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Undercover Cops Being Utilized for Pedestrian Safety Enforcement

July 22 Special Meeting R-346



Councilman Fernando Irizarry

PERTH AMBOY - R -346: Authorizing the Proper City Officials to accept the Highway Traffic Safety/State Pedestrian Safety Enforcement and Education Fund Grant 2013 in the amount of \$15,000. This resolution brought about a disagreement between Busi-Administrator Greg Fehrenbach and Councilman Fernando Irizarry. Irizarry questioned if this grant was used for undercover police officers to ticket drivers of motor vehicles who they felt violated the rules of not stopping for pedestrians in crosswalks.

Irizarry wondered why undercover cops are doing this and he spoke from personal experience. Irizarry said that his wife was stopped and ticketed \$85 for not yielding to a pedestrian in a crosswalk. "An



Councilman Kenneth Gonzalez

undercover cop is the one who gave her the ticket. Not only that, she missed the deadline for paying the \$85 and wound up paying \$240 instead."

Fehrenbach told Irizarry that this grant called for the police to enforce the pedestrian safety at crosswalks, but it didn't specifically say anything about undercover cops doing this work.

Councilman Kenneth Gonzalez said, "This is a two way problem. Because there are pedestrians who ignore traffic signals. This has happened to me, my wife and our friends several times. Pedestrians just cross in front of you when you're driving and you have the right away."

his wife was stopped and ticketed \$85 for not yielding to a pedestrian in a crosswalk. "An Resident John Siberry who has been at odds with Councilman Gonzalez in the past but



Councilwoman Lisa Nanton

this time he agreed with the Councilman.

Siberry stated, "The jaywalking ordinance should be enforced." He also said, "What happened to crossing on the green and not in between? That was taught when I was growing up."

Councilwoman Lisa Nanton emphasized the need for undercover cops to patrol the Waterfront on the weekends. We need to find out who is throwing excess garbage on the beaches during that time.

She was concerned about a house on the corner of Lewis and Rector Streets where the home is in disarray. "I saw there was a notice on the door. The premises had to be cleaned up by the end of June and it has not been done.

Foreclosing on Anchor Marine Property

PERTH AMBOY – Business Administrator Greg Fehrenbach said, "It would take about six months for the City to foreclose on this property which is located on Washington Street. The City would not be responsible for any contaminants on the site." One of the Councilmen questioned Fehrenbach if this property could be used to build commercial or residential buildings.

Fehrenbach answered, "The land is more suited for Parkland and then maybe access to the Waterfront."

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Summer Lunch

PERTH AMBOY – The Department of Recreation is looking to make Harbortown a distribution location for their summer lunch program. This would be under a Hold Harmless Agreement with Harbortown.

The Recreation Department received a grant for this. Under this agreement the Recreation Department can distribute lunch there for students in the program. Harbortown Corporation would not bear any responsibility or liability.

The Inconvenience of the Detours was Worthwhile

PERTH AMBOY - Motorists and Pedestrians riding and walking around Perth Amboy were met with unexpected detours. While there may have been complaints about the inconvenience, the smooth feeling of riding and walking on freshly paved roads put the inconvenience behind. A total of 15 sorely needed streets and roads were paved. More to come in the future.

*Photos Submitted by Roxana Troche of UEZ/BID



Above-King St. Below -New Brunswick Ave. before paving began



Out of Towner Notes Danger

By: Carolyn Maxwell PERTH AMBOY - Recently I was talking to an acquaintance who lives out of town but works at a business in Perth Amboy. This person takes Market Street to get to his place of employment. He said he was "astonished" to see this telephone pole hang this far out into the street. He was concerned what would happen if it was hit by a car and came down. It could possibly cause injury not only to a person walking by or damage a vehicle or any occupants in it. Even if no one was bodily injured, it could cause great damage to the homes on that block leading to the loss of utilities (phone, electric, etc.).

He wanted to know if I knew anyone who lived in that

Could a spark from the wires

cause a fire?



Street (by Madison Avenue). A Telephone Pole leans into the street. *Photo by Katherine Massopust

neighborhood and if they had called in to complain about the pole. If they haven't, they should do so as soon as possible. It's a safety issue.

See Response - Page 2

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Perth Amboy School District Receives Certificate of Excellence Award

First Year the District Participates in Program

News Release 7/26/13 ROBBINSVILLE, NJ –Derek J. Jess, Business Administrator/Board Secretary for the Perth Amboy School District and the District's Board of Education, has received the Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO International)'s Certificate of Excellence (COE) in Financial Reporting award. The award is particularly noteworthy as it is the first time Perth Amboy has participated in the program.

"I was so pleased to see our immediate past-president, Derek Jess, receive this award for his district," said New Jersey Association of School Business Officials (NJASBO) Executive Director John Donahue. "It is testimony that Derek and his office staff maintain the highest standards for Perth Amboy's school business office operations."

Sponsored by VALIC, the ASBO International annual COE award confirms the school business office's commitment to financial accountability and transparency. The Perth Amboy district was recognized for having met or exceeded the awards program's high standards for financial reporting and accountability in its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ending in 2012.

"I'm excited that the Perth Amboy District was recognized for the quality of our financial plan," said Jess. "We take our responsibility for the financial and accounting practices of the district and the reporting procedures very seriously, including being in compliance with all state and federal regulations."

NJASBO is a professional association that promotes the highest standards of ethics and efficiency, provides its membership with professional development and support, and collaborates with entities that affect public education. The organization comprises individuals who administer or supervise a variety of operations within the school district. Examples include accounting, budgeting, data processing, environmental issues, food service management, maintenance, negotiations, payroll, purchasing and transportation.

VALIC, a long time supporter of school business, is committed to the K-12 marketplace. VALIC was the first company to enroll a K-12 public school district in a 403(b) plan. More than a half century later, VAL-IC remains the #1 provider of K-12 403(b) retirement plans in America. With more than \$65 billion in total assets, VALIC is an industry leader



Board Secretary Derek Jess

and currently manages longterm investment programs for nearly 25,000 not-for-profit and for-profit education, healthcare, and public sector organizations—representing more than two million investors—throughout the country.

The Association of School **Business Officials Internation**al (ASBO), founded in 1910, is a professional association of more than 5,000 members that provides programs and services to promote the highest standards of school business management practices, professional growth, and the effective use of educational resources.

For more information on the COE award, visit ASBO's Website: www.asbointl.org/ COE.

Market Street Resident Response (See Story Page 1)

PERTH AMBOY - A Market

Street resident stated that they contacted every possible person regarding this problem. This included representatives from the City, Verizon, Comcast and PSE&G. These representatives have seen the pole and reports have been made. "I can do no more. The police and fire department have been notified. Everybody has been notified about the danger of the pole. The pole has been standing there for over 70 years, but it was straighter than it is currently," states the resident. "Several utility companies were afraid to climb the pole and used bucket trucks."

