

## 911 Call Ends With Fatal Shooting on Hall Avenue Special Needs Man Dead - Sparks Protest - Police Report on Incident



Dixon Rodriguez was fatally shot by police *\*File photo* 

PERTH AMBOY - On December 4 in the early afternoon a 911 Police Dispatcher received a call from a woman who told the Dispatcher: "I need you to send the police here." 911 Opr.: What's going on? Caller: My son is violent. 911 Opr.: How old is he? Caller: 34 911 Opr: Does he have a medical history? Caller: Yes, yes. He doesn't have medicine because it harms him and so I'm not giving it to him.

*911 Opr.*: What is your son's name?

*Caller:* Dixon Rodriguez. *911 Opr:* Did he hit you? *Caller.* No.



Edwin Paulino Cousin of Rodriguez

went on to say, "My cousin was shot once in the head and twice in the chest. He was in front of his house, waiting for a cab to take him to the doctor."

Others who gathered near the street corner where Rodriguez was shot described him as "harmless." Dixon would sometimes ask people for quarters or cigarettes. "He wouldn't hurt a fly." They did not believe he had a weapon.

Another of Rodriguez' cousins held a picture of him when he was 12 years old. She said, "This is the mental capacity he had today. The mind of a 12 year old."

On Hall Avenue, the side



12/6/13 - Lighting a Candle in front of City Hall in remembrance of Dixon Rodriguez



12/6/13 - Some of the protesters in front of City Hall. \*Photos by Carolyn Maxwell

#### Advisory: A Message from the Office of the Chief of Police of the City of Perth Amboy, Benjamin Ruiz

Press Release

PERTH AMBOY - Middlesex County Acting Prosecutor Andrew C. Carey announced today that an on-going investigation into the fatal police shooting of a Perth Amboy man has determined that his mother initially contacted police, saying he was violent, but she was refusing to give him his medication because it was harmful to him.

In response to the emergency 911 call at 1:18 p.m. on December 4, 2013, two Perth Amboy police officers

PERTH AMBOY - Below

is Mayor Wilda Diaz's fol-

low-up response to the fatal

incident that took place on

Wednesday, December 4th

during this difficult time for

the Rodriguez family has

been to respect their pri-

vacy, as such I ask that you

also respect the families in-

volved while they are cop-

"As Mayor, my position

Press Release

on Hall Avenue:

were dispatched to the home of Dixon Rodriguez on Hall Avenue in the city.

The investigation further determined that Rodriguez stepped outside of his home and, as the two officers were talking with him, he suddenly raised his right arm, with a knife in his right hand. While holding the knife, he punched the female police officer in the head, and tackled her to the ground.

Both officers then fired at Rodriguez. He was pronounced dead at the scene at Investigators subsequently retrieved a chef's knife with a five-inch-long blade from the right hand of Rodriguez. Although the investigation is continuing, the additional details are being released in an effort to ask anyone with information to contact Investigator Adrian Villegas of the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office at 732-745-4428.

The Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office is prohibited from releasing a surveillance video of the incident at this time.

This audiotape was released by the Perth Amboy Police Department on Friday, December 6.

On December 4, the day of the fatal shooting relatives, friends and people in the neighborhood were shocked to learn that Dixon Rodriguez had been killed.

Everyone who was interviewed including Rodriguez' cousin, Edwin Paulino described Rodriguez as having the mental capacity of a young child despite his age of 34. According to Paulino, "He had the mind of a young kid and had mental problems." Paulino streets blocks between Elizabeth and Cortlandt Streets were taped off while Rodriguez' body laid under a white tent.

The body was finally removed around 5:30 p.m. where it had laid after he was fatally shot around 1:15 p.m. In that time frame, Edwin Paulino said, "The family was not able see Rodriguez' body." Paulino also mentioned, "This was going to be the third death in the family in the past year." His sister and his grandfather had died earlier and the family was dealing with the financial cost of those burials. 1:50 p.m.

#### **Diaz Response to Shooting**

ing with a loss. I understand the hurt and concern by all, but the community has been informed by several statements made by the Acting Middlesex County Prosecutor, who is conducting the investigation. And though those statements are difficult to accept those are the facts that are being released at this time. Please remain patient as the investigation in still in progress and we do not want to compromise it.

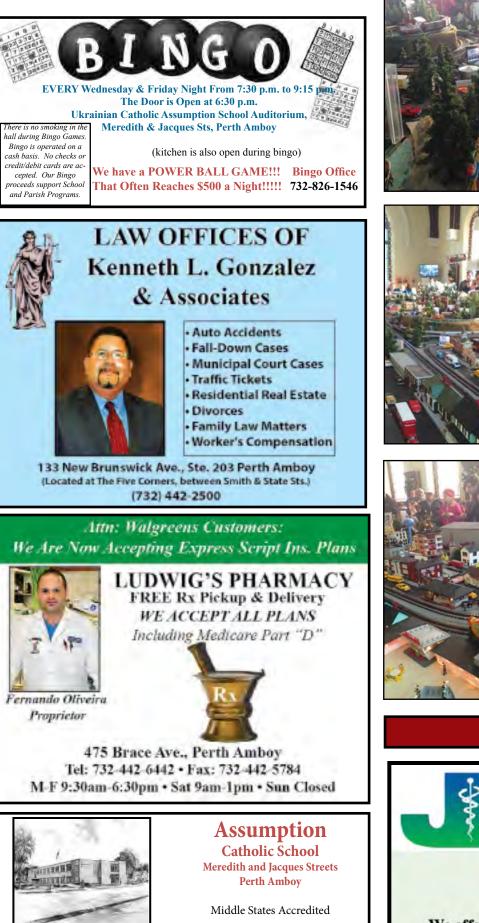
In the past 2 days I have met with all the families involved and I also ask that you continue to keep them in your prayers and extend your care as ONE community. Information will be disseminated as it becomes available. Lastly, it is best to remain positive and let's continue to uplift our City as a whole."

