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Going, Going, Gone? *Doctrine of Necessity Invoked;* *Will Caffrey's Third Strike Really Be an Out?*

PERTH AMBOY - One by one, the Board of Education members were polled. (Member Maria Garcia was absent). It was unanimous. The Board Members wanted Superintendent Janine Walker-Caffrey suspended. She would be placed on paid suspension.

The announcement was made after the Board returned from an executive closed session held at a special meeting on Wednesday, October 2, 2013. Those in attendance were very pleased with the decision and voiced their approval with loud applause.

Although the special meeting was well attended, there were those who criticized the short notification and that an agenda was not available.

There was a single sheet handed out to the audience listing the order of the meeting.

Board Attorney Phil Stern conducted the meeting in place of Board Secretary Derek Jess who was absent.

Stern read a statement letting the public know that the meeting was properly publicized.

Board President Mark Carvajal called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. and after the roll call and the pledge of allegiance the meeting was open to the public.

Following are statements made by the public that the Board Members had to ponder before they went into closed session.

One by one, many members of the audience not only spoke of their displeasure with Caffrey, but also let some of the Board of Education Members know they were not pleased with them and why.

Resident Mel Knight said, "Two regular meetings that had important items on the agenda were canceled, but the Board saw fit to hold a special meeting. I looked on the website and there's not even an

agenda for this meeting. This doesn't make any sense."

Student Stephanie Rodriguez who has spoken out against Caffrey at other meetings described her injuries which makes it necessary for her to use a wheelchair or walker. She said that before becoming disabled she was very athletic and involved in many school activities. She is enrolled in the Gifted and Talented Student Program. "Because of my disability I've had to modify my diet. (To lessen the number of times necessary to use the restroom) My wish is to attend Cranford High School to enroll in their Honors Program and have the Perth Amboy schools to pay for it."

Resident Linda Cruz said she saw an article quoting Dr. Caffrey as calling my town (Perth Amboy) a Crazy Town." Cruz continued, "There are people sitting at home collecting a salary. Test grades are declining because of you. (Referring to Caffrey) You are throwing away a lot of money. Administrators should be doing the budgets and if they can't, they shouldn't be doing it. In my 38 years when I was employed in the school system I have never seen such discourse. This is despicable. For you to stay here and not do anything - now that's crazy!"

Businessman Eddie Trujillo said, "I don't live in Perth Amboy and I am not here to bash Dr. Caffrey. My first time coming to a meeting was in June, but then I would read in the papers about your suspensions. I contacted Stephanie Rodriguez's father and I decided to spend some time with her. (Over 10 hours) And I must say she is much brighter than I am. If she were my daughter, she would not be treated this way. I am a product of the school system. Then I read about you (Caffrey) fighting about the graduation



Stephanie Rodriguez & Michael George

time and the Honors Program (Referring to Caffrey). Then I saw what you said in the newspapers and then you put down the town. That was the last straw. Now you have a problem because the whole town is against you. I am just asking you to consider leaving here on good terms."

Resident Linda Ferria told Caffrey, "You called us crazy and uncivilized." Addressing Board President Mark Carvajal, she told him, "You were called out. Nothing is being heard from the students and parents. You Board Members who are following Caffrey need to get out. You know who you are. You should stop listening to blind eyes."

Anthony Bermudez said, "My fight with Caffrey started in May. This lady is tearing the community apart. We became aware of other atrocities committed by this woman. If I were Mayor I would be making phone calls. The truth is she (Caffrey) controls the majority of the Board. She is a dictator and uses the media to make herself look good. She exiles people who don't agree with her. Well, last week the Seniors took a vote and decided that the 2014 High School Graduation will be held at 6 p.m. We've seen a lot of damage done to this district and we

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Documentary Honoring the Borinqueneers *All Puerto Rican 65th Infantry Regiment*



PERTH AMBOY - Photo (top) Veterans who served in the 65th Regiment are pictured with Producer, Noemi Figueroa Soulet and Mayor Diaz. Moderator Photo (middle) Award Winning PBS Anchor Steve Aduabato held a question and answer session with Veterans of the 65th Infantry and Gilberto Villahermosa, Colonel U.S. Army (Retired) who authored a book titled *Honor and Fidelity: The 65th Infantry in Korea*. Villahermosa was the on camera Historian for the Borinqueneers;



rounding out the panel is Noemi Figueroa Soulet, Producer of the documentary: *The Borinqueneers*.

Photo (bottom left) The 6 Angueira Brothers who served with the 65th infantry during WWII. Photo (bottom right) Freeholders Blanquita Valenti (L) and Ron Rios (R) give producer Noemi Figueroa Soulet a proclamation.

The documentary depicted the heroics of the Borinqueneers who served in the only

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Board of Education

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need to take this district back.

Alan Silber agreed with the speaker who didn't understand why this special meeting was taking place. "There is no agenda. You just can't say we have to go into an executive session. There is no need for it. The Superintendent goes to the newspapers and talks about everything in public. There was a school employee that hasn't been here that long and he sat out 15 months and got paid. Caffrey puts out stories thinking we wouldn't read them. I wish the Superintendent would just go away. We should take a cue when Mr. Trujillo comes up to speak and it has nothing to do with money. Everything was not fine before Caffrey came; we needed some reform but we are not getting the reforms needed with this Superintendent."

A business owner said that a lot of teenagers were coming into his store to ask for a job. "I see a lot of conflicts going on in the school system with no solutions and no sense of directions by students. They are just waiting to turn 16 to drop out of school. There are too many teen pregnancies. Let's cut the crap and come together."

Resident Michael George first addressed the Board Members, "Your loyalty and responsibility should be to the parents, students and the community - not the politicians. You should tell them - You do your job and we'll do ours," George continued, "I'm embarrassed to be here. I worked in the district for 36 years. I don't see a curriculum or an Assistant Superintendent. Superintendent Caffrey - I'm not afraid of you! I've had a lot of people that are here as students." George's last statement was directed towards Caffrey, "Don't let the door hit your a** on the way out," drew loud applause and a standing ovation from the audience.

One of the teachers complained that Caffrey destroyed her bilingual program and encouraged other school employees not to let the last two years make you leave your job.

Former Board of Education President Sam Lebreault who is seeking a Board of Education Seat said that, "I am very upset. Our Assistant Superintendent is not here because she said, "yes" when she was supposed to, then she was relegated to the basement. Superintendent Caffrey has dismantled all the good programs. She has created chaos amongst the parents, created campuses, bullied people and shot down Daycare 100. She

has maligned the former and current Board on TV, radio, Facebook and other medias. Now people are fighting back. Place her on leave before she causes more damage and the State takes over."

