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Five Hours Behind Closed Doors Seventeen Minutes of Face Time



**Board Member
Obi Gonzalez**



**Board Member
Milady Tejada**



**Reinaldo
Aviles**

PERTH AMBOY - The Perth Amboy Board of Education had a special meeting on Tuesday, February 5, 6 p.m. at Perth Amboy High School. After the Pledge of Allegiance, reading of the Public Notice, the reading of the Special Meeting Announcement and roll call, the Board Members went into an Executive Closed Session. That session lasted from 6:05 p.m. until 10:51 p.m.

When the Board returned from behind closed doors to resume the public portion of the meeting Board Members Obi Gonzalez and Milady Tejada did not return.

When the meeting resumed, President Mark Carvajal stated, "No formal action will be taken tonight." The purpose of the Executive Closed Session was to discuss personnel matters and matters involving the litigation against the Superintendent.

While the closed session was taking place, some of the Board Members had to recuse themselves. Board Member Israel Varela had to leave the meeting because of discussion that involved the Richardson School where his wife is a teacher.

Superintendent Dr. Janine Walker Caffrey also had to excuse herself from the closed session when discussions involving her came up.

Board of Education President Mark Carvajal also appeared in the auditorium during the closed session to talk to some students enrolled in an Honor Program. Those students were there because there was a problem they were having and they wanted the Board and the public to hear their concerns.

Board President Mark Carvajal gave the student's representative his personal contact information and also asked for theirs so he could get back in touch with them asap.

Board Member Israel Varela also spoke to the students while he was away from the closed session. Carvajal knew that the closed session was going to be long and did not want the students to be there that late.

Some of the students lingered at the meeting in spite of being told of the length of the closed session.

During the public portion of the meeting two people spoke.

One of the speakers was Reinaldo Aviles. He spoke referring to the length of the closed session. Aviles said, "I feel for you guys, being in a meeting for a long time. But how productive can you be? I'm not saying that you weren't productive during the meeting but your brains have to be fried." Aviles named Board at least one Board Member who has to

get up early and travel quite a distance to get to their job on time.

"It's not courteous have people wait so long. Maybe you should break it up into several meetings instead of one long one. You have a list of goals displayed behind you on a screen. But how many of those goals did you accomplish? Kids were here to discuss a topic and they had to leave because of the late hour. If it's about the kids, why wasn't there a break to have them heard? It's up to the Board President to do this."

Stanley Sierakowski brought up the Inter-district School choice for public school students that he discussed at the previous Board Meeting. He said that the program was posted on the Board of Education Website at one time but it was no longer there. "Did Middlesex County choose not to participate?"

As the meeting was going into adjournment, Board Member Israel Varela raised his hand to make a last minute remark.

Board President Mark Carvajal said, "The meeting has already been adjourned."

Varela was able to get a quick comment in. In response to Sierakowski's remark. Varela said, "Students in Middlesex County are participants in this program."

South Amboy Sandy Victims Face Tough Decisions



SOUTH AMBOY - Recent photos of houses devastated by Hurricane Sandy *Photos by Aaron Beers

SOUTH AMBOY - Besides the emotional distress of losing their homes due to Hurricane Sandy, residents had to contend with spending endless hours on the phone with FEMA.

One resident the Amboy Guardian spoke to said that online applications were also available. FEMA inspectors were sent out to inspect damage to properties. Based on the inspector's findings they determined if a dwelling could be reconstructed or would have to be demolished.

Inspectors came out directly after the flood. Residents are also faced with the rise of insurance cost, especially if they need reconstruction or if they are required to do elevations on their property.

FEMA money was provided for repairs for renovations. Residents can also appeal decisions if they feel that money that FEMA estimated that was

owed to them was insufficient.

This resident also met with six different contractors. Documentation had to be provided to the Middlesex County Construction Office of the work the contractors determined needed to be done.

The Amboy Guardian also questioned this resident in regards to money raised during the recent telethon. The fundraiser was held at the Old Bridge High School was to benefit residents of Sayreville, South Amboy and Old Bridge.

The South Amboy Planning Board who was working in conjunction with the Chamber is in charge of calling residents about disbursing money from the telethon. This resident had been contacted by them.

Gov. Chris Christie had telephone press conferences which talked about new elevation areas based on what happened because of the storm.

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PAHS Girls Basketball Team Clinches Red Division

By: Katherine Massopust
PERTH AMBOY/WOODBRIDGE - The Lady Panthers played a tough game against rival Woodbridge Barrons to clinch the Red Division on Thursday, February 7, 2013. Perth Amboy went on top of Woodbridge at the end of the first half with a three pointer by Bianca Feliciano to make the score 25 -24.

The Panthers came out strong in the beginning of the third period. By the end of the third period Perth Amboy was on top with a score of 41-32. Woodbridge made a valiant effort to come back in the fourth period. With 1:23 left on the clock the Barrons called a time out and came out with a man-to-man full court press, fouling four Panthers (Kenya Adams, Christina Clark, Nadirah Wilson and Kaylanna Ricks) in the process. Christina Clark was fouled again with 5.69 seconds left on the clock. Clark made her first foul shot, but missed her second free throw. The Barrons rebounded but Woodbridge was unable to catch up with a final score of Perth Amboy 58, Woodbridge 51.

