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Santa Fly-in

Press Release

PRINCETON - Thirty-seven years ago someone suggested that Santa fly into the airport for the area children watch. Over the years this event has evolved into a wonderful annual event for families and those less fortunate.

The tradition will continue on Christmas Eve day when the Nierenberg family, owners of Princeton Airport, will open the hangar doors to area children while they await Santa's arrival. The event began at a neighboring airport and the Nierenbergs brought the tradition to the Princeton Airport in 1985. This year the event will be held on Monday, December 24th. Airport Manager Kenneth Nierenberg (a.k.a. Santa) has confirmed Santa's arrival time to be 11:00 A.M.

Participants come from far and wide for this happening. If you wish to have your children participate in the event, please bring a wrapped gift for each child with the name in large print to the lobby of the airport. If you have several children, wrap the gifts in the same paper and tie them together to expedite the distribution. Gifts should be no larger than 12" to accommodate Santa.

On the day of the event adults are advised to bring the children prior to 11:00 A.M. and wait in the Maintenance Hangar. While waiting, members of the Princeton Airport Flying Tigers will be serving cocoa and cookies. Ms. Pat McKinley, a local folk singer, will lead the audience in a variety of holiday songs. Chris Maslanka will provide the sound system. Santa will call in on the airplane's radio to confirm his ETA (estimated time of arrival).

Once contact has been made with Santa, everyone will proceed outside onto the ramp in front of the hangar where they can watch Santa fly low over the runway. After he lands, Santa and everyone else will go into the hangar and Santa will distribute each gift individually.

The event will be held regardless of the weather conditions. Parents will have the opportunity to take pictures of

their children on Santa's lap. Typically the distribution lasts about an hour and a half.

The most important feature of this event is the collection of gifts for needy children. If you plan to participate, you are required to bring new unwrapped gifts of clothing, books, or toys. These gifts are being collected and distributed through the Mercer County Board of Social Services. Although toys are a common donation, items such as scarves, mittens, and other articles of clothing are welcome. Personal checks made out to the "FoodBank Network of Somerset County" will also be collected. The airport will have a container for the public to donate canned or boxed food to help the local food banks in this particularly difficult year. The public is asked to be extra generous this year in light of the devastation of Hurricane Sandy. The airport will gladly accept contributions from nonparticipants also.

The airport will begin the collection the day after Thanksgiving and it has set a deadline for the collection of both the gifts for area children and the needy of December 16th in order to enable county workers to arrange for the best matches for the needy. The gifts can be deposited in the "chimneys" in the lobby at the airport between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. In fairness to all, Santa will distribute the gifts in the order in which they are received at the airport. Usually the distribution of the gifts is completed by 1:00 P.M. when Santa will continue his journey.

There is no charge for the event. Princeton Airport is located in Montgomery Township, 3.5 mile north of Princeton on Route 206. For further information, call 609-921-3100 or www.princetonairport.com.









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HAPP HOUSE

Perth Amboy, we want to wish you a very merry holiday season. We have experienced some hardships this year with Superstorm Sandy, but together as a community we've united and shown our strength and support to one another. It is truly a season of giving. May God bless you, your families and homes. Merry Christmas and a Happy & Healthy New Year!

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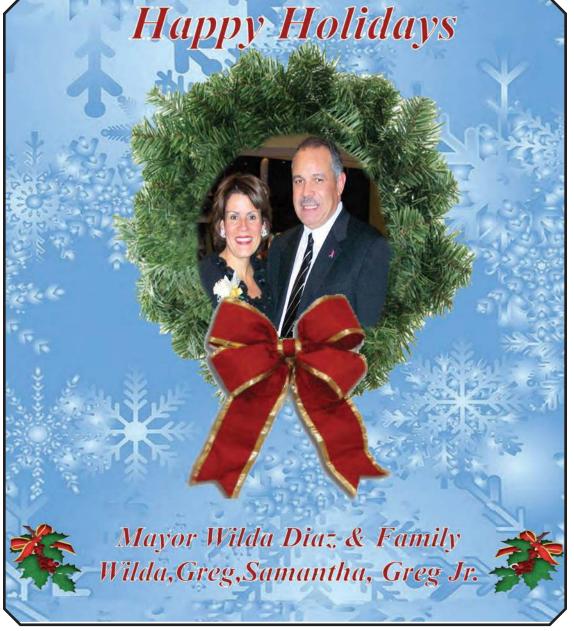
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SOUTH AMBOY - There will Holiday Bingo for all ages on Wednesday, December 19 from at 3:30 p.m. at the Sadie Pope Dowdell Library, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. For more info call 732-721-6060.