Rep. Pallone Statement on World Hepatitis Day

News Release 7/28/13 LONG BRANCH - Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr. (NJ-06), top Democrat on the Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health released the following statement on World Hepatitis Day:

"Hepatitis C is an epidemic gone widely unrecognized in the United States and is disproportionally affecting Baby Boomers (Americans born between 1945 and 1965). According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Baby Boomers are five times as likely to be infected with Hepatitis C. Most people do not know they are infected and do not seek treatment,

thus it is imperative that we increase awareness so more people can get tested, avoiding serious health risk and even death. The CDC recommends that all adults over age 48 get tested for Hepatitis C, as well as those who received blood transfusion or organ donations before 1992.

"Early diagnosis of Hepatitis C is critical. The longer the virus goes undetected, the greater a person's risk of transmitting the virus to others, as well as developing serious liver disease, including liver cancer and cirrhosis. So if you are a Baby Boomer, get tested and encourage your loved ones to do the same."

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They Are Not as Dumb as They Appear?

They have been defined as untalented, stupid, airheads amongst other unflattering descriptions. No matter what you call them, there's one thing they all have in common: They are all laughing themselves all the way to the bank. As long as they hear the Cach-ing! Cach-ing! Cach-ing! Of the money they don't care what you call them.

These celebrities or personalities claim their fifteen seconds of fame and some of them for just being themselves. There was a show starring Paris Hilton (She was already very wealthy) and Nicole Richie (who was the daughter of Lionel Richie – as far as I know that was her only claim to fame at the time). I can't even remember the name of the show, but there were two celebrities who were supposedly best friends who left their life of luxury for a short period time to live with ordinary families. Even though the show lasted a short period of time, it made Ms. Hilton even wealthier and gave Ms. Richie an identity apart from her famous father. They both turned that opportunity into something bigger. All of a sudden Paris Hilton was being paid just for showing up at parties. How many people do you know of who can make a career out of that?

Yes, we know about a Hilton's infamous tape that she made and her bad girl antics, but in the long run she cashed in on those who became her fans and bought what she was selling. So in essence when people call her an "air-head" and "untalented" perhaps she is just cagey and a good businesswoman. She was already set for life, but even if she was disinherited, she still made enough money on her own to keep her comfortable for the rest of her life. The only way she could blow it is if she follows the suit of some other celebrities who could not handle fame and destroy their lives.

Layout & Asst. Writer

Let's take a look at the reality shows that made those who stared in those shows famous. Let's start out with a show that hits close to home called, "The Jersey Show." I've never seen one complete episode since I don't own a television. I've seen bits and pieces of it when I've been at someone's home and they've had it on. The cast of the show were not even Jersey residents but were from Staten Island which in itself is ironic. So you have characters such as, "Snookie" and "The Situation." They are the ones that seem to be the most wellknown and the ones I hear about the most.

Here you have two ordinary people. Because of their crazy antics they parlayed them into a capital venture via merchandise they have marketed. Snookie took home a tidy sum of \$32,000 on a twenty minute speech at a Rutgers University which took place during one of the events taking place during commencement week. The major part of her speech consisted of those memorable words, "Study hard but party harder."

Air-head, stupid, crazy or smart businesswoman taking it to the bank and making the most out of fifteen minutes of fame. In the past celebrities or well known personalities may have done things that they were ashamed of and did not want exposed but at the time they needed the money.

Since the people who star in "The Jersey Shore" are making money for being off the wall, they will not be ashamed when photos or articles are written about them years from now because this is what they were known for. It's a whole new ballgame in this era.

Let's wrap this up with the Kardashians: famous for being famous. Former Olympic Track Star Bruce Jenner is the patriarch in the TV Series *Keeping Up with the Kardashians*. Jenner because of his claim to fame of being an

Website Manager

Olympian was the only one I was familiar with in this show. He soon became a prop and a backdrop. Soon his three oldest stepdaughters and their mother, Kris became the stars. The late Robert Kardashian who was one of the defense lawyers for O.J. Simpson (in his first trial) was Kris' first husband. Kris later married Jenner.

Kim Kardashian is the most famous of the three girls. Let's see how smart she is: all three girls went into business together with a clothing line and opened up stores. Consumers bought their merchandise and then Kim decided she wants to get married (again) and hooks up with a professional basketball player, Kris Humphries. Of course, rights were sold to magazines for the wedding photos. After seventy days of marriage she decides that they were not compatible - but she keeps the ring, the money from the photos. Again – Who is the smart one?

You must be wondering how do I know so much about these celebrities. If I don't watch their shows and I haven't had a television in the last couple of years. But I do have a radio and an android cell phone. The magazine and newspaper covers are sold all over and all of this is right in your face-you can't avoid it!

I'm not saying the people I talked about are bad or good. I'm just saying that it takes regular people to make those I mentioned in this editorial celebrities.

Carolyn Maxwell

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Who Owns Perth Amboy?

The photo that appeared in the Guardian of Chief Ruiz, in full uniform, at Mayor Diaz' election night headquarters counting votes with Greg Diaz and Kenneth Gonzalez was very telling. Taxpayers now know what people such as South Jersey political boss George Norcross [who gave \$24,000 to Mayor Diaz] and even closer to home, what political boss Joseph Vitale [who gave \$24,000 to Mayor Diaz, \$1500 to BOE ticket New Vision New Voice, \$7,200 to Democrats United for Perth Amboy and \$4,300 to Comite Patriotico Cultural Puertorriqueno] paid for. That's an unprecedented amount of money

but the Bosses must think it was worth it.

These Bosses want to own the Mayor and want to be assured the Mayor owns the Chief. Joe Vas owned his Chief and a Perth Amboy police report states that a new server that was ordered by the police department was never used by the PAPD and ended up in Vas campaign headquarters. The Department of Criminal Justice took possession of the server in 2009 and still has it to this day. The question this photo raises is who is watching the Diaz store now -- the Chief or perhaps the Councilman who was also in the picture - Kenneth Gonzalez? Wait a minute, wasn't Gonzalez in the Vas store?

Kenny Balut

State Street, Perth Amboy 1939

My Grandmother Rose Clark standing in front of our house on State Street - Summer of 1939.

Beyond my Nanna is the Gulf Station. Notice the Telephone Booth sing next to the Gulf Sign; the next corner is State Street and Broad Street. Crest Tavern is on the corner. Next was Tavern is on the corner. Next was the A&P. Just a small market at that time. Next was a Chinese Hand Laundry. Next came Casey's Bakery. On the next corner was a Barber Shop and in the backroom was a card parlor where the men would play every night. Across the street is Amboy Florist which later moved to Smith Street. Next was a



Rose Clark

Candy and Stationary Store. Next and very important to me was the Bicycle Shop. That is where my GrandPop got me my first Tricycle. You can't see but Silks Drug Store was there. Yum, yum. Triple Dip Chocolate Soda for 5 Cents.