Janaysia James scored 18 points and grabbed 10 re-



The PAHS Girls Varsity Basketball Team defeated Woodbridge on Tuesday, February 7th at Woodbridge High School 58-51 clinching the Red Division

*Photos by Katherine Massopust

bounds and Nadirah Wilson scored 14 points for Perth Amboy. Perth Amboy clinched the Red Division with a record of 15 wins and 2 loses. The Panthers will be seeded in both the State and County Tournaments.

Update on Focus Group Meeting

PERTH AMBOY- Focus Group Meeting to provide insight and a more diverse approach on the concerns of our current parks system as well as the improvements that need to be made. The information received from this Focus Group meeting will be used by the New Jersey Local Planning Services, which will be analyzed and refined for the development of the City's Recreation Plan.

In order for this upcoming project to be successful, complete participation is not only needed but essential. Your input on the topics that will be presented will be an integral component to the overall success of this project. Please join the City of Perth Amboy for the Focus Group Meeting on Saturday, March 9 at the Alexander F. Jankowski Community Center. Residents interested in attending, please contact Raquel Gonzalez at: 732-826-1690 ext. 4306 or rgonzalez@perthamboynj.org.

Congratulations to the 2013 Inductees to the Perth Amboy High School Hall of Fame

Ira Zu Stess - Class of 1934 - Military Service
Jose J. Garica - Class of 1998 - Athletics/Community Service
David Weiss - Class of 1971 - Humanities/Government
Evelyn Cruz Carofilis - Class of 1974 - Criminal Justice
Kyle Grooms - Class of 1987 - Entertainment
Michael J. Chumer - Class of 1960 - Technology/Research

Correction & Thank You's

In the 1/30/13 issue of the Amboy Guardian I stated that Jack M. Dudas, the Registered Agent for the Kearny Cottage Historical Society that it was Mr. Dudas' position to fill out paperwork that came to him. After being advised that this is not so, I would like to apologize to Mr. Dudas. It is his not his responsibility to fill out paperwork. He forwarded the papers to the existing President of the Cottage which was his duty as registered agent. I, as a new President was not completely aware of the duties of a registered agent.

I would like to thank my existing Board of the Kearny Cottage for their support in several of the Cottage's projects. As far as the porch

and roof went, the completion of the repairs is not just one person's effort. It's everyone who contributed to the Cottage. I would like to thank the people that did their part. It needs to be said when you belong to an organization, it's not about the individual, it's about teamwork.

A special thanks to Mr. Jack M. Dudas, esq. for all his work with the Kearny Cottage such as getting the 501c -3 for the Cottage that was done in the '70's and for all his efforts with the Cottage that I haven't been aware of that may have gone unnoticed.

Paul W. Wang
President of the Kearny Cottage Historical Society

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Friends of the Perth Amboy Free Public

Library Meeting

PERTH AMBOY - The Friends of the Perth Amboy Free Public Library will be meeting on Wednesday, February 20 at 7 p.m. at the Kearny Cottage, 63 Catalpa Ave., Perth Amboy. Discussed will be library renovations, plans for a new website and future plans for the library. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more info call 732-293-1090.

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EDITORIAL

Thanks for The Memories



Bill George

In this issue frequent letter writer Thomas Francis Clark pays tribute to the late Bill George (He was the Publisher/Editor/Owner/Writer of the Amboy Beacon.) Mr. Clark also very graciously paid me a very flattering compliment. (For this, Mr. Clark will be my special Valentine this year.) But I must add to Mr. Clark's comments and thank my staff and other supporters who are my backbone. Especially my two bookends (you know who you are) and to a someone special who pushes me when I need a swift kick in the butt. As you can see in Mr. Clark's letter, he and Bill had a special friendship. One thing I know for sure is that Bill always enjoyed his conversations with Mr. Clark.

Whenever Bill checked his messages and there was a call from Mr. Clark, Bill would make sure he would call him back. He made sure it when he returned the call that would be at a time when Bill could have a long uninterrupted conversation. As many people were familiar with Bill, he *loved* to talk. When conversing with Mr. Clark on the phone Bill was more of a listener.

Have you ever watched someone having a conversation by phone and you can tell by the expression on the person's face that they couldn't wait for that call to end?

When conversing with Mr. Clark, Bill always had a smile



Richard Piatkowski

on his face or would chuckle a bit.

If the conversation was going on a little bit too long, Bill would only end the conversation with Mr. Clark because he somewhere to go or something pressing to do.

I'd like to thank Mr. Clark for his wonderful memories of Bill in that letter.

I also liked to tease Bill about his girlfriends in South Amboy. Some of them were regular attendees at the Council Meetings. Their names were: Eileen, Mary B., Irma and Nancy.

Bill also enjoyed talking to the late South Amboy Councilman, Russell Stillwagon after the Council Meeting. Russ would drive this huge car and Bill would say to Stillwagon, "Did you drive the boat to the meeting today?" Stillwagon would reply, (with a broad smile) "Not tonight. I drove my car - not my wife's."

Richard Piatkowski was also one of those unforgettable characters. Richard was another person who loved to talk. Sometimes when Bill and Richard were having a discussion, Bill would interrupt Richard and Richard would throw up his hands in frustration. Richard would turn to me and say, "How do you put up with him (Bill)?"

Secretly, they were my private entertainment. It was al-

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THE COMMUNITY VOICE

Social Security?

Well, have you noticed your paycheck has gotten smaller?

Because of the Social Security Tax Hike. In fact, there's more people collecting Social Security than there are working today. Now, I hope when

it's time for me to get Social Security, will it be there?

Orlando "Wildman" Perez
Perth Amboy

Comments

Board of Ed.: Get the Parents involved in their child's education. Very good idea. Now make it happen!

