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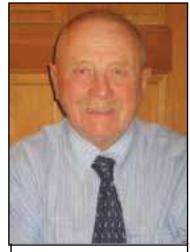
At Home Enrichment Discussed at Special Board of Ed Meeting



Curriculum Chair Dianne Roman

By: Katherine Massopust PERTH AMBOY - The Special Board Meeting on Tuesday, April 16, 2013 lasted three hours with intense discussion. No formal action was taken. Curriculum Chair Dianne Roman stated that the purpose of the meeting was to get feedback from everyone.

The question came up on whether to have homework (at-home enrichment) or not. "Homework is not used to grade. At one point it did indicate performance. There is a positive relationship with homework; it coincides with performance on standardized



Board Member Anton Massopust

tests. We should make sure teachers correct homework and the students have a discussion with the teacher," Dianne Roman stated.

Board Member Anton Massopust stated, "The purpose of homework is to get students to read the book. Give them homework and grade it. It gives the ability to perfect one's knowledge. Students should apply homework to their lifestyle. When teaching metrics I tell my students to measure their rooms. Labs are very important in science."

Board Member Milady Tejada stated, "I grew up doing



Board Member Milady Tejada

homework. Teachers have to go over it."

Board Member Dianne Roman stated, "We don't use grading. It's used to practice skills. The more you practice a skill, the more comfortable you feel about it. There is limited time in a classroom. There is not much value placed on homework. There are students that have to repeat their work. Many teachers feel frustrated."

Superintendent Dr. Janine Walker Caffrey stated that a committee of Board Members

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Local Seniors Take on South Amboy Council

By: Joseph L. Kuchie SOUTH AMBOY - A large group of senior citizens questioned Business Administrator Camille Tooker about \$100,000 in renovations going to the senior center.

The seniors questioned a recent article published in The Suburban that quoted Tooker approving three years worth of allocations to go to renovations at the senior center. The seniors were expecting the money to go to the building located on Stephens Ave, but it really went to the senior center at the South Amboy YMCA.

The confusion over the senior center has gone on since before 2011 when the city council agreed to make the YMCA the official building. Local seniors have continued to have their meetings at the facility on Stephens Ave and still consider that building "their senior center."

Mary-Ann Matarangolo was the most vocal for the large group that turned out for the meeting, pointing out the lack of a PA system at the building on Stephens Avenue and explaining that the seniors would much rather go to their old building than the YMCA.

"People in town think that money went to the senior center because everyone knows the senior center is located on Stephens Ave," Matarangolo said. "They only play bingo at the community center and there's no meetings ever held there."

Tooker explained to the group that they requested to have their meetings at the old building but the senior center is now considered to be at the YMCA.

"A request came from the clubs saying that they did not want to meet [at the YMCA] and wanted to meet on Stephens Ave. At that point that building was already off line and we were not going to utilize it for the senior cen-



B.A. Camille Tooker

ter because we had a brand new one," Tooker said. "The Mayor approved the use of that building but that is not the senior center anymore. If you notice the signs that used to say senior bus parking have been taken down."

Liz McCarthy wanted to know who exactly made the decision to move the seniors to the YMCA and asked what the money was being used for.

"The seniors were not taken into consideration. They were put on the third floor and hardly anyone goes to bingo down there anyway," McCarthy said. "I'm a senior citizen and I have no say."

Mary McGill does the grocery shopping for some of the seniors and talked about how they can't access the YMCA because of the lack of parking and the sidewalks being too close to the road. She also addressed the rumors that mold and mildew was growing in the old building on Stephens Ave.

"Mildew? What mildew? If it's mildew and it's not healthy, what in heavens name are the kids down there playing karate or guitar lessons," McGill said. "You've hurt more seniors in this town then ever before."

Barbara Pasternick also questioned the safety of the seniors now that they are at the

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K12 Insight Program

An Action Plan to Hear All The Voices

By: Katherine Massopust PERTH AMBOY - At the 4/16/13 Special BOE Meeting, Superintendent Dr. Janine Walker Caffrey stated that sometimes you hear only the voices that are loudest. There are complaints not everyone is being heard. "The K12 Insight initiates how and why each person feels and constitutes an action plan. It gives us the power to make informed decisions. It's the only way to improve. It schedules listening activities. The plan costs \$4 per student per year which comes to \$42,000 per year. It's part of community focus. Sometimes they do (surveys) with us. Sometimes for us. They are at your beck and call to work with your issues. We will use them for one year."

Board Member Dianne Roman asked if any local districts in the county used this service.

Board President Mark Carvajal answered that Edison is using this service. "It is not just one survey. Right now we have a lot of surveys. If we get so many surveys, then you just don't fill them out. With them

(K12 Insight), they come up with a survey constructed for us. It's a 3rd party. I'll ask Dr. Caffrey to get feedback from Edison."

Dianne Roman stated, "The tool used is multilingual."

Board Member Israel Varela stated, "Guide me on this. It's a good idea what you are trying to accomplish. We were emailing each other to no avail. You put a Kabash on it. As they say, how we react to these individuals. Only the bold ones

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YMCA. She pointed out that it is 54 steps from the senior center to the bottom of the building and a fire drill has never been completed.

"It's a hazard. There are seniors and children up there. Usually people have a fire drill much more frequently and it's a dangerous situation." Pasternick said. "People can really get hurt if something happens in that building."

Resident Ken Feely was upset about how Tooker handled the seniors questions and believed she should be more respectful. He believed she was being "condescending" and "jumping down her throat" and that "somebody had to stand up for the seniors."

Tooker said that she would gladly write a letter to Matarangolo explaining specifically where the \$100,000 went at the senior center. Matarangolo said she would bring the letter with her to the next meeting and read it out loud to the council and public.

man stated, "All teachers have

Board Member William Ortiz

said, "A policy could be said

that covers elementary, mid-

dle and high school. Before I

K12 Insight Program

SOUTH AMBOY - At

the 4/17/13 City Council

Meeting the City Budget

was introduced and there

will be a public hearing on

May 15 at 7 p.m. An ordi-

nance was passed saying

that the Council found it

advisable and necessary to

increase the 2013 budget

by 3.5% to \$406,141.09.

Continued from Page 1 come out and speak up. We all know people are fearful. We can make this work. I am looking forward to something like that."

Board Member William Ortiz wants to know how does K12 Insight engage with community leaders. Board President Mark Carvajal said, "They will work with us to schedule a year of events."

Dr. Caffrey said if you want more information go to their website at www.k12insight. com. "This does not replace people speaking at public meetings. More voices will be heard that can be heard at a Board Meeting."

No formal action has been taken

At Home Enrichment

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and teachers should discuss this further. Board Member Anton Massopust commended Dr. Caffrey on her decision.

