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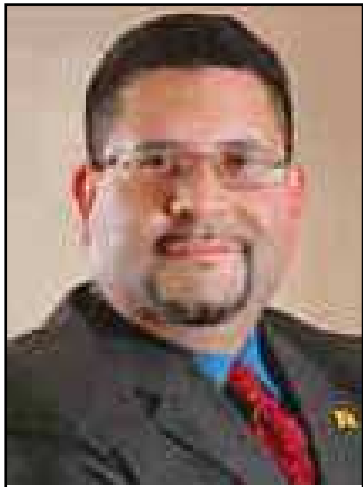
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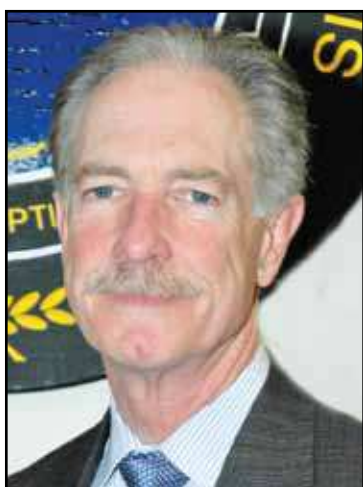
Business Concerns in the Business District *Aviles Defends Businesses*



Reinaldo Aviles



Councilman
Kenneth Gonzalez



City Attorney
Mark Blunda



Police Chief
Ben Ruiz



Downtown Perth Amboy Businesses

**Photo by Paul W. Wang*

PERTH AMBOY - At the Caucus Meeting of 3/25/13 one of the Councilmen asked Mark Blunda if there can be limits on the amounts of licenses and permits issued to new businesses when there are already an over abundance of the same kind of businesses existing.

At the March 27 City Council Meeting, resident Reinaldo Aviles stated that if these types of businesses are successful in Perth Amboy there is nothing wrong with healthy competition. He said that people that come into Amboy are expecting a certain type of business then let it be.

At a previous Council Meeting some of the Council Members said that local established businesses wondered about competitive businesses opening up unexpectedly close to their business. These established businesses were concerned if the new businesses

and permits issued.

Blunda said that municipalities can limit the amount of licenses and permits issued to the same types of businesses. "Ours can also be restricted."

Blunda further stated that existing businesses can be grandfathered in. New businesses are subject to new regulations.

Police Chief Benjamin Ruiz spoke at a previous meeting in references to some businesses that have been investigated by State or Health Agencies and answered additional questions in an interview the Amboy Guardian at a later date.

The Inspectors make sure that businesses are following proper policies.

When a business is under suspicions of unlawful practices the inspectors notify the police department. The Perth Amboy Police work in conjunction with these agencies.

Our detectives accompany

the inspectors when illegal activity is suspected. The Police Department will have officers available whenever we get the call from them. We never close down

One example that he gave concerned barber shops. Not only is the owner supposed to have a license if they will be working there, but each individual that they employ must have their own license.

"Some businesses have been temporarily closed down due to violations concerning illegal drug activity," Ruiz stated.

When questioned if the police ever went into a business very late at night to investigate illegal activity, Ruiz replied,

When a business is open very late some of the illegal activities may include gambling besides sometimes drug related issues.

Giving the Council Free Reign



B.A. Greg Fehrenbach



Mayor Wilda Diaz

PERTH AMBOY - At the March 27, 2013 Local Resident Alan Silber stated that "Say what want about Joe Vas, but he always was at the City Council Meetings." Stating that Mayor Wilda Diaz is hardly ever present at the Council Meetings.

At the end of the Council Meetings, Business Administrator Greg Fehrenbach stated that the during previous administration, former Mayor

Joe Vas would sit in the Council Chambers, intimidating the Council. When Mayor Diaz was elected she made it a point on purpose to not attend the Council Meetings in order to give the Council its autonomy. "It was by design."

After the Council Meeting Mayor Diaz stated that she is either in her office during the Council Meetings or close by. She is available if she is needed.

Three Arrested in Burglary of Fire Scene

Press Release
PERTH AMBOY - On Tuesday April 2, 2013, at 1:17 am police were dispatched to the fire scene at 694 West Side Ave. on a report of a burglary in progress. When police arrived they were met the victim who found three people in his residences.

After a police investigation, two adults and one juvenile were arrested and charged with burglary. Arrested were Polfirio Tineo, age 20 Geraldys Batista, age 18 and a juvenile, age 17.

Polfirio Tineo was charged with Burglary and Receiving stolen property and Possession of Burglary Tools. Geraldys Batista was charged with Burglary and Receiving stolen property and Possession of Burglary Tools.

Bail was set by Honorable

Judge Maria Del Valle-Koch at \$25,000 with no 10% option for Tineo and Batista. The juvenile was released to his mother.



Rear of Fire at West Side Avenue

**Photo by Joe Bayona*

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Earth Day Fair

WOODBIDGE - Woodbridge celebrates Earth Day on Saturday, April 20 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Woodbridge Community Center, 600 Main St., Woodbridge. Vendors: Reserve a FREE table to showcase your Green Goods. Email kwhooley2@verizon.net. Sponsored by John E. McCormac, Mayor and the Woodbridge Township Environmental Commission.

Waterfront Recovery and Redevelopment Advisory Committee

Press Release
PERTH AMBOY - The Waterfront Recovery and Redevelopment Advisory Committee (WRRAC) will deliver its first report to the Mayor Wilda Diaz and the City Council members on plans for recovery after several committee meetings and a public hearing held in January.

WHEN: Monday, April 22, 2013 at 6 p.m. (Caucus Meeting begins at 4:30 p.m.)

WHERE: City Hall Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, 260 High Street

About WRRAC:

The WRRAC is a new advisory committee established after Superstorm Sandy to provide recommendations to the governing body on the recovery, repair and renewal of the waterfront that best serve the Perth Amboy community. WRRAC will also consider possible need for mitigation measures to reduce the impact of future storm damage.

Its mission is to seek ways to:

- Recover from the damage inflicted on the Waterfront by Super Storm Sandy,
- Develop appropriate concepts for reuse and redevelopment of the City's waterfront,
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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, May 1 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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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

Throwing Our Hats into the Ring Challenging Newark Mayor Cory Booker

Can one person survive on \$33 a week for food? That is a little more than \$4 a day for food. This past December Newark Mayor Cory Booker accepted a challenge from a North Carolina Woman Tweeting who challenged the Mayor to live on food stamps for a week.

Cory Booker accepted the challenge and agreed to live on \$33 for a week (\$4.71/day). Some people took the challenge with him.

Could you live off \$4.71 a day? Would you be able to eat healthy?

We're going shopping. Many local smaller stores may have higher prices than national chain grocery stores, so let's take a look at where we can go. Locally there's ShopRite, Wegmans, Pathmark, Walmart etc.

The cheapest food I can think of is Mac & Cheese. If your lucky, you can get a box on sale for 39 cents. But you need milk and butter to mix in it.

\$2.60 for 4 sticks of butter
\$2.73 for 7 boxes of mac and cheese, \$3.00 for 2 lb of broccoli. Some canned peas & carrots \$2.50. 2 dozen eggs \$4.00. \$4.40 for organic milk (it will last the week) Oodles of Noodles at 50 cents a package, so buy 8 packages roughly \$4.00. Spaghetti and sauce, roughly \$5.00. Maybe some cereal - store brand Cheerios around \$3.00 a box. Some chicken legs \$3.00. That's roughly \$33.

You could ration cereal and for the mornings. Hard boil eggs for snacks. Have the Oodles of Noodles for lunch and make macaroni/chicken stir fry for dinner. One or two days have Spaghetti. If you're thirsty drink tap water.

I don't think this is very healthy. Pasta is very cheap but too much pasta is no good for you.

I personally think I would have a difficult time doing this. Cory Booker said he bought yams and ate that. The trouble

is that many Americans live like this all the time.