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## **Cancellation of Unpaid Tax Bills Under \$10** South Amboy City Council Meeting 12/4/13

#### By Mariyah Wojcik

SOUTH AMBOY- The City Council voted unanimously Wednesday night, 12/4/13 to forgive unpaid tax bills under \$10 after residents complained that tacking on additional fines to small amounts of monies hurts residents.

The resolution allows the cancellation of unpaid tax bills if the amount is under \$10.

"Think about the fact that when you open the letter up, it's a 34-dollar bill with a 65-dollar fine, under the town's letterhead," said Ken Feeley, a resident, "You might want to look at something like this and rethink it."

The resolution regarding

follows New Jersey law, allows a member of the public to pay another person's debt, and in exchange, a lien is placed upon the delinquent person. Until the owner of the property pays back the debt, the person may not sell the house, and the house may be subject to foreclosure if the debt is not paid back within the period of a year.

"We've always had accelerated tax sales," said business administrator Camille Tooker. "Now with the dismissal of anything below 10 dollars — I'm not the tax collector that's just the way we do it for everyone."

Councilwoman Zusette Dato echoed the opinion. "The notices are computer generated whenever someone has not paid their bill, no matter the time period," Dato said, "You can't have one person get a notice and another not. They don't know his personal situation."



#### **Business Administrator Camille Tooker**

a potential problem for many residents with financial troubles, Tooker agreed that an inquiry must be made.

"Maybe something the coun-

Garden Guru Speaks at the Kearny Cottage 11/17/13 \*Photos by Katherine Massopust



PERTH AMBOY - The Garden Guru appeared at the Kearny Cottage for the second time this year. The topic of discussion was different methods used in pickling. There was a question and answer period during and after the presentation.

unpaid tax bills caused a controversy during the council meeting. According to Feeley, the 10 dollar maximum cancellation is unrealistic in today's uncertain economic climate.

Feeley told the story of a close friend who is suffering from cancer and has had difficulty with the town's accelerated tax sale policy.

Feeley said that his friend was a mere 11 days late in making a payment when he was served with a disproportionate fine and told that more fines would be assessed unless he paid his bill quickly.

The accelerated tax sale policy in South Amboy, which

The alleged hasty mailing of notices in the city calls into question the 10-dollar maximum cancellation policy enacted, and whether this amount should be increased.

"I was hoping you would say its because the town is strapped," Feeley said to the council. "But apparently that's not the case."

Now that the question of the maximum has been raised as

cil might want to look at is raising that amount," Tooker said.

In other action at the council meeting, the council adopted two ordinances, one amending the city code on property maintenance and the other allowing for construction of a front porch over the Rosewell Street right-of-way.

A second reading was granted for the construction of a block retaining wall between Thompson Street and Feltus Street, as well as an ordinance granting stairway maintenance to the system the allows residents to cross over the Augusta Street right-of-way.



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## LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

#### **EDITORIAL**

#### Nit Picking The Tales of the Tapes

The killing of Dixon Rodriguez by two Police Officers in Perth Amboy has been the topic of intense interest since it happened on the afternoon of Dec. 4.

What bothers me are the two tapes - one supplied by the Perth Amboy Police Department and the other by the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office.

Since both tapes were in Spanish whoever translated for each tape had a slight but significantly different interpretation of what was said.

What pops out at me is that, on the City tape, Rodriguez's mother is translated as saying, "My son is violent," while on the tape provided by the Prosecutor's Office, the translation said, "My son is becoming violent."

In both tapes, "violent" is the operative word. But in one, the use of "becoming" seems to offer a significantly different interpretation. According to dictionary.com, the word "become" is defined this way: "to come, change, or grow to be (as specified): He became tired. The word may have very little meaning to a police officer facing a potentially violent person, or it may have a lot. But a single word can make a difference. In one case, being violent signifies something that has already happened; perhaps violence has taken place. In the other, it is only a potentiality. No one knows what goes on in the mind of a police officer as he or she faces a dangerous situation, but the wording, as passed on from the young man's mother to the dispatcher, through the machinery of the 911 system, and finally to the police officer entrusted with following a safe course -- to the subject, the officer himself, and any passersby -- can be changed holder, placing it on the grass slightly or radically, depending on the words that are used. Another sentence that both-

medication. On the Police tape of the 911 call, when the dispatcher asks if Dixon has a medical history, the mother replies, "Yes, yes. He doesn't have medicine because it harms him and so I am not giving it to him."

When I hear this, the implication is that the mother controlled the medication and was responsible for giving it to him. She decided not to give it to him.

On the prosecutor's version of the 911 call, the response the mother gave to the 911 dispatcher in regards to the medical history was, "Yes, yes. But he is not on his medicine because it hurts him so he is not taking it."

When I hear those words it is as though Dixon himself made a decision not to take his medication.