Kearny Cottage: Stop the bickering. Work together. What kind of contract was

signed with no completed dates and penalties if not completed on time? Seems like they need a good lawyer to make a contract that protects the Cottage.

More advisory committee: All professional people with

different ideas. Want to move forward on any project? Get the common working man and stand aside and see how the work will get done!

E.F. Jennings

America: A Socialist Country

Most Americans are very fortunate to have been born and lived in a democracy. But, unfortunately is always temporary in nature. It is never permanent. History proves that point. It will only exist until voters discover that they can vote themselves generous gifts from the public treasury - which is now happening thanks to Obama. From then on, the majority always votes for the candidates who promise the most from that treasury. Again, this is what Obama has done when running for the Presidency. By turning us into a Socialist economy, he is destroying our Capitalist system - a system by which we have sustained ourselves for decades. From that moment on, the majority always votes for the candidates who promise the most from the public troth, resulting in the collapse due to a loose policy which is followed y a dictatorship, Italy. If Obama doesn't fit that pattern, I don't know who does.

Most democracies last 200 years. Such was the Roman Empire. It is known that from bondage a civilization goes to spiritual growth to great courage to liberty to abundance to complacency than (where we are now) to apathy to dependence and finally back to bondage. Nearly 40% of this nation's population has already reached "governmental dependency." Example: millions that are on food stamps, extended unemployment payments to name a few.

Are we that naïve to think this country will survive with the machinations of our government running rampant?

"A good measure is to look at how many want in and how many want out". Words from Prime Minister Tony Blair from England. If it obvious that up until 2008 many people wanted in and now with Obama in control, our Capitalistic leaders who make the most money and provide the most jobs want to leave. Sure we have people who cross the border. They want what we have! That in itself is not unnatural. But those that have carved a live in America did so by hard work and persever-

ance. Our parents did that so their families would have a solid foundation on which to build their lives. When the President or leader of a country wants to level the playing field, that he really is saying is: "all people should pay their fair share". Fine, nobody complains about that, but that doesn't mean that those without should stop trying.

A grossly overgrown government is not one which will sustain any population growth. Government doesn't make money, it only spends money. Obama has shut down oil drilling, gas production, auto industry and even farming. There are all going to other countries. America has more oil than Saudi Arabia. What does Obama do? Help Venezuela drill for oil, buy their oil, and import it for us - thereby increasing out oil prices to over \$4 a gallon.

How in heaven's name did this man get the power to turn this beautiful country into a Socialist nightmare!

Barbara Skokan
Perth Amboy

Two Years Ago

Hope that you remembered to change your calendar to February. The following 7 days are probably highlighted on your calendar to February. They are Groundhog Day, Chinese New Year, Lincoln's Birthday, Ash Wednesday, Valentine's Day, President's Day and Washington's Birthday. My calendar will always include February 17. Because on that date in the year 2011 my friend, Bill George died. I'll never forget that night. I was just talking to him two days before. He was preparing to get his weekly newspaper out on Wednesday. To those with short memories that newspaper was called the Amboy Beacon. Carolyn Maxwell was the advertising manager and joined him on most of his news events.

Bill and I had many things in common. We both wrote for our school papers. When we were younger and we also worked for the Home News Tribune. Met Bill in a place called Buddies Bar in Parlin. The year was 1990. He told me about an idea that he had for a weekly newspaper. His idea would tie the Raritan Basin together. I really liked this idea because my Dad's Family was from Perth Amboy and my Mom's from South Amboy. Three years later a new concept in weekly newspapers was born. Yes, my friends the Victory Bridge tied two Bay Cities together by not only a bridge but by a Beacon. Two years ago that light went out. Bill George died at the age of 64.

A lady named Carolyn Maxwell got that light lit again. She

said, "This weekly newspaper will not die." I think Bill is smiling up there because Carolyn made good on her promise. The weekly paper is now called The Amboy Guardian.

Let's take time out on February 17th and say a prayer for Bill George and let's thank Carolyn Maxwell for the great job she has done . God Bless both of you.

Thanks,
Thomas Francis Clark
Metuchen



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Community Calendar

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WED. Feb. 13	City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, High St.
TUES. Feb. 19	Library Board of Trustees, 5 p.m. City Hall, High St.
MON. Feb. 25	City Council, Caucus, 4:30 p.m. City Hall, High St.
WED. Feb. 27	City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, High St.
THURS. Feb. 28	Historic Preservation Commission City Hall, High St.
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WED. Feb. 20	City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, N. Broadway

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40th Annual St. Patrick's Parade Woodbridge March 10th Honors Emergency Service Workers Goes GREEN with Business Partnership



WOODBIDGE - Ken Gardner, Chairman of the Woodbridge American Irish Association's 40th Annual Parade congratulates this year's honorees. Ken (left) congratulates Grand Marshal Ed Mullen. Next to Ed is Claire Miloscia, Irish Lady of the year. Followed by Frank Darcy, Irishman of the Year. Next is the Lady-in-Waiting, Jessica Jacko. Pictured separately is Kayla Meehan, Miss American Irish. *Photos Submitted

Press Release
WOODBIDGE - This year's Parade is dedicated to Emergency Services Workers. **The Grand Marshal is Ed Mullen.** Ed is an Ex-Fire Chief, former President, former Commissioner & former Mutual Aid Coordinator of the Iselin Volunteer Fire Company. He is still an active firefighter.