According to the US Department of Health and Human Services, U.S. Department of Commerce, CATO Institute there are 4,300,000 people in the United States on welfare, 46,700,000 on food stamps, and 5,600,000 people on unemployment. That's 4.1% of the population of the United States that is on welfare. The total government spending on welfare annually (not including food stamps or unemployment) is \$131.9 billion.

That is a lot of people in this country on federal assistance. An individual can make a total of \$1000 a month and still collect welfare. In 40 states it is more beneficial to be on welfare than work an \$8/hr. job. In 9 states it pays more than being a teacher.

Something to think about. How many people do I see going to the food pantry on New Brunswick Avenue on Saturday mornings? It is quite crowded.

Whatever your financial situation is, coupons are important. Take advantage of the cards issued by the grocery stores. Stock up on nonperishable items. Store brands are usually made by the same company as the name brands. ShopRite has can-can sales. Catch these items while they're hot. Homemade soups are great money saver. Look in your refrigerator - there's probably items you can put in it. Sometimes in the aisles there are coupons for instant savings.

The circulars are a good source for everything on sale. Coupons are in the paper every weekend.

Are you up to taking the Cory Booker challenge? Can you live off of \$33 for 7 days for food? I see this being more difficult than it seems to be. I think I'll pass. Carolyn will do the challenge

K.M. & C.M.

THE COMMUNITY VOICE

Guns & Ammo

Well, the people are now asking is the government trying to take the guns away or they're trying to control the way we use them? Your guess? After all those shootings such as Colorado and the Sandy Hook School shooting I have notice that some of the States have

set new gun laws. Now, some States have very strict gun laws and yet the shooting still goes wild like in Chicago and New York City. Like I said, people will kill no matter if they have guns or no guns. It is what it is. And I also noticed that the price of ammo has gone up. I wonder why? Can

the Government control the guns and ammo? YES! And make it hard to buy a gun or get the ammo. We will always have the right to bear arms, but State laws and Federal laws will be changed so it will be hard to buy those guns.....

Orlando "Wildman" Perez

Malapropisms

I read with wry amusement in this week's Guardian the comments of Ronald A. Sobieraj's response to my letter of 3/6/2013. Why did he not name me as the culprit? I think I am a reasonable guy. I welcome his opinions, however they may be negative or off the wall. How does he know, "I obviously don't want to live there." naming London, Limerick and Tokyo." I could have mentioned many other cities. Madrid, Honolulu! Athens! I loved them all! So long as I have a buck in my pocket I would have enjoyed living in any of them high on the hog. They all speak English. Except here in Perth Amboy where I have to learn Spanish. But I still love and enjoy my home town. I am learning the Spanish Language. Even an old dog like me can still learn new

tricks!

None of the rights we enjoy under the Bill of Rights are absolute. They have been exercised in respect to other people and society. The unwritten corollary to free speech is the right not to listen. When I watch council and board meetings on TV Channel 34 and the speaker is boring I can easily tune him or her out and turn to the 3 Stooges who usually make more sense than the politicians. But the council has to listen as part of their duties. Very seldom do these speeches contribute anything worthwhile. Except for Alan Silber whom I dubbed Prince Valiant or the Silver Fox. He amounts to the unpaid unofficial 6th member of the council.

As for military pilots on combat missions be allowed to shoot their fuel tanks to destroy the aircraft, I never heard such an asinine offender when

I served on combat missions in a couple of international unpleasanties namely WWII and Korea. Where did you, Ronald, get this information? Were you there?

I grew up in the Great Depression. Nobody had lethal weapons. It was a time of revulsion against the senseless slaughter of World War I. The only weapon I ever heard was when some guy had a 22 caliber gun. And that was used mainly for target practice for shooting rats at the city dump. Today the situation with loose lethal weapons is much worse! I hope and pray that Ronald does not ever meet a guy with a gun or other lethal weapon. Sober up, Mr. Sobieraj, Sober up! We greatly enjoy your malapropisms.



Thank you for your courtesies.
Very Truly Yours,
Peter Book/a.k.a. Pedro Libro

Our Legacy

When John Kerry (our present Sec. of State) spoke before a Congressional Committee 20 yrs ago, he began an line of lies about our servicemen in Vietnam. These men left America to protect us & prevent war in our country. Some gave all; all gave some. I am sure that when they arrived at their destination they hoped and prayed that what they are about to endure and encounter would slow any military action against them and people in our country.

John Kerry took the low road when he spoke of supposed dastardly acts that were supposedly committed by our troops. This from a man who gave himself a Purple Heart which he did not deserve and another Purple Heart for self inflicted wounds.

He speaks of money which was designated for our fighting men that went instead to a corrupt dictatorial regime. Now does this sound familiar? Our own people, many of whom are jobless and cannot get jobs are prevented from services to which they are entitled. Our government sees fit to send truckloads of money to Asian terrorist countries, hoping they will release pressure put upon

us. Our president should know by know that sitting down and appeasing our enemies has not, nor never will bring us peace that people want. We know from the past that might makes right. Why should any country fear us when our President grovels and apologizes for American success? Ronald Reagan brought the Russians down when he embargoed their oil. Keep something they want & they will come back crawling. Threaten them with what you can do to them (Star Wars) and they fold up their tents and run away.

We have given up our gas and oil productions, car productions and even food production in many states. Our military which is our backbone is being stripped of its ability to protect us. Why should any country fear us if we fear them and do not have the facilities to back us up? The greatest nation God made is being destroyed internally by callousness, bitterness, jealousy and political power. We are going the way of Rome, giving out bread to the populace and entertainment of circuses.

Our politicians are oblivious to the needs of the people that put them in charge. It is said that the love of money is the root of all evil. Power

corrupts, absolute power corrupts absolutely! We see this in Washington today.

Four years ago Obama said he would close Gitmo. That never happened. That should not have happened. His intention was to fill our prisons with terrorists. Now he wants 5 1/2 million to refurbish and update Gitmo - to make it more comfortable. Meanwhile our POW's live in squalor and get their heads chopped off. Obama does not want to offend anyone, so what he does is fine and people believe him.

How long will our foolish populace continue to believe this so-called Messiah called Obama? He has sworn to uphold the Constitution, but he never said which country.

Acting presidential does not mean spending money you don't have. It's bad enough to spend our money you don't have. It's bad enough to spend our money, but to take away our children's heritage and their children's is too much to fathom. Mistakes made now are very difficult to correct.

If what is happening was meant to happen, then the answer is obvious - we must truly deserve what is happening because of our past trans-

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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

Volunteer Firefighters Needed

PERTH AMBOY - The Perth Amboy Fire Department: Volunteer Division needs members. Accepting men and women ages 18 years or older. Volunteers must be a Perth Amboy resident. For more information please contact 732-442-3430.

HIV Support

PERTH AMBOY — Raritan Bay Medical Center is sponsoring an HIV support group meeting on Monday's at 6 p.m. Anyone diagnosed with or caring for someone infected with HIV is welcome to attend. Meetings are held at the hospital's Perth Amboy Division, New Brunswick Avenue.

To register or for more information, call (732) 324-5022.

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.

Kearny Cottage Open

PERTH AMBOY - Come visit the historic home of Commodore Lawrence Kearny. The Cottage is located at 63 Catalpa Ave, Perth Amboy, and is open on Mondays and Thursdays from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. and the last Sunday of the month from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. The Kearny Cottage needs your help. Anyone interested in joining the Kearny Cottage Historical Society please contact 732-293-1090. We are on the web! www.KearnyCottage.org

Community Calendar

Perth Amboy	
TUES. Apr. 9	Library Board of Trustees 5 p.m. City Hall, High St. UEZ, 6 p.m. City Hall, High St. BID, 7 p.m. City Hall, High St.
WED. Apr. 10	City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, High St.
THURS. Apr. 25	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. Apr. 17	City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, N. Broadway

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**Watch for Our Next
Business Meet N' Greet**

Sponsors Needed

PERTH AMBOY - Please Join us for the 3rd Business Meet N' Greet at The Barge Perth Amboy. Free buffet. The 2nd Meet N' Greet was very successful with over 60 business-people attending. The guest speaker was Milton J. Paris President Getting Ahead in Business who spoke about "The Perfect Business Plan." Looking for exclusive sponsors for the next Meet N' Greet for a onetime fee of \$300 for the year. For info on becoming a sponsor and when the next Meet N' Greet will be, contact Milton at 732-306-0040 or e-mail: milton@gettingaheadinbusiness.com

Vacancy Filled on Zoning Board of Adjustment

PERTH AMBOY - Two candidates interviewed for a vacancy on the Board of Adjustment at the March 25, 2013 Caucus Meeting. Elias Rivera interviewed first. One of the Councilman asked him, "How did you find out about the vacancy?" Rivera said he saw it posted on the City's website. Rivera said that he was a former realtor and now is an insurance agent.