A parent, Ms. Middleton who has a daughter in the Charter School pointed to Stephanie Rodriguez as she spoke. She wondered why more people were not outraged about handicapped students not being accommodated. "It's not just Caffrey. I also hold the Board Members responsible, too. We have to come together. There was a problem and that's why we hired her. (Caffrey) Now, we find that she is not the solution."

Junior Iglesia who ran for the Board of Education in 2012 said that he was surprised and happy to see many parents and leaders here tonight. "I would encourage more to come here so we can make it even better." Iglesia was also concerned about the cancellation of one of the regular September meeting because of the after school programs on the agenda. "It placed the school district in jeopardy of losing \$500,000 of funding," He said that he heard the Board Members voted online on this matter, "And I wonder if that is illegal."

Board Attorney Stern made it quite clear that none of the Board Members can vote by telephone on the agenda items. "The Board can only act retroactively on this."

Some of the students wanted their feelings known. One young lady who spoke mostly in Spanish (The student representative translated for the audience). "We, the Spanish students want to learn. I'm here to speak for myself and for my brother. The Honor's Class is very important to us. It gives us the classes we need. We are not asking for much and we are succeeding in those Honor's classes."

Another High School Student stated, "I love the High School and my teachers. But I am disappointed in the administration. My Dad could not be here because he is working to pay taxes which pay your salaries." She was applauded after she made that comment.

The Student Representative who sits in front with the Board Members said, "I'm tired of all this. I'm thinking about the Freshmen Students. We are united, now. People are coming out for us. Teachers are afraid to speak out and it's embarrassing. We have a lot of issues. We should not have to be talking about this. I'm talking about a future for all of us. (The students) Even those who

have not been conceived."

Board Attorney Phil Stern explained that the Doctrine of Necessity had to be invoked because of the following. Some Board Members have family employed in the school system and others have ethnic charges brought against them by Caffrey.

Before Board Member William Ortiz voted he said that regular meetings should never be cancelled and at one of those canceled Board Meetings some teachers were supposed to be honored. He also defended the Stem Program.

Board Member Anton Masopust said there were 4 items that he based his decision on: 1.) Dismantling of the Honors Class 2.) The graduation time change 3.) The school calendar 4.) Being thrown out of a meeting.

There was a motion passed for Board President Mark Carvajal to conduct a search for an acting Superintendent.

Caffrey in her defense said, "This meeting was all about politics. The Board has failed the teachers, the children and the community. There is a October 16th pre-hearing conference which will be held in the office of administrative law." This is in reference to ethnics charges against she brought against Board Members Varela and Tejada. Caffrey continued, "The needs of the children have been set aside."

Carvajal said, "This is a sad day. No one wins. Everyone up here is to blame. We need to start anew, we have a great district and we need a time to heal."

County Freeholder
Stephen "Pete"
Dalina



Stephen "Pete" Dalina
Died October 3, 2013

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EDITORIAL

They Are Deserving!



I was listening to the Curtis Sliwa radio program last week and he had Steve Adubato as a guest. The discussion turned to the documentary about the Borinqueneers. Adubato said there would be screening shown in Perth Amboy at the High School. Adubato will be hosting a panel discussion afterwards.

Sliwa said the documentary should be required to be shown in all the school systems: public and parochial.

I wholeheartedly agree with that statement. The Borique-neers were an all Hispanic seg-regated Unit in the U.S. Army. What was the most impres-sive about this 65th Infantry Regiment was their loyalty to America. This was in spite the harsh treatment they received while enlisted.

There is a lesson that can be learned from their experienc-es. There are people who are born in America that are not as loyal to this country as the Borniqueneers were.

The tiny island of Puerto Rico suffered a great loss when many of the soldiers that came from there were killed. At one time one in every four fatality was a soldier from Puerto Rico.

The 65th Regiment were one of the first units to go into Ko-rea. The Borinqueneers played a major part in 9 campaigns. They served 60 more days than other troops. General Douglas MacArthur paid trib-ute to them and said he wished he had more troops like them.

Most were wounded 2 or 3 times. When the 7th Infantry was trapped by the Chinese, it was the 65th Regiment that cleared a path for the 7th to withdraw.

The 65th Regiment did not re-ceive the Medal of Honor, but that did not deter them. It just made them prove themselves even more.

During the panel discussion after the screening, producer Noemi Soulet and Colonel Gilberto Villahermosa said the men of the 65th Regiment that they interviewed had one thing in common - they were proud to serve and they want to make Puerto Rico and America proud. They were proud to be Americans and would do it all over again despite the discrim-ination.

I've only hit the tip of the iceberg of what was said in the documentary. There is so much more that was said and I encourage all to buy a copy of the DVD.

The journey is not complete for the Veterans who served in the 65th Infantry Regiment. There are 2 bills that need to be pushed for these Veterans to receive a well deserved Congressional Gold Medal. If anyone deserves this, it is this unit.

We would like to thank PRAHD (Puerto Rican As-sociation of Human Develop-ment) for sponsoring this free screening. For more info visit: www.Borinqueneers.com
Carolyn Maxwell

Obamacare
Yes or No?

Obamacare Yes or No ? or delay it for now. Those politi-cians on Capitol Hill have to decide what's good for Amer-ica. I love when those Demo-crats and Republicans act like little kids when it comes for our concerns. For me, Wash-ington D.C. is just a play-ground for the politicians to play in the sandbox. And the lobbyist brings in the cold cash

My 5 Cents

As a young child growing up during the depression days in the 1930's there was no jobs, no unemployment, banks crashed, people losing their homes and money they had in the bank. I remember people saying how people jumped off the Victory Bridge on Friday as I sat and listened to the dif-ferent speakers I remembered living on the dead end off Cor-nell St. Mr. Otlowski was a young college student dressed in a white shirt, sleeves rolled up typing on his typewriter which stood on top of a stand with a wood top, metal legs and a small typewriter on top of this stand. I would run small

for let's make a deal. When are those people we voted for are going to grow up and face this country's problem like: unem-employment, creating jobs, and controlling the cost of health-care. Over the years it has been the same sad story from them and they act like they don't care. Why is America up for sale? It's so funny when it comes to election time when they act like they care about this and that. And then they cry for your vote like a kid wants a

new toy. Now who really runs this country? The taxpayers or the President? Congress? Or the super rich behind closed doors. Yes, this is a great country but it's getting to the point where we are sick and helpless watching those politi-cians abusing us for their own gain. So where do we stand as of now? Just watch everything go to hell.

Orlando "Wildman" Perez

errands for Mr. Otlowski. He would sit on the porch across the street at a friend's house.