Board Member Anton Massopust said, "Part of the grade is homework. If you give homework it is applied to the next day's lesson. Homework is a separate grade. Kids that do their homework pass the test. Homework should be a separate part of the grade. It's called a policy. If you give homework you've got to grade it. Some schools don't have a policy."

Board Member Dianne Ro-

was a board member both my sons got homework. One more

different styles."

sons got homework. One more rigorous. My other son did it quickly. Maybe the kids do not have the amount of concentration to build discipline for doing homework. Some get frustrated. It's very challenging. I was reading about the Waldorf School. There's no hardcore homework until the 3rd Grade.

taken.

Teach to One: The Magic Bullet?

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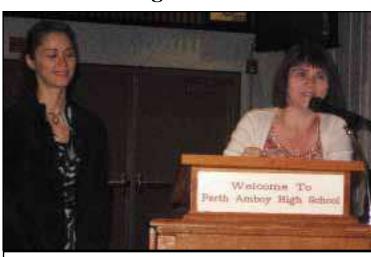
kid."



Board Vice President Ken Puccio

By: Katherine Massopust PERTH AMBOY - At the 4/16/13 Special Board of Education Meeting Board Member Dianne Roman stated that the Board is very data driven. "We have to put policy aside. We need a game-changer in the district."

Dr. Caffrey gave a small presentation on the Teach To One Program. She stated that this program helps take care of the teachers. The principal of McGinnis School, Dr. Myrna Garcia and Teacher Marie Bermundez spoke at the meeting. The McGinnis School tried a simulation of the program. "The kids love it," Dr. Garcia stated. "The program bridges the gaps in the learning level. Students are broken into small groups and receive individualized learning to their level.



Principal of McGinnis School, Dr. Myrna Garcia (R) and Teacher Marie Bermundez (L) speak about the Teach To One Program

There is a lot of technology used. Our kids need something different."

Dr. Caffrey presented a chart showing marked improvement in grades and standardized tests in schools that implemented this program. "I cannot recommend this highly enough," Dr. Caffrey stated.

"Every day we assess the kids. The paraprofessionals do the secretarial work (making Xeroxes, etc.)," Dr. Garcia stated. "It allows teachers to do what we do best."

Dr. Caffrey stated that the program will cost \$225,000 start up fee for the first year in grades 5 - 8, which will come from the Focus School Funds which must be spent on school improvement. "We already purchased technology for renovations of space. \$250,000

for buildings which will come from our capital funds budget."

Board Member Anton Massopust had two questions: "If we open up all the walls can we put them back up? I like what I saw in the program. The kids have no place to hide. Is it working now?" He turned to Dr. Garcia and Ms. Bermundez and said, "Can you look me in the eye and say this program works?"

Bermundez answered, "It did and the kids were very excited."

Board Member Dianne Roman stated, "This program will parallel students so they will be prepared for assessment. If students don't have computers

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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.

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WOODBRIDGE - Learn how to save can start right now. There will be a Financial Literacy Day program on Saturday, April 27 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at Valley National Bank, 540 Rahway Ave., Woodbridge. Refreshments will be served. Learn about the importance of savings, building a pathway to financial independence, the best time to start saving. Each child will receive a free gift. For more info call 1-800-522-4100 or go to valleynationalbank.com



Friends of the Perth Amboy Free Public Library Meeting

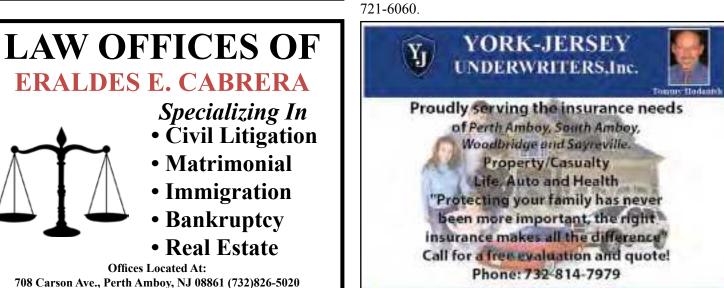
PERTHAMBOY - The Friends of the Perth Amboy Free Public Library will be meeting on Wednesday, May 1 at 7 p.m. at the Kearny Cottage, 63 Catalpa Ave., Perth Amboy. The speaker will be Elaine Kubacz President of Friends of Sayreville Public Library. The topic is "A Discussion of the Role of Friends of the Library." Everyone is welcome to attend. For more info call 732-293-1090.

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PERTH AMBOY - 35th Annual Geranium Sale, Monday, May 6, \$30 per dozen, \$3.50 each plant. Also available: Hanging Geranium Plants -\$20 each. Pick-up on May 6: outside of the medical center at Groom Street entrance. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Orders due by April 30. Colors available: Bubble Gum Pink, White, Ruby Red and Fuchsia. Make checks payable to RBMC Perth Amboy Auxiliary. Mail orders to: Joan Volanin, 154 Kearny Ave., Perth Amboy, NJ 08861.

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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

Out in Public?

Assume Eyes Are Watching

There is a saying that when remains. you assume something it can come back to bite you in the butt. With the recent atrocious act that took place in Boston, eyes were everywhere. There are a lot of television shows where crimes are solved very quickly. And you wonder how is that possible?

The apprehension of the two young men who committed the bombings in Boston proved how advanced we are in technology. Eyes were everywhere snapping pictures, taking video of this very important annual event that is considered a holiday in Boston: the world renowned Boston Marathon.

There were spectators and media locally and from all over the world to cover this event because runners from all parts of the world were there to compete.

What made these two young men think that they could get away with this act of terrorism?

In our everyday life when you are out in public you would be alarmed to find out how you are being watched. Even when you are behind closed doors in private, you may be recorded. How many times have hidden cameras been placed in bathrooms and hotel rooms? Too many to count.

In the case of the terrorism act in Boston, thank God that there were pictures and videos which helped in identifying the two young men.

Recently I took a short vacation to visit a friend of mine in Arizona named Jeff. One of the places that we visited was the Titan Missile Museum in Sahuarita, Arizona. This is a national historic landmark. It was the Titan II missile is the largest missile ever built by the United States. During the Cold War, 54 Titan II missiles stood alert in their underground silos all across the country protecting the United States. In 1987, the last Titan II site was deactivated. Only one Titan II site

On this tour we went underground to see how the operations of the facility took place and the heavy security. During the tour, we always had one of the employees at the very end of the last person to make sure that no one was left behind after the tour. The tour guide also asked us if we noticed all the cameras that were in place. I personally did not, but he said that they were all over the facility.

In another editorial, I mentioned how having a camera help me recover items that I misplaced while shopping at a local supermarket. I was fortunate that they had me on camera and showed that I had left the bag there by accident.

I also noticed that some of my advertisers have cameras that not only show what's going on inside their place of business but the surrounding areas on the outside as well.

Who can forget the horrible story that happened in New York about a year ago where a little boy was kidnapped and unfortunately murdered? Cameras showed a complete stranger walking with the little

I believe that posters were put up showing the man who was last seen with the little boy. People in the neighborhood recognized the man and that's how the police were able to apprehend him.