He also said as he became older, his purpose in life was to serve others. Council President Joel Pabon said it was nice to see a new face and new people interested in volunteer positions. Pabon also told Rivera that he appreciated that he took time to come here today.

A councilman asked, "What do you view as your position as a Zoning Board Member?" Rivera answered, "To look at Zoning Laws and Variances, especially when it comes to applicants who want to locate a business in the City."

The second candidate to interview was Ronald Ray. Ray is a 20 year resident of the City. He graduated from Edison High School and Middlesex County College where he studied business marketing and advertising. He also went to Rutgers University where he studied Psychology. Ray moved to California and received a degree in architecture and was involved in residential and apartment building projects while living there.

He eventually moved back to Perth Amboy and is presently a teacher at Woodbridge High School where he teaches

architecture and design.

He has also worked on buildings in New Jersey such as New Brunswick and Montgomery High School and also on Senior Buildings in other towns. Ray said, "We need to get on board with building to build on our tax base."

"Perth Amboy has a Low City Scope and Low Bones," which he is concerned about. "The City has a lot of opportunities. It has magnificent Churches and is very historic and that should be cultivated."

When it came to the public portion of the meeting, resident Reinaldo Aviles came up to speak. Aviles told the Council, "I like that fact that candidates for Board positions are interviewed at the meetings. We can see their qualifications and the reasons why they want to serve. I don't know what candidate you will choose for the Zoning Board of Adjustment vacancy. If Mr. Ray is not chosen for the position, you should consider him to be appointed as a member of the Historic Preservation Commission."

At the Wednesday, March 27, 2013 City Council Meeting it was announced that Elias Rivera was appointed to the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Rivera was present and stated that, "It is an honor." His term will expire on December 31, 2013.

Ronald L. Ray was appointed to the Zoning Board of Adjustment as Alternate #1 for a term to expire on December 31, 2014.

Attempt to ID and Locate



Suspect

Press Release
NEW JERSEY - Subject is impersonating an individual whose identification and personal documents were stolen during a residential burglary in Sayreville on February 7, 2013. Subject has attempted to cash savings bonds and personal checks belonging to the victim which were the proceeds of that burglary. This individual was observed on bank surveillance footage in the towns of East Brunswick, South River and Spotswood. If anyone has information, please contact Detective Tom Fischer at 732 525 5440 or at tfisc@sayreville.com

Wake Up Mixer: April Showers Grow

New Business

EDISON - There will be a Wake Up Mixer at Sam's Club, 939 U.S. Rte. 1 South, Edison on Wednesday, April 17 from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Free for 2013 Chamber Members. Non-Members \$30, Display Tables \$25. First Time Guests - FREE! Variety of Foods and Drinks. Advanced Registration Recommended. Call 732-738-9482 or email sheri@edisonchamber.com.

Little Lisie Strawhand Benefit Party

SOUTH AMBOY - South Amboy Elks Lodge #784 Motorcycle Committee is proud to announce the 'Little Lisie Strawhand Benefit Party', which will be held on Friday, May 3rd, from 7:00 P.M. - 12:00 A.M. at the lodge located at 601 Washington Avenue, South Amboy. All net proceeds from this event will help with mounting medical costs for 5 year old Alise Strawhand who at 17 months old fell into a shallow goldfish pond and nearly drowned. Cost is \$20 per person and includes food, drinks, live entertainment and more.

Wells Fargo Check Presentation to PRAHD

*Photo by Paul W. Wang



PERTH AMBOY - Wells Fargo investing in the communities that they serve! PRAHD received a \$10,000 donation from the Wells Fargo Foundation for its Housing Division. Wells Fargo consistently demonstrates their support of PRAHD through volunteerism, contributions and in-kind support. Pictured from Wells Fargo are Wanda Saez, Vice President-Senior Community Development Officer/Government and Community Relations; Mary Rodriguez, Retail/Small Business Consultant and Lisa Rosario, Personal Banker. From PRAHD--Fran Pacheco, Board Chair and Yvonne Lopez, Executive Director/CEO.

Northfield Bank Foundation Check Presentation to PRAHD

*Photo Submitted



PERTH AMBOY - The Northfield Bank Foundation presented PRAHD with a \$15,000 contribution for PRAHD's Multi Service Program. This is a new funder for PRAHD! Pictured are Diane Senerchia, Northfield Bank Foundation Executive Director, Angie Tsirkas, Northfield Bank Vice President, Juan Carlos Nordelo, Program Development Specialist with PRAHD and Yvonne Lopez, Executive Director/CEO of PRAHD.

Free Downloadable eBooks for South Amboy Residents!

Press Release April 2, 2013
SOUTHAMBOY - Want a free book or audio book for your Kindle or compatible device? In celebration of National Library Week, the Dowdell Library would like to announce offering free downloadable books for South Amboy residents. Use the first 13-digits of your library card to get access from any location. Log onto dowdell.org/ereader.html.

Additionally, the library offers Learning Express Library from their web site at dowdell.org. Learning Express Library is an interactive online learning program featuring over 770 practice tests, tutorials, and eBooks related to job search and workplace skills improvement, career certification and licensing exam preparation, college entrance and graduate school admissions exam preparation, GED

exam preparation, and basic skills improvement in reading, writing, and math, for all ages. Use the first 13-digits of your library card to get access from any location.

For genealogists, the library offers free access to ancestry.com within the library, so stop in for a trip back in time!

South Amboy residents who currently do not have a library card are welcome to drop in and get one today. Library cards are free.

The library is adjacent to the South Amboy High School off O'Leary Blvd. Library hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Wednesday and Friday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Saturday 12 noon - 4 p.m.

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

Underage Drinking Town Hall Set for April 24th at Perth Amboy YMCA

PERTHAMBOY - In recognition of Alcohol Awareness Month, NCADD is joining communities throughout the nation who are conducting town hall meetings to discuss what can be done to prevent and reduce underage drinking.

Locally, NCADD is partnering with the Youth Community Leadership Academy (YCLA), an after-school program for Perth Amboy High School students, to hold its annual Town Hall Meeting on Underage Drinking.

The event will be held at the Raritan Bay Area

YMCA located at 357 New Brunswick Avenue in Perth Amboy. The event will run from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Town hall meetings work at the grassroots level to raise awareness of the public health dangers of underage drinking and to provide families and communities with practical steps for keeping their youth safe and healthy. A panel discussion will include presentations by local youth, City of Perth Amboy officials, educators, and more. Refreshments will be served and door prizes awarded.

We have a new email address!
AmboyGuardian@gmail.com

The Raritan Bay Area YMCA And The Puerto Rican Association For Human Development, Inc. (PRAHD) Joining Forces *Summer Fun For Everyone*

Press Release April 3, 2013
PERTH AMBOY - With vision and shared purpose, the RARITAN BAY AREA YMCA and the PUERTO RICAN ASSOCIATION OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT, INC. (PRAHD) will join this summer to provide camp programs with the focus of Summer Fun for Everyone. This joint effort will provide a safe, nurturing environment for children and families to learn, grow, and develop social skills. The organizations are committed to sharing strengths and resources to achieve a service model focused on offering quality, affordable care,

while increasing capacity to serve more children.