Thomas Francis Clark

Preserving Perth Amboy's Historic Elm Street

I was so glad to hear that our city officials have wisely decided to take action to preserve Perth Amboy's Historic Elm Tree. Like so many, I cannot imagine City Hall outside the shadows of this majestic, towering Elm.

Last month, the Historic Elm was the subject of an e-mail message I received from friend and neighbor, John Dyke. I read his positive news about preserving the tree while visiting Bluffton, SC. Very shortly after reading John's message, I came upon an adage posted

in front of the little town's landmark church. It was like a message from above ... so aptly did it apply to Perth Amboy's Historic Elm Tree that was then on my mind.

The following paraphrases the motto of Bluffton's historic Church of the Cross, which I now "borrow" to describe Perth Amboy's oldest inhabitant:

Rooted in the Past; Sheltering the Present; Reaching Out to the Future.

I hope Perth Amboy's Historic Elm will flourish and grow for many years to come!

Regards, Mary Ellen Pavlovsky



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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.

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Monthly Book Club

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Perth Amboy

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City Hall, High St.

MON. Aug. 12 City Council, Caucus 4:30 p.m.

City Hall, High St.

TUES. Aug. 13 Library Board of Trustees, 5 p.m.

City Hall, High St.

UEZ, 6 p.m. City Hall, High St.

BID, 7 p.m.

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WED. Aug. 14 City Council, Regular 7 p.m.

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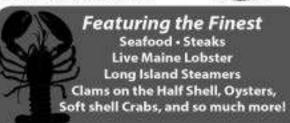
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Pallone Announces Nearly \$1.4 Million Grant to Staff Up Edison Fire Department

News Release 7/25/13 LONG BRANCH - Today, Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr. (NJ-06) announced that the Township of Edison's Division of Fire has been awarded \$1,392,880 in federal funding from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) through its Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response program (SAFER), an initiative designed to strengthen the nation's preparedness and ability to respond to fire and fire-related hazards.

"This grant will go directly towards Edison's salary budget for firefighters, allowing the town to increase staff and ensure that Edison is well equipped with the number of firefighters it needs to protect residents," Pallone said. "Fire departments are too important to our communities to be under-staffed, and with this grant, Edison will be more prepared and better able to respond during an emergency."

"The award of \$1.392 million in SAFER grants gives EdisonTownship the opportunity to increase the number new firefighters to our ranks with no additional cost to the taxpayers for a period of two years," said Township Mayor Antonia Ricicliano. "I'd like to thank Congressman Pallone and his staff for assisting us in securing this grant."

The SAFER grant program aims to enhance the ability of our nation's fire departments to attain and maintain 24-hour staffing. Grants are awarded directly to fire departments to help increase the number of frontline firefighters, and to rehire firefighters who were laid-off due to the economy.

This fiscal year, DHS will award approximately \$320 million directly to fire departments and volunteer support groups through the SAFER grant program.

Surviving the Heat with Books and Games @ Dowdell Library

News Release 7/27/13 SOUTH AMBOY - Summer programs at the Dowdell Library of South Amboy run

brary of South Amboy run through August, so you still have the opportunity to win great prizes and giveaways. Creative programs for kids such as fantasy crafts, Mother Goose, dinosaur bingo and a fruit smoothie social will be held. It's not too late to set a summer reading goal! Children with the most books entered into their reading log will win prizes. Most school summer reading books are also available, so stop by the library before buying your books. Adults - participate in the summer program for weekly prizes and the opportunity to win an Amazon gift

New! The Dowdell Library Foundation has graciously granted the library new Xbox game equipment and the library just purchased numerous new Xbox games! Games such as "Minecraft, Tomb Raider, Angry Birds, and Call of Duty

Black Ops II" may be played at the library. During the summer Xbox programs for children aged 5-9 will be held Wednesdays at 1 pm and Xbox programs for young adults 10 and older will be held Mondays at 1 pm. A special Xbox Galaxy "Call of Duty Black Ops II" competition will be held for adults 18 + on Monday, August 12 at 6:30 pm. In the fall, regular Xbox programs for all ages are planned. The library is not "just books" anymore!

Also, don't forget about the library's free downloadable Ebook program. It's as easy as 1-2-3!

Just log onto www.dowdell. org/ereader.html and sign in with the first 13-digits of your South Amboy library card. Borrowing rules are simple: the default loan period is 14 days (you have the option of changing it to 7 or 21 days); the checkout limit is five items at a time; the hold (reserve) limit is five items. When you receive email notification that

the item is available, you have up to three days to check out the material. Drop in any time for help or attend one of the weekly Thursday evening Ebook programs from 6:30 – 7:30 pm.

When online get up to date news from the library's web page www.dowdell.org. Have you "liked" the library on Facebook? If you don't, you may want to! Starting shortly, the library will have ongoing contests on Facebook. If you're on Twitter, don't forget to "follow" the library!

Remember when it was the dead of winter and you felt as if you'd never feel warm again, did you dream of beaches and summer fun? Well, summer is in full bloom. Enjoy the rest of it and escape to the library for a cool experience!

The Sadie Pope Dowdell Library is adjacent to the South Amboy High School off O'Leary Boulevard. For more information, contact the library at 732.721.6060 or comments@dowdell.org.

Pallone's Proposal to Fix Medicare Doctor Payment System Gains Momentum Energy and Commerce Health Subcommittee Votes to Move Forward with Legislation

News Release 7/23/13 WASHINGTON, DC – Today, Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr.'s (NJ-06) bipartisan proposal to fix the long-plagued Medicare doctor payment system, the Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR), passed the Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health. Pallone is ranking Democrat for the subcommittee and sponsored the bill upon hearing from thousands of seniors at events, meetings and telephone town halls about their concerns of losing their doctors due to the flawed

"We need to transform our current health care payment system from one that rewards volume to one that produces improved value through a focus on quality, patient outcomes, and efficiency, and this proposal builds on the mission of the Affordable Care Act to do just that," said Pallone. "When I speak with seniors in my district, they are worried that they will be forced to change doctors due to the uncertainty in the system, but this proposal would help to end uncertainty and improve and strengthen Medicare."

Pallone's bill takes Congress a step closer to resolving a many years-long problem that has threatened the ability of doctors to continue to treat

Medicare patients. Pallone, who was a principal author of President Obama's landmark health care reform bill, the Affordable Care Act, reached across party lines to develop this agreement on the SGR with House Republicans, including Congressman Michael Burgess of Texas, who serves as the Health Subcommittee's Vice Chair.

The bill repeals the flawed current SGR system and replaces it with a stable period of payments, giving certainty to doctors and patients alike. It would allow physicians to continue to provide health services without fear of losing compensation. Previously, Congress has passed a variety of stop-gap measures to prevent dramatic cuts to the formula every year for nearly a decade. Instead of looming cuts, doctors will be rewarded for quality of care they provide to Medicare beneficiaries.