So whenever people complain about the invasion of cameras in our lives, just remember sometimes those cameras will be your protector or the protector of one of your loved ones. If I am out in public and cameras are present, it really doesn't bother me if I know they are there to protect me. To those who may be thinking of doing something unlawful or harmful to others, put it in the back of your mind that eyes may be watching.

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An Old Photo

Came across a big picture that had used to hang in the family room of my Grandfather's house on State Street. He was an Alderman for many years. MY grandfather's name was John J. Clark.

I remember that he ran on the same ticket with Franklin D. Roosevelt. My grandfather is seated but the question I've asked many, many people is, "Who are the two men standing to his left & right?"

This has to be in the early

thirties. I remember my Mom saying that Frank Dorsey was Mayor and Alterman at large was John N. Watser. the only 2 of 6 Alterman that I can recall was Albert G. Waters (Hey!!!! Waters Stadium????) Thomas years (maybe they were related)

Got picture cut down for Guardian. Thought that some Old Timer might recognize the two men standing with Grand-Pop. (Hopefully)

Take Care, Tom Francis Clark



It's Your Right to Know

We the American citizens have a right to know about the Boston Marathon Bombing and why? Because it happened over here. Let's hope this so. The news media will tell us want we need to know - not some Marxist State Media snow job controlled by the insiders. And the Federal Law Enforcement Agencies which like to cover up this and that for a reason but send a message the wrong way and YES they have a job to do. We understand this but at what cost to our safety. There are many questions to be asked by the concerned citizen to why this happened and if they do the answer from law enforcement agency is BLACKOUT. Now who do you run for the answers if the news media only prints what it's told. So call take it or leave it. Some people think that their Government

will cover up to protect those insiders whether it was right or wrong. How do you trust the ones that tells the story then some? How it's pulled out from Facebook. Even YouTube has pulled out some things, too. Whatever happened to freedom of speech? All I can say is YOU the concerned citizen have a right to know.

Orlando "Wildman" Perez

History Repeats Itself: Boston Marathon **Bombing**

America has a history of being vulnerable to mad men. Pearl Harbor, The Alfred P. Murrah Building in Oklahoma City, The World Trade Center, The Pentagon and now the Boston Marathon. In each case America was caught unaware. I have lived through all of these horrific events and thought that America would learn how to prevent these cowardly attacks.

Our freedoms have been di-

minished over the years by the government removing access to public buildings and events. Visits to the White House, The Statue of Liberty, the roof of the Empire State Building and the freedom to visit and participate in America have been diminished because our leadership has failed to secure our country from individuals, groups and other countries who wish us harm.

Our citizens have supported America through Military Service, The Civilian Conservation Corp, The Peace Corp and many other services to America. The amount of money paid to support our various federal, state, county and local government police services should have prepared them to prevent events such as these.

Two bombs were in a place a block apart. Where were the detection systems designed to discover this type of public danger?

Now we know this attack was perpetrated by two illegal alien roommates. CLOSE OUR BORDERS NOW! Deport all undocumented people. Americans cannot safely live in their own towns, walk their own streets, attend Church, send their children to school, shop or go to public events without fear of injury or death.

Send this message to all elected and appointed officials. Don't let them delay this move. Our lives depend on it.

Robert A. Brown.

A Different **Point of View**A letter in the 4-10-13 edi-

tion had the title "Malapropisms" but provided no evidence for this claim. Is that honest? A malaprop is the use of an incorrect word in place of a word with a similar sound, like "polo bear" instead of "polar bear".

Anyone who praises a big city but chooses to live in a small town obviously doesn't want to live in a big city. That should be apparent to most people. Actions speak louder than words.

As for pilots who are armed

with a pistol on combat flights, one purpose is to destroy the aircraft if it lands behind enemy lines. I learned this from one of the many WW II history books available in the Perth Amboy Public Library. The other purpose is to defend against civilians who were angered by bombs dropped on their homes. Maybe somebody's memory isn't as good as it was over fifty years ago?

One example of a faulty memory is to claim "nobody had lethal weapons," then. I wonder if the newspapers from the 1930s would support this claim? I remember sporting goods stores on Smith Street who sold guns and ammunition in the 1950s. Does anyone else really believe that a lowvelocity .22 caliber firearm is not a lethal weapon? What is the source for this information?

I don't mention personal names to keep the discussion on the opinions and not the author. Does that writer really support the Bill of Rights? Leonard Levy wrote a book on the Bill of Rights that I recommend to anyone who seeks more information than is found in the corporate media.

Ronald A. Sobieraj



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Community Calendar

Perth Amboy

WED. Apr. 24 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. May 1 City Council Business, 6 p.m. City Hall, N. Broadway

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at home they will have them at school. It's a strong teacher program. Bilingual students will complete specific tools in their language. Once they have self esteem it will help them learn English."

Board Vice-President Ken Puccio remarked, "Supposedly this is the magic bullet. What is going on in our elementary schools that we need this program in the middle school? There is a big gap that there is a problem. what are we doing in K-4 that they fall off the chart in math? There are no guarantees. If they don't buy into it - it can't be sold. Why are we are where we are? This has been going on for years. Why are we in such bad shape?"

With that, resident Nilda Rivera came up to the mic and stated that many parents are not interested in their kids.

During the public portion AFT President Donna Chiera spoke, "The teachers spoke about Teach To One. I can tell when teachers are scripted and when they speak from the heart. I can tell they speak from the heart."

Chiera had two concerns: "First, the bilingual part is a concern for me. Second, we are hiring outside consultants. Will they train our staff? Is this for a one year agreement between our staff and them? It's not a magic bullet. If teachers continue to try it; teachers have a sense of what works."

A high school student, Vanessa spoke, "I am only a sophomore. My mom never comes to the Board Meetings and I get straight A's. I am very motivated. I've had some of the best teachers ever. There are students that do not want to do anything. You can't say it's the teacher's fault or the parent's fault. You have to want to do the work. You have to want to do it yourself. I think it has to start in Elementary School. From Middle School to High School something is lagging. Once we get Middle School nobody cares anymore."

No formal action on has been taken.

New Jerseyans Have Two Weeks Left To Register For **FEMA Assistance**

TRENTON -Hurricane Sandy survivors who had storm-related damages in New Jersey have just two weeks left to register with the Fed-

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eral Emergency Management Agency. Residents must register for disaster assistance by midnight (EDT), May 1.

Survivors can register online and check on the status of their applications at DisasterAssistance.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.

May 1 is also the deadline to return applications to the U.S. Small Business Administration for low-interest disaster loans, which are the primary source of federal funds for long-term rebuilding. Survivors can apply for an SBA disaster home or business loan by filling out an online application at disasterloan.sba.gov/ ela by midnight, May 1.