As studies show, far too many children are unsupervised while parents are at work both afterschool and during the summer months. "Every child deserves a lifetime filled with fond memories, experiences, and friendships that only a great camp experience can provide", stated Steve Jobin, President and CEO of the Raritan Bay Area YMCA. As leading nonprofits committed to nurturing the potential of youth, the Y and PRAHD have been leaders in providing summer camp for many years in Perth Amboy. We continue to give youth an enriching,

safe experience with caring staff and volunteers who model positive values that help build their child's character. According to camping experts, there are 5 reasons why children should attend summer camp:

- Adventure •Healthy Fun
- Personal Growth •New Friendships •Memories

In order to provide the children and families with the highest quality service our camps are American Camp Association Accredited (ACA). "This joint venture will allow our organizations to provide children with the best summer experience possible!" said Yvonne Lopez, Executive Director/CEO of PRAHD.

PAHS G & T Art Students Paint Mural at Perth Amboy Animal Shelter

**Photos by Katherine Massopust*



Luciana Farias & Priscilla Cancel paint a dog & kitten



Edgar Zamudio paints a portrait of Snoopy & Woodstock



Perth Amboy High School Gifted & Talented Art Teacher Marcella Massopust with her students, Edgar Zamudio, Luciana Farias, Priscilla Cancel and Animal Control Officer Christie Minigiello

Women Artists - Art Reception - 3/28/13 Perth Amboy Gallery **Photos by Paul W. Wang*



Mayor Diaz, City Officials and the Artists

A Night For Parkinson's

SOUTH AMBOY - South Amboy Elks #784, 601 Washington Avenue, South Amboy, April 20th from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Entertainment by The Morgan Creek Bank, \$15 Per Person. Food/Entertainment, Cash Bar All proceeds donated to The National Parkinson's Foundation. For more info: Leave a message for Suzanne Sieber at (732) 727-7170

Wellness Through Tai Chi/Qigong

OLD BRIDGE - Raritan Bay Medical Center's Division of Integrative Medicine is offering a Wellness Through Tai Chi/Qigong class Mondays, April 15 through April 29 and May 6 through 27, 7 to 8:15 p.m., at the hospital's Old Bridge location, Auxiliary Hall B & C located on the lower level of the Medical Arts Building, adjacent to RBMC Old Bridge on Ferry Rd. between Routes 9 & 18. Tai Chi and Qigong (energy work) emphasizes a calm mind and relaxed body, deep breathing with slow, even movements, correct posture and body alignment and stability, balance and coordination. Presented by Tai Chi/Qigong Practitioner Rich Lund, MS. Cost is \$40 for the five week program. For more information and to register, call 1-800-DOCTORS (1-800-362-8677), or email integrativemedicine@rbmc.org.



Mayor Diaz with one of the Artists



An Artist shows Tracy Jordan her work

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Tool Time

WOODBIDGE - Tooling Around the Township is a program that organizes teams of local community volunteers to fix up residences of senior citizens and disabled residents unable to afford home repairs. You and your organization or business can be an important part of this annual 1-day community effort by volunteering a few hours of labor donating supplies. We need: volunteers, both skilled and unskilled in home repair, donations of materials, especially paint, paint brushes, smoke alarms & roofing material. To volunteer, donate or be a Business Sponsor - call Kelly Reidy at 732-634-6494 or email tooling@twp.woodbridge.nj.us. to learn how you can support this project with dollars, in-kind donations and employee volunteers & contributions. This year's Tooling Around the Township date Saturday, April 27, 2013.

Proprietary House Open

PERTH AMBOY - The Proprietary House Association is pleased to announce that it will be launching its new "Tours & Tea" programs. Beginning April 14, 2013, the House will be open on the second Sunday of each month from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Visitors can take a guided tour of the mansion. The Tea Room will also be open where visitors can enjoy cups of tea and homemade cake. Admission is free. Donations are gratefully accepted and go towards the restoration of the building.

Built in 1764, The Proprietary House served as the home of the last Royal Governor of New Jersey, William Franklin, son of Benjamin Franklin. Remaining loyal to the crown, he was arrested there in 1775 at the outbreak of the War for Independence. The house was almost lost to fire after the war, but was rescued by John Rattoon and sold to John Woodhull who turned it into the fashionable resort known as The Brighton. It was later the home of Mathias Bruen, one of America's wealthiest men in the mid-1800s. At the last turn of the century it became a home for retired Presbyterian clergy and their widows and orphans called The Westminster. After a period as a boarding house, it was rescued by concerned citizens and is presently owned by the State of New Jersey. It continues to serve the community as office space and The Proprietary House Association operates the first two floors as a museum. It is the only Royal Governor's mansion that survives in the original Thirteen Colonies. We invite you to visit this amazing house!

**Ads Sell
Call Carolyn
732-896-4446**

Public Service

Announcement

NEW JERSEY - New Jersey Disaster Recovery Center Hours Are Now 9 a.m. To 6 p.m. Monday through Friday And 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

Nine Disaster Recovery Centers Are Open Throughout The State In Atlantic, Cape May, Hudson, Monmouth And Ocean Counties.

You can locate your nearest center by calling 800-621-F-E-M-A Again, 800-621-3362. You Also Can Visit Disaster Assistance Dot Gov.

Days Of Remembrance Holocaust Remembrance Ceremony

PERTH AMBOY - Mayor Wilda Diaz will host the 2013 National Days of Remembrance in the City Hall Council Chambers on Tuesday, April 16th to follow the Israeli Flag Raising held by the local Jewish Community.

As stated by the USHMM, remembrance not only obligates us to memorialize those who were killed during the Holocaust, but it also reminds us of the fragility of democracy and the need for citizens to be vigilant in the protection of democratic ideals. We remember because we recognize the importance of preserving freedom, promoting human dignity, and confronting hate whenever and wherever it occurs.

When/Where: Tuesday, April 16 at 5:30 p.m. Flag Raising at the City Hall Circle at 6 p.m. Commemoration Ceremony in the City Hall Council Chambers, 260 High Street, 2nd Floor.

About USHMM: The United States Congress established the Days of Remembrance as our nation's annual commemoration of the Holocaust and created the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum as a permanent living memorial to the victims. Holocaust Remembrance Day is Monday, April 8, 2013. The Museum designated Never Again: Heeding the Warning Signs as the theme for the 2013 observance. In accordance with its Congressional mandate, the Museum is responsible for leading the nation in commemorating the Days of Remembrance, and for encouraging and sponsoring appropriate observances throughout the United States.

Music on Main Street

WOODBIDGE - The Smithereens perform the music of The Beatles on Thursday May 2 at Woodbridge Middle School, 525 Barron Ave, Woodbridge. \$30 advance, \$35 at door. For tickets call 732-596-4048.

New Jersey Recovery From Hurricane Sandy: By The Numbers

TRENTON - Disaster assistance to New Jersey survivors of Hurricane Sandy by the numbers as of April 1:

- \$376.4 million in FEMA grants approved for individuals and households
 - o \$324.7 million for housing assistance
 - o \$51.6 million for other needs
 - \$680.2 million in SBA disaster loans approved for homeowners, renters and businesses
 - \$241.5 million approved in FEMA Public Assistance grants to communities and some nonprofit organizations that serve the public
 - \$3.1 billion in total National Flood Insurance Program payments made on claims to date
 - 259,578 people contacted FEMA for help or information
 - 124,778 housing inspections completed
 - 85,724 visits to Disaster Recovery Centers
 - Nine centers are open to assist survivors who have recovery questions (survivors can locate their nearest center at FEMA.gov/DRC)
- Survivors can register online and check on the status of their applications at Disaster-Assistance.gov, via smartphone or tablet at m.fema.gov. They also can call 800-621-3362 or TTY 800-462-7585.
- Those who use 711-Relay or Video Relay Services can call 800-621-3362. Recovery assistants remain available daily from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. The deadline to register with FEMA is May 1.
- Survivors can ask questions about their SBA disaster home or business loan applications by calling 800-659-2955 or TTY 800-877-8339 or emailing disastercustomerservice@sba.gov.
- Survivors who have questions about flood insurance claims and the appeals process can call 800-427-4661.
- Additional resources are available online at FEMA.gov/SandyNJ and SBA.gov/Sandy.