"This proposal is a great step in the right direction to reforming how we pay doctors in our health care system, and I'm pleased to see it gain bipartisan support and momentum in Congress. I will continue working with members of Congress on both sides of the aisle as the process moves forward," added Pallone.

Pallone: Work Begins on Long Needed Beach Replenishment Project in Monmouth Beach

News Release 7/25/13 LONG BRANCH - Today, Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr. (NJ-06) was joined by Monmouth Beach Mayor Susan Howard, Sea Bright Councilman Reed Murphy and Colonel Paul Owen, Commander of the Army Corps of Engineers New York District at the Monmouth Beach Bathing Pavilion to praise the progress of the beach replenishment project that has begun in Monmouth Beach and will proceed to Sea Bright. This work represents a portion of the larger Army Corps of Engineers beach replenishment project covering a majority of the beaches from Sea Bright to Manasquan. Pallone fought for robust funding in the Sandy aid package passed by Congress, and over \$100 million was allocated from that bill for this long

"The dredging equipment in Monmouth Beach today represents a great victory for our Jersey Shore beaches, which, for years, have desperately needed attention that was made worse by Sandy," said Pallone. "Our

needed project.

beaches are a fundamental part of life here on the shore, both for residents to enjoy and also to drive tourism. From Sea Bright to Manasquan, we will reap the benefits of this investment in our beaches for years to come."

"The Army Corps of Engineers is pleased to be carrying out this emergency beach repair and restoration work which will mitigate the impacts of future storms" said New York District Commander Col. Paul E. Owen. "This work in Sea Bright and MonmouthBeach is the first part of a larger project that will restore beaches from Sea Bright to Manasquan. In addition to providing beach erosion control this work also helps the region heal from the impacts of Hurricane Sandy by restoring an important and central element to these coastal communities."

Pallone and the Army Corps of Engineers announced today further details regarding the timeline for the beach replenishment project which will be completed through four contracts. The contract for the Long Branch portion will be awarded in mid-August, and the contract for the Asbury to Avon portion will be awarded in early September. The contract for Belmar to Manasquan will be awarded this week. The Army Corps estimates that the entire undertaking will be complete by the beginning of next year.

In June, Pallone announced that the Army Corps of Engineers awarded a \$25 million contract for the Sea Bright and Monmouth Beach portion to Great Lakes Dredge and Dock Company, LLC. The contractor will be using 2.5 million cubic yards of sand and must complete the project within 175 days after it starts.

The Sea Bright to Manasquan project is the largest beach nourishment project ever undertaken by the Army Corps of Engineers and the world's biggest beach-fill project, in terms of sand volume. Once completed, the greater protective barrier between the coastal communities and the ocean will reduce the risk of flooding and storm related damages.

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Free Blood Pressure Screenings

PERTH AMBOY - Raritan Bay Medical Center is offering free blood pressure screenings Wednesday, August 7, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., at Raritan Bay Area YMCA, 357 New Brunswick Ave., Lower Level, Perth Amboy. High blood pressure is associated with stroke, heart failure, heart attack and other life threatening conditions. Take advantage of this free screening to know your pressure levels and basic steps to regulate and maintain healthy blood pressure levels.

Edison AARP Chapter 3446

EDISON - Edison AARP Chapter 3446 is sponsoring a Cape Cod package with whale watching on September 24-27. For information & reservations call Bob at 732-885-1789. For information on next seasons shows at the Paper Mill Playhouse call Doris at 732-603-8788. October 7 - Honeymoon in Vegas, December 19 - Oliver, April 24 - South Pacific, June 12 - Grease. All programs are open to non-members. For additional information visit our website at edisonaarp.org.

Civil War Living Weekend

WOODBRIDGE - On August 3rd and 4th, 2013, The Robert E. Lee Civil War Roundtable of Central New Jersey will present its annual Civil War Living History Weekend at Parker Press Park, Rahway Ave., just off Main Street, Woodbridge New Jersey. Each day features soldiers' drill, weapon demonstration, battlefield skirmish, military camp life, period living historians, period civilian life, civil war displays and activities. There will be sutlers selling goods, children's activities, a civil war library book sale, and camp prizes. Camps are open to the public on Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. There will be a special Saturday evening 150th commemoration of the civil war ceremony at 8 p.m., followed by candle light tours of the camp from 8:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Come take a trip back in time into our nation's history and experience life during the civil war. The event will be held rain or shine, parking and admission is free.



Flowers for Ann from Carolyn

The bright colors and beauty of these flowers reflect the joy and happiness that Ann brought to so many people's lives.





A Tribute to Ann Larmonie

PERTH AMBOY - We looked up the meaning of the name Ann and it came up with this description. *Graceful, Prayer, Merciful, God has favored me.* Ann was named appropriately as she had all the attributes that was described above.

I've known Ann since I was the Maid of Honor at my sister's wedding over 30 years ago. Ann was a faithful member of St. Peter's Church and was an active member in all of the church's organizations that she belonged to. She supported all the other organizations in the Church as well.

Ann was the one who contacted me whenever the Church ran their bus rides to Atlantic City. She was one of the people in charge of those trips. And her loving husband, Victor always traveled on those trips with her. To me, they made the perfect couple.

They were quite lucky. When St. Peter's had their gift auctions or other events where they had raffles sold, Ann's name would always be called out as winner.

She also did very well at A.C. Once in a blue moon I would touch her for good luck but it seems like all the luck went her way.

Ann was on the committee



Ann Larmonie (Front Right) sitting across from her husband, Victor and St. Peter's Church Family *Photo by Carolyn Maxwell

for the St. Peter's Church Annual Fashion show at the Raritan Yacht Club.

God saw that Ann was getting very weak and in great pain. He needed a special flower to complete one of his numerous gardens. So he called Ann home because she had been a good and faithful servant to Him. She was a faithful member to St. Peter's Church and its family. She was a loving wife to Victor. To her family and friends, she was a great source of joy and love.

When Ann arrived in heaven, after she was given a tour by God. He told her I have a special place for you to see. When the doors opened to this place, there was a beautiful painted bus. On that bus there was a

beaming Joan Yaremko. Joan embraced Ann with a huge hug and smile. God announced to these two Heavenly Angels that He has a special assignment for them.

They will be transported back to Earth, to ride on the buses that St. Peter's Church uses when they go on their trips. Joan and Ann will be there to say a special prayer to wish the passengers a safe journey. Also, their presence will be felt at the St. Peter's Fashion Shows. Ann may not be here physically, but her spirit remains at St. Peter's Church. Remember that beautiful smile and times you shared. She will be right there. This, I know to be true. R.I.P. Love, Carolyn







PERTH AMBOY - A Perth Amboy historic presentation by Kurt Siegelin will air on News 12 New Jersey (Comcast) Saturday, August 3rd and 4th at 11:00 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. The show will include information about Perth Amboy's original city seal, the Ferry Slip, the Surveyor General's Building and much more.