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May the Peace And Joy Of the Holiday Season Be Mith You Throughout The Coming Year!

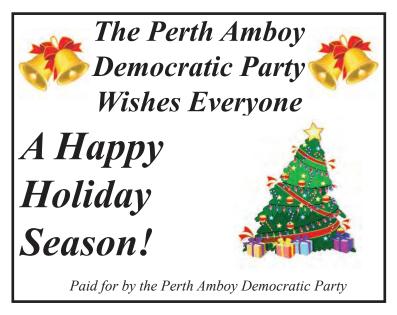


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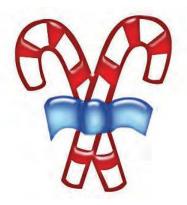
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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from Sciortino's *Photo by Aaron Beers

Salvation

PERTH AMBOY - The Salvation Army's Perth Amboy Corps. is making an urgent plea for food donations as the Holiday Season is upon us.

The Corps' Food pantry has been struggling to meet a significantly-greater need throughout the year, and is now faced with providing holiday food distributions to over 500 needy families Non perishable food donations, cash donations or food vouchers may be dropped off at the Corps Headquarters State And Washington Streets between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

For more information call 732-826-7040.











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Holiday Train Show Exhibit

WOODBRIDGE - The 21st Annual Holiday Train Show Exhibit at the Barron Arts Center, 582 Rahway Ave, will be from December 1 to 28. M -F 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sat & Sun 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. (Closed December 25) Opening Reception, November 30 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. featuring Santa, Mrs. Claus and many other surprises. For more info call 732-634-0413. Sponsored by The Club at Woodbridge.





Happy Holldays



The owners of Superior Diner wish everyone a very happy holiday season!



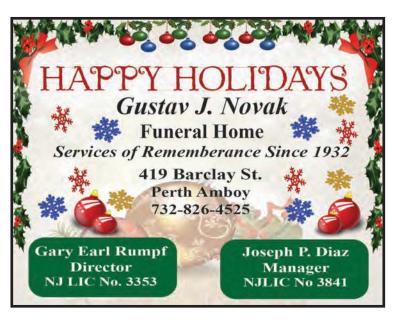


Kiddie Keep Well Christmas Donation

WOODBRIDGE - Since 1924, the camp has been providing a residential camping experience for about 600 children between the ages of 6 and 13 who would not normally be able to go to a sleep-away camp each summer. Approximately 60 to 80 of those children are from Woodbridge Township. Many of the campers live with physical, emotional, drug or alcohol abuse, or special health problems.

Every year they hold a Christmas party for the kids, this year Kiddie Keep Well would like to help by collecting new, unused coats, gloves, hats, and scarves. If you would like to contribute, please drop your donation off at the Health Center in the Environmental Department, 35 Roosevelt Dr., Edison by November 21. Any donation would be greatly appreciated. For more information call Erica at (732) 548-6542 Ext. 5027.















Volunteers Needed

PERTH AMBOY - The Salvation Army's Perth Amboy Corps. State Street, is looking for a few good men and women.

Through Monday, Dec. 24 the Salvation Army's 2012 Red Kettle Christmas Campaign will be conducted to raise the funds needed for its various charitable programs.