Our other honorees are Claire Miloscia, Irish Lady of the year; Frank Darcy, Irishman of the Year; Kayla Meehan, Miss American Irish; & Jessica Jacko, Lady-in-Waiting. Our honorees have done a great job representing the Irish in our community. They are involved in numerous other volunteer activities.

"As a volunteer firefighter for forty years, I am truly honored to represent every po-

lice officer, firefighter, EMT, CERT volunteer, and the Office of Emergency Management as this year's Grand Marshal" said Ed Mullen. "I am as proud of my Irish heritage as I am of my many friends in the emergency services. This is an honor to be shared by all of us; I'm only the lucky one who gets to wear the sash in the parade" Mullen continued.

Parade Chair Ken Gardner said "we have formed a partnership with our downtown merchants to thank them for supporting the parade & to help their businesses". They are "Going Green" for the economy & environment in March. Our parade brings out thousands of people to our neighborhood & downtown shopping district. We want them to come back (& shop

of course). The parade helps build a great sense of community & camaraderie across all ethnic groups as we make everyone Irish for the day. The parade is funded by donations from local businesses.

"Go Green" focuses on shopping locally. It helps the environment, nurtures our community, creates local jobs, improves your health (by walking to the store) & supports the economy.

This 40th annual parade was started to celebrate St. Patrick & the Irish. However, it has developed into so much more in our community. We want to add to its success.

For more info or if you would like to participate in the parade call Ken at 732-742-0909 or go to www.AmerIrish.com

The National Association Of Water Companies Announces NAWC Living Water Award Recipient

Press Release 2/8/13
PERTH AMBOY - The National Association of Water Companies (NAWC) is pleased to announce that José de Jesus of USA-PA, a Middlesex Water Company affiliate, has been selected as the second recipient of an NAWC Living Water Award.

The NAWC Living Water Awards were established to recognize the private water industry professionals who are "living water" through their extraordinary commitment to quality, service and community.

"José has earned this recognition for regularly going above and beyond for his customers," said Michael Deane, executive director of the NAWC. "I congratulate José and his colleagues at USA-PA and Middlesex Water Company on this achievement. The NAWC Living Water Awards recognize standout employees who serve as an inspiration to everyone in the private water industry, and José embodies the very criteria we had in mind when we established the program."

As operators of the water supply system and wastewater system for the City of Perth Amboy, NJ, we are delighted that Jose has earned this honor for his commitment to Perth Amboy residents, for representing the values of our company and for serving as a great ambassador," said Dennis Doll, President and CEO of Middlesex Water.

In their nomination of De Jesus, a USA-PA meter service technician, his colleagues described him as

a "wonderful and humble" person with the "patience of a saint." He is also known for regularly exceeding expectations and being proactive, and he is often the first into the office and the last to leave.

In addition to inspiring his coworkers, De Jesus treats everyone he encounters in the field with a great deal of respect. Fluent in Spanish and English, he takes the time to explain every situation to his customers so they understand rates and the impacts of leaks. De Jesus is also active in the community and serves as a Deacon for Holy Spirit Church. It is the combination of dedication, spirit of community and universal respect that has earned De Jesus the Living Water Award.

The NAWC Living Water Awards program is an ongoing initiative and any employee of an NAWC member company can participate by nominating a colleague online at any time. The voting process will take place every two months on the NAWC Facebook page and we encourage you to "like" us to receive regular program updates.

The National Association of Water Companies is the voice of the private water industry—the organization exclusively representing this group of quality service providers, innovation drivers and responsible partners. Private water service companies help provide essential water and wastewater services to nearly 73 million people in the United States.

Free Blood Pressure Screenings

WOODBIDGE - Raritan Bay Medical Center is offering free blood pressure screenings Tuesday, February 19, 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., at the Woodbridge YMCA, 600 Main St., Woodbridge. High blood pressure is associated with stroke, heart failure, heart attack and other life threatening conditions. Take advantage of this free screening to know your pressure levels and basic steps to regulate and maintain healthy blood pressure levels.

Monthly Tour of Maternity Pavilion

PERTH AMBOY - Raritan Bay Medical Center's monthly tour of its Dr. Sam. Gordon Berkow Maternity Pavilion and family health information open house will be held Wednesday, February 13, at 7 p.m. Newly expectant parents are invited to take the tour and learn about the maternity unit's modern comforts designed to provide a calm and relaxing birthing experience. Participants are asked to meet in the main lobby of the hospital's Perth Amboy location, 530 New Brunswick Ave. Registration required, call 1-800-DOCTORS (1-800-362-8677)

Happy Hour Sessions

PERTH AMBOY - Raritan Bay Medical Center's Division of Integrative Medicine is offering Happy Hour sessions twice a month beginning Wednesdays, February 13 and 27 and continuing through May, 7 to 8 p.m., at the Raritan Bay Area YMCA, 365 New Brunswick Ave., Lower Level, Perth Amboy. Join Denise Reisert, EMP/RCP and Robin Matteo, EMP for an hour of positivity, transformation, and connection with like-minded souls that will leave you feeling more open, uplifted and lighter of spirit. Each individual workshop will be filled with activities and thoughtful conversation. Cost is \$40 per four classes. For more information and to register, call 1-800-DOCTORS (1-800-362-8677)

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HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY FEBRUARY 14, 2013

Nick's Famous Cheesecake is headed to Arizona!