Survivors who applied for federal disaster assistance are urged to stay in touch with FEMA and SBA. Applicants should notify FEMA and SBA of changes to their mailing addresses, phone numbers or email addresses.

FEMA staff is available at the disaster recovery centers to provide clarification to letters, assist survivors with finding a temporary home if their primary residence was damaged or destroyed, check on the status of applications for assistance or refer survivors to other agencies that may provide additional help.

Residents are reminded that three disaster recovery centers will transition Saturday, April 20, and reopen Monday, April 22, as Small Business Administration Disaster Loan Outreach Centers.

The DRCs transitioning are located at the Henry Hudson Trail Activity Center in Leonardo, the Little Egg Harbor Senior Center in Little Egg Harbor Township and the Ocean County Southern Resource Center in Manahawkin.

Residents may choose to visit the remaining disaster recovery centers in New Jersey, located in Ocean, Cape May, Hudson, Atlantic and Monmouth counties. Survivors can locate the address of their nearest center by going to FEMA.gov/DRC or calling 800-621-3362.

As of April 15, more than \$384 million in grants has been approved for home repairs or replacement, rental assistance and other needs. Another \$718.9 million in SBA low-interest disaster loans has been approved for more than 10,900 homes and businesses.

For more information about the SBA, call the SBA Customer Service Center from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. (EDT) Monday through Friday, at 800-659-2955 OR TTY 800-877-8339. Survivors may apply online at disasterloan.sba.gov/ ela. Applicants also may visit the SBA Web site at sba.gov/ services/disasterassistance or disastercustomerseremail vice@sba.gov.

Additional resources are available online at FEMA. gov/SandyNJ and SBA.gov/ Sandy.

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Two Weeks Left To Register With FEMA, Return SBA Applications

NEW JERSEY - April 17th marks the beginning of the twoweek countdown to register for FEMA assistance. New Jerseyans with hurricane sandy losses must register for FEMA assistance by Wednesday, May 1st.

Call 800-621-F-E-M-A to register and check the status of your application. again, 800-621-3362. you also can visit disaster assistance dot gov.

MAY 1 also is the deadline in NEW JERSEY to return SBA disaster loan applications. For more information, call 800-659-2955. Again, 800-659-2955.

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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

WOODBRIDGE - 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 Vazqueza, 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. The festivities will begin a 3 p.m and continue until 9 p.m.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 Sottilaro, 732-826-9466 or Danny Acciani at 732-442-2226. To place an ad in the ad journal contact Tony Maviglia, 732-928-6130.

Autism Walk

SEWAREN - There will be POAC's Annual Walk-a-thon and Free Family Carnival, Saturday, April 27. Check in at 11 a.m. at the Matthew Jago School, 99 Glen Cove Road, Sewaren. Kick-off Noon. If you have a child with special needs, consider coming to this great event to celebrate all their accomplishments, while helping a very worthy cause. For more info call 732-785-1099 or email info@poac.net.

David's Touch **Fundraiser**

UNION - Join us for our first ever 60-mile bike run! You don't have to be a rider to enjoy this fun-filled day! The Garden State Ryderz and iRide United Riding Club of New Jersey have chosen us, "David's Touch" to be their beneficiary of a 60-mile bike ride and after party event taking place this July! Registration is \$10 with your toy donation (toys should be new, unwrapped and in their original packing) or \$20 without. The event will take place at Indian Motorcycle Dealership on Route 22 in Union on Saturday, July 13th. Registration is from 9 a.m. -11:30 a.m.; with the ride taking off promptly at noon. The 60-mile scenic ride will make a brief stop at the historic Watchung Reservation and The Great Swamp for photos; returning to the dealership for the festivities which will include food, drinks, special giveaways, raffles, a variety of vendors and music provided by a DJ.

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 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, 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.

Vendors Wanted

PERTH AMBOY - Vendors Wanted to sell crafts for a Zumbathon on 6/15/13. This event will take place at Blessed John Paul II Parish, St. Stephen's Church, 490 State Street, Perth Amboy. For more information or to reserve a space, please email event@johnpaulsecond. com or call 732-826-1395.

Music on Main Street

WOODBRIDGE - 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.

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.

All You Can Eat Filet Mignon Dinner

SOUTH AMBOY - The Old Bridge Sayreville Rotary is hosting its 5th Annual Ultimate Beefsteak on Friday, May 3rd. Proceeds from this very popular, all you can eat filet mignon dinner will benefit area food banks. The event takes place at Sacred Heart Memorial Hall, located at Main Street and Washington Ave. in South Amboy. Dinner will be served at 6:30, and is once again catered by "Real Housewives of New Jersey's" The Brownstone. The menu includes cold antipasto, sliced beef tenderloin, penne in tomato basil sauce, French fries, dessert, and hot and cold beverages. BYOB. Comedians will be on hand for the evening's entertainment. Cost is \$40 per person and space is limited so reserve now.

Advance ticket sales only. For more information, or to purchase tickets call Glenn at (732)921-1468, or Jeff at (732)921-1466. Tickets may also be purchased at Pride Landscape Supply, 350 Ernston Rd., Parlin.



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Historic Perth Amboy Calendars For Sale

PERTH AMBOY - The Friends of Perth Amboy Free Public Library and The Kearny Cottage Historical Society have teamed up to create Historical Calendars with never before seen photos of Historic Perth Amboy. Calendars are \$10 each and are available at the Barge Restaurant, 201 Front St., Raritan Bay Coffee Company at the Historic Train Station, Perth Amboy City Hall, High Street and Fertigs Dept. Store, 195 New Brunswick Ave. For more info call 732-293-1090.

Holocaust Remembrance Day - Perth Amboy 4/16/13



Mayor Wilda Diaz during a moment of silence

Days of Remembrance

Holocaust Remembrance Ceremony

PERTH AMBOY - The 2013 National Days of Remembrance in the City Hall Council Chambers was held 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



Israeli Flag Rasing at City Hall Circle



Mayor Diaz issues a Proclamation to Tina Weisz



Candles lit for the Holocaust victims



Israeli Flag



Herschel Chomsky lights a candle with Council Pres. Joel Pabon



Holocaust Survivor Tina Weisz was the keynote speaker

Greenwald, Lampitt, Vainieri Huttle, Diegnan, Mosquera, Wisniewski & Oliver Measure Commemorating Israel's Independence Day Signed by Governor April 15 marks the 65th anniversary of the founding of the modern State of Israel

News Release April 15, 2013 TRENTON - A joint resolution sponsored by Assembly Majority Leader Lou Greenwald, Assemblywoman Pamela R. Lampitt, Assemblywoman Valerie Vainieri Huttle, Assemblyman Patrick J. Diegnan, Jr., Assemblywoman Gabriela Mosquera, Assemblyman John S. Wisniewski and Speaker Sheila Y. Oliver commending the State of Israel and its citizens on its 65th anniversary of independence was signed today by the governor.

