honored. For more information visit www.mcc-foundation.org or call 732-906-2564.

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

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**Thank you, St. Jude
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