National Flood Insurance Program Community Rating System

News Release

NEW JERSEY - • The Community Rating System is a program for communities to lower the cost of flood insurance premiums paid for property owners by adopting community floodplain management activities that exceed the minimum standards required by the National Flood Insurance Program.

• The goals of the program are to reduce flood losses, strengthen the insurance aspects of the National Flood Insurance Program and to promote awareness of the importance of flood insurance.

• Participating communities earn a reduction in flood insurance premiums based on the National Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System.

• Nearly 3.8 million policyholders in 1,211 communities participate in CRS by implementing local mitigation, floodplain management, and outreach activities that exceed the minimum NFIP standards.

• 52 communities in New Jersey are receiving flood insurance premium discounts based on their implementation of local mitigation, outreach and educational activities. The Meadowlands Commission is also participating in CRS.

• Participating communities earn points in the program based on 18 creditable activities, organized under four categories: (i) Public Information, (ii) Mapping and Regulations, (iii) Flood Damage Reduction, and (iv) Flood Pre-

paredness.

• For CRS participating communities, flood insurance premium rates are discounted in increments of 5 percent. For example, a Class 1 community (at the highest level of compliance) would receive a 45 percent premium discount, while a Class 9 community would receive a 5 percent discount. Communities rated as Class 10 are participating in the CRS but do not yet meet the minimum standards needed to qualify for lower flood insurance premiums.

• Compliance with the New Jersey Dam Safety program, new state storm water management requirements, and the development of all hazard mitigation plans provides CRS credits to all municipalities. Communities can also qualify for CRS credits by adopting freeboard elevation requirements.

• The reduction in flood insurance premiums represents an annual savings in premium costs for policy holders and will take effect at the time a new policy is written or a policy already in effect is renewed.

• In addition to premium reductions, participating communities realize additional benefits from the program because local officials and property owners become more knowledgeable about flood plain management, flood insurance and ways of reducing risk.

• Learn more about the NFIP's CRS program at fema.gov/business/nfip.

Tax Tips For Sandy Survivors

News Release April 8, 2013

PERTH AMBOY - If you have experienced a loss as a result of Hurricane Sandy, here are a few things to keep in mind as you prepare to file your 2012 taxes:

• Personal property losses that are not covered by insurance or other reimbursements may be deductible on your tax return. For details on eligible deductions, see IRS Form 4684, Casualties and Thefts, and read the instructions.

• IRS Notice 2013-21, Section 165(i) states that affected taxpayers in a federally declared disaster area have the option of claiming disaster-related casualty losses on their federal income tax returns for either this tax year (2012) or the previous tax year (2011).

• According to IRS Notice 2013-16, taxpayers who reside outside the disaster area but whose books, records, or tax professionals are located in the areas affected by Hurricane Sandy may also be eligible for tax relief.

• The IRS may waive their usual fees and expedite requests for copies of previously filed tax returns for affected taxpayers. Taxpayers should put the assigned Disaster Designation in red ink at the top of IRS Form 4506, Request for Copy of Tax Return, or IRS Form 4506-T, Request for Transcript of Tax Return, and submit it to the IRS.

• Taxpayers impacted by Hurricane Sandy can access IRS information related to Sandy online at www.irs.gov/uac/Tax-Relief-in-Disaster-Situations.

• Visit www.irs.gov/uac/Contact-My-Local-Office-in-New-Jersey for information on the nearest IRS Taxpayer Assistance Center.

• Taxpayers may download forms and publications with information on tax relief from the official IRS website, IRS.gov, or order them by calling 800-TAX-FORM. The IRS toll-free number for general tax questions is 800-829-1040.

**Neighborhood Business Meeting El Taco Rincon
Perth Amboy *Photos by K. Massopust & C. Maxwell**



Irving Rosado introduces the speakers

**Grand Opening Amboy Asian Cafe - Perth Amboy
*Photos by Paul W. Wang & Carolyn Maxwell**



Preparing to Cut the Ribbon

**Amboy Asian
Cafe Grand
Opening**

PERTH AMBOY - The Amboy Asian Cafe located at 271 King St. Perth Amboy opened up last Thursday, April 4. Their unique menu combines dishes with Asian influences. Their cooking styles come from China, Japan, Thailand, Southeast Asia and abroad. They are proud to have world renowned chefs. Kitchen Head Chef Zaixiong Zheng and head Sushi Chef Sean Lin prepare these dishes for the local populace to enjoy.

Come and enjoy the taste of the Orient and the pleasant staff and the atmosphere to make for an enjoyable dining experience.



Listening at the Neighborhood business meeting



The Ribbon Cutting



Zhong Zheng with Kitchen Head Chef Zaixiong Zheng



Ed Scala from Code Enforcement



Sushi Head Chef Sean Lin



Dept. of Public Works Director Frank Dann spoke about recycling



Owner Zhong Zheng with son, Ryan and wife, Sophie

**Spring
Tryouts for
Newark Bears**

NEWARK - Attention all future stars and veteran baseball players, the Newark Bears will be holding their annual open Spring Tryouts on April 13, 2013, as we prepare for the 2013 championship campaign. Registration starts at 9 a.m. and tryouts may last until 2 p.m. Looking for players who would fill key roles by adding value to the Newark Bears team, on and off the field. The Spring Tryout pre-registration fee is \$50 and is \$60 for walk-ups. On April 13th, exclusive call back invitations for the following day, April 14th, will be given to chosen players for a closer look. A nearby hotel will offer a discounted rate for overnight plans, either nightly or multiple nights for those who plan to arrive early and/or wish to stay overnight. Details will be provided shortly after registration has been completed. For more info email info@newarkbears.com or call 973-848-1000.



Police Chief Ben Ruiz gives an overview of the police department helping businesses



Enjoying a Variety of Asian Cuisine

Provident Bank Foundation Supports Puerto Rican Association for Human Development

Press Release April 5, 2013
PERTH AMBOY – The Provident Bank Foundation recently donated \$5,000 to The Puerto Rican Association for Human Development, Inc. (PRAHD) – a United States Department of Housing and Urban Development-certified, comprehensive social services agency, which operates 13 programs offering multiple services for more than 17,000 clients annually throughout Middlesex and Union counties.

The grant will be used to provide funding to the organization's Mi Escuelita Preschool, which serves 75 children at no cost and offers a developmentally appropriate curriculum for bilingual and bicultural children between the ages of three and five years old.

"We are very thankful for The Provident Bank Foundation's grant award for our Mi Escuelita Preschool," said Yvonne Lopez, Executive Director/CEO of The Puerto Rican Association for Human Development, Inc. "The donation is

evidence of the Foundation's commitment to the nonprofit sector and to the communities that we serve."

In addition to providing programs designed to improve the social, economic, health and educational status of the community, PRAHD also offers a place where families can come celebrate holidays, festivals and other cultural events.

"Mi Escuelita Preschool is truly an asset to the community," said Jane Kurek, executive director of The Provident Bank Foundation. "By adopting a curriculum that is both sensitive to language and culture, the school fosters independence and learning for youth in a welcoming and stimulating environment."

More information about The Puerto Rican Association for Human Development, Inc. is available at www.prahd.org or by calling (732) 442-1081. For more information about The Provident Bank Foundation, visit www.ProvidentNJFoundation.org.

Free Training

EDISON - You may qualify for FREE TRAINING. Includes FREE Public Transportation, Books, Childcare, Uniforms (Scrubs) and Medical Kit. Programs throughout the year. Phlebotomy Technician, EKG Technician, Medical Assistant, Pharmacy Technician, Computerized Medical Office Program. Success starts here.