One day he called on me to go to the grocery store and buy him a loaf of bread, milk and 3 Cents baloney. When I de-livered the groceries, he hand-ed me a silver coin. I came home and gave it to my mom. She told me it was money (5 Cents) That night when she came home from the store for the five cents she bought pork chops. We did not know what pork chops were because we have chicken and rabbit meat and a lot of soups from the vegetables grown in the gar-den. I remember we always had a 50 lb bag of potatoes. Mom made homemade bread

with sweet butter. Teh western end of Hall Avenue was called Chickentown.

When I saw Mr. Otlowski sitting a few days later, I told Mom and she sent me over to thank him that the coin was put to good use. He had no answer for me but a beautiful smile. Even as a young man, he was kind until his older age when he left office, he left with a clean slate. Even today, no comments of him were made. He not only helped us, but a lot of poor people, especially my family. We were on relife. Today it is called welfare. Thank you Mr. Otlowski

May you rest in peace.
Helen Leonard

History
Repeats Itself

I used to be skeptical of the saying "History repeats itself." However when I think of the present international situation regarding the Middle East and compare it to the late 1930's in Europe I am not so sure!

Seventy-five years ago when I delivered the Perth Amboy Evening News on Elizabeth Street and lower Hall Avenue I read the headlines. By the way at 3 Cents per copy it was better than the local daily newspaper at a buck per copy. The headlines and photos on

the front page showed Brit-ish Prime Minister Chamber-lain waving a sheet of paper and proclaiming " Peace in our time!" This was also big news on the newsreels at the Roky Theater, fondly known as the Garlic House. A deal was reached wherein territo-ries with predominant German populations were given to Hit-ler to appease his demands. A year later World War II Broke out with Hitler invading Po-land. So much for appease-ment!

Today President Hassan Rou-hani of Iran is the modern ver-sion of Hitler! He is the wolf

in sheep's clothing. President Obama is an echo of Prime Minister Chamberlain trying to make a deal with Rouhani. And the Prime Minister of Israel is the modern Winston Churchill who had Hitler's number from the beginning. As has Netanyahu who has the courage to speak out as did Churchill! Iran is going full blast in developing nuclear weapons. These dictators just cannot be trusted! We hope and pray that history does not repeat as in 1939! The conse-quences could be far worse!

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Councilman Gonzalez
And Candidate Benny
Salerno Split From
Board President Mark
Carvajal

News Release 10/6/13
PERTH AMBOY – Both Perth Amboy City Council-man Kenneth Gonzalez and Board of Education Candidate Benjamin Salerno regrettably announce today that they are discontinuing their public sup-port of the re-election bid of School Board President Mark Carvajal. "I believe that Mr. Carvajal has led the Board during some tumultuous times this past year. I further rec-ognize that he handled with

great sensitivity the placing of Superintendent Caffrey on administrative leave which on balance appears to have been a sad necessity inasmuch as Dr. Caffrey had become a light-nig rod of issues. Clearly, the Board was repeatedly placed in an untenable posi-tion of trying to contend with Dr. Caffrey's often unpopu-lar decisions. However, for unrelated personal reasons, I must regrettably withdraw my further support of Mr. Carva-jal. Additionally, I am effec-tive immediately resigning as his Campaign Manager. I am however going to continue to advocate and support the elec-tion of local Police Officer

and Democratic Committee-man Benjamin Salerno who I believe will be an excellent Board member if elected by the voters in November." said Gonzalez.

"I wish Mr. Carvajal the best in his personal endeavors but I believe that the time has come to part ways with him. I will continue to ask the public to vote for me on Tuesday, No-vember 5th. As a parent with children in the school district I believe that I will be able to help bring the focus of the Board back to the students of Perth Amboy rather than the infighting that has dominat-ed so much of the District's time." Said Salerno.



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Community Calendar

Perth Amboy

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City Hall, High St.

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PERTH AMBOY – Family Magic Show with a message Featuring Ken Northridge. Saturday October 19, 4 p.m. Hungarian Reformed Church Center, 347 Kirkland Place (Corner of Kirkland Place and Fayette Street). NO ADMISSION FEE - Doves-Music-Audience Participation fun for the young and young at heart. For more info call Pat: 732-442-0224.

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For further info and reservations, call Nancy Berry at 732-727-1935 or email the school at: goldenrulegcc@aol.com

Coffee Break, Perth Amboy - 9/28&29/13

**Photos by Katherine Massopust*



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The Bornique-neers

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all Hispanic segregated unit in U.S. Army history. The documentary honors the Veterans who served in the 65th regiment during the Korean War.

The documentary depicts the how this regiment was mis-treated while serving in the U.S. Army, but in spite of this they persevered. It also honors those who recognized the accomplishments of the 65th Regiment and attempted to right those wrongs.

The 65th Regiment was so disciplined that when the army pitted them against their best units during a training session, the 65th Regiment made the army's best look like monkeys. (According to one of the participants in the film)

Some of the members of the 65th Regiment were unjustly court-martialed during one of the Korean War Missions. The sentences ranged from 6 months to 18 years. Fortunately, these sentences were overturned for the most part and they were released for time served (6 months).

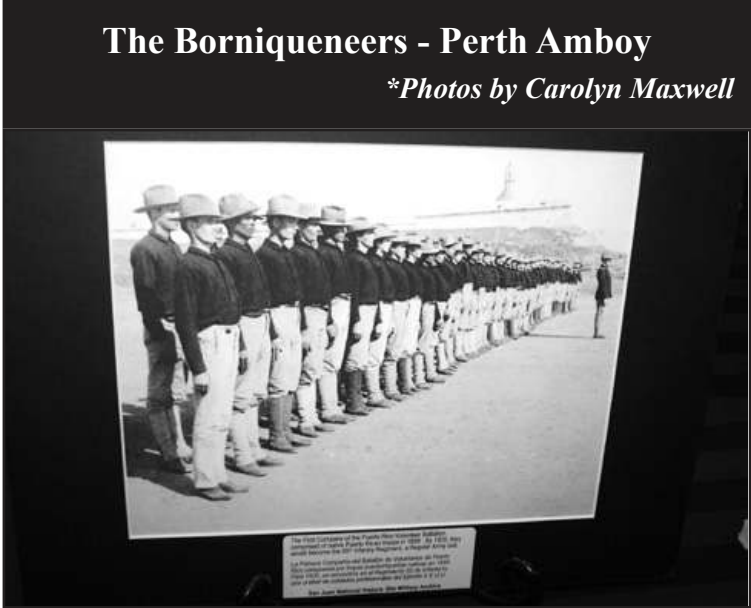
Under unbearable conditions and in spite of being discriminated against, the Borinque-neers were proud to fight as Americans although they did not have the right to vote in the U.S. elections at the time.