Maybe I'm putting too much stock in the way the translation is presented. So the only thing I can turn to, that is presently not available to the public, is the surveillance tape taken from the scene on Hall Avenue. In my mind, seeing what actually happened would put to rest a lot of questions not only for myself, but for all of the residents of Perth Amboy.

There have been many demonstrations protesting the injustice of the killing of Dixon Rodriguez. There was a march that originated at Hall Avenue and proceeded to the Five Corners in the heart of downtown.

Several marchers carried signs in both English and Spanish stating of the injustice of the killing of Rodriguez.

After a brief stop, the marchers continued down Smith Street and proceeded to City Hall. When they arrived, some of the participants held up lit candles, while one person lit a candle that was in a glass near the ledge by the elm tree in front of City Hall.

crowd in Spanish in front of City Hall.

There have been other shootings by the police resulting in deaths. Some of these cases have not been without controversy.

When a police officer is involved in the killing of a resident, the emotions are very different. What makes this case different with many residents is the fact that Dixon was a special needs case and the effects of the medication he was supposed to be on.

On one hand, many people who knew Dixon well stated that he would never harm a fly. while the Prosecutor's Office said the officers were being attacked by Dixon.

There had been talk about the specific parts of the body where Dixon had been shot that led to his death. The big question that a lot of people want to know is: "Couldn't the officers shot him where it would have less lethal?"

For the public to view the surveillance tapes would answer that question. Meanwhile, people with a thorough knowledge on Spanish and English should review the audio tape, which can be found on the amboyguardian. com website, to see how they themselves would interpret the conversation. We would be interested in knowing what they think.

One of our regular readers of our paper called and said they were interested in knowing how the dispatcher relayed the call to the officers who responded to the scene.

It's easy to be an armchair quarterback when you are not in the situation. It's an ordeal that I'm sure all who were involved wished never had to happen. С.М.

#### THE COMMUNITY VOICE

#### Ask Your Editor Or Journalist For The Answer

I wrote my first article for my school newspaper back in Dec. of 1942. I wrote, "I like going to school in Dec. because each day gets closer to Christmas." Around this time of the year, I think about journalists that I have known in my lifetime. Their work is writing and some people question the word work. It is work all night but they love what they are doing. Before the Korean War I was fortunate to spend time with the Perth Amboy Evening News and the New Brunswick Daily Home News which is now the Home News Tribune. I did all kind of odd jobs but was mostly in circulation. I was making about \$40 to \$45 a week and having a ball. What a great feeling to see those papers rolling off the press. Next thing I knew, I was in the U.S. Army and the only writing I did was a quick letter to home.

If you read your daily newspaper every day, you probably have a favorite journalist. My Dad used to buy the N.Y. Sun and Grantland Rice was his favorite. Rice became famous for the many sports stories he wrote. Another Journalist was working for the N.Y. Sun back in 1897. His name was Francis Pharcellus Church. Most readers will say, "Who was he?" I love this newsman because he became famous on one shot. Just like Bobby Thompson did for the gotta believe Mets, Thompson became famous for one Home Run. It was and still is called the shot that was heard around the world.

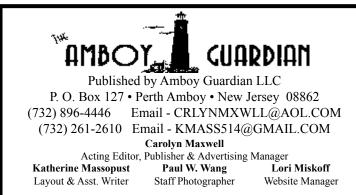
Back in 1897 eight year old Virginia O'Hanlon wrote a letter to the Editor of the N.Y. Sun. She wrote, "Dear Editor: I am eight years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, if you see it in the Sun it's so. Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?" There were many newsmen in the office that day, but Church just happened to be the journalist that picked Virginia's letter up and answered it. It was printed as an unsigned Editorial. The Punch line of his answer was, "Yes Virginia, there is a Santa Claus." I think one of the most important things that Church explained was, "Even if you did not see Santa Claus coming down the chimney on Christmas Eve, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus.

I was talking to my grandson the other day. He is six years old, "Santa's coming," he said and then he gave me details, "Santa's coming from the North Pole on his sleigh pulled by a bunch of reindeer." He also told me with his little serious face: "Santa will only need Rudolph if it get's foggy." I've been fortunate to spend many hours with little kids. Most of them are true believers, but somewhere along the line these little minds can be affected by skeptical older kids or adults. They have to see to believe. If you don't believe or have faith, you're in for a bumpy ride my friends.

A pitcher named Tug McGraw coined a phrase while pitching for the N.Y. Mets in 1973. He said, "You gotta believe!" This phrase has carried over into sports ever since I have always said, "If you don't believe you are closer before you start.

Things could be better in our country in 2011, but at this time of the year there is something different out there. It's a Happy Feeling and I'll tell you why: "It's because Santa Claus is coming to town."

Some local community leaders me is in regards to Dixon's ers and activists spoke to the



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If you don't believe me, just ask the Editor of your newspaper. If they say it is so, the answer is yes.

Oh yes my friends, Santa Claus is coming to town and you better believe it.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,

Thomas Francis Clark

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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.

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

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## Latino organization submits OPRA request to investigate police shooting in Perth Amboy

#### Press Release

NEW BRUNSWICK — The Civil Rights Protection Project of The Latino Leadership Alliance of New Jersey (LLANJ) is seeking an overhaul of the way policing executives oversee and review incidents involving the use of force.

On Thursday, LLANJ submitted an Open Public Records Act (OPRA) request to Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office to review past incidents and investigate the police shooting death of Dixon Rodriguez, a mentally ill man who allegedly used a knife to attack two police officers in front of his house on Hall Avenue in Perth Amboy.