For more info call 732-906-7735 or email NNJHPC@middlesexcc.edu

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

Cards for Kids

WOODBIDGE - Casino Night Semi-Formal, Thursday, May 23 at 6:30 p.m. at the Forge Inn, 1002 U.S. 9 Woodbridge. For more info visit bgcpa.us, e-mail Tashilee Vazquez, info@bgcpau.us or call 732-324-2114 ext. 122. Catch up with friends, enjoy cocktails hors d'oeuvres, blackjack, Texas hold-em, craps and roulette, music, raffles, prizes, open bar and more. All proceeds will benefit the amazing Boys & Girls Clubs of Perth Amboy and Carteret.

Come Join The Celebration!

TINTON FALLS - The Italian Tripoli Club will be celebrating its 101th anniversary on April 28, 2013. This is a special time for all of us to join together and remember the great history and tradition that has been part of our club and heritage. This event will be held at Palumbo's Restaurant at Tinton Falls Centre on Asbury Avenue and Greengrove in Tinton Falls, New Jersey. We are asking all members, friends and all those interested to attend. The cost for the dinner and entertainment will be \$80 per person. Join us in celebrating this club which has lasted for 101 years and is looking forward to keeping the tradition alive! For ticket information contact Bob at 732-826-9466 or Danny at 732-4442-2226. To place an ad in the ad journal contact Tony at 732-928-6130.

Congressman Frank Pallone at the JRMC **Photos by Paul W. Wang*



Congressman Frank Pallone Speaks



Listening to the Congressman

Pallone Led Support for Community Health Center Funding that Provides for Cost-Effective Preventative Care

Press Release April 4, 2013
NEW BRUNSWICK – Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr. (NJ-06), Senior Democrat on the Energy & Commerce Health Subcommittee, visited the Jewish Renaissance Medical Center (JRMC) Thursday, April 4 to tout the preventative care benefits and other important services that Community Health Centers provide for many residents in need of a wide array of health care resources. Pallone, an outspoken advocate for Community Health Centers, led the charge in the House for a \$300 million funding increase that passed Congress in March.

"Community Health Centers like JRMC attend to the unique health needs of hard-to-reach populations and have a significant impact in improving health in our communities. They are absolutely essential tools in expanding coverage to 30 million more Americans as part of the Affordable Care Act," said Congressman Pallone. "Given the current budget constraints of the government, making sure community health centers have the funds they need to serve to community is cost effective and makes sense."

Last year, Congressman Pallone led a bipartisan letter of support with 165 co-signers for funding to Community Health Centers to the House Appropriations Committee. He is leading a similar letter of

support again this year.

Specializing in providing cost-effective and high-quality primary and preventive health care, Community Health Centers generate \$24 billion annually in savings to the health care system, due largely to their success in reducing the need for patients to seek care in costlier health care settings (like emergency departments and hospitals). These centers deliver care at a total cost of just \$1.67 per patient per day and serve as drivers of economic activity in the communities where they are located.

Community Health Centers are locally-controlled, non-profit entities that provide primary care, oral, behavioral, and pharmacy services in our most underserved rural and urban areas. New Jersey is home to 20 federally supported health centers serving 454,243 patients and 23% of the low income uninsured population in New Jersey.

Nationwide, there are over 1,200 Health Centers operating in 9,000 local communities, serving more than 22 million people who would otherwise not have access to primary care in their communities. Health Centers serve as the "health care home" for America's most vulnerable populations, including one in seven of America's uninsured, one-third of individuals living below poverty, and one in seven Medicaid beneficiaries.

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Childbirth Education Class

PERTH AMBOY - Raritan Bay Medical Center is sponsoring a one day Childbirth Education class Saturday, April 13, 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).

Tot Time & Storytime

SOUTH AMBOY - There will be Tot Time - (Ages 0-2) on Wednesdays at 2 p.m to 2:30 p.m. and Storytime (Ages 3-5) on Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Sadie Pope Dowdell Library, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza South Amboy. For more info call 732-721-6060.

Cardiac Club

PERTH AMBOY...Raritan Bay Medical Center's Cardiac Club will meet Monday, April 15, 7 to 8:30 p.m., at the hospital's Perth Amboy location, 530 New Brunswick Ave. Cardiac Club meetings are held in the hospital's Centennial Hall and explore heart conditions and healthy living. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call 732-324-5178.

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The Community Voice Continued
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gressions and our inability to uphold this doctrine called, "The Constitution." But why should so many have to suffer

because one man wants what he wants?

Barbara Skokan

Who Is The Perth Amboy Mayor?

When the Democrats met to select an assembly member to the state legislature a few years ago, Diaz was pushing for M. E. Rodriguez, an excellent candidate. The vote went for C. Coughlin from Woodbridge. Diaz said she would never back the Democrats to the assembled Perth Amboy committee members and Democratic supporters, that evening at the Forge. She felt betrayed by Woodbridge and started the division in the Democratic Party in Perth Amboy. Now she can't get enough of the Woodbridge crew.

Three positions are open on the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the so called mayor did not have a candidate to present from Perth Amboy at the official Democratic Party Convention, instead allowing Woodbridge to have a free run at the positions. Diaz claims that Perth Amboy deserves to be at the table and be represented in the County yet does nothing for Perth Amboy except arrange for a group who have lost every election to run

against the duly elected Democratic candidates for freeholder. Also Diaz claims that some Democrats were backing a former Republican in the last election who switched to be a Democrat while she has backed Maria Garcia, a former Republican, and Kenneth Gonzales, a former head of the Republican Party, both who switched from the Republican Party in the hopes of getting elected in Perth Amboy. Diaz also had Christie (R) as the main speaker at her first swearing in and has hired two Republicans to run the City. Does she not see the hypocrisy in her actions and statements? Diaz is constantly using Vitale, from Woodbridge, Blunda(R) and Fehrenbach (R) to do her talking. Is she planning on running in Woodbridge as a Republican or as a Democrat? Or does Diaz want to make Perth Amboy another Ward of Woodbridge Township? What has she been promised by the so called "powers that be" in this area or the State? Also, what has she promised Bob McCoy, whom she fired, and Miguel Morales, who mounted a recall of her a few years ago, for their support?

Robert Sottilaro

Asm. Craig Coughlin Featured Speaker

ISELIN - Assemblyman Craig Coughlin will be the featured speaker on Friday, April 12 at 8 a.m. at the Renaissance Woodbridge Hotel, 515 US Highway 1 South, Iselin.

Getting the unemployed jobs, bringing manufacturing back to New Jersey, and generally creating a more pro-business state are all laudable goals. To discuss these issues and others affecting employers, on Friday April 12th Assemblyman Craig Coughlin will be the Middlesex County ELC key note speaker. A member of the legislature since 2010, the Assemblyman currently serves on the Labor, Regulated Professions, and Higher Education Committees. Since taking office, he has been the sponsor or co-sponsor of several pieces of legislation designed to spur job creation and economic development. Register Now. Networking breakfast begins



Assemblyman Craig Coughlin

at 8 a.m. and the cost is \$20 per person.

The Middlesex ELC (Employer Legislative Committee) is a cooperative venture of the Edison Chamber of Commerce, the Woodbridge Metro Chamber of Commerce, the Middlesex County Regional Chamber; and coordinated by the New Jersey Business and Industry Association.

Soup Kitchen & Clothing Giveaway

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

Patriotic Window Painting Contest

SOUTH AMBOY - All Residents (especially South Amboy students) are invited to participate in our Memorial Day Window Painting Contest. It's easy to enter, just submit your drawing to Amy Coman at the Senior/Recreation Office at the YMCA, 2nd floor by May 3rd. If your drawing is chosen to be painted on a Broadway store, you will then be called and given a window location for your painting. We supply the brushes and paint. Painting will be done from Wednesday, May 15th to Friday, May 17th.

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Tour of The Berkow Maternity Pavilion

PERTH AMBOY - Raritan Bay Medical Center's monthly tour of The Berkow Maternity Pavilion and family health information open house will be held Wednesday, April 10, at 5, 6 or 7 p.m. Newly expectant parents can tour the pavilion and learn valuable information about child car seat safety and infant CPR and receive a list of local pediatricians. 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).