Many of the heroic acts they performed would have automatically made them eligible to receive the highest military honors if they were not Hispanic.

There are currently petitions available for the 65th Infantry Regiment Veterans to be awarded the Congressional Gold Medal. The House of Representatives Bill is No. 1726 and the Senate Bill is No. 1174. Time is of the essence. For more information contact your local Representatives.

The unit was involved in 9 major campaigns. They received 10 Distinguished Service Crosses, over 250 Silver Stars, over 620 Bronze Stars and over 2700 Purple Hearts.

Steve Adubato said that, "We are filming the Perth Amboy screening to be shown on a follow-up show on PBS."



The First Puerto Rican Volunteer Battalion in 1899 which eventually became the Borniqueeners in the 1920's



The Borinqueeners pose for a photo



Sen. Joe Viatale, Asm. Craig Coughlin, Attorney Ron Spevak with Borniqueener from Perth Amboy, Ervin Machado (2nd R) and Councilman Kenneth Gonzalez



At Terrazza Restaurant Politicians, Community Leaders and Producer Noemi Soulet praised the Borniqueeners and urged passage of the Bill to award the Congressional Gold Medal to the Veterans of the 65th Regiment



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Contact person: Shirley Soos Smoyak, h. 732-548-3473; work. 848-932-4727, email: Smoyak@docs.rutgers.edu



Class of 1972 Reunion

PERTH AMBOY – Perth Amboy High School's Class of 1972 will hold its 40th Reunion on Saturday, Oct. 12, at Seabra's Armory, Front Street, from 7:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Cost is \$60 per person, which includes DJ, Deluxe Buffet and Open Bar all night. For more information, call (848) 250-1982 or email t14160@gmail.com.

Seniors Harvest Fest

PERTH AMBOY – Join the Perth Amboy Office on Aging & Parkview Senior Apartments together with AR EX Pharmacy for a Harvest Celebration on Wednesday, October 23rd from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Parkview Apartments, 618 New Brunswick Ave. (Rear Parking Lot). There will be health screenings including blood pressure/

glucose & vision, flu shots, pumpkin painting, harvest games, arts & crafts, and give-a-ways and a pumpkin pie bake-off contest. Pre-Registration is required for the Bake-off! Lunch will be provided. Event is FREE! Please RSVP by Friday, October 18th. Contact the Office on Aging at 732-826-1690 ext. 4307 & 4326.

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Mother Goose

SOUTH AMBOY - Mother Goose at 3:30 p.m. Thursdays in October at the Dowdell Library of South Amboy, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. For more info call 732-72 1-6060.

Friends of the Library

PERTH AMBOY - The Friends of the Perth Amboy Free Public Library will be having an open meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 6 at 7 p.m. The Speaker will be Chief Literacy Officer, Perth Amboy Schools, Daimon Medina.

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Public Attends Discussion to Help Guide Plans to Strengthen the Community



A resident looks at the suggestions to help Perth Amboy
*Photos by Katherine Massopust

By: Katherine Massopust
PERTH AMBOY — On Wednesday, September 25, 2013 there was an intense meeting open to the public at the Jankowski Community Center, One Olive St., Perth Amboy. Residents of many parts of Perth Amboy ages early teens to late nineties attended. The public was asked to give a no holds barred approach on the issues of what Perth Amboy needs to improve.

Seven organizations were present: 1.) The N.E.A. (National Endowment for The Arts). Perth Amboy received an Arts & Cultural grant to improve arts in the City. 2.) Together North Jersey – from New Jersey Transit which will concentrate on making Perth Amboy’s Train Station handicapped accessible. 3.) An A.P.A. planning project. 4.) Wells Fargo partnering with the Jewish Renaissance Foundation in a neighborhood revitalization project. 6.) N.C.I.A. – A Brownfield Development Company which is working on a project to revitalize and develop the six to eight acre area of Second Street behind Wilentz School near the Waterfront. 7.) A Rutgers University Graduate Project helping the people of Perth Amboy by prioritizing their needs.

The focus of the meeting was to bring a lot of attention on the Federal, State and Local level. “It’s the only way to make things happen is to get together,” Annie Hindenlang, Senior Planner, Office of Economic and Community Development, the City of Perth Amboy who coordinated this meeting stated.

Some of the issues residents were asked to address are: what businesses they want to see open up in Perth Amboy, along with what services are



Mayor Diaz, Annie Hindenlang

needed, the redevelopment of brownfields, etc. The public held nothing back when discussing their needs and the needs of the City. People were asked to provide suggestions (anything that they felt improved Perth Amboy) of recreational, educational, financial, quality of life needs, etc. Nothing was left off the table.

Resident Noelle Zaleski who attended the meeting with her son, Matthew stated, “Anything to better and beautify our City and better the quality of life.”

Perth Amboy Mayor Wilda Diaz was pleased to see so many young people at the meeting, “This is their City in the future. I want their input.”

Caroline Pozyski, cofounder of the Citizen’s Campaign who also attended the meeting stated, “It’s engaging in people in the process of revitalizing their town. It requires a willingness to keep an open process, giving encouragement to the participants and residents to contribute their ideas. This is the way you make things happen. If we all work together we will see some positive changes.”

This is the first in a series of meetings to improve Perth Amboy. The next meeting time and location is TBA.

How The News Media Changes History

By: Vilma Novak
PERTH AMBOY - What is the most powerful force in society? More powerful than the president or congress? It’s the news media according to Charles Wiley, international speaker and journalist who was Kearny Cottage Historical Association’s guest speaker on Sunday, September 29. Why is the media such a powerful force? It’s because news media decides what you think about, talk about and which problems will be addressed. When news media decides to spotlight a problem that’s when politicians address it.

How does this happen? There are two kinds of journalism, objective journalism that reports the news in order to inform, they gather news and give you both sides of the story they keep their opinion out of the mix. Then there is advocacy journalism designed to influence you. There are huge numbers of advocacy journalists particularly when you go up the ladder. The way they influence is not to lie but to not report the whole story, they change the story by leaving things out. For instance, the coverage of the home front during the Viet Nam War was distorted in that way.

There were three things the advocacy journalists wanted you to think:

- The people turned their backs on the troops.
- Antiwar demonstrations were common everywhere in the country.
- There was no parade to welcome the troops home.

Ask yourself, did you know of anyone who, or did you, disrespect the troops? There were small cliques carrying the enemy flag but that there was widespread disrespect shown to the troops was utter nonsense however prevalently reported, some of it was even believed by the troops.