*Photo Submitted

Seniors Health Fair

SAYREVILLE - Raritan Bay Medical Center is providing a Seniors Health Fair Tuesday, August 6, 10 a.m. to 12 noon, at the Sayreville Senior Citizens Center, 423 Main St., Sayreville, NJ. Free screenings will be provided, including; blood pressure / stroke risk, body mass index (BMI), balance screening / fall prevention and basic physical condition, sleep and respiratory assessments, including the use of pulse oximetry. Free health information will be provided, concerning; women's health services at RBMC, healthy heart tips, healthy nutrition tips provided by a registered dietician and safe activities for active older adults. Also, an instructor will demonstrate stability exercises utilizing Tai Chi.

Trip to Mets Game

SOUTH AMBOY - South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 sponsors an outing to beautiful Citi Field to see the Mets battle the American League Champion Detroit Tigers with Triple Crown winner and MVP Miguel Cabrera, All Star Prince Fielder, and former Cy young award winner Justin Verlander in a 1:10 p.m. game on Sunday, August 25. There is a cost of \$70 which includes Tom Seaver All Star Bobblehead Doll, roundtrip motorcoach transportation, voucher for hamburger, or hot dog, or pizza, fries and soda. Snacks and beverages available at the Council Home on 308 Fourth St. Motorcoach leaves for the ballpark at 9:45 a.m. For reservations call Steve at 732-727-1707.

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Author Visit

PERTH AMBOY - The Friends of the Perth Amboy Free Public Library are proud to announce their hosting of their first author visit to the Perth Amboy Free Public Library. To "encourage the love of reading and independent learning" is just one of what "Friends of Libraries" do.

Artie Bennett, a children's author of The Butt Book and Poopendous will be at the satellite site of the Perth Amboy Free Public Library on Wednesday, August 7, 2013 at 11 a.m. His books are funny, informative and well reviewed and geared toward 3 to 6 year old children. His books will be available for sale and autographing. Barbara Sottilaro, a retired school librarian, met Mr. Bennett at a New Jersey Association of School Librarians conference and purchased his books for her grandson who loved them.

While the event is free, due to limited space, we are asking parents to register their intention to attend so that they and their children can be accommodated comfortably. Please call Barbara at 732-826-9466 or Linda at 732-826-6794.

Dowdell Library is Looking for South Amboy Memorabilia!

SOUTH AMBOY - Leading up to the Dowdell Library's 100th anniversary next year, the Library would like to borrow the community's photos, media, documents and memorabilia to scan; the material would be returned within minutes. If people wish to donate these items, originals will be preserved using professional archival storage materials.

This project will continue the preservation of South Amboy's history within the library's temperature controlled, historical collection. Earlier phases of the project, co-funded by the Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission, the Library, and fundraisers - digitized the library's newspaper collection and South Amboy high school yearbooks! These archives are available for viewing by the public to enjoy, just ask for assistance.

So, please help preserve South Amboy's heritage! Either call or drop in Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 10 am – 8 pm; Wednesday or Friday 10 am – 5 pm. The Dowdell Library of South Amboy is located on O'Leary Boulevard, adjacent to the South Amboy High School. For additional information or directions please contact the library at 732-721-6060 or comments@dowdell.org.

QuickChek Festival of Ballooning 7/26/13--7/28/13

*Photos by Katherine Massopust & Carolyn Maxwell



Touring the outside of the Cottage



A crowd enjoys vendors



Tethered rides were offered to patrons



Inflating the balloons



Vintage Plane



One of the many vendors sell stylish umbrellas



Waiting for the balloon launch



Humpty Dumpty peaks over the parking area

The 31st Annual QuickChek Balloon Festival

READINGTON - This annual festival takes place in the last weekend in July. We decided to go on what we felt would be the best day which was Saturday, July 27th. The forecast called for sunny skies, warm temperatures and little to no precipitation. Apparently many others had the same thought to go on that same day. The parking lot was almost filled to capacity. The food lines were extremely long and the most popular item to buy

was water. As a matter of fact, some of the food stands ran out of that very popular drink.

There was much anticipation and excitement about the balloon ascension which was supposed to occur around 6:45 p.m. The afternoon balloon rides were completely sold out, even at a price of \$225 a pop. There was an announcement that tether rides at \$25 per person were still available. Unfortunately, although the skies were clear and the tem-

peratures were comfortable at 6:45 p.m., the winds did not cooperate and the balloons could not ascend into the sky. Some balloons were temporarily inflated and held by a large amount of manpower and strong ropes. But I have memories of past balloon festivals. Some of the shapes and figures that flew through the air were so awesome that you could not believe your eyes. This year, Elvis was in the house. (*See photo at right*)



Elvis wishes everyone a safe trip home

Poet's Wednesday WOODBRIDGE - Leigh Phil-

WOODBRIDGE - Leigh Phillips, Wednesday, August 14 from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Workshop at 7 p.m. at the Barron Arts Center, 582 Rahway Ave., Woodbridge. website: www.poetswednesday.cjb.net

Comic Book Fair & Exhibition

WOODBRIDGE - Woodbridge Community Center, 600 Main Street, Woodbridge on Tuesday, September 17 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. For more info call 732-596-4103.

Police Blotter: Shooting Suspect Arrested

News Release

PERTH AMBOY - The Perth Amboy Police Department is pleased to announce the arrest of Reinaldo Perez-Rodriquez, age 25 of Harrison Place, Perth Amboy, NJ.

On Thursday, 25 July 2013 at 9:09 p.m. Police responded to multiple 9-1-1 calls for shots fired in the area of State Street and Harrison Place. Upon arrival Officers found Edwin Gonzalez, age 34 also of Harrison place, with multiple gunshot wounds to his lower extremities. The victim was transported to the Trauma Center at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital by EMS with non life threatening injuries. The victim has since been released from their care.

Perez-Rodriquez and Gonzalez got into a verbal dispute which became physical. During the physical dispute

a handgun was produced at which time Gonzalez was shot by Perez-Rodriquez in the presence of several witnesses. Perez-Rodriquez then fled the area. Due to the diligent actions of the investigating Detectives an arrest warrant was applied for and granted by Superior Court Judge James F. Hyland who set bail at \$2,000,000 with no 10% cash option for Reinaldo Perez-Rodriquez on the following charges Attempted Murder, Aggravated Assault with a Firearm, Unlawful Weapons Possession and Weapons Possession for an Unlawful Purpose.

Reinaldo Perez-Rodriguez was arrested at 2:50 p.m. on Friday, 26 July 2013.

Anyone with additional information in regards to this incident is urged to contact Detective Ralph Pineiro at 732-324-3814.