Pantagis Diner in Edison shipped these two cheesecakes to Arizona for Valentine's Day as requested by a visitor from Arizona who was impressed with the quality of the cheesecakes at Pantagis

**Photos Submitted*

Press Release

EDISON - Karl Giranth wanted to do something special for his mother Gina Giranth and girlfriend Jessi Lavish, but he was in New Jersey on business and they lived in Arizona. He loved the cheesecake he discovered at Pantagis Diner

located at 3126 Woodbridge Ave in Edison NJ and so asked Nick Pantagis if his cheesecake could be shipped before Valentine's Day. Nick referred him to his son Stephen Pantagis who was more than happy to oblige. "This is probably the first Cheesecake made by

a Greek diner ever shipped across the country! Pantagis Diner is now well known for its bakery and especially it's Cheesecake's. The recipe is a life work for Nick's Pantagis; he has been perfecting this creamy dessert for over 50 years! According to Nick's son Stephen "Pantagis diner which father and son opened in 2008 sells more cheesecake than any diner in the state of New Jersey. We have had a lot of requests for shipping Nick's Famous cheesecakes but only recently have we found the right packaging solution to make Karl's dream of sending something sweet to his two Valentine's. Karl wanted one simple message on the cheesecakes. For both his mom and his girlfriend. The baker wrote "I Love You".
Stephen Nick Pantagis

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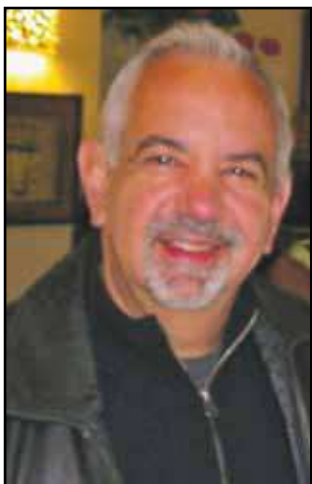
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Editorial
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most as if I was watching a comedy act.

Richard also did some research for Bill as did others and sometimes Bill would call on Richard to send some information to others that Bill did not have time to do.

There was one incident that happened at a pizza parlor. Richard met Bill and I when Richard was running for political office. Richard was showing us different ads he wanted to put in the paper. After deciding on which ad he wanted to put in. Bill said to Richard, "By the way, this other ad looks pretty neat." So Richard said, "Okay, I want to change it. Bill replied back, "Oh but the other ad is a larger size and we don't have room for it." With that, Richard dropped to his knees, slammed down the papers he had to the floor. Before you knew it I think the guys that owned the pizza parlor jumped over the counter they were behind thinking that Richard suffered a heart attack.

I bent down next to Richard and told him to get up and shot a look to Bill and told him, "You will put the ad in that Richard wants!"

All I could think about is that these two knuckleheads would not cause me to be banned from this pizza parlor because of their actions.

I'm happy to report that Richard got the ad he wanted in the paper. I also got the satisfaction that I won out over Bill and that we were not banned from the pizza parlor.

Secretly my nickname for Richard (after this incident) although I did not reveal it to him would be to coin him, "The Drama King."

To Ron, Lori, Jim and to the staff at Webcographics (Maureen, Glen and Bobby) and all the others, I thank you for sharing your memories of Bill with me. *Love, C.M.*

Bill and I go back as far as the Amboy Gazette. I went for an interview for a photographer and was introduced to Bill George. The best way to describe him was a love/hate relationship. I thought of Bill as an older brother that had good times and bad times. I was introduced to ethnic foods such as Indian food due to Bill. I remember Bill being a unique person with endless hours of conversation about UFO's and history. Bill and Richard are missed by me. *P.W.*

Summer Employment Opportunity

SAYREVILLE - Applications are being accepted from January 2, 2013 thru February 28, 2013 for Summer Camp Park Counselors. Applicants must be 15 by the start of the Summer Program to qualify. Please return all applications to the Recreation Office by February 28, 2013. No applications will be accepted after this date.

Exempt Firemen's Assoc. to Host Annual Spaghetti Dinner

AVENEL - The Avenel Exempt Firemen's Association is hosting a Spaghetti Dinner from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday, February 16 at the Avenel Fire House, Route 1 and Avenel Street, Avenel. Cost is \$8 for adults and \$5 for kids under 12. Menu consists of spaghetti and meatballs dinner, salad bar, bread, coffee/tea and desserts.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner

SAYREVILLE - There will be a St. Patrick's Day dinner on Saturday, March 16, from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. at the Sayreville United Methodist Church, 406 Main St., Sayreville. The price is Adults:\$10, Seniors/Students/Children under 12: \$8. The menu consists of Corned Beef or Spaghetti & Meatball, Boiled Cabbage & Carrots, Boiled Potatoes, Bread, Beverage and Dessert. For questions and tickets please contact Christine at (732)613-8768.

Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner

AVENEL - There will be a Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner at Dominic's Restaurant, 453 Avenel St., Avenel on Thursday, February 21 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Cost is \$15 per person. Children under 8 yrs. old are \$10. Fundraiser for the Woodbridge Historical Museum.

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FEMA Breaks Down Communication Barriers On The Road To Sandy Recovery

News Release 2/6/13

TRENTON - Hurricane Sandy survivors in New Jersey live in one of the most culturally diverse states in the country and communicate in numerous languages. The Federal Emergency Management Agency works to reach all of them.

People with disabilities and/or access and functional needs are now the focus of the first full-scale operation by FEMA to offer ready access to valuable disaster assistance and recovery information in all disaster recovery centers.