The incident occurred in the afternoon of Wednesday, Dec. 4 after Rodriguez's mother called 911, asking for police to escort her son to a local mental health treatment facility where he was a patient. It is said that Rodriguez had emotional issues and was developmentally disabled. A recording of the mother's call in Spanish, with English translations posted simultaneously, is available onwww.mycentraljersey.com. This incident follows five recent police shootings in a 10day span, including the second killing of a mentally ill individual in Middlesex County.

"LLANJ and its Civil Rights Protection Project demand a grand jury investigation of every police officer involved in this killing, as well as a transparent investigation with full disclosure of the results to the general public," said Martin Perez, Esq., LLANJ President.

"We are requesting not redacted use of force incident reports submitted by officers involved in the death of Dixon Rodriguez on Dec. 4, 2013 in Perth Amboy," said Richard Rivera, Chair of LLANJ's Civil Rights Protection Project, in a letter sent to Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office. "We are also requesting unredacted copies of use of force incidents reports filed by members of the Middlesex County Special Operations Response Team for all incidents in 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013."

LLANJ Civil Rights Protection Project also requests Middlesex County, Countywide Internal Affairs Annual Summary Reports for 2010, 2011 and 2012, and names, titles, ranks, salaries and place of employments for all members of the Middlesex County Special Operations Response Team. This Team is financially funded and trained by the Prosecutor's Office and manned primarily by police officers from the County's **Municipal Police Departments** 

With this OPRA request, LLANJ hopes to add more information to its database on citizen complaints against police and police use of force against civilians. LLANJ's Civil Rights Protection Project receives a grant from the Open Society Foundation and currently amasses the nation's largest database on citizen complaints against police and the use of force by police officers throughout New Jersey.

Over the past years, LLANJ has conducted several research studies, which have consistently demonstrated that a small number of police officers generate the most number of force incidents and at a higher level than their peers.

"This fact alone is cause for concern and should have prompted administrative review of the officers' actions," said Rivera. "In Perth Amboy, we found the same. From 2009 to 2011, three officers (less than 3 percent of the department) generated 28 percent of the force reports. They were also part of a group of eight officers that resorted to using punches, kicks, strikes, chemical spray and other types of force more frequently than their colleagues."

"We also reviewed internal affairs complaints of excessive force from 2005 to 2009 and found no cases where an officer was disciplined," Rivera stated. "Over a dozen cases were marked as 'pending' and no outcome recorded. These cases would linger for years unresolved. These observations are similar to those we made in other Middlesex County communities like New Brunswick, Edison and Woodbridge."

Regarding the use of force, LLANJ President Perez said, "New Jersey is the last state in the country to allow police officers to use less-lethal stun guns. LLANJ advocates for the use of this type of technology to humanely treat people who come into contact with police. With the backdrop of 228 percent increase for incustody deaths in New Jersey from 2005 and 2011, we, as a society, need to work together with police executives to come up with viable alternatives to deadly force."

LLANJ has been partnering with Bergen County Police Department, the Office of Attorney General and other agencies to address these deadly encounters in hope of making a safer work environment for police officers, while maintaining public safety for the community.

LLANJ believes its research studies have also shown a lack of proper training and supervision when it comes to use of force incidents, as well as a fundamental lack of understanding on how to investigate these matters.

"It is time for a change before more police officers or citizens are unnecessarily killed," Rivera concluded.

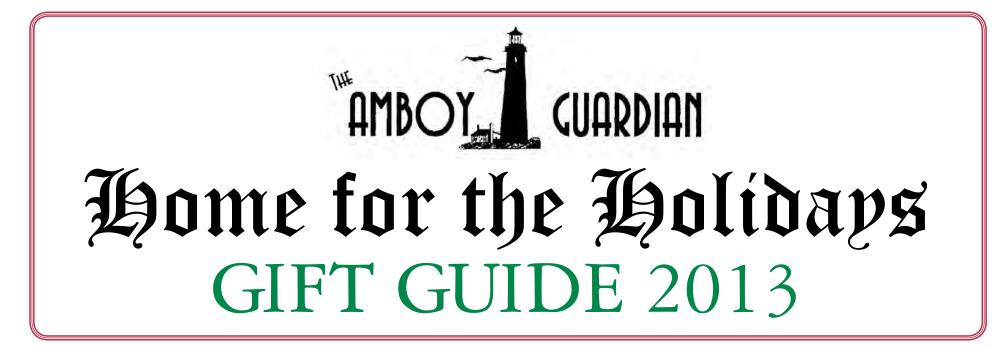
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#### Santa Fly-in Press Release

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The tradition will continue this year on Tuesday, December 24th, when the Nierenberg family, owners of the airport, will open the hangar doors to children awaiting Santa's arrival. Santa is planned to arrive at 11:00 A.M. Parents are advised to bring the children prior to then, as the Princeton Airport Flying Tigers will be serving cocoa and cookies, and local folk singer Pat McKinley will be leading the audience in holiday songs during the wait for Santa.