The Salvation Army's Red Kettle Christmas Campaign one of the oldest charity fundraisers in the U.S. began in 1891 in San Francisco, CA. The Campaign raises over \$130 Million each year through the efforts of over 25,000 volunteers ringing bells to solicit loose-change donations from Holiday shoppers, which in turn provide clothing, food, toys, and more to almost 30 million needy Americans.

This year the Perth Amboy Corps has fewer volunteers to staff its Kettle locations throughout its service area of Perth Amboy, Edison, South Amboy and Woodbridge Township.

Anyone interested in volunteering for this important work should call 732-826-7040.









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Toys for Tots

RED BANK - Marine Toys for Tots Foundation, an IRS recognized 501(c)(3) not-forprofit public charity is the fund raising, funding and support organization for the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program. The Foundation was created at the behest of the U.S. Marine Corps and provides support in accordance with a Memorandum of Understanding with the Commander, Marine Forces Reserve, who directs the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program. The Foundation has supported Toys for Tots since 1991.

The mission of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program is to collect new, unwrapped toys during October, November and December each year, and distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to needy children in the community in which the campaign is conducted. Cash donations are also accepted. For more information contact Toys for Tots Coordinator GySgt. Jack Santelli at 732-530-4500 x549.

THE COMMUNITY VOICE

Ask Your Editor Or Journalist For The Answer

I wrote my first article for my school newspaper back in Dec. of 1942. I wrote, "I like going to school in Dec. because each day gets closer to Christmas." Around this time of the year, I think about journalists that I have known in my lifetime. Their work is writing and some people question the word work. It is work all night but they love what they are doing. Before the Korean War I was fortunate to spend time with the Perth Amboy Evening News and the New Brunswick Daily Home News which is now the Home News Tribune. I did all kind of odd jobs but was mostly in circulation. I was making about \$40 to \$45 a week and having a ball. What a great feeling to see those papers rolling off the press. Next thing I knew, I was in the U.S. Army and the only writing I did was a quick letter to home.

If you read your daily newspaper every day, you probably have a favorite journalist. My Dad used to buy the N.Y. Sun and Grantland Rice was his favorite. Rice became famous for the many sports stories he wrote. Another Journalist was working for the N.Y. Sun back in 1897. His name was Francis Pharcellus Church. Most readers will say, "Who was he?" I love this newsman because he became famous on one shot. Just like Bobby Thompson did for the gotta believe Mets, Thompson became famous for one Home Run. It was and still is called the shot that was heard around the world.

Back in 1897 eight year old Virginia O'Hanlon wrote a letter to the Editor of the N.Y. Sun. She wrote, "Dear Editor: I am eight years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, if you see it in the Sun it's so. Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?" There were many newsmen in the office that day, but Church just happened to be the journalist that picked Virginia's letter up and answered it. It was printed as an unsigned Editorial. The Punch line of his answer was, "Yes Virginia, there is a Santa Claus." I think one of the most important things that Church explained was, "Even if you did not see Santa Claus coming down the chimney on Christmas Eve, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus.

I was talking to my grandson the other day. He is six years old, "Santa's coming," he said and then he gave me details, "Santa's coming from the North Pole on his sleigh pulled by a bunch of reindeer." He also told me with his little serious face: "Santa will only need Rudolph if it get's foggy." I've been fortunate to spend many hours with little kids. Most of them are true believers, but somewhere along the line these little minds can be affected by skeptical older kids or adults. They have to see to believe. If you don't believe or have faith, you're in for a bumpy ride my friends.

A pitcher named Tug McGraw coined a phrase while pitching for the N.Y. Mets in 1973. He said, "You gotta believe!" This phrase has carried over into sports ever since I have always said, "If you don't believe you are closer before you start.

Things could be better in our country in 2011, but at this time of the year there is something different out there. It's a Happy Feeling and I'll tell you why: "It's because Santa Claus is coming to town."

If you don't believe me, just ask the Editor of your newspaper. If they say it is so, the answer is yes.