Survivors can visit any disaster recovery center to connect with American Sign Language or Signed English interpreters either face to face by requesting it ahead of time, or in real time using Video Relay Services or Video Remote Interpreters.

Assistive listening devices, amplified phones and caption phones for survivors who are deaf or hard of hearing are available in the centers, as well as magnifying devices and printed information in Braille and large print for people who are blind or have low vision.

Teams of FEMA Community Relations specialists – armed with publications in English, Spanish, Chinese, Italian, Korean, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Urdu, French and Braille

– canvassed communities affected by Hurricane Sandy. The teams are going door to door to deliver valuable recovery information and to encourage residents with damaged property to register for assistance.

To date, FEMA has translated more than a dozen disaster assistance fliers, brochures and pamphlets into 23 different languages.

Since the major disaster declaration for Hurricane Sandy, more than 650 Community Relations specialists have been in New Jersey, including more than 220 FEMA Corps members. Four dozen of these specialists were bilingual or multilingual, speaking a combined total of 24 languages including American Sign Language.

Multilingual specialists also maintain contact with media outlets whose audience consists mainly of non-English-speaking readers, listeners, or viewers. Spanish-speaking public information officers from FEMA have given dozens of interviews to Spanish-language media, appeared on radio talk shows and spoken with community groups across the affected area.

Hurricane Sandy recovery updates are available in English and Spanish on the agen-

cy's website, which is also designed for use by people with sensory disabilities. Spanish-speaking survivors can choose to follow FEMAespanol on Twitter to receive recovery updates.

Groups, associations and businesses that have non-English-speaking members who sustained damage as a result of Hurricane Sandy and who want to know more about federal and state disaster assistance can contact FEMA's Speakers Bureau for presentations in 13 languages, if needed. Sign language interpreters are also available.

Multilingual telephone operators are available to help non-English-speaking survivors register for disaster aid and to get their questions answered. After dialing FEMA's helpline at 800-621-3362

or TTY 800-462-7585, callers can choose Option 3 for other languages. FEMA can provide interpretation services in 250 languages. Those who use 711-Relay or Video Relay Services can call 800-621-3362.

FEMA's multilingual webpage at www.fema.gov/all-languages offers a wealth of disaster assistance information and Ready.gov can be viewed in 12 languages.

PRAHD H.O.Y. Health Fair 2/7/13

*Photos By Paul W. Wang



PRAHD Members part of the H.O.Y. program



Representatives of the Cathedral who cosponsored this event




The Seniors listen to the lecture



Perth Amboy Police, PRAHD Board Members and Staff



The Police gave a lecture to Seniors on home invasion safety



CITY OF PERTH AMBOY BID & UEZ Programs & MAYOR WILDA DIAZ Cordially invite you to the 2013 Neighborhood Business Meetings

The Urban Enterprise Zone Program and the Business Improvement District, are once again coordinating a series of meetings with business owners in various parts of our city. I am cordially inviting you to join me as we bring municipal officials to the business areas.

As in previous years, the objective of these meetings is to bring government into the neighborhoods. The agenda consists of a 3-5 minute presentation by City Directors about department operations and services available to the community and to provide small settings to hear business owners' comments and input that will help us improve the delivery of services. *The 2013 Neighborhood Business Meetings schedule is as follows:*

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	ADDRESS & PHONE #
Wednesday, February 20 th	9:00 a.m.	Pikalonga Restaurant	329 Madison Ave. 732-324-6314
Wednesday, February 27 th	9:00 a.m.	Don Manuel Restaurant	287 State Street 732-324-0044
Wednesday, March 6 th	12 noon	La Plaza Restaurant	134 Smith Street 732-324-0022
Wednesday, March 27 th	12 noon	Nick Lugo Travel	259 Beltran Avenue 732-442-0606
Wednesday, April 3 rd	6:00 p.m.	Rincon Tropical	323 State Street 732-486-8521

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More meetings will be scheduled for the Spring

Soup Kitchen & Clothing Giveaway

PERTH AMBOY: Soup Kitchen at the Faith Community Worship Center, 310 Sutton St., Perth Amboy. February 27, March 27, April 24, May 29 and June 26 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. For more info call 732-376-1711.

Easter Festival

WOODBIDGE - Get ready for a fun-filled Easter Celebration Saturday, March 30 at Parker Press Park, 400 Rahway Ave., Woodbridge. Egg Hunt 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Easter Parade & Pictures with the Easter Bunny from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Wear your pretty Bonnet, dress up in your Fancy Clothes and join us at the Park. Prizes will be given. Pictures sponsored by Walgreens. We hope to see you there. For more info call the Woodbridge Recreation Dept. at 732-596-4048. For weather updates call 732-602-6045.

Free Blood Pressure Screenings

SOUTH AMBOY - Raritan Bay Medical Center is offering free blood pressure screenings Tuesday, February 26, 10 a.m. to 12 noon, at the South Amboy YMCA, 200 John T. O'Leary Blvd. High blood pressure is associated with stroke, heart failure, heart attack and other life threatening conditions. Take advantage of this free screening to know your pressure levels and basic steps to regulate and maintain healthy blood pressure levels.

Stamping Thru History: Black History Month Celebration

PERTH AMBOY - The City of Perth Amboy in partnership with the U.S. Postal Service invites you to Stamping Thru History: Black Month Celebration on Thursday, February 21 at 10:30 a.m. at the Alexander F. Jankowski Community Center, 1 Olive St., Perth Amboy. There will be an exhibit by Clarence McKnight, Philately Specialist: A Celebration of African American Heritage and Unveiling of the Rosa Parks Stamp. For more info call 732-826-1690 ext. 4307. This event is free and open to the public.