If parents would like to have a gift waiting for their child,

they should bring a wrapped gift with the child's name on it in large print to the Princeton Airport lobby. Gifts should be no larger than 12" to accommodate Santa. If parents have more than one child participating, the gifts should be wrapped in the same paper and tied together to speed up the distribution. Also, to have their child participate, parents need to bring a gift for the less fortunate as well. This is the most important feature of this event. These gifts must be new and unwrapped, and will be collected by the Mercer County Board of Social Services. Personal checks made out to the "FoodBank Network of Somerset County", as well as canned or boxed food will also be collected at the airport. Donations from non-participants

are kindly accepted as well. The collection of the gifts will begin the day after Thanksgiving and will end on December 16th in order to enable county workers to arrange the best matches for the needy. The gifts can be deposited in the "chimneys" in the lobby of the airport between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Once Santa's plane lands, he

#### Last Season of Sugar Plum Palace

PERTH AMBOY - For 30 years there has been a quaint little shop filled with a lot of sweets and treats located at 146 Pulaski Ave. This specialty shop has been serving the community with specialized chocolate (sugar free and regular) and candy that brings back memories of days of old.

Easter, Valentine's Day and Christmas would be the times that the Sugar Plum Palace would be open on a regular basis. The owner, Carol Bilas would always greet you with a broad smile and you always find a unique item not found anywhere else. Although Carol was known for her chocolate creations, there also other treasures to be found there. Decorative pins and cards were some of them. Be sure to drop in for that special something for your special someone.

We will miss this special shop. Good luck in your future endeavors.



will head into the hangar, along with all the participants, to distribute each gift individually. In fairness to all, Santa will distribute the gifts in the order in which they are received at the airport. Children will also have the opportunity to take a picture on Santa's lap. Usually, distribution is completed by 1:00 P.M. and Santa continues his journey.

There is no charge for this event. The Princeton Airport is located in Montgomery Township, 3.5 miles north of Princeton on Route 206. The full address is 41 Airpark Road, Princeton, N.J., 08540. For further information, call 609-921-3100 or visit www.princetonairport.com.

#### Christmas Tea

PERTH AMBOY - The Kearny Cottage Historical Society is sponsoring a Christmas Tea at the Cottage, 63 Catalpa Ave.,Perth Amboy on Sunday, December 15 at 1 p.m.

Join the Society members for tea and pastries, with Dennis Nanton on the keyboard.

Donations are appreciated. For more information call 732-293-1090.

#### **Trolley Ride** SOUTH AMBOY - Have A

Holly, Jolly Holiday Riding In Our Trolley On A Tour Of South Amboy Featuring Contest Entries In Our "Holiday Home Decorating Contest" Along With Historical Sites In Our City. Tours Will Be Given On Tuesday, December 17th Starting at 5:30 p.m. In A Beautiful Holiday Trolley! Email To Events@Southamboynj.Gov Or Call The Recreation Office At 732-316-8212. To reserve your seat beginning on November 18th. Seating is limited, first come first served. Open to South Amboy residents only, ID will be verified.

> Christmas Tree Sale









SOUTH AMBOY - South Amboy Elks #784, located at 601 Washington Avenue, South Amboy, will again sell beautiful Christmas Trees (Fraser Fir and Douglas Fir). Grave Blankets will also be on sale. Sale begins Friday, Nov. 29th. Please come and get your Christmas Tree. All monies raised will be donated to the Elk Sponsored Charities, i.e., Brain Injured Children, Veterans, etc. Selling Times: Tuesdays 3:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Thursdays 3:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Fridays 3:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Saturdays 11:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., Sundays 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., For more info call 732-727-7170.

Does holiday shopping have you stressed out? Unsure what to buy your boss, neighbor, sister or mother? We have something for everyone: old fashioned candies, superb chocolates, sugar free items and much more that will tantalize your taste buds!

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#### South Amboy Celebrates

#### By: Beverly Samuelson

SOUTH AMBOY - With Christmas upon us, South Amboy has the spirit. Broadway was dressed in full Christmas splendor. The streetlights are decorated, the wreaths are hung, and the glow of glistening lights are all ablaze.

The plaza was a hub of excitement with people and children gathering to hear Christmas Carols, sip hot chocolate and wait for Santa to arrive. Sacred Heart students could be heard singing Christmas favorites, then the bell ringers were all in tune with wonderful sounds of Christmas. Soon Santa emerged from the doors of City Hall to meet each child at the plaza.

It was wonderful to see so

many children lined up to get the squad stood very proud the chance to sit on Santa's lap and tell him what they wished to receive for Christmas. Soon after Mayor Henry started the count down for the tree lighting. All the lights came on and the tall tree in front of city hall looked spectacular!

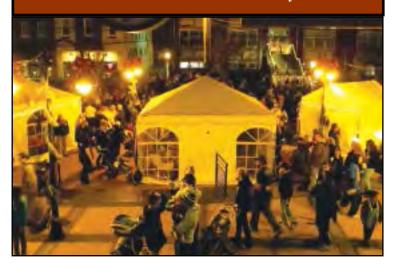
Then it was time for the parade of lights. The fire departments and first aid all dressed their vehicles for the Christmas Parade. People were lined up on both sides of Broadway to see the emergency vehicles all dressed up and wonder, who the winner would be.

At the conclusion of the parade, Mayor Henry announced that the South Amboy First Aid won first place. As he presented them with the trophy

as they should. South Amboy First Aid is comprised of all volunteers who devote their time helping others. They go over and beyond the call of duty to help anyone in need. South Amboy residents are very lucky to have this group of professionals who are devoted to their profession who respond within minutes to an emergency call.

It was a long night and a beautiful event. All the workers who put this festival together did a wonderful job. It was a great time for all and the children left smiling, knowing that soon Christmas will be here and they will all have their visit from Santa.