Police Blotter: Drug Arrest

News Release

PERTH AMBY - On Friday, 19 July members of the Perth Amboy Police Department's Special Investigations Bureau, Department's Detective Bureau, and the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office Narcotic Task Force set up surveillance in the parking lot area of Convery Blvd. The detectives observed narcotic activity and as a result of their investigation arrested three people: Keith Faulcon age 28 of Richmond Street, Plainfield, N.J., Robert Hayes age 26 of West 7th Street also from Plainfield, N.J., and Jonathan Chacon age 19 of West Scott Avenue, Rahway, N.J. Recovered from the investigation was (170) grams of cocaine from a 2001 Ford Explorer that was occupied by the three. Faulcon possessed \$351.00 and Hayes possessed \$138.00 which was also seized. The Ford Explorer was seized as well.

Faulcon, Hayes, and Chacon were all charged with possession of cocaine, possession of over 5 ounces of cocaine with the intent to distribute (a1st. degree crime), possession of cocaine with the intent to distribute within 1000 feet of a school zone, within 500 feet of a public park and within 500 feet of a public housing complex.

Chacon was also additionally charged with possession of 20 decks of heroin, possession of heroin with the intent to distribute, possession of heroin with the intent to distribute within 1000 feet of a school zone, within 500 feet of a public park and within 500 feet of a public housing complex. He was also charged with Obstruction of justice and resisting arrest after leading officers on a brief foot pursuit before being apprehended.

Bail for all three individuals was set at \$150,000 with no 10% option by the Honorable Judge Emery Z. Toth with the requirement of a bail source hearing. The total street value of the drugs seized is approximately \$17,000. The investigation was led by Detective Sergeant Carmelo Jimenez Jr.

"Falls" Adults and Children

WOODBRIDGE - Raritan Bay Medical Center is sponsoring a free "Falls" Adults and Children informational event on Saturday, August 10, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., at the Woodbridge Mall, 250 Woodbridge Center Drive, Woodbridge.

Diabetes Class

PERTH AMBOY - Free Diabetes 101 Class, with light dinner, at Jewish Renaissance Medical Center's community room, night of Thurs. Aug. 15 to celebrate Nat'l Health Center Week. Learn how to plan your meals in a healthful way. 6 p.m. Class in English, 7 p.m. Class in Spanish. RSVP Tracy Jordan 732-376-6638

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, August 14, at 5, 6, or 7 p.m. Newly expectant parents are invited to take the tour and learn about the maternity unit's modern comforts designed to provide a calm and relaxing birthing experience. Participants are asked to meet in the main lobby of the hospital's Perth Amboy location, 530 New Brunswick Ave. Registration required, call 1.800-DOCTORS (1-800-362-8677).

"Is Weight Loss Surgery Right For Me?"

OLD BRIDGE - Raritan Bay Medical Center is sponsoring a seminar "Is Weight Loss Surgery Right For Me?"Monday, August 12, 7p.m. to 8 p.m. at its Old Bridge location. The informative event will focus on weight loss surgery including discussion on Roux-En-Y Gastric Bypass, Adjustable Gastric Banding, and Gastric Sleeve; Dr. Seun Sowimemo will lead discussions on the concerns surrounding weight loss surgery as well as its successes. Family and friends are welcome. The meeting will be held in 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. For more information, call 1-855-TIME-4-ME (1-855-846-3463).

South Amboy Summer Concerts

SOUTH AMBOY - Free Concerts at Raritan Bay Water-front Park located at O'Leary Boulevard starting in July. Concerts will start at 6:30 p.m. and end at 8:30 p.m. Call 732-745-3936 for more information.

Summer Drive-in Movie

WOODBRIDGE - Come relive the good old days of Drive-in Movies. Bring your family and watch JAWS under the stars. Park your car and listen to the movie over the radio! Station will be given upon arrival! Woodbridge Community Center, 600 Main St., Woodbridge, Sunday, August 4th. Parking lot opens at 6 p.m. Movie starts at dusk.

Babysitter Safety Class EAST BRUNSWICK - Rari-

EAST BRUNSWICK - Raritan Bay Medical Center is offering a Babysitter Safety Class Thursday, August 15, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Raritan Valley YMCA, 144 Tices Lane, East Brunswick, NJ. This interactive class, for ages 10 to 16, focuses on first aid, household safety and the fundamentals of childcare. Cost is \$35 which includes a safety manual. Registration required, call 1-800-DOCTORS (1-800-362-8677).

Sports First Aid and Injury Prevention Class PERTH AMBOY - The Human

Motion Institute at Raritan Bay Medical Center is offering a Sports First Aid and Injury Prevention Class Sunday, August 18, 9 a.m. to 12 noon, at the Raritan Bay Area YMCA, 357 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy, NJ. The class is designed for coaches and trainers and teaches how to administer basic first aid to injured or sick athletes and also how to prevent illness and injury. The class is taught in conjunction with the Emergency Care and Safety Institute / AAOS. Additionally, a CPR / Automated External Defibrillator (AED) training for children and adults will be held 1 to 4 p.m. Cost is \$35 for either event or \$65 for both. Registration required, call 1-800-DOCTORS (1-800-362-8677).

Bodyscapes 2013

WOODBRIDGE - The Barron Arts Center presents its annual show featuring a collection of professional life model drawings by the Barron Life Drawing Group. The Barron Arts Center is located at 582 Rahway Ave., Woodbridge. For more info call 732-634-0413.

We Keep You Moving

Moving
PERTH AMBOY- The Human Motion Institute at Raritan Bay Medical Center is sponsoring a free "We Keep You Moving" Total Joint Replacement Education session Friday, August 2, 9 a.m. to 12 noon, at the medical center's Perth Amboy location, 530 New Brunswick Ave. Session will be presented by clinical specialists. Registration required, call 732-535-4746

Civil War Roundtable

WOODBRIDGE - The Robert E. Lee Civil War Roundtable of Central New Jersey will hold its next meeting at the Woodbridge Public Library On Tuesday, August 6th at 7 p.m. The guest speaker will be Wayne Motts, CEO of The National Civil War Museum in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Wayne will speak of some of the rare Civil War artifacts in the museum's collection.

Eric Da Françasco

The Art of

DeFrancesco

WOODBRIDGE - August 16 to September 1. Reception August 20 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Through painting and sculpture, Eric DeFrancesco's work strives to depict the human condition. The Barron Arts Center is located at 582 Rahway Ave., Woodbridge. For more info call 732-634-0413.

Pet First Aid

EAST BRUNSWICK - Raritan Bay Medical Center is offering a Pet First Aid Class Monday, August 5, 5 to 8 p.m. at the Raritan Valley YMCA, 144 Tices Lane, East Brunswick, NJ. Learn how to handle minor emergencies with cats and dogs, when to call poison control and when to take the dog or cat to the emergency vet. Cost is \$35. Please do not bring your pet. For more information and to register, call 1.800.DOCTORS (1-800-362-8677).