Oh yes my friends, Santa Claus is coming to town and you better believe it.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,

Thomas Francis Clark Metuchen



A Christmas Gift

During this season of giving

Each one of us can give a Christmas Gift to our fellow man
With giving respect and kindness you may be giving a person that is
down on his luck a reason to keep on living
You may lift up someone's spirit by giving him a helping hand

By giving the gift of reverence of every human being
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A gift that was given to us over two thousand years ago

A gift that was given to us over two thousand years ago The gift of being selfless The gift of love

By being tolerant and giving love to everyone you meet during this Christmas Season

You will be giving and receiving "A Christmas Gift"

By "The Poet" Dioris Luis Arlequin



THE COMMUNITY VOICE

No Hard Feelings

T'is the season to "Let Go! Let God! Give patience and peace a try. The years have brought about many conflicts in our lives which never seem to fade away. The old grudges, family feuds and misunderstandings stay with us because we don't take the time or are afraid to talk about the unresolved hurts from the past. Now is the time to set about righting the old hard feelings. I assure you all parties will become away stronger, happier and with a better understanding of what really matters in life. Reach out. You will be amazed to learn that the other party has wanted to forgive and forget but was afraid to make the first move. Let Go! Let God. He will show you the way.

Respectfully: Robert A. Brown Perth Amboy









Happy Holidays

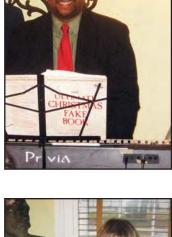
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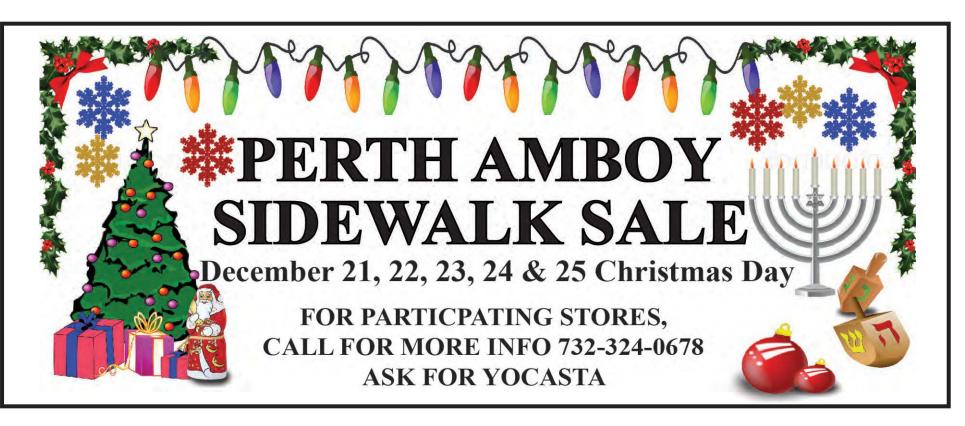