When the troops returned from Viet Nam they came back in small groups on commercial flights to a few airports particularly Los Angeles, San Francisco or Washington/Tacoma where there were some protestors carrying signs and harassing them. They were mostly the same people at each location though it was reported as being widespread. The news media exaggerated this by giving these groups a lot of attention.

The anti-troop mentality was the overarching message though the largest demonstrations were in favor of the troops. The third largest parade in America was held in support of the troops it lasted eight hours and fifty minutes;

a quarter million people were in attendance. It was held on May 13, 1967 on 5th Avenue in New York City. Carpenters Unions, Fire Fighters, Iron Workers, Teamsters were all out to support the troops. The impetus of this was that a few weeks earlier someone burnt the American flag and people started the movement to resist the anti-troop anti- American mentality. This wasn’t covered by the news media. At that time there was three networks and not one covered this parade and they neglected to cover parade after parade they just didn’t write the whole story.

In October of 1967 there was a March on Washington which was planned for months, where the organizers wanted to exorcize and levitate the Pentagon. During the same weekend, as a part of Operation Gratitude, there were demonstrations all across the country in support of the troops. From Hawaii, Alaska to Puerto Rico 75 cities across the nation had demonstrations supporting the troops, there were five separate parades, the longest parade in the history of New Jersey was held in Newark. There was a vigil in the Battery area of New York City. Most of the vehicles on the roads had their lights on and displayed American flags in support of the troops.

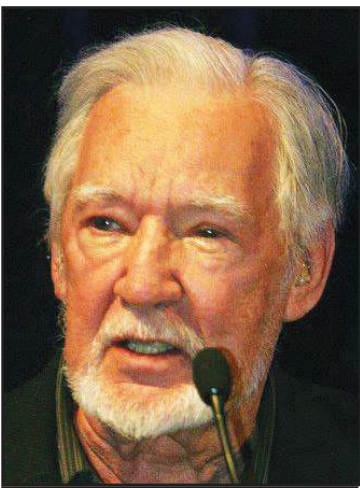
What was the coverage like? Newsweek had two pages with six pictures and two sentences about Operation Gratitude. Time Magazine placed the antiwar protest on their front cover and inside there was nine- pages of coverage; contrast that with only 31 words covering Operation Gratitude in the same article.

The American Legion would hold 100’s of Loyalty Day parades. Why don’t you know this? Media didn’t inform and the focus of the antiwar movement became the overarching belief about the history of this era.

Media lost the war for the USA. Lyndon Johnson watched news about the war every night on television and based his strategy on it rather than listening to his advisors.

Last point: There was no parade to welcome home the troops.

On March 31, 1973 the war ended and in Time Square 1000 servicemen, Viet Nam Vets, marched for 2 miles through Times Square, a grandstand was set up for them at Central Park West. While the Veterans were on the grandstand over 150,000 people marched passed them; there were over 100 brass bands in the parade.



Charles Wiley

It was the greatest homecoming parade ever yet there was no coverage by NBC, CBS or ABC. CBS had offices 4 blocks away and NBC 2 blocks away they could have covered the parade from their building but the parade was never mentioned by them.

Everyone was welcomed to join in the parade no matter their position on the war the point was to support the troops. Anti-war protestors did attend and word got to the soldiers on the grandstand, Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines. There was concern that there would be a riot when protestors confronted the veterans. When the protestors arrived at the grandstand a commander from each branch of the military ordered “Company Attention” “Company About Face” and the vets turned their backs on the protestors, the protestors chanted and sat down on the street, the police told the protestors to move on. Of course we welcomed our soldiers home that’s the kind of people most of us are. There were spontaneous displays of warmth and appreciation, what an unusual parade where the military watched civilians march by.

The average person who was against the war was not against the troops. It was a small faction who carried the flag of the enemy, like Jane Fonda, who years later said she was not against the troops just against the war but at the time she said the troops should all be arrested for war crimes.

When one starts looking at the degree of news media distortion one must question what can be believed and not take anything at face value.

Mr. Wiley’s organization, National Committee for Responsible Patriotism, (NCRP), was formed in 1967 to organize the Operation Gratitude parade and events. Their website is NCRP.US. where you can see pictures and film clips of the parades. This is a new site and more will be added to it as it evolves.

Habitat for Humanity’s 30th Annual Jimmy & Rosalynn Carter Work Project to Take Place in Union Beach, N.J.

News Release - Sep. 16, 2013
UNION BEACH —Habitat for Humanity’s 30th annual Jimmy & Rosalynn Carter Work Project is coming to Union Beach, N.J., October 10 - 12 to help build and repair homes in partnership with low-income families. The nationwide event will also take place in Oakland and San Jose, Calif.; Denver; and New York City.

Along with hundreds of local volunteers, the Carter’s will be part of an effort to build or repair 14 homes in Union Beach, where hundreds of structures have been torn down in the wake of Superstorm Sandy.

The Borough of Union Beach reports that 270 homes have been demolished since the storm. According to statistics provided by the Governor’s Action Plan, more than 2,100 households suffered major or severe damage. Seven percent of these households represent homeowners who are 65 years in age or older and living alone.

Across the U.S., an estimated 3,000 volunteers will join the Carters to help build, repair or renovate more than 80 homes in the five locations.

“Nearly 11 months after Superstorm Sandy, families across our area continue to struggle to piece their lives back together,” said Nancy Doran, president of Habitat for Humanity Monmouth County. “Habitat’s Jimmy & Rosalynn Carter Work Project will attract new attention to Sandy-impacted areas like Union Beach, spotlighting our recovery efforts to help families rebuild their lives. We thank Habitat for Humanity International, our local platinum sponsor Wells Fargo and our other sponsors for supporting this historic event.”

For 30 years, the Carters have partnered with Habitat for Humanity and given a week of their time annually to help build homes and raise awareness of the importance of decent housing in breaking the cycle of poverty.

“President and Mrs. Carter have been powerful voices in addressing the issues surrounding substandard housing,” said Jonathan Reckford, CEO of Habitat for Humanity International. “As we prepare for our 30th annual Carter

Work Project, we again want to thank the former president and first lady for their incredible service in helping us mover closer to a world where everyone has a decent place to call home.”

Habitat’s first Carter Work Project took place in New York City in 1984 where the Carters and volunteers helped renovate a six-story apartment building. Previous Carter Work Projects have been held across the United States and in other countries and the past two years in Haiti.

To help raise funds for the Carter Work Project and for future long-term recovery building, volunteers are asked to pay a registration fee to offset the cost of construction, materials, and skilled labor. Over the next 12 months, Habitat for Humanity of Monmouth County has set an ambitious goal to assist 100 families to repair or rebuild their homes.