"The people of Israel have built a strong nation, creating a unique and vital economic, political, cultural and intellectual life for its citizens, and we cherish the strong and historic friendship between our nations," said Greenwald (D-Camden/Burlington). "As they celebrate 65 years as an independent nation, I would

like to commend the State of Israel for its accomplishments and its continued efforts to advocate for peace for its citizens and its neighbors."

April 15 marks the 65th anniversary of the founding of the modern State of Israel. The United Nations General Assembly voted to partition the British Mandate of Palestine and to create the State of Israel on November 29, 1947. Israel was officially declared an independent nation on May 14, 1948.

Given the close political, economic and cultural ties between the State of Israel and the United States and New Jersey, the joint measure (SJR-70/AJR-94) in part states, "the governor and the Legislature find it fitting and proper to recognize the State of Israel on the 65th anniversary of the nation's founding."

"Despite being a relatively

young nation, Israel has overcome wars, terrorism and international ostracism to become one of the most successful democracies in the Middle East," said Lampitt (D-Camden/Burlington). "As they celebrate 65 years of independence, I wish the State of Israel and its citizens continued strength, fortitude and wisdom as they journey towards their first centennial."

"What this tiny country has managed to build in six decades is remarkable," said Vainieri Huttle (D-Bergen). "Israel has built a strong economy and is on the forefront of technological and medical advances that have helped keep our soldiers safe overseas and brought new hope in the fight against cancer. My best wishes to the people of Israel on 65 years of leadership and innovation."

"Not only are New Jersey

and Israel comparable in size, but we share strong economic ties that have proven mutually fruitful. On this momentous occasion, I would like to congratulate the State of Israel on its 65th anniversary, and hope that we will continue to cultivate relationships that will be equally beneficial to New Jersey residents and the people of Israel," said Diegnan (D-Middlesex).

"One of the things that make this country great is its diversity. Like many other cultural groups who have made this country their home, Jewish people have made great contributions to the American way of life and for that we are thankful," said Mosquera (D-Camden/Gloucester). "Congratulations to the Jewish community here and in the Middle East as they celebrate one more year of independence."

"What the State of Israel

has achieved in such a short span and under such duress is worthy of admiration and recognition," said Wisniewski (D-Middlesex). "Israel is not only a friend of New Jersey, but an important ally in our economic endeavors. As they ready to celebrate this milestone, I would like to congratulate Israel and its citizens on 65 years of independence and moving forward."

"Despite the adversities that continue to challenge this young country, Israel has established a parliamentary democracy and managed to provide its citizens with the highest standards of living and human equality in the region," said Oliver (D-Essex/Passaic). "On behalf of the Assembly, I would like to extend my warmest wishes to the State of Israel and its citizens on 65 years of independence."

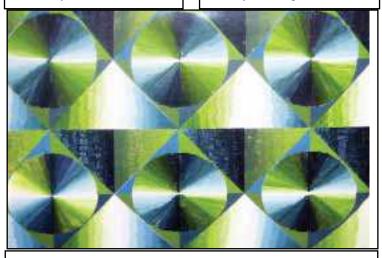
Women's Club Art Competition *Photos by Katherine Massopust



Art by Priscilla Cancel



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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.





Inspirations Art Show Raritan Bay Medical Center Perth Amboy 4/18/13



PAHS Artist Luciana Farias



An Artist displays her work



R. Azzarello, M. D'Agnes with Honoree EJ Davis



Bob & Barbara Sottilaro admire artwork



City Officials w/local businesses



A Local Artist

Ladies Need a Night Out?

SOUTH AMBOY - The South Amboy YMCA will be hosting a Ladies Night Out on Saturday, May 18 from 7 p.m. to 12 a.m. Attention crafters: do you like to knit or crochet? Or perhaps scrapbooking or beading is your thing! If so bring your needles or hooks and yard, beads and thread, or photos and scrappy supplies, and join us for an uninterrupted night of crafting. There will be mini demonstrations of all sorts from how to make a simple crocheted flower and felt pin to beading a simple spiral bracelet. There will also be chocolate and an ice cream sundae bar!

Bring a friend, tell your neighbor, and come have a little fun! Everyone is welcome. The event is \$30 per person, or \$100 for a table of four. To sign up or to learn more about Ladies Night Out, contact the Y's Welcome Desk at 732-553-9622 or visit www. ymcaofmewsa.org.

Great Futures Start Here: Exceptional Perth Amboy Teen Wins Youth of The Year Honor For Boys & Girls Club of Perth Amboy

Joshua Bishop-Mbachu to Now Vie for State Title and Scholarship

Press Release - April 16, 2013 PERTH AMBOY - Selected among several local outstanding youth, Joshua Bishop-Mbachu will compete against other Boys & Girls Club members for the New Jersey Youth of the Year title and a \$20,000 college scholarship. As the first Youth of the Year for Boys & Girls Club of Perth Amboy, 16 year old Joshua is a true example of an extraordinary young man recognized by Boys & Girls Clubs of America (BGCA) for his sound character, leadership skills and willingness to give back to the community.

Being named Youth of the Year is the highest honor a Boys & Girls Club member can receive. As BGCA's premier youth recognition program, Youth of the Year recognizes outstanding contributions to a member's family, school, community and Boys & Girls Club, as well as overcoming personal challenges and obstacles. Youth of the Year encourages Club members to reach their full potential by achieving academic success, leading healthy lifestyles and contributing to their communities. Youth of the Year honorees are shining examples and living proof that great futures start at Boys & Girls Clubs.

Throughout Joshua's tenure at The Club, Joshua actively participates in many of the programs offered including but not limited to Power Hour, where he serves as a peer tutor, Keystone where he spearheads many of the community service projects, and Passport to Manhood, a group for boys which promotes and teaches responsibility through highly interactive activities, and engages young boys in discussions and activities that reinforce character, leadership and positive behavior.

Joshua encompasses all traits that one can look for in a leader, and when it comes to serving his community-Joshua's leadership skills truly emerge. Joshua constantly displays passion and enthusiasm for helping his neighborhood on a daily basis. From being a part of the Boy Scouts to being the President of the Step Up Community Service group at his school to recently being inducted into the National Honor Society, Joshua is determined to make a change in his community. He envisions the way he would like his community to be and works tirelessly in achieving this goal. He is always thinking of new ideas and projects and is able to successfully motivate his peers in his efforts. He inspires those around him to constantly challenge themselves and strive for change.

Joshua has earned a reputation as a hard-working, trustworthy individual who strives to excel in everything he does. He responds with courage when challenged to produce his best. In these past few years, our club has watched this young man develop both academically and personally into a mature individual ready in every way to take on any challenge set before him. Joshua is bright, energetic, compassionate and genuinely well rounded. His grades have been consistently above average in all of his courses. He currently has a 4.179 grade point average. He challenges himself by enrolling in Advance Placement as well as Honors Courses.