South Amboy Parade of Lights - 12/5/13 \*Photos by Aaron Beers

















**Toy Drive** SOUTH AMBOY - South Amboy Elks #784, 601 Washington Ave. South Amboy, is Collecting Toys for Families in Need. New unwrapped toys may be dropped off at the lodge between the hours of 3 p.m. and 9 p.m. each day of the week. Please Help Us Help Others!!





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#### Holiday **Concert**

SEWAREN - The Gospel Shepherds will perform on Friday, December 13 at 7:30 p.m. First Baptist Church of Woodbridge, 130 Sewaren Ave. Sewaren. Join us for traditional gospel works and holiday favorites. No reservations necessary!







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## **CONGRATULATIONS TO** PERTH AMBOY'S OWN STATE XC CHAMPION **KERRY DYKE!**







#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Breakfast With Santa

PERTH AMBOY - Saturday, December 21 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Office of Recreation Community Room, 1 Olive St. Perth Amboy. In honor of the upcoming holidays, FSC in collaboration with the Recreation Office is hosting a Breakfast with Santa for Middlesex County Families. The event will center on family togetherness and community unity. Families will be able to meet and take pictures with Santa FREE of Charge! FSC will also be providing breakfast and beverages and family activities free of charge to the community. Come join us and share your holiday spirit! Limited seating available, REGIS-**TRATION REQUIRED! 732-**324-2114 ext. 128





The Gifted and Talented Art Students from Perth Amboy High School under the guidance of their teacher, Brooke Napoli (far right) painted the windows for the MAGIC VILLAGE located at Jaimar Academy located at 289 High St. Santa Claus will be appearing there from Dec. 9 - Dec. 22. There is a slight admission charge and group rates. Call 732-293-0707 or 848-203-0394 for more information. See Magic Village ad on page 13. \*Photo by Carolyn Maxwell

### New Year's Eve Party

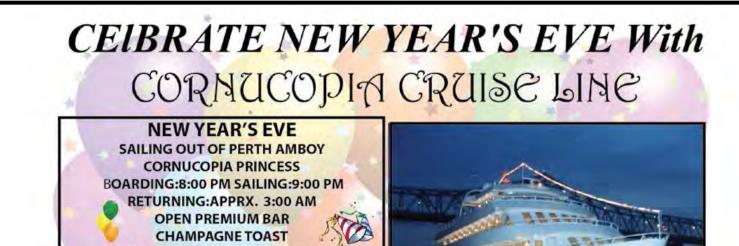
SOUTH AMBOY - The South Amboy Elks will hold a New Year's Eve Party from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Dec. 31 at the Elks Lodge, 601 Washington Ave. South Amboy. There will be a hot buffet dinner and dancing, with music provided by Rambo Productions. Tickets are \$50 in advance, no tickets will be sold at the door. To purchase, visit the lodge or call Joyce at 908-614-8139.

## Holiday Train Show Exhibit

WOODBRIDGE - The 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Holiday Train Show Exhibit at the Barron Arts Center, 582 Rahway Ave. will be from November 30 to December 29. M -F 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sat & Sun 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. (Closed December 25) Opening Reception, December 5 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. featuring Santa, Mrs. Claus and many other surprises. For more info call 732-634-0413. Train show refreshments by Wegmans Food Market.

#### Spaghetti With Santa

COLONIA - Take a break from shopping during this busy holiday season and stop by the Colonia VFW for lunch or dinner between 1:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 15. Tickets are \$ 10 per adult,\$7 for Seniors and \$ 5.00 for children under 12. TAKE OUT AVAILABLE! You and your family can enjoy a homemade spaghetti dinner while visiting with Santa and Mrs. Claus. After your meal stay and do a holiday craft and decorate a cupcake. Bring your camera and take a picture taken with Santa. All proceeds from this event will be donated to the family of Irene McMahon of Colonia, who is bravely battling Pancreatic Cancer. Please give of yourself this holiday season while enjoying a nice hot meal and helping a local family in need. No advanced tickets to be sold all tickets sold at the door. Baskets needed....if you can donate a basket please call Debbie @ the Colonia Corner 732-382-0273.



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## Cookie Walk

PERTH AMBOY - St. John's the Baptist Orthodox Church, Perth Amboy is having a Christmas Cookie Walk on Sat. Dec. 21 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at St. John's Church Hall, Division St. Assortment of Ethnic and Christmas Cookies. Price is \$10 a pound.

#### Children's Holiday Party

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SOUTH AMBOY - There will be a Children's Holiday Party as the Dowdell Library, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. Friday, December 13, 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. There will be refreshments and prizes. For more info call 732-721-6060. Christmas Bake Sale

PERTH AMBOY - St. John's the Baptist Orthodox Church, 404 Division St. Call 732-826-7067 to place orders between 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Dec. 9 to Dec. 13 Cakes include: nut, poppy seed, apricot, raspberry and prune. Prices are \$11 each. Pickup dates are Dec. 17 to Dec. 19.

## **Pictures With Santa**

WOODBRIDGE - Bring your child to tell Santa what they want for Christmas. When: Sunday, December 15 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Parker Press (400 Rahway Ave, Woodbridge). The Recreation Department is collecting nonperishable food items at ALL Holiday Events. Please bring a can... or two... or three of non-perishable food items to any of our Holiday events. Let's help our neighbors in need this holiday season. Walgreens (of Woodbridge) will be giving guests a complimentary 4X6 picture. For more info call Woodbridge Township Recreation & Resident Services 732-596-4048.