For more information on the Carters’ 30-year history with Habitat for Humanity, please visit <http://www.habitat.org/how/carter.aspx>.

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New York Trip

SOUTH AMBOY - The South Amboy Y is planning a Day Trip to the Platzl Brauhaus in Pomono, NY to celebrate Oktoberfest on Monday, October 21. Participants will enjoy music, dancing and entertainment, as well as outdoor activities such as Bocci and shuffleboard! The trip is \$82 pp. which includes bus transportation and a four course family style dinner. The bus will leave the South Amboy Y’s parking lot at 8 a.m. Reserve your tickets now for this fun trip! Please visit the Welcome Desk of the South Amboy YMCA to register. Space is limited. For more information, contact Mike Tonzola at 732-316-8205 or mike.tonzola@ymcaofmews.org.

Flag Raising Ceremony

PERTH AMBOY - Sunday October 13, at 1 p.m., City Hall Circle, Perth Amboy and the Annual vigil being held at the: Perth Amboy Waterfront Hummingbird Garden (Corner of High & Sadowski Parkway) (Follow the luminaries) Wednesday, October 16, at 5:30 p.m. We will have floral wreaths in memory of our Perth Amboy Victims. For more information, please contact the Perth Amboy Domestic Violence Response Team at 732-324-3818.

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Spear headed the Honor Awards Dinner by PAMA in 2002
He was a Karate instructor at the Wilentz School
Coach and sponsor for the T-Ball and instructional league in the city Recreation Department
Involved in various organizations:
Board Member of the Business Improvement District (BID),
Comité Patriótico Cultural Puertorriqueño
Perth Amboy Police Academy
School Leadership Committee in McGinnis School.

ANTHONY BERMUDEZ

Born and raised in Perth Amboy
Graduated from the Perth Amboy High School in 1992
Joined the US Army after graduated HS (5 yrs active)
Served in both Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF)
War in Afghanistan and Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) in combat support operations
Currently works as a Sheriff’s Officer in Middlesex County
Worked in the community as a volunteer coach.

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Xbox Galaxy

SOUTH AMBOY- Xbox Galaxy at 3 p.m. on Fridays in October at the Dowdell Library of South Amboy, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. For more info call 732-721-6060.

Knitting Circle

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

Fall Festival

SOUTH RIVER - October 12 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Sts. Peter & Paul Russian Orthodox Church (Church hall behind the church), 76 Whitehead Ave. South River. Enjoy ethnic food, music, raffles, church tours and more! FREE ADMISSION!

South Amboy Elks To Hold Fundraiser For Local Resident With Type 1 Diabetes

SOUTH AMBOY - South Amboy Elks Lodge #784 is hosting a benefit on October 19th, at the lodge located at 601 Washington Avenue, South Amboy for local resident Ed Medvar. Ed was diagnosed with juvenile diabetes when he was only 4 years old. Through the years he has had complications from the disease and he recently had to have his right leg amputated just below the knee due to a small cut that got infected. Unfortunately he is now unable to work and is on disability. This benefit is to raise funds to help pay for medical costs and to bring awareness to the community about Juvenile Diabetes. There will be food, live entertainment, a mystery tricky tray, a face painter for the kids and much more. Cost is \$20 for adults, \$5 children ages 6-12 and free for children ages 5 and under. If you would like to donate a gift for the Tricky Tray, please contact Michele Rutter at 732-718-3125. If you would like to make a monetary donation, you may do so by sending it to South Amboy Elks #784, 601 Washington Avenue, South Amboy, New Jersey 08879, Attn: Michele M. Rutter – “Ed Medvar Benefit”. Checks should be made out to “South Amboy Elks – Ed Medvar Benefit”. A portion of the event proceeds will be donated to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation to help find a cure. Thank you for your support.



Duck Race Rescheduled

PERTH AMBOY - The Duck Race Originally planned for October 20th has been rescheduled. The new date is TBA.

The Leonard Sendelsky 4th Annual

Golf Outing

PERTH AMBOY - Register Today! Help support the Y for the Kids. The Leonard Sendelsky 4th Annual Golf Outing on Tuesday, October 22 at the Knob Hill County Club. The proceeds of this event will help the Y build confident children, adults, communities and healthy communities. Please register online at www.rbym-ca.org. For more info or to become a sponsor call Yarelis at 732-442-3632.

Adult Halloween Party

SOUTH AMBOY - The South Amboy Elks #784 Invites You To Join Us at On Saturday October, 26th at 601 Washington Avenue, South Amboy from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Cost: \$20p.p. (Includes: Tap Beer/Wine Soda, finger food & Entertainment, Prizes, 50/50,etc.) For Info or Tickets Contact: Teri at 848-565-6134 or email saelks784@yahoo.com

Domestic Violence Awareness Forum & Workshops

PERTH AMBOY - The Perth Amboy Domestic Violence Response Team Invites you to their 1st Annual Domestic Violence Awareness Forum & Workshops First Presbyterian Church of Perth Amboy, 250 High Street, corner of High & Market St. Saturday, October 19, 2013, 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. We will have panelist on the topics of TRO, Elder Abuse, teen dating Emotional State of victim and much more. This event is free of charge and light refreshments will be served. For more information, please contact Perth Amboy Domestic Violence Response Team at 732-324-3818.

(Shades Of Pink) Breast Cancer Gala

Press Release

PERTH AMBOY - Our First major event to raise money for women with breast cancer to assist in their recovery and holistic healing services will be on Friday, October 18, 2013 at Seabras Armory in Perth Amboy, dinner, entertainment, & fashion show by Sense of Style Boutique ; dancing are included. Special guest speakers, the honorable Mayor Wilda Diaz and the Founders of Mary's Place by the Sea will be in attendance. All proceeds are being donated to Mary's Place By The Sea in Ocean Grove NJ Founded by Michele Gannon and Maria Mckee, a nonprofit 501 (3) organization that assists women of New Jersey and their families cope with treatment and recovery, offering various services to help a woman with cancer go through the process, all the services are provided by the donations raised.