Childbirth Education Class

PERTH AMBOY - Raritan Bay Medical Center is sponsoring a one day Childbirth Education class Saturday, February 16, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The class is designed to help expectant parents better understand the childbearing process. A registered nurse with special training in labor, delivery and childcare techniques will facilitate the class. It will be held at Raritan Bay Area YMCA, 357 New Brunswick Ave., Lower Level, Perth Amboy. The fee for the course is \$125 per couple. Registration required, call 1-800-DOCTORS (1-800-362-8677).

Woodbridge International Dance Festival

WOODBIDGE - The 5th Annual Woodbridge International Dance Festival will be on Sunday, March 3 at 1 p.m. at the Woodbridge Middle School, 525 Barron Ave., Woodbridge. Featuring the top local dance schools and professional soloists. Flamenco, Chinese, Bollywood, Mexican, Broadway, HipHop, Irish, Salsa/Mambo, African, Belly Dancing, Ballroom and more. Admission: \$5 - ages 12 and above. Tickets at the Door or in Advance. 732-662-9353 or go to www.dressingroomboutique.biz. Visit Dressing Room Dancewear, 1010 Amboy Ave., Edison. Proceeds Benefit the Woodbridge Committee for the Arts.

Friday Lenten Dinners

PERTH AMBOY - February 15: Breaded Flounder with mashed potatoes and steamed vegetables, February 22: Shrimp Scampi with Linguini, March 1: Spaghetti with tomato sauce, garlic bread and salad, March 8: Baked Salmon Steak with rice and salad, March 15: Cabbage Noodles, March 22: Breaded Flounder with roasted potatoes and coleslaw. Dessert, coffee and tea will be served with each dinner. The dinners are from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Magyar Reformed Church Center, Corner of Fayette Street and Kirkland Place, Perth Amboy. Cost is \$13 per person or 6 dinners for \$70 (one dinner for each week) paid in advance. Reservations required. No tickets sold at door. Call: Pat 732-442-0224 or Pam 732-257-7182.

Tot Time & Storytime

SOUTH AMBOY - There will be Tot Time - (Ages 0-2) on Mondays at 10:15 a.m. and Storytime (Ages 3-5) on Wednesdays 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.

Royal Garden Club Open House

PERTH AMBOY - An official civic consultant of the City of Perth Amboy St. Peter's Rectory at 183 Rector St. Perth Amboy. This meeting is to learn all about the activities of the Royal Garden Club. We are a very different gardening club as we design, plant and maintain several large public gardens throughout our city. Come learn all our work - no prior gardening experience necessary. We welcome all. For more information, post a question to our page: Royal Garden Club Open House on Facebook.

Broadway Show Trip

WOODBIDGE - The Woodbridge Township Recreation Department will be holding a trip to the Hit Musical Mary Poppins. Takes stage at the New Amsterdam Theater in New York, on Tuesday, February 26. Bus leaves the Woodbridge Community Center at 4 p.m. SHARP! Ticket price \$65. Price includes show, bus fare and a complimentary \$5 voucher to use in the gift shop. For more info call 732-596-4048. Payment must be received to reserve tickets. Tickets are non-refundable once payment is made.

Black History Program

PERTH AMBOY - In observance of Black History Month, Concord Missionary Baptist Church, 795 State St. will present a program on Saturday, February 16, 2013 at 12 Noon. The guest speaker will be Hector Bonilla, Historian, Educator, Community Activist and Former Aide to The Mayor Of Perth Amboy. He will give an informative and enlightened account of "The Black Presence in Latin America." Program will feature; song, dance poetry, dramatic performance and a special performances by Cimarrones, an Afro-Puerto Rican Bomba music ensemble. The public is invited to attend

NJ State Retired Police and Fire Association Local 9

**Photos by Aaron Beers*



By: Beverly Samuelson

SOUTH AMBOY - NJ State Retired Police and Fire Association Local 9 met at Sciortino's in South Amboy for their monthly meeting. There were 56 members in attendance. President, Pete Kenny, stated that Local 9 is a Fraternal Organization and the membership is growing every week.

In attendance were the Sergeant at Arms Tom Noble, Vice President Richard Chartier, Financial Secretary Dave Jakubczak, Treasurer Len Mundy, Chaplin Bob LaPenta and Delegate Ed Rappoleyea.

President Kenny stated that the group is planning many events including a Picnic this summer, a program to honor children in Monmouth and Middlesex counties that have contributed to their town, this along with other events are in the planning stage.

The group meets the first Wednesday every month. Retirees in these categories looking to join this great group of dedicated people can contact the President, Pete Kenny at 732-887-8340.

Atlantic City Trip

HOPELAWN - Bus trip to Trump Plaza sponsored by Hopelawn V.F.W. Ladies Auxiliary every second Tuesday of every month. Bus leaves Hopelawn at 12:30 p.m., arrives at Trump Plaza between 2 p.m. & 2:30 p.m. Bus leaves Trump Plaza at 8:30 p.m. Arrives home approximately 10 p.m. For more info call Yolanda at 732-826-1595

We Keep You Moving

PERTH AMBOY - The Human Motion Institute at Raritan Bay Medical Center is sponsoring a free "We Keep You Moving" Total Joint Replacement Education session Friday February 22, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., at the medical center's Perth Amboy location, 530 New Brunswick Ave. Session will be presented by clinical specialists. Registration required, call 732-535-4746.