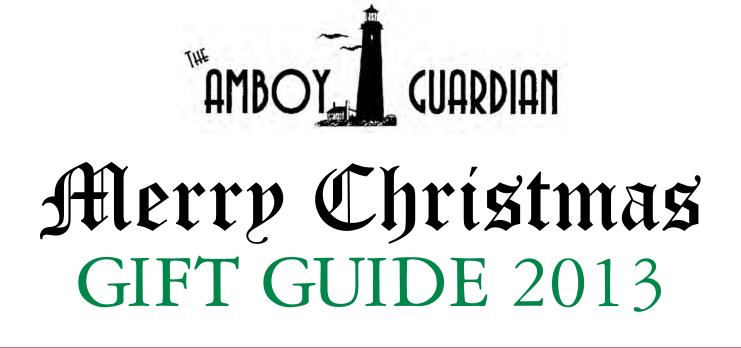


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(select one) all entrees are accompanied by rice, black beans, and tostones

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Ropa Vieja Slow braised beef, tomatoes, bell peppers, anio petite peas, and dry sherry

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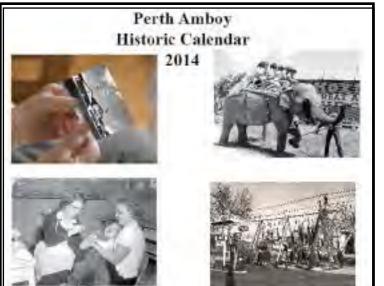
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#### 2014 Historic Perth Amboy **Calendars** For Sale

PERTH AMBOY - The Friends of Perth Amboy Free Public Library and The Kearny Cottage Historical Society have teamed up to create Historical Calendars with never before seen photos of Historic Perth Amboy. Calendars are \$10 each and are available at the Barge Restaurant, 201 Front St., Perth Amboy City Hall, High Street, Ludwig's Pharmacy, 475 Brace Ave. and Fertigs Dept. Store, 195 New Brunswick Ave. For more info call 732-293-1090.

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Visit From St. Nicholas - Ukrainian Assumption Church, Perth Amboy 12/8/13 \*Photos by Anton Massopust III



2013 Annual Tree Lighting and Check Presentation at RBMC -Perth Amboy 12/5/13 \*Photos by Katherine Massopust



Teacher Melanie Lawrence and the Assumption Catholic School Chimateers



Santa Arrives





Carol Bilas, President of the Perth Amboy Auxiliary presents a \$15,000 Check to Nancy Barone, Executive Vice President, RBMC Foundation



Marcella Massopust, President of the Ernest R. Hansen Auxiliary presents a \$7,000 Check to Nancy Barone, Executive Vice President, RBMC Foundation



The Ernest R. Hansen Auxiliary presents two \$500 Scholarships to MCC Nursing Students: Jennifer Tonnaro and Jimmy Kakudji

Bob and Zusette Dato Announce Their Intentions to Start a Scholarship Honoring the Late Freeholder Pete Dalina \*Photos by Ron Miskoff









WOODBRIDGE - Bob and Zusette Dato announced their intentions to start a scholarship to honor the late Freeholder Pete Dalina at Castellos Restaurant. Photo 1 - Portrait of Pete Dalina. Photo 2 - County Clerk Elaine Flynn, Woodbridge Mayor John MacCormac, Senator Joe Vitale; Photo 3 - Pete Dalina's son, Ricky Dalina speaks; Photo 4 - John MacCormac and South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry; Photo 5 - South Amboy Councilwoman Zusette Dato and her husband, Bob Dato.



#### **Legislation To Provide In-State Tuition To 'Dreamers' Approved By Senate** NJ Would Become 17th State To Provide Tuition Equality, Regardless of Immigration Status

Press Release 11/18/13

TRENTON - Legislation to allow New Jersey DREAMers-young people who are undocumented but were brought to the United States as children - to pay in-state tuition rates at the state's higher education institutions and to qualify for state financial aid was approved today by the Senate.

Sponsored by Senate Education Chair M. Teresa Ruiz, Legislative Latino Caucus Chair Nellie Pou, Higher Education Chair Sandra Cunningham and Senate President Steve Sweeney, the bill is intended to provide higher education opportunities to young people, which will strengthen the state's future workforce and its economy. The legislation would make New Jersey the 17th state in the nation to provide college access to undocumented students by allowing them to qualify for instate tuition rates.

"One of the greatest equalizing factors in this country is education. Students who attend our K-12 system should have the same opportunity as their peers to attend college, regardless of their documentation," said Senator Ruiz (D-Essex)."This legislation is about equality and fairness, and it's about who were are in the state of New Jersey. As we work to build a stronger workforce and ensure our state is competitive in a 21st Century economy, college accessibility and affordability for all New Jersey students must be part of the equation."

"DREAMers are New Jerseyans in every way," said Senator Pou (D-Passaic and Ber-

gen). "Allowing these students to pay in-state tuition rates and to apply for financial aid will give them the ability to go to college, earn a good living and to contribute to the shared goal of creating a better New Jerseyfor all residents. This is the right thing to do from both a moral and economic perspective. It will make certain that all of our young people are given the chance to reach their potential and to make a positive impact in our state."

"These young people have attended New Jersey schools, many of them from kindergarten through graduation. It makes no sense to invest in their education during these years, and then slam the door on their dreams of obtaining a higher education,"said Senator Cunningham (D-Hudson). "Providing equal access to college will allow them to get good-paying jobs and to contribute to a stronger and more prosperous New Jersey."