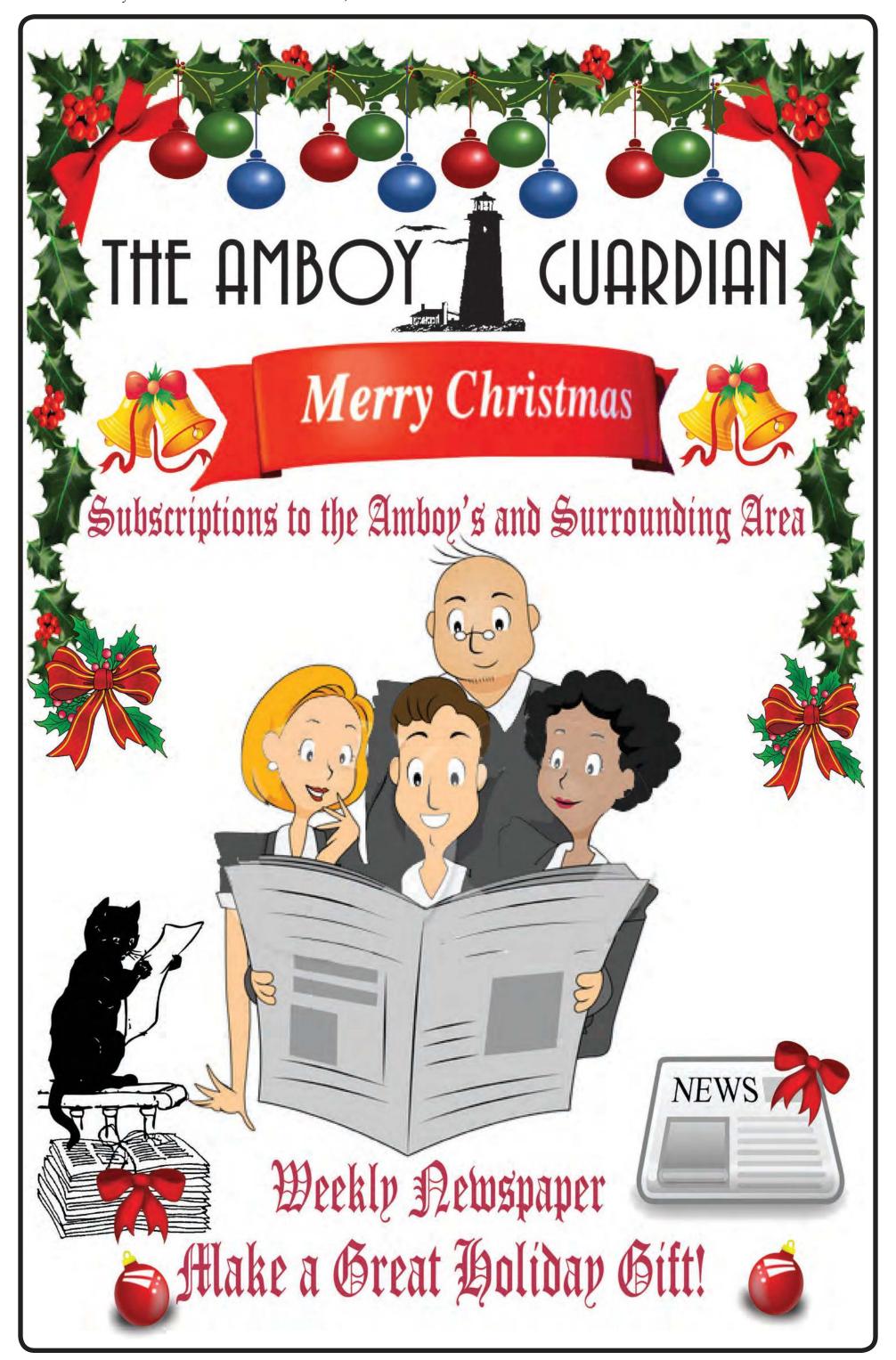
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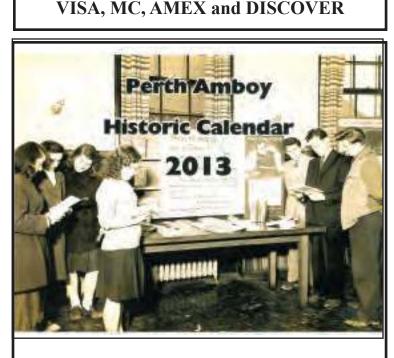
> We wish you the happiest of the holiday season!











Historic Perth Amboy Calendars For Sale

PERTH AMBOY - The Friends of Perth Amboy Free Public Library and The Kearny Cottage Historical Society have teamed up to create Historical Calendars with never before seen photos of Historic Perth Amboy. Calendars are \$10 each and are available at the Raritan Bay Coffee Company at the Historic Train Station, Perth Amboy City Hall, High Street, Fertigs Dept. Store, 195 New Brunswick Ave, and the Reo Diner, Woodbridge. For more info call 732-293-1090.





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