Joshua's goal is to be accepted into Harvard University where he would love to pursue medicine. Unlike many other students who are not



Joshua Bishop-Mbachu

sure which field to pursue, Joshua has made clear to many that his goal is to become a pediatrician. Joshua's desire and passion for helping others is beyond measure. Although Joshua's long term goal is to become a pediatrician, there are other interests he would like to pursue as well. Due to his love for dancing he would love to open a dance school. Joshua's thirst for encouraging others and helping people meet their desired goals has made him want to become a motivational speaker for youth, to inspire them to follow their dreams no matter how big or small they are.

If Joshua wins at the state competition, he will compete for the title of Northeast Region Youth of the Year and an additional \$10,000 scholarship from Tupperware Brands, the recognition program's national sponsor. Five regional winners will advance to Washington, D.C., to compete for the title of BGCA's National Youth of the Year. The National Youth of the Year will receive an additional scholarship of up to \$50,000 from The Rick and Susan Goings Foundation and will have the opportunity to meet with the President of the United States in the White House.

LIVESTRONG at the YMCA Kicks Off New Session in May

SOUTH AMBOY - Cancer is a life-changing disease that takes a tremendous toll on a person, both physically and emotionally. The Y and LIVESTRONG have joined forces to create LIVESTRONG at the YMCA, a research-based physical activity and well-being initiative designed to help adult cancer survivors achieve their holistic health goals.

The South Amboy Branch YMCA will be kicking off its next session with an orientation on May 1, 2013 at 6pm.

The session will then run from May 7 to July 25. Throughout the free 12-week session, LIVESTRONG at the YMCA participants work with Y staff trained in supportive cancer care to safely achieve their goals. These include building muscle mass and strength; increasing flexibility and endurance; and improving confidence and self-esteem. By focusing on the whole person and not the disease, LIVESTRONG at the YMCA is helping people move be-

yond cancer in spirit, mind and body.

For more information about LIVESTRONG, please contact Debbie Martinez at 732-316-8223 or livestrong.-southamboy@ymcaofmewsa.org.

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South Amboy YMCA to Host Dog Day Event

SOUTH AMBOY - The South Amboy Branch YMCA will be hosting Dog Day at the Y on Sunday, May 19th from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on the Y's front lawn. All dogs and dog lovers in the community are invited to join us and participate in the various special events planned. Contests will be held in the following categories: best dressed, owner look-alike, best trick, most obedient, best groomed, and many more. Have your dog try their luck at the Agility

Course, receive a Grooming Demo from Poochie Doo, or listen to an Obedience Demo from Middlesex County 4H Dog Training Club Frisky Paws. Various rescue groups and veterinarians will also be present. Dogs must be up to date on their shots and dog and people friendly. Dog Day at the Y is free to participants, but advance registration is required. For more information or to register for the event, please call 732-553-9622 or visit www.ymcaofmewsa.org.

South Amboy Y's Healthy Kids Day on April 27 Aims to Help Kids Exercise Minds and Bodies

SOUTH AMBOY - On Saturday, April 27, the South Amboy Branch Y is celebrating YMCA's Healthy Kids Day® with a free community event that encourages kids in the South Amboy and Sayreville communities to get moving and learning, and families living healthier. Healthy Kids Day, the Y's national initiative to improve families' health and well-being, takes place at 1,900 Ys and kick-starts healthier behaviors now and throughout the summer, a critical out-of-school time for children's health.

Many U.S. children do not get the daily recommended hours of physical activity and reading, and daily amounts of healthy foods. According to the latest findings of the YMCA's Family Health Snapshot – a survey of parents that gauges their children's activity levels during the school year - only 19 percent of children get 60 minutes of physical activity, only 17 percent read books for fun, and only 12 percent eat at least eight fruits and vegetables daily.

"At the South Amboy Y, we know parents struggle to keep their kids physically and intellectually active every day. We want to help ensure fewer kids are at risk of childhood obesity and more kids excel in school," said Mike Tonzola, Asso-

ciate Executive Director. "YMCA's Healthy Kids Day will get kids moving and learning while also helping families get a jump on creating a healthier summer, and ultimately a healthier future."

Research shows that without access to out-of-school physical and learning activities, kids fall behind academically and gain weight twice as fast during summer than the school year. On April 27, YMCA's Healthy Kids Day will help parents begin thinking early about what their kids need to grow and achieve all summer long.

The South Amboy Y's Healthy Kids Day takes place at 200 John T. O'Leary Blvd in South Amboy, NJ from 1-3pm and feature activities such as a Camp SAY Open House, Sports Demonstrations by Challenger Sports, a Make and Take Food Recycling Project, the Middlesex County Fire Smokehouse, Sayreville Lions Club Eyemobile, and much more. YMCA's Healthy Kids Day is supported by national media partners Sprout and Lazy Town, who are committed to encouraging kids to lead a healthy lifestyle.

For more information, contact the South Amboy Y at 732-553-9622 or visit www.ymcaofmewsa.org.

Big Savings on Government Insurance Purchases Advanced by Citizens

By Harry S. Pozycki

NEW JERSEY - I am pleased to report that there is actual good news on the local government spending front. Regular citizens throughout New Jersey are taking matters into their own hands and saving millions of tax dollars by successfully advancing a practical and robustly competitive model for the purchase of health insurance for local government employees and retirees as well as for municipalities and school board's other insurance needs. Among the cities and towns now realizing significant cost-savings by adopting this new, sensible approach are Camden, Hamilton, Perth Amboy, Newark and Toms River.

This new business-like approach—putting property taxpayers first—offers a stark contrast to the old and expensive way of purchasing insurance still used by most New Jersey communities. In most New Jersey towns, school districts, and counties insurance brokers are still paid a percentage commission by the insurance company based on the total benefits package while they are advising the local government officials on what is best for the taxpayer. When brokers work on this commission basis, there is a strong incentive to recommend a more expensive benefits package than necessary in order to get the biggest payday. Making this situation even worse, most brokers are not covered by pay-to-play reform laws restricting political contributions and are free of the needed scrutiny that comes with annual contribution disclosure requirements because

they are under contract to the insurance companies—not the local government. This combustible combination has provided fertile soil for corruption resulting in convictions for bribery and kickbacks in Hamilton and Toms River, among other municipalities.

To address the problem of wasteful and sometimes corrupt government insurance purchasing, The Citizens Campaign model ordinance for municipalities and a model resolution for school districts require brokers to work exclusively for governing bodies or school districts and to be selected on a competitive flat-fee basis. It also mandates that towns, counties and school districts get multiple quotes, including quotes from the State Health Benefits Plan, a Joint Insurance Fund, and private insurers. It is important to note that in some cases it will be most cost-effective for a municipality or school board to join the State Health Benefits Plan and meet any additional health insurance needs by purchasing supplemental private insurance and that the model ordinance envisions and permits this alternative.