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ENTERTAINMENT

Indie Movie Review: Towers

By: Michael O'Connor

On Saturday March 23rd I decided to go see a film, Towers being screened at The Jersey Gore festival at the Darress Theater in Boonton, New Jersey. The theater has a history of being haunted just like the Proprietary House in Perth Amboy which gives it a spooky atmosphere. The film had won awards at The New Brunswick Film festival during President's Day weekend and that made me very curious to see the film. Some of the other films were also interesting at The Gore festival.

I was there for the 4 p.m. showing, therefore I missed the other films in the 11 a.m. showing. These films gave me nightmares. The next day the films were shown at 3 a.m.; a nice short film about a killer clown, The Tree Farm with nice camera work and a twisted start, and a cool trailer called Clownstrophobia which scared my wife because she is scared of clowns.

Getting back to the film, Towers. The camera work was done by an Old Bridge resident, Jet Wintzer was amazing and the acting was great. For a 1 hr short film I was very

impressed. There was even animation in the film. The film reminded me of the 1960's classic The Last Man on Earth. The funny thing is in one scene in the movie they played The Last Man on Earth. From a scale of 1 to 10, I give the film a 10 for effort!!! 4 stars for my final review.

Summary of the film: Jet Wintzer describes his film Towers as "a post apocalyptic psycho indie rock opera." Two young women tour the post-apocalyptic American landscape after the human race becomes virtually extinct due to mutations caused by radiation from cell phones and towers. In the film, Radiation from Cell phones and towers has caused brain damage to the populace. The flow of neurotransmitters such as serotonin and dopamine to stop permanently causing havoc and violent riots. FEMA states that the condition is permanent everyone is affected. The announcement triggers a complete collapse of society. Two years later, the world is almost extinct. There are some survivors. Jane survived in a bunker under her Amish farm. She transforms into a glorious in-

die hipster driving all over the roads of America searching for life.

The only voice on the air is DJ Spectacle. Somewhere on the East Coast, he spins indie rock whilst spouting his philosophy upon the state of non-humanity and the conditions which led to the end.

Petal survived in the deep woods of Oregon, where her folks lived as survivalist farmers. Each day Petal attempts suicide. When she finally is about to pull the trigger, Jane's voice suddenly comes through on the CB. The duo form an instant bond. When Petal is convinced to let go of fear, they set out for a cross-country pilgrimage to a party thrown by DJ Spectacle for whoever may still be alive.

If you love movies like, The Road, Last Man on Earth, Omega Man, and the Twilight Zone episode, Time Enough at Last you will love this Film!!!! It won best feature at The New Jersey Gore festival. The film stars Angela Washell, Lauren Ashleigh, Carson Dougherty, Jet Wintzer, Tony Zajkowski and Keith Ozar.

A Community Leader



Edison Jaquez

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PERTH AMBOY - What happens when passion and purpose unite for a cause? When there is a vision and a plan, the momentum lays the groundwork that can move mountains, make communities stronger, and give the inner city kids a positive message to keep kids off the street and on the right path. This is the dream that fuels the heart of Edison Jaquez.

In his role as Vice President of Young Men Can #YMC, a youth mentoring program, Edison works with at-risk youth in a non-traditional setting. "I learned at an early age the value of a strong community. I came here (to the United States) when I was 7 from the Dominican Republic. There, everyone looks out for each other. But today, that bond of community has been weakened. When kids see that they can be a positive member of a community, attitudes change, and opportunity grows."

In February, Young Men Can held its first program, YMC Weekend at the Perth Amboy Recreation Center. Here, 21 young men got together to discuss the issues facing them, from gangs to education to job opportunities. Jay Morrison, of the Young Millionaires Club, and Mohammad Wilkerson of the NY Jets talked with the youth about what they had to deal with on their road to success. And each participant was hooked up with a mentor.

On April 20th to the 21st, Young Men Can is sponsoring its second mentoring event. But this time, it will be geared toward young women. There will be a variety of speakers to discuss the issues inner-city women have to overcome. The highlight of the program will be matching the participants up with a mentor. "It's im-

portant that the young ladies have a positive role model, who has dealt with the same issues they are now facing. It shows them that people cannot only overcome the bad stuff, but succeed."

Edison earned his BS in Business Management. "I chose Berkeley for the simple fact that it was a great business school close to home & very convenient with my work schedule since I was working 2 jobs at the time." And he could still be active in the community.

This became a mission for him and he is actively involved as a big brother, mentor & father figure to the youth he teaches on a daily basis. "I'm not that old but I don't remember having such good programs as I was growing up." Currently, as the Program Coordinator for the Civic Justice Corps, under the umbrella of the Jewish Renaissance Foundation, he works with at-risk young men, ages of 16 & 24 to help them anyway he can. The program is designed to get the kids off the streets and into the classroom by providing GED classes and Construction education.

Edison is also the Commissioner of the CJC Basketball League, which had over 70 youth participate in the winter league. Due to the overwhelming success, and local interest, the league has expanded. Edison is currently accepting teams for the spring league and hopes to add a summer league to the calendar.

The ideas and ideals that are inside Edison are genuine, as is his passion. "I just want to leave a legacy for all the youth's with a dream," says Edison. "I tell my kids don't let anyone say you can't become whoever you would like to become." And the dreamer passes along another valuable lesson.

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Help Beautify Your City Join the Royal Garden Club

By: Tracy Jordan

PERTH AMBOY - Club News: Floral Designer extraordinaire Peggy Koehler, a wizard with teaching anyone how to make arrangements, taught our group how to design at low cost. With a total for materials consisting of about \$20 worth of flowers from Shoprite, some clippings for fill from her yard, containers of all sorts from around the house and a lot of creativity, she created 7 gorgeous bouquets than would cost a small fortune otherwise.

Here's some club news - we are aiming to restore our gardens damaged by Sandy as soon as the Public Works Department, under the guidance of Lisa Nanton, fills them in with enough new soil and checks that the irrigation systems still work. These were the Ferry Slip museum, foot of Smith Street, the Hummingbird Garden (gazebo gone at foot of High Street), the Butterfly Garden (where High, Water and Sadowski Parkway

all meet) and the Veteran's Memorial on the Sadowski promenade. We are also now selling t-shirts to help us raise much-needed funds - expect a notice out soon in the Guardian and on Facebook about how to purchase these. We will be out there soon on Saturdays prepping the soil and planting - join our page on Facebook for notices of where we will be each Saturday (or other days during the busy planting time.) As always, our monthly meetings are at 7:30 pm, the first Wednesday of the month (so May's meeting is May 1) at the St. Peter's Rectory, 188 Rector Street, Perth Amboy NJ 08861. We are always in need of more members for our public garden maintenance. Skill level is unimportant; you will learn a lot about plants, nature, teamwork plus have a great time. For more info, or to obtain a membership form, email naturebynoelle@yahoo.com or asilmo08861@hotmail.com.



PERTH AMBOY - American Pride Bait & Tackle is Back in Business! Come visit the Bait Shop for all your fishing needs!

Spring Flea Market

PERTH AMBOY - Join us for a spring flea market at the Perth Amboy High School Cafeteria, 300 Eagle Ave., Perth Amboy, Saturday, April 13 (rain or shine) 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Vendors will be selling crafts, clothes, shoes household items - new and used. Food and drink items, too. \$10 per space, \$15 space with table, \$20 for 2 spaces with table. Money due no later than Saturday, April 6. For more info contact Jeanette at 732-233-3397, or email jmhi@aol.com or email Iris at jaden795@aol.com. Please come out and support the our school's PTO.

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Little Lisie Strawhand Benefit Party

SOUTH AMBOY - South Amboy Elks Lodge #784 Motorcycle Committee is proud to announce the 'Little Lisie Strawhand Benefit Party', which will be held on Friday, May 3rd, from 7:00 P.M. - 12:00 A.M. at the lodge located at 601 Washington Avenue, South Amboy. All net proceeds from this event will help with mounting medical costs for 5 year old Alise Strawhand who at 17 months old fell into a shallow goldfish pond and nearly drowned. Cost is \$20 per person and includes food, drinks, live entertainment and more.