Imagine waking up one day finding a lump in your breast, and then the diagnosis

was confirmed with a mammogram and biopsy. Can you imagine how that must make one feel, to be told at the age of 38 that you have the word, cancer? Women of many ages are diagnosed with breast cancer everyday; thankfully with all the advances of healthcare there are treatments available. The process is overwhelming for many, even with family support. In my case, I needed help processing the diagnosis and treatment. With the help of my dear friend, through her connections in healthcare as a Registered Nurse, we were able to navigate my initial process quickly, additionally with support of family, friends and coworkers, I was able to complete the course of chemotherapy, radiation, physical, emotional and spiritual healing. As a survivor my internal strength was empowered by those around me. Unfortunately not many women do not have that support available to them; some women have gone without treatment, without



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medication, without emotional support, struggling to survive. As a survivor, from the first year of diagnosis and treatment, despite going through my own physical and emotional journey, I have made it my mission to help those in need. I have held many events to raise money for breast cancer for those that lack the resources, helping many; organizing groups of people all volunteering their time to help this cause affecting millions of women.

Find Your Way Around Health Care Law

PERTH AMBOY - AARP is sponsoring a seminar on the health care law. Whether you have health insurance or no coverage at all, find out what the healthcare law means for you and your family. Come and learn more about the law's benefits and protections and new coverage options. Sunday, November 3 from 2 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Presented in Spanish at 2 p.m. and English at 4 p.m. at the Pan American School of Sports (PASOS) 44-47 Wisteria Pl. & Sadowski Pkwy, Perth Amboy. Free parking available. Free Event. Space is limited. To register call 1-877-926-8300. Get started at HealthLawAnswers.org.

Kearny Cottage Halloween Open House

PERTH AMBOY - Come and get your treats and see what the Cottage is all about. Tours will be available and refreshments will be served. Come for a Psychic Reading (\$35 for a reading) on Friday, October 25 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. 63 Catalpa Ave., Perth Amboy. The Kearny Cottage will also be open for Halloween for trick-or-treaters on October 31. Time TBA.

The 125th Anniversary Of St Paul's Church In Perth Amboy *Celebration on October 13, 2013,* *9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.*

News Release 10/5/13

PERTH AMBOY – The St. Paul's Evangelical Reformed Church, located at 231 First Street (near Market St.), Perth Amboy, invites all to celebrate 125 years of worship and service to the Greater Perth Amboy community. The event will begin with a Celebration Breakfast Sunday, October 13 at 9:30 am and a Worship Service at 10:30 a.m. Our special guest at the Celebration Breakfast will be the Honorable Wilda Díaz, Mayor of the City of Perth Amboy. Presiding at our Anniversary Worship Service is the Rev. Dr. Benjamín Alicea-Lugo, pastor of St. Paul's Church since 1987.

Originally known as The Evangelical St. Paul's Church of Perth Amboy, it was founded on October 1, 1888 by a group of German immigrants who received a Certificate of Incorporation so that property could be purchased, a church built and a minister called. In 1890 the trustees of the church purchased property on First Street and a small chapel was erected and dedicated in 1896. The congregation is now a part of the Reformed Church in America. The present population of the congregation worships in both English and

Spanish. All nationalities are now represented in our membership and our loyalty is to the everlasting Gospel of Jesus Christ which is for all races and nations alike.

During this anniversary year, St. Paul's is reaching out to the Greater Perth Amboy community with its inviting theme, “A Place to Belong (Un Lugar Para Pertenecer)”. At St. Paul's we are building a community that's got a place for you. Join us this Sunday and discover your place with us!

During the 125 year history of our congregation we have only had 6 pastors and two are noteworthy- the founding pastor and the current pastor. The founding pastor, the Rev. Jacob J. Ganss served as pastor for 40 years, until his death. The current pastor is the Rev. Dr. Benjamín Alicea-Lugo, graduated from New York University with a B.S. in Business Administration, received a M.A. & M. Div. from the New Brunswick Theological Seminary, an S.T.M./M. Phil., and a PhD. in Church History from Union Theological Seminary (NY). This past year we gratefully and joyously celebrated 25 years of the ministry at St. Paul's of “Pastor Ben” and his wife, Irma Alicea.

Bingo & Auction

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

Corvette, Classic Car & Truck Show

WOODBIDGE - The Woodbridge Corvette Club will host its 28th Annual Corvette, Classic Car & Truck Show Oct 13 at the Woodbridge Community Center 600 Main Street Woodbridge NJ. Partial proceeds go to support the Veterans Memorial Home in Menlo Park NJ, the Woodbridge Food Bank and other local charities. The club is seeking donations of non-perishable food items to restock the Woodbridge Food Bank. Registration starts at 7:30 AM. For addl. info contact Bob Ackerman 908-753-7229.

Exclusive Proprietary House

Ghost Hunt

PERTH AMBOY - ONE NIGHT ONLY! Saturday, October 12, from 8 p.m. - 11 p.m. Join us for a very special and exclusive paranormal investigation of the historic Proprietary House! 149 Kearny Ave., Perth Amboy Unlike our usual October ghost tours, this is an actual investigation where you are invited to bring your own equipment in to try to capture evidence! For \$20 per person, you will be given access to the basement and first floor from 8-11pm. An expert guide will show you around as we investigate and conduct EVP sessions. Light refreshments will be served. RESERVATIONS REQUIRED. SPACE STRICTLY LIMITED. No one under 15 permitted (children younger than that are welcome on our normal ghost tours!) Email Greg Caggiano at nyr1199@comcast.net to reserve your spots. For more info call 732-826-5527

12th Annual Blue Mass

METUCHEN - Bishop Paul G. Bootkoski will serve as principal celebrant of the Diocese of Metuchen's 12th annual Blue Mass to be held at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen, on Wednesday, October 16 at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome. Lunch reception will follow afterwards in the Community Room underneath the Church. For more info call 732-562-2463.

Plays in the Park

EDISON - School House Rock Our 21st Annual Indoor Children's Musical Saturdays Oct. 12,13,19,20,26 at 1 p.m. and 4 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. Oct. 9

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. Oct. 10

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

• Ukrainian Assumption Seniors, 12 Noon Assumption Church Basement, Meredith St.

MON. Oct. 14

St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.

TUES. Oct. 15

Holy Spirit Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Church Hall, Brace Ave.

• Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.

WED. Oct. 16

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. Oct. 17

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

South Amboy

WED. Oct. 9

South Amboy Seniors, noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.

MON. Nov. 4

St. Mary's Seniors, noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.

Attn: If Your Club changes Your Schedule due to the Holidays Please give us two weeks notice! 732-896-4446 or 732-261-2610

Players & Cheerleaders Needed

FORDS - Our Lady of Peace School, Fords is looking for basketball players grades 5 - 8 and Cheerleaders Grades K - 8 for their Sports Program. Open to anyone in the Metuchen Diocese. If your child is interested...Please call Joan at 732-822-5118.