The potential savings, if all New Jersey municipalities and school boards adopted this competitive model is well over \$200 million, according to State Comptroller Matt Boxer. Just as importantly, given that health insurance costs in particular are likely to continue to rise as baby boomer employees move into retirement and use more health care services, adopting this model now is an essential part of local governments ensuring a sound fiscal future.

While the economy is starting to pick up, too many New Jersey families remain financially squeezed and local governments will still need to do more with less. There is simply no excuse for continuing to waste money through using an uncompetitive method of purchasing insurance that rewards insurance brokers with big paydays and fills the campaign coffers of state and local politicians and party power brokers, but shortchanges taxpayers. The all too thriving business of trading lucrative commissions for insurance broker contributions is at least for now preventing any movement on state legislation that would put sensible rules in place for all municipalities.

That is why it is all the more important for citizens throughout our state to step up to the plate and present a local model 'best practice' insurance law to their hometown governing body or school board. The Citizens Campaign will be there to assist: we know from the experience of successful citizens in communities as different as Newark, Hamilton and Toms River that real savings are more than possible. They are just around the corner.

Mr. Pozycki is the Chairman of The Citizens Campaign, a non-partisan, non-profit 501 (c)(3) organization, dedicated to fixing our democracy from the bottom up by training citizens in no-blame politics and evidence-based problem solving. The Citizens Campaign is based in Metuchen, NJ. For more information please visit, www.thecitizenscampaign.org

Community Clean Up 4/20/13 *Photo by Paul W. Wang

PERTH AMBOY - On Saturday, April 20, 2013 there was a Community Cleanup between High Street and State. Here, volunteers clean up City Hall Circle.

Perth Amboy Women's Club Receives Citations *Photo by Katherine Massopust



PERTH AMBOY - The Women's Club of Pert Amboy received Citations from Mayor Wilda Diaz for Empowering Women

New Batting Cages at the Perth Amboy YMCA

Press Release March 11, 2013

PERTH AMBOY- At the Y, strengthening community through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility is our cause. Connecting with kids thru baseball is one of the many ways we will create lasting change. Because of the generosity and support of The Eddie & Brenda Trujillo Family Foundation Inc, kids will sharpen their skills while improving their health, enrich their lives, nelp them cope with life challenges and develop children of character.

This project is ideal to help connect with kids that perhaps don't play basketball or swim competitively. The batting cages will help batters stay in shape over the winter months and will be useful year round to keep young athletes focused and motivated. "Our work is not easy, but real and lasting change can only come about when organizations work together to invest in our kids, said Mr. Trujillo. The YMCA is making a difference in lives every day and together we are able to impact more kids."

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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 Proprie-

tary 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!

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Project Graduation Discussed

By: Katherine Massopust PERTH AMBOY - It was proposed at the 4/16/13 Special Meeting to have a graduation ceremony for the High School in an indoor venue but no place around was available to suit the volume of graduating students. The graduation ceremony is set to be at Water's Stadium to be around 9:30 a.m. on June 27, 2013.

Project Graduation has several options such as Bridgewater, the Perth Amboy YMCA or at the High School.

Vice President Ken Puccio said he was involved with the program since its inception in 1992. "I don't think you can put a price tag on a human life. Another alternative is to have it here (at the high school). One of the reasons to have it out of town is to keep interlopers out. We've never had major problems. Project graduation has always been a success. If we have it here at the High School, security wise we can watch everything going on. We had 300 students on the Cornucopia in 2000. They fell asleep before the boat came back. Kids just want to dance and eat. Cost wise at Bridgewater they have ice skating and video games."

Board Member Milady Tejada had concerns, "If graduation starts at 9:30 a.m., when does project graduation start?"

Dr. Caffrey stated, "Students generally don't' carouse in the afternoon."

Tejada said, "We might lose the kids if we have a big gap. Having it at the High School is too close to home. The kids are looking forward to going out of every day life. They spend four years in the high school."

Board Member Anton Massopust stated, "When I graduated from High School on State Street in 1958 (The old High School, now the McGinnis School) they told us to look around the room and said, "This is the last time you will all be together. When you go out the door, you are going to



Dr. Janine Walker-Caffrey

the rest of your life. This is a very important day in their lives and I feel it should be something memorable." Massopust then added, "Going away is better. There are too many distractions here."

Puccio stated, "We lose sight of how poor our kids are. I understand about going out of town. To them, a normal project graduation we usually get half of the 500 kids graduating. When we take the kids, they are securely taken to the bus. We have portable breathalyzers so no one can pass alcohol to them. Until recently I was 100% for going away."

Dr. Caffrey stated, "I'll come up with three options and we will vote on it next Thursday." (4/26/13)

Board Member Anton Massopust asked, "Will the administration be involved?"

Dr. Caffrey answered, "Of course."

Board Member Dianne Roman stated that Rutgers University has Project Graduation all the time.

One student who was sitting in the audience stated that although she is not a senior she feels that it is a bad idea to have it at the High School since there is nothing to look forward to. "You will have a lot of angry students."

Board Member Anton Massopust suggested that the officers of the Senior Class should be involved in the decision. Superintendent Caffrey said they would.

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Volk Put on Hot Seat

PERTH AMBOY - At the 4/18/13 Caucus Meeting, Fire Chief Dave Volk gave an update on the two major fires that occurred during the week ending March 30, 2013.

The fire that happened on Tuesday, March 26, 2013 on Grove Street was called in by an off duty firefighter who lived around the corner.

The basement where the fire occurred was closed off. A dispatcher called in for mutual aid right away. The owner of the structure said that there was a space heater that he was not sure that it was turned off.

As of 4/18/13 the origin of the fire was not known. Volk continued to say, "There was a lot of storage in the basement and we didn't have enough personnel to handle a fire of this size. The Division of Fire Safety stated that proper procedures were followed. There was a half hour of air in each tank of each air-pack. Fire burned through the stairway because of a door possibly being left open by second floor

occupants."

Councilman Kenneth Gonzalez asked Volk about the firefighter who was hospitalized because of inhalation burns to his lungs. "When did this firefighter make a distress call?" Volk told Gonzalez that it was, "Nine minutes after the firefighter entered the building."

Gonzalez wanted to know if it is possible that this fire-fighter did not have a full half-hour of air in his tank. Volk answered, "There is a possibility. It's also part of a firefighter's responsibility to check their air-pack and their other equipment. An alarm goes off in a pack when the air supply is low which is picked up on our system. Not every firefighter has a portable radio. There are six radios available for volunteers."

Gonzalez said, "There should be a daily checklist for all firefighters."

Councilman Fernando Irizarry asked, "Why did you have to call mutual aid?"



Fire Chief Dave Volk

Volk responded, "We do not have enough personnel and we would like to be able to have more firefighters but we do not have the budget for it."