Simply Diamond Dance

PORT READING - There will be a Neil Diamond Tribute on Saturday, April 27 at St. Anthony of Padua Church, 436 Port Reading Avenue, Port Reading. Price is \$45 per person, includes: show, dancing, hot buffet, dessert, coffee & tea. Doors open 6 p.m. Show starts 8 p.m. Limited seating. Call for tickets: Carol H 732-969-2453, Nora 732-636-2384, Carol F 732-969-1565, Donna 609-655-0939

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Bikers Rally

SOUTH AMBOY - South Amboy Elks Lodge #784 is participating in the 10th Annual Bikers Rally for Brain Injured Children Across America. This rally will be held at the Old Bridge Elks Lodge at 67 Old Amboy Road in Old Bridge on April 13 at 12 noon.

There will be escorted rides to the Rally points leaving from the following Lodges at 12 pm: South Amboy Lodge-601 Washington Ave., So. Amboy, Cranford Lodge - 951 Lincoln Ave, Cranford, Bricktown Lodge - 2491 Hooper Ave., Brick, Pompton Lakes Lodge - 15 Perrin Ave, Pompton Lakes, Bayonne Lodge-364 Broadway, Bayonne, Red Bank Lodge - 40 West Front St, Red Bank, Manville Lodge - 1500 Brooks Blvd., Hillsborough. Donation: \$20. Rain or Shine.

Tricky Tray

SOUTH AMBOY - Sacred Heart School in South Amboy is holding their 14th annual Tricky Tray on Friday, April 19th at Sacred Heart Memorial Hall. The hall is located on Washington Ave. across the street from the church. This year's theme is "Walk the Red Carpet". Doors open at 6pm and the first ticket will be drawn at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are now on sale for \$15. Please call Judy McCrone at 732-721-6592 to purchase. All seats are reserved. This year's prizes include, 7 "Tablet, Blu-Ray player, digital camera, 2 person boat, gift cards for area businesses, day trips, & Disney Hopper Passes as well as numerous other gifts. Cake and coffee will be served. The event will sell out so don't delay!

Senior Scene

Happenings

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WED. Apr. 10	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. Apr. 11	The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
	Ukrainian Assumption Seniors, 12 noon Church Basement, Alta Vista Pl.
MON. Apr. 15	St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.
TUES. Apr. 16	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 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.
THURS. Apr. 18	The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
South Amboy	
WED. Apr. 10	South Amboy Seniors, noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
MON. May. 6	St. Mary's Seniors, noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.

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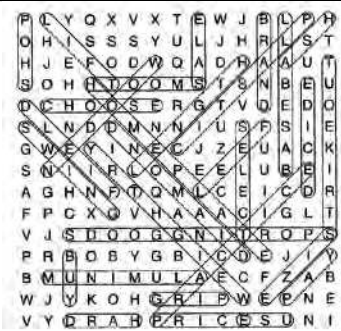
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LOOKING BACK



ATLANTIC CITY - A pier in Atlantic City circa 1923

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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.

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Petition To Saint Jude

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world, now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us. St. Jude worker of Miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, helper of the hopeless, pray for us.
Say this prayer nine times a day for nine days. It has never been known to fail. Publication must be promised.
Thank you, St. Jude D.T.

Kidz Wii Club

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Community Resource Fair

The Puerto Rican Association for Human Development, Inc. (PRAHD), is pleased to invite the residents of Perth Amboy and surrounding areas to PRAHD's annual Community Resource Fair to be held on Saturday, April 20, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Come join us and learn about a wide range of FREE and AFFORDABLE services in our area. Meet other local non-profits and private businesses that can help you/your family. Learn through our workshops on how to purchase a home, find a job, manage your finances, how to control/prevent health related issues and more.

For participation and/or more information please contact Marisol at 732-638-2814 or Janet at 732-638-2824.

Fashion Show

PERTH AMBOY - Historic St. Peter's Episcopal Church is hosting their 8th annual "Fashions By the Bay" Fashion Show to be held on Thursday, May 16 at the Raritan Yacht Club. Tickets are \$40 (includes dinner.) Advance ticket sales only. For reservations and tickets call Ann at 732-442-8875.

Sacred Heart School To Hold Dedication

SOUTH AMBOY - Sacred Heart School, South Amboy, is hosting a luncheon event on Sunday, April 28th, marking the anniversary of the first kindergarten class. Sacred Heart alumnus and faculty member, the late Robin Bogush will also be honored and her family will be recognized for their long-time support of Sacred Heart.

Prior to the luncheon, Mass will be celebrated at 12pm at Sacred Heart Church. All school alumni as well as current students are invited to attend. The reception will follow in Memorial Hall, directly across from the church on Cedar Street, South Amboy. Tickets for the reception are \$20 per person. For tickets and luncheon information, call Maureen Condon at 732-333-1656.

Sacred Heart graduates who would like to be included in the alumni directory or celebrate with classmates should contact Teri Szallai at 732-238-311 or Terisza@aol.com. If you know someone who is no longer in the area, but may want to be included, please pass on the information. This wonderful event is open to anyone interested in celebrating Sacred Heart School graduates and Catholic education.

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Thank you, St. Jude F.M.J.

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10 Week
Minimum
Required

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week**
10 Week Minimum
Required

A NEW BAT

- ALUMINUM
- ASH
- BASEBALL
- BRAND
- BUY
- CHOOSE
- DECIDE
- DIAMOND
- FEEL
- FIELD
- GRIP
- HARD
- HOME PLATE
- LENGTH
- LIFT
- PAY
- PLASTIC
- PRACTICE
- PRICE
- SALE
- SELECT
- SHOP

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CARTERET - Very nice ranch, Florida rm with hot tub Jacuzzi, skylight on kitchen, finished basement. This is a mother & daughter lovely home. Show it and present offer. **\$269,900**



SAYREVILLE - Custom built home only 21 yrs old. Too many upgrades to list. Home has over 4900 sq. ft. of living space. Huge lot, vaulted ceiling with skylight in foyer, Italian ceramic flr throughout fyr, din, kit, breakfast area, bsmt & all hallways. Hdwd in liv, fam & all 3 bdr4ms. 2 C/A (1 for liv+1 for slpng) **\$449,900**



PERTH AMBOY - Nice opportunity to have your business right downtown in the heart of Perth Amboy. If you're the investor type \$9720 is the annual income from current tenant. **\$79,900**



PERTH AMBOY - Well maintained 1/2 duplex, in great neighborhood, nice size bedrooms, hardwood flrs, finished bsmt with family room, nice size backyard. Close to most major hwys (440, 287, pkwy, turnpk, 1 & 9) **\$199,900**



PERTH AMBOY - Back on the market, great looking colonial, 3 bdrm close to hospital, eik and formal dining room, lg. living room. Ready for a big family. House is being sold in "as is" condition. Buyer to obtain C/O. **\$169,900**



PERTH AMBOY - Charming colonial on quiet hospital section eik, great 3 bdrm and much more. **\$164,900**



PERTH AMBOY - Great starter home for an empty-nester downsizing in one of the nicest areas of Perth Amboy, offers 2 bdrms, 2 bths, HWH & furnace are 4 yrs. 1 block from Washington Park. Home is being sold in "as is" condition. Buyer resp. for C/O. Inspections are purely for knowledge, not as negotiating tools. NOT A SHORT SALE. **\$72,000**



WOODBIDGE PROPER - Well maintained split-level 4 brs, 1.5 bath, beautiful kitchen, nice flr. plan. Close to public transportation. **\$249,900**



PERTH AMBOY - Great potential close to public transportation and all major hwys. Buyer is resp. for C/O, Termite Cert. and all repairs. This is being sold in strictly "as is" condition. Only CASH, or FHS 203K. **\$159,000**