ENTERTAINMENT

Book Review: It's Raining Tonight by Eralides E. Cabrera

By: Carolyn Maxwell

The story takes place in New Jersey. The year is 2012. The two main characters are a couple from very different but similar backgrounds. It is a love story about a couple who are heading towards graduation from high school and what should be the happiest and most rewarding times of their lives is turned upside

This couple is so much alike that they share the same passion for the same sport (basketball) which is their ticket to a free education at one of the finest universities in New Jersey. They were both born on the same day and the passion that they share for the sport of basketball is only exceeded by their passion for each other.

John Russell is a smart and gifted athlete who is the product of a Jewish mother who married a gentile. Because of this, his mother was ostracized by her immediate family. Despite her family turning on her when she married she kept her maiden name of Silber. Vanessa, a young black woman who is just as smart and is as equally gifted as an athlete like John. When John and Vanessa first meet it was an immediate attraction that grew stronger each day and eventually grew into a deep love.

Their world turned upside down when John's father, Dave was let go of a job that he held for over 30 years. John's mother, Joan who I was

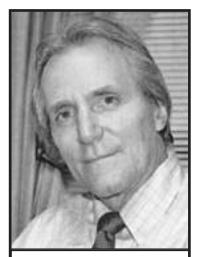
the strongest member of the family. I suspect because of what she went through when her family disowned her. Dave Russell was the type of man who never wanted his wife to work and could not accept the fact that she may need to do so to help out for the partial loss of his income to sustain their way of living.

The Russell's knew that their son was infatuated with this new girl and the first time that Joan Silber met the object of her son's affection, she was moved by Vanessa's beauty and how smart Vanessa was, but that was not enough for Joan. Joan only thought about the hardship her son would have by getting involved with someone from a different ethnic background.

One would have thought that Joan would have been pleased that John was so happy to find someone who had the same ideals, was smart, talented and brought such joy into his life. John had to assume the responsibility of growing up very quickly after an unforeseen and unfortunate incident.

Throughout the story which took place over a few months time what was the presence of a steady rain. Maybe this backdrop was a clue that this couple would endure hard times, but at the end would conquer all the obstacles thrown in their path.

Vanessa's passion for John causes her to go into a place that a young woman should



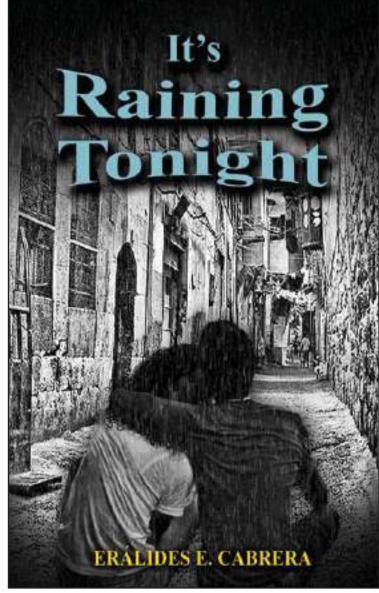
Eralides E. Cabrerra

About the Author: Mr. Cabrera is an Attorney in New Jersey and is a graduate of Brooklyn Law School. He specializes in fictional love and dramatic stories. Courtesy copies are available and at his law office in Perth Ambov.

never have to experience. Fortunately for Vanessa, her mother, Evelyn is very protective of her. Evelyn understands Vanessa's strong connection to John and the need for him to be in her daughter's life.

Of all of the characters in the story, Evelyn is the one who turned out to be the strongest and most sensitive. She can be a lesson to us all that when there is love that is strong between two people no one and nothing can stand in their way.

John and Vanessa eventually marry but unfortunately only two people are present to see them do so before a judge.



That is John's best friend from school and Vanessa's mother.

I have talked to the author, Mr. Cabrera about perhaps doing follow-ups on certain characters in his books. The women in his books always seem stronger than the men. In this book, "It's Raining Tonight" I was hoping that Vanessa's character would be a little stronger and I was taken aback by an incident that happened to her. I would love to have Mr. Cabrera do a follow-up on John and Vanessa's love story and have it take place on their ten year anniversary to see if the glue that held him together is still strong.

book to be read by those who may be in a similar situation,

Love comes naturally,

but I would caution those reading the book not to take a drastic measure as Vanessa did. You'll have to read the book to see what I mean. For what Vanessa did was not the way to go, and you may not have a mother like she had to prevent a tragedy.

John and Vanessa gave up a wonderful opportunity which I thought undermined their success. But I am not the author of this story. I would be curious to see if others feel the way that I do. Mr. Cabrera has told me in the past that he never revisits his characters. I'm hoping that he takes my suggestion and breaks his rule and I would recommend this does a follow up on John and Vanessa's story.

Garden Guru

Brine for Barrel Tomatoes and Pickles

(I prefer green Early Girl tomatoes) Ingredients:

2 gallons of spring water

pint of vinegar

1 small jar of pickling spice

2 cups of pickling salt or kosher salt

15 cloves of garlic-you have the option on how many garlic cloves you use.

Note: I use a 5-gallon ceramic crock but you can use a clean, 5gallon plastic bucket.

Leave the brine in the crock or plastic bucket for twenty-four hours (do not heat brine).

After twenty-four hours, pack your jars with the tomatoes or pickles. Pour the brine into the jars and put the jars into the refrigerator. It will be ready to eat in three days.

Note: Tomatoes are cut into wedges and pickles are cut in half or whole with one end cut off.

(Use only Kirby pickles.)

Between the Rain Drops

It is not forced, it is found. Between the rain drops they walk hand in hand. Loving each other despite being rejected. Oblivious to the tumultuous storm that has been Prognosticated for them. Their love was born walking Between the rain drops.

Dioris Luis Arlequin, 2012

Vendors Wanted

WOODBRIDGE - Outside Flea Market Saturday 8/17/13 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (8/18/13 Rain Date) Sponsored by Access Self Storage, 135 Amboy Ave., Woodbridge to benefit homeless animals. \$10 donation for each 10 x 10 space. (Tables not provided). Contact Judy after 5 p.m. 732-850-2184. Music, refreshments, hourly prize drawings plus special vendor door prize. All proceeds donated to Woodbridge Animal Shelter Volunteers.

Mayor's Summer

Concert Series
WOODBRIDGE - Enjoy
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weather hotline at 732-6026045. Monday, August 5 B
Street Band: a Springsteen

Tribute.

Bingo and Auction

PERTH AMBOY - 1st Wednesday's of the Month - Community Breakfast & Bingo 2nd Floor Dayroom - 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. at Alameda Center. 303 Elm Street, Perth Amboy. 3rd Wednesdays of Month - Community Auction & Snacks. 2nd Floor Dayroom - 2:00pm. Both events are open to the public. For more info call 732-442-9540. Please RSVP to Amy or Gladys at ext. 7733.