Council President Joel Pabon took exception to that comment saying, "The Council is being blamed for too many things that we have no control over."

Resident Reinaldo Aviles said, "It was right that you grilled Volk. First Responders should be protected."

BAIT SHOP REPORT

PERTH AMBOY - We're back! In the wake of Super Storm Sandy both American Pride Bait and Tackle shops were destroyed. Fortunately, the 211 Front St. location survived due to its cement walls and therefore, easier to rebuild in time for the 2013 season. Overcoming obstacles has been the norm for our little shops. We've endured almost everything imaginable from fire to water.

Our will is strong - our store name says it all. I've been using the word 'our" because my Sister and I have united to rebuild the business. It is very exciting for me; one store with the goal to succeed. Providing the best product and service.

There are many great and exciting things in store for this season and I'm very happy to say it's definitely starting off well. The store has a new fresh look and fresh inspiration "A woman's touch is always welcome." We have extended hours on Friday we're open 'til 10 p.m. which is great for our customers that work late or need some extra time.

Now onto the fishing, There are many reports of striper and flounder being caught off the beach and straight to the Parkway Bridge. Outgoing tide seems to be when most of the catches are being reported.

The shop is still waiting for its first official weigh in. Bring it in and show us your catch.

The shop is fully stocked with sands and bloods, clams, chum and bunker ala frozen.

Fresh bunker soon to come. We're helping people with their registrations and renewals for both NJ & NY. It is a must if your fishing in saltwater. Avoid any fines it only takes a few minutes enjoy a cup of coffee while you wait. Tips and Things:

Hooks: Hooks come in all sizes shapes and forms this is the time of the season when many schoolies (baby stripers) are being caught. We all need to release them with little to no harm so it is possible for them to grow and help populate the fishery. It is imperative. It will provide future fishing for us and our children. We all must respect it. Sadly, it has been many times I've heard the phrase "If it fits in the pan." Its more trouble cleaning that poor little fish than it is worth.

We fish for fun - not to survive if your fishing to survive there is government help for that. OK, back to the hooks this time of the season we should be using circle hooks I recommend to use them all the time but now more than ever it is designed to catch the fish on the side of the mouth which insures a quick and safer release. Ask for them next time you go

On a different note this week a guest came in early and bought some bait. I asked him



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where was he going to try his luck? I've heard some great things along the beach side. He said "Oh, no I'm going out of town. I'm afraid to get mugged or something" I replied, it's 6 am all the bad guys are still sleeping.

I said it to be funny, but truthfully, it bothered me that he really believed that. I told him I was born and raised in this town and loved it. I've fished from dusk to dawn on the beach countless times and never had a problem. Does this town have crime? What town doesn't? Based on my 38 years in this city, you generally have to be involved in something negative to have problems.

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Knitting CircleSOUTH 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 732-72 1-6060.

Book Sale

WOODBRIDGE - The Friends of Woodbridge Main Library are having a book sale from April 25-28. Uncover a Literary Treasure. Apr. 25: 4:00 -9:00 p.m., Apr. 26 & 27: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Apr. 28: 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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.

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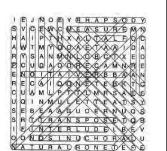
Italian Sausage Sandwich Sale

PERTH AMBOY - The Holy Name Society of Most Holy Name of Jesus Parish Holy Trinity Church will hold an Italian sausage sandwich sale in the church hall, Lawrie and Johnstone Streets after the 5 p.m. Mass on Saturday, April 27. Tickets are \$8 each and will be sold only at the door. For more info call 732-721-5914

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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Spring Flower Fair at Rutgers **Gardens**

NEW BRUNSWICK - The Annual Spring Flower Fair will be at Rutgers Gardens on Friday, May 10 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 11 from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday, May 12 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sales are open to the general public. Rutgers Gardens School of Environmental and Biological Sciences, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey is located at 112 Ryders Lane, New Brunswick. For more info call 732-932-8451.

Tool Time

WOODBRIDGE - 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 Sponsors - 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.

Senior Scene

Happenings

Perth Amboy

WED. Apr. 24 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. 25 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m.,

Family Life Center, Madison Ave.

St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., MON. Apr. 29

Fellowship Hall, Commerce St. Holy Spirit Seniors, 12:30 p.m.,

TUES. Apr. 30 Church Hall, Brace Ave.

Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St. WED. May 1 Simpson Seniors, 10 a.m.,

Williamson Hall, High St. Holy Rosary Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Auditorium,

Florida Grove Rd. St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.

Holy Trinity Seniors, 1 p.m.,

Church Hall, Lawrie & Johnstone St.

THURS. May 2 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.

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St. Mary's Seniors, noon, MON. May. 6

Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave. WED. May 8 South Amboy Seniors, noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.

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LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY - Isador Gast Wine & Liquor Store, State Street, August 8, 1951

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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, Oueen 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.

Fish n' Chips Dinner

ISELIN - Argyle's Fish n' Chips Dinner will be held on Friday, April 26 at First Presbyterian Church, 1295 Oak Tree Road, Iselin from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Adults: \$13; Seniors & Children: \$12 For more info call 732-283-1188 or go to www.iselinpresbyterian.org

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 Jong-time support of Sacred Heart.

Prior to the luncheon. Mass will be celebrated at 12 p.m. 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 Teriszal@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.

Kidz Wii Club

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

Perth Amboy Participates in the National Take Back *Initiative*

PERTH AMBOY - The City of Perth Amboy is participating in the National Take Back Initiative, headed by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) of the United States Department of Justice.

This initiative is in efforts of preventing drug abuse, by providing drop-off locations where citizens can dispose of their unwanted, unused, or expired medications in a safe place and to remove these potentially hazardous substances from illegal and unsafe use. The Perth Amboy Police Department (lobby), located on 365 New Brunswick Avenue is a designated drop-off location for medication on Saturday, April 27th from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Tel:

As stated on the DEA's website, "More than seven million Americans currently abuse prescription drugs, according to the 2009 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration's National Survey on Drug Use and Health. Each day, approximately, 2,500 teens use prescription drugs to get high for the first time according to the Partnership for a Drug Free America. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including the home medicine cabinet."

It is also important to know that one must NOT recycle prescription and over-thecounter medications. Also, do NOT dispose down the drain or toilet, as this may cause water pollution. If you are to dispose of medications in the trash, please follow guidelines below for promotion of a healthy aquatic environment and prevention of accidental poisoning and/or intentional abuse.

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DUNELLEN - Great potential single family features LR, DR, KIT, 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths and much more. Buyer is resp. for smoke cert., termite cert and all repairs, strictly in "as is" condition. \$180,000



PERTH AMBOY - SHORT SALE!!! Nice yard w/patio, partially finished bsmt. \$99,900



PERTH AMBOY - SHORT SALE!!! Huge price reduction for 10 yr old home, great value. A "must see." No work needed. \$175,000