Knitting Circle

SOUTH AMBOY - There will be a Knitting Circle on the first and third Tuesday each month at 6 p.m. at the Dowdell Library, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. For more info call 732-721-6060.

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.

RED

PERTH AMBOY - This exhibition focuses on the colorful and dynamic ideas of love, passion, and lust. RED highlights the work of 12 local fine artists and photographers that were inspired with the color and the allegories on the theme of love. New visions of romanticism and modern love will adorn the walls of the gallery. exhibition runs from Feb 14 to March 4. Opening Reception, Thursday, February 14th 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Picnic Park

Rental Requests

SAYREVILLE - Beginning January 2, 2013 requests will be accepted at the Recreation Office for picnic park rentals at Burkes, Jackson & Bailey Parks. The office is open Monday thru Friday from 8:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. More info at www.sayreville.com. Picnics are on a first come, first served basis and take about 4 weeks to get approvals. Please submit all paperwork to the Recreation Office on time. Picnics are rain or shine - no rain dates. Picnic grounds are available from April to September.

Breast Cancer Support Group Meeting

WOODBIDGE - Raritan Bay Medical Center is sponsoring a Breast Cancer Support Group meeting Thursday, February 21, 6:30 to 8 p.m., at the Medical Pavilion at Woodbridge, 740 Route 1 North, Iselin. The support group is for women currently in treatment or who have completed breast cancer treatment, to share experiences and learn tips to deal with everyday issues. The meeting is facilitated by Melissa Scholz, RN, BSN, CBPN-IC and Gayatri Sheth, PTDPT, CLT. For more information and to register, call 732-324-5135.

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: 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

Ash Wednesday at Cathedral International

PERTH AMBOY- Cathedral International church participates in the Christian tradition of observing Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. In two services, 12 p.m. and 7p.m., ashes will be distributed in the marking of the forehead, a sign of repentance and humility. Lent is a period of 40 days that precedes Easter.

The guest speaker for the 7 p.m. service is Rev. Dr. Lee Spitzer, Executive Minister of American Baptist Churches of New Jersey. Distribution of ashes and beginning of Lenten season at Wednesday, February 13 at 12 p.m. and 7 p.m. Cathedral International, Perth Amboy. The service is at the Cathedral Chapel, 205 Smith Street 7 p.m. service is at the Cathedral Sanctuary, 277 Madison Avenue. Everyone is invited to attend these services.

Senior Scene

Happenings

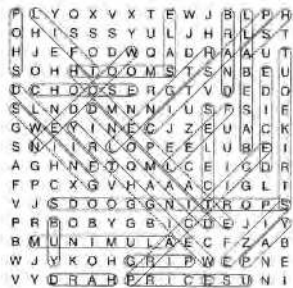
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- WED. Feb. 13 Simpson Seniors, 10 a.m., Williamson Hall, High St.
- Holy Rosary Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Auditorium, Florida Grove Rd.
 - St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.
- THURS. Feb. 14 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
- MON. Feb. 18 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.
- TUES. Feb. 19 Holy Spirit Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Church Hall, Brace Ave.
- Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.
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 - Holy Trinity Seniors, 1 p.m., Church Hall, Lawrie & Johnstone St

South Amboy

- WED. Feb. 13 South Amboy Seniors, noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
- MON. Mar. 4 St. Mary's Seniors, noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.

Answers From Puzzle On Page 15



LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY - Store filled with Valentine's Day Candy

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

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(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). **C.G.**
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Happy Healthy Heart

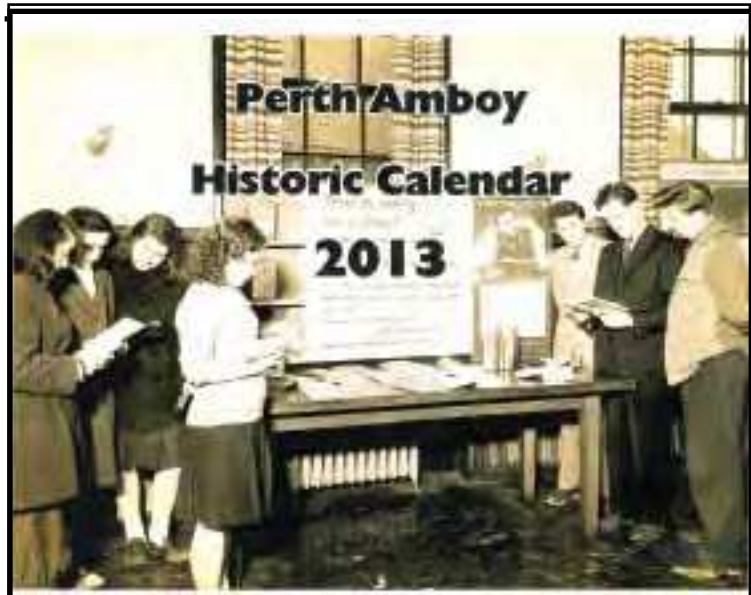
WOODBRIDGE - Raritan Bay Medical Center is sponsoring a free "Happy Healthy Heart" informational event Saturday, February 9, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., at the Woodbridge Mall, 250 Woodbridge Center Drive, Woodbridge.

Blood Drive

PARLIN - Our Lady of Victory Knights of Columbus is holding a blood drive on Sunday March 3rd from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 pm. The K of C is located at 775 Washington Road, directly across from the Parlin post office. If you have any questions, please call the council home at 732-257-2061.

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

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