Fun Times at Perth Amboy

High!PERTH AMBOY - Perth Amboy High School All Alumni Picnic Saturday, August 10 from 12 Noon to 6 p.m. William Warren park, Woodbridge. A fun time for all classmates to share their stories of growing up in Perth Amboy from the past to the present! Bring your photos for everyone to enjoy! Call your class presidents and classmates & get your tickets! (hurry- limited to 300 people). Accepting donations for local food pantry. (non perishables or cash donations) Contact: Donna 732-535-2677 or Kyle 732-439-3145 for ticket information

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Fundraising BBO

SAYREVILLE - The Sayreville United Methodist Church at 406 Main Street, Sayreville will be having a fundraising barbecue on Saturday, August 17 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The cost is Adults: \$10, Seniors/ Students: \$8, Children under 12: \$5. The dinner includes Choice of Chicken or Hamburgers or Hot Dogs plus Salad, Corn on the Cob, Beverage and Dessert. In support of our fundraising efforts, there will be a Silent Auction. BBQ Ribs and additional Baked Goods will be available for purchase. For questions or additional tickets, please contact Winsome Melvin at (732)432-

Plays in the Park

EDISON - Xanadu, Wednesday, Aug. 7 through Saturday, Aug 17. No Sundays - 8:30 p.m. Adults - \$7, Senior Citizens - \$5, Children 12 and Under Free. Plays-in-the-Park is located 1 block south of the Menlo Park Mall off of Route 1, in Edison, N.J. The turn off is called Grandview Avenue. At the top of the short hill make your first right on to Pine Drive and the Park Rangers will guide you to a parking spot. Fax:732-548-1484 • Phone: 732-548-2884. Please bring a non-perishable food item to benefit less fortunate residents through M.C.C.F.O.O.D.S. This program is funded in part by the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders, the Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission with assistance thru a grant provided by New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Dept of State.

Senior Scene

Happenings

Perth Amboy

WED. Jul. 31 Simpson Seniors, 10 a.m., Williamson Hall High S

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. URS, Aug. 1 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m.

THURS. Aug. 1 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.

MON. Aug. 5 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m.,

Fellowship Hall, Commerce St. TUES. Aug. 6 Holy Spirit Seniors, 12:30 p.m.,

Church Hall, Brace Ave.
Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m.,

Presbyterian Center, Market St. WED. Aug. 7 Simpson Seniors, 10 a.m.,

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

• St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.

Holy Trinity Seniors, 1 p.m., Church Hall, Lawrie & Johnstone St.

South Amboy

MON. Aug. 5 St. Mary's Seniors, noon,

Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.

WED. Aug. 14 South Amboy Seniors, noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.

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Knitting Circle

SOUTH AMBOY - There will be a Knitting Circle on the first and third Tuesday each month at 6 p.m. at the Dowdell Library, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. For more info call 732-72 1-6060.

Flea Market

SAYREVILLE - The Ladies Auxiliary of Sayreville #4699 of Jernee Mills Road is having a Flea Market on August 24 at 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. for \$15 a space. There is a rain date on August 25 at 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. This flea market is to help find a cure for Cancer and to help aid our members and veterans in our community. For more information or to reserve a space please call Lorraine Rock at 609-448-2587.

Woodbridge Wednesdays

WOODBRIDGE -Great Music "Under the Stars' or "On the Lawn". Bring out your lawn chair and relax with live music every Wednesday. Showtime at 7:30 at Parker Press Park. FREE ADMIS-SION with a donation of a non-perishable food item for "We Feed Woodbridge Food Bank." Visit the Woodbridge Farmer's Market Jersey Fresh Produce, Baked Goods, BBO, Beer & Wine Garden from 3 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Parker Press Park, Rahway Avenue and Main Street. Free parking at NJT Parking Lot. For Inclement weather call the hotline at 732-602-6045. July 31 Tall Heights & The Spring Standards will perform. August 7 the Heritage Blues will perform.

LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY - Grace Lutheran Church on Jefferson Street circa early 1900's. (now a parking lot next to the post office).

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Kid's Movie

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St. Mary's Class of '58 Reunion

PERTH AMBOY - St. Mary's High School, Perth Amboy, class of '58, is holding its 55th reunion on Sept. 14th 2013 at the Forge Inn, Rt. 9 North, Woodbridge, N.J. cost \$70 per person contact: justtroub@ aol.com for more info.

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PASOS

PERTH AMBOY - A new Athletic and Educational program has come to Perth Amboy. PASOS will offer athletic training and participation in a variety of sports (i.e., volleyball (indoor and outdoor), basketball and indoor soccer). Additionally it will also become a center for martial arts instruction AND dance (ballet, hip hop, et al). This venture was created by Francisco Casado, former Head Volleyball Coach at Georgian Court University and New Jersey's most successful college volleyball Coach. This organization has already constructed three new volleyball courts on the Perth Amboy Waterfront Beach, and has indoor facilities across Sadowski Parkway in the Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church Gymnasium building. Although a number of programs have already begun, on Saturday, July 13, PA-SOS will hold its official Open House and hopes that you will be there to celebrate this new venture with us.

Novena To St. Rita

O holy protectress of those who art in greatest need, thou who shineth as a star of hope in the midst of darkness, blessed Saint Rita, bright mirror of God's grace, in patience and fortitude thou art a model of all the states in life. I unite my will with the will of God through the merits of my Savior Jesus Christ, and in particular through his patient wearing of the crown of thorns, which with tender devotion thou didst daily contemplate. Through the merits of the holy Virgin Mary and thine own graces and virtues, I ask thee to obtain my earnest petition, provided it be for the greater glory of God and my own sanctification. Guide and purify my intention, O holy protectress and advocate, so that I may obtain the pardon of all my sins and the grace to persevere daily, as thou didst in walking with courage, generosity, and fidelity down the path of life. (Mention your request.)

Saint Rita, advocate of the impossible, pray for us.

Saint Rita, advocate of the helpless, pray for us.

Recite the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be three times each. K.M. & C.M.

Antique & Classic Car Show and Flea Market

SOUTH AMBOY - Independence Fire House, 140 North Broadway, South Amboy presents the Antique & Classic Car Show and Flea Market. Vans, Race Cars, 4x4's & Bikes welcome! Sunday, August 4, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Rain Date: Sunday August 11. 50's Music By Jukebox Jimmy. BJacktop Parking, Sponsor Award Tropbtes, Chiers Trophy, No Judging of Vehicles, Mayor's Trophy, Fans Choice of Trophies. *Due to the economy we are lowering our price to \$5 for early registrants!!* Advanced Entry Fee \$5 per Vehicle I Day of Show Entry \$15 Pre-Registration Deadline: July 31. Bud & Bud Light Cups \$1 for Vehicle Entrants ALL DAY! - Provided By The Landmark Tavern. WANTED Vendors / Craft Vendors, Early Entry \$20, Day of Show Entry \$25. Come Watch Our Irish Dancers. For More Information call Mike at (908)930-3497 or email MTOTH1@ OPTONLINE.NET

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