Coat Drive

SOUTH AMBOY - October 19 & 20. The Council of Catholic Women, Church of the Sacred Sheart, 531 Washington Avenue, South Amboy will be collecting coats for the Rescue Mission of Trenton,. Coats may be dropped off at the church entrance or in a receptacle located across street in front of Memorial Hall. For more Info call 732-525-2696.

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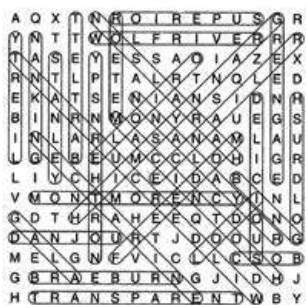
PERTH AMBOY - On Saturday, October 12th, 2013 Assumption Catholic School in Perth Amboy, NJ will celebrate a milestone - 50 years of excellence in education!

Divine Liturgy (Mass) of Thanksgiving will be celebrated at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 12th, 2013 by Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka and Most Rev. Paul Bootkoski, the Bishop of the Diocese of Metuchen. Open House Reunion Dinner after the Liturgy at the Assumption Catholic School

Hall (Buffet Dinner Tickets \$35 for adult and \$20 for children)

Tickets can be purchased via email ACSschooloffice@gmail.com by phone 732-826-8721 or pick up in the church or school office at 380 Meredith St. Perth Amboy, NJ 08861. Alumni and Guests, please come, celebrate, reunite, and rediscover why our school still captures the hearts of community members and alumni after all these years.

Answers From Puzzle On Page 15



LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY - 1940's Moser Jewels. The factory was originally on Division Street then later moved to the corner of Convery Blvd and Fayette Street. Pictured Moser Jewel receives a contract with the military during World War II.

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This Photo was restored under a grant for the Kearny Cottage Archiving project by the Middlesex Cultural and Heritage Commission

Prayer to St. Joseph
For Employment

Dear Saint Joseph, you were yourself once faced with the responsibility of providing the necessities of life for Jesus and Mary. Look down with fatherly compassion upon me in my anxiety over my present inability to support my family. Please help me find gainful employment very soon, so that this heavy burden of concern will be lifted from my heart and that I am soon able to provide for those whom God has entrusted to my care. Help us to guard against bitterness and discouragement, so that we may emerge from this trial spiritually enriched and with even greater blessings from God. Amen *R.W.D.*

Soup Kitchen
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PERTH AMBOY - Faith Community Worship Center Soup Kitchen, 310 Sutton Street, Perth Amboy. Dates: Wednesdays, 10/23, 11/20, 12/18/13 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. For more info call 732-376-1711

Tricky Tray
PERTH AMBOY - Blessed John Paul II Parish, St. Stephen's Church, 500 State Street, Perth Amboy Join us at our Annual Tricky Tray! October 13. Food and Drinks will be available for purchase. Coffee and dessert is included! There will be a 50/50 Raffle! Doors open at 12:30 pm and the drawing begins at 2:30 pm. Tickets can be purchased at the door or in the Parish office. For more info call 732-826-1395, email jpevent@johnpaulsecond.com, or visit www.johnpaulsecond.com

**Trip To
Sands Casino**
SAYREVILLE - Our Lady of Victory Knights of Columbus # 2061 is running a Casino bus trip to The Sands Casino in Bethlehem, PA on Saturday November 2nd. The bus departs the K of C building, located at 775 Washington Road in Parlin at 11:00 am and returns at approximately 8 p.m. The price for the trip is \$35 p/p which includes bus transportation to and from Bethlehem, beer and soda, chips and entertainment on bus. Upon arrival, you will receive a \$ 20 slot credit as well as a \$ 5 food voucher. There are also many outlet stores for your shopping adventures. If you are interested in going, please call Joe Campbell @ 646-483-2883 for more info or to book your seat

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.

**Calendar
Dinner Dance**
PERTH AMBOY - St. Ann's Society of Assumption Catholic Church in Perth Amboy, NJ will sponsor its annual Calendar Dinner Dance on Saturday, Oct. 26 in the school auditorium on 380 Meredith St. Enjoy a night of dining and dancing from 6:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., a lavish buffet by Pantagis Diner and DJ music. Tickets are \$30 per person and can be purchased by calling the church's office at 732-826-0767

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PERTH AMBOY - La Casa de la Cultura Navarrete USA Inc. invites Businessmen, Businesswomen, Entrepreneurs & Dealers to participate and support the 17th International Festival of Theater. It is considered the greatest Hispanic theatrical event carried out on the Eastern Coast of the USA. The scenario for this year is the "Auditorium of Raritan Bay YMCA" during 4 weekends of October from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Participating group theaters include such countries as Columbia, Mexico, Peru, Cuba, Bolivia, Ecuador, Guatemala and Dominican Republic. For more info call Jose at 732-925-5634.


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A Petition to St. Jude

May the sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world, now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us. St. Jude, worker of Miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, helper of the hopeless, pray for us. *Say this prayer nine times a day for nine days. It has never been known to fail. Publication must be promised.*
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HOW MUCH *YOUR* PROPERTY IS WORTH?**

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WOODBIDGE PROPER - Good location, close to train station shopping center, downtown and schools, etc. **\$180,000**



HOPELAWN - Short Sale. Price and commission subject to bank approval. Buyer is resp. for C/O inspection. **\$195,000**



PERTH AMBOY - Do not miss this one!!!! **SHORT SALE!!!!** One block from Waterfront. Buyer resp. for C/O, Smoke Cert., and any repairs. **\$139,900**



HOPELAWN - The split has a beautiful layout, great location, many new upgrades, hardwood flrs, 3 bedrms, 1.5 bath, Florida room, 2 car garages, nice and huge yard, close to all major hwy's and supermarkets. A "must see." Owner is very motivated. Needs some TLC. Being sold strictly in "AS IS" condition. **\$235,000**



PERTH AMBOY - Great investment, 4 family, corner unit, in good condition. Sold "AS IS." Not a short sale. **\$389,900**



PERTH AMBOY - Great investment, be you own boss. Turnkey operation; great location, former Aamco Transmission. **\$130,000**



PERTH AMBOY - This property is in the heart of Perth Amboy. Great potential. Needs some TLC. Is being sold in "AS IS" condition. **\$189,900**



PERTH AMBOY - Doctors, this is a beautiful turnkey state of the art brand new Doctor's Office. Two blocks from Raritan Bay Medical Center, Central A/C, \$2,500/mo plus utilities including water and sewer. Off street parking. 4 private exam rooms, reception area, basement for storage and much more. **\$2,500 mo/rent**



NEW BRUNSWICK - Good location; near Rte. 1, Turnpike, Rte. 18 to schools, malls, downtown, major hwy's, Rutgers Univ., Hospital, etc. **\$144,900**