"Higher education is the best pathway to achieving the American Dream. The DREAM Act is aptly named," said Senate President Sweeney. "We have a crisis in terms of college affordability and student debt. Higher education cannot continue to be a luxury. College is an economic necessity and every family in New Jersey should be able to afford it. Every family. This legislation will allow every child the opportunity to achieve the American Dream."

The bill (S-2479) will allow a student, including a student without documentation, to pay in-State tuition at the State's public institutions of higher

education, and to participate in state financial aid programs administered by the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority (HESAA) and the Secretary of Higher Education, if the student:

• attended high school in this State for three or more years; graduated from a high school in this State or attained the equivalent of a high school diploma in the State:

· registers as an entering student or is currently enrolled in a public institution of higher education not earlier than the fall semester of the 2013-2014 academic year;

• in the case of a person without documentation, files an affidavit with the institution of higher education stating that the student has filed an application to legalize his immigration status or will file an application as soon as he is eligible to do so.

Currently, 16 states have provisions allowing in-state tuition rates for undocumented students. Fourteen states provide these rates through state legislation: California, Colorado, Connecticut, Illinois, Kansas, Maryland, Minnesota, Nebraska, New Mexico, New York, Oregon, Texas, Utah, and Washington. Oklahoma and Rhode Island allow in-state tuition rates to undocumented students through Board of Regents decisions.

The bill would take effect immediately. Eligibility for student financial aid programs would take effect in the 2014-2015 academic year. The Senate approved the legislation by a vote of 25-12.

## Advisory: Public Health Advisory - Rabies Advisory

Middlesex County Office Of animal showing signs of un-Health Services Public Health Advisory News Release - 11/22/2013 PERTH AMBOY - A kitten tested positive for rabies in the City of Perth Amboy, Middlesex County. The kitten was found in the vicinity of Sayre Avenue and Convery Blvd. This is the first positive rabies specimen in Perth Amboy this year, and the fifteenth in Middlesex County. Immediately report any bites from a wild or domestic animal to your local health department and consult a physician as soon as possible.

Rabies is caused by a virus which can infect all warmblooded mammals, including man. The rabies virus is found in the saliva of a rabid animal and is transmitted by a bite, or possibly by contamination of an open cut. New Jersey is enzootic for raccoon and bat variants of rabies. Bats, raccoons, skunks, groundhogs, foxes, cats, and dogs represent about 95% of animals diagnosed with rabies in the United States.

**Rabies Prevention Guidelines** The Middlesex County Office of Health Services is advising residents to follow these guidelines in order to prevent rabies from being transmitted to themselves or their pets:

1. Immediately report a bite from a wild or domestic animal to your local health department. Wash animal bite wounds thoroughly with soap and water as soon as possible after the bite. Contamination of open cuts or scratches with saliva of potentially rabid animals should also be washed off immediately. Consult a physician as soon as possible.

2. Immediately report any wild

usual behavior.

• Signs of unusual animal behavior could be that the animal may:

 $\square$  move slowly

- $\Box$  may act as if it is tame
- $\Box$  appear sick
- □ have problems swallowing
- □ have an increase of saliva
- $\Box$  have increased drooling
- $\Box$  act aggressive
- $\Box$  have difficulty moving
- $\Box$  have paralysis

 $\Box$  bite at everything if excited Residents should avoid any contact with the animal and call your local animal control officer or local police department.

3. Be sure that all family pets are up to date on their rabies vaccination. If unsure please call your veterinarian. Call your local health department for free rabies vaccination clinic availability.

4. Animal proof your home and yard. Make sure all garbage containers have tight fitting lids, do not leave pet food or water outside, do not allow rainwater to collect in outdoor containers or equipment and keep yard free of garbage and debris.

5. Do not feed or handle wild animals.

6. Avoid contact with stray animals or pets other than your own.

7. Try to prevent your pets from coming into contact with wild animals.

8. Screen off vents to attics and other areas that could provide shelter for bats.

Additional information can be obtained by calling an Inspection Division Supervisor for Middlesex County Office of Health Services, at 732-745-3100.

#### Mother Goose

SOUTH AMBOY - Mother Goose from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Mondays at the Dowdell Library of South Amboy, 100

## Historic Church Offers Special Service Of Lessons And Carols

Press Release PERTH AMBOY - The ser-

include a Colonia period carol, a calypso tune, and folk carols among the wide variety of offerings. The music alternates with seasonal biblical readings.

vocal teacher. His choirs were consistently award rector and visiting professor of music theory at Montclair

vice of Lessons and Carols is a long-standing tradition of St. Peter's Epsicopal Church, Perth Amboy. Musical offerings of the season will be performed on December 15, 2013 at 10:30 AM by a 40 voice choir under the direction of R. Douglas Sheldon, Music Director since 1976. This is his 38th Lessons and Carols. All are invited.

The choral works to be performed range from that of the 16th century Spanish composer Tomas de la Victoria to a recent composition of only a few years ago by Martin Sedek, I Sing of a Maiden. Other selections

Mr. Sheldon is also the founder and principal conductor of the Baldwin Festival Chorus of New York. He is a Senior Vice President at Columbia Artists Management and a leading manager of classical artists internationally. Assisting him in conducting will be Winston Hughes, Jeff Smith, and Patrick Murphy. Mr. Hughes is a retired music teacher from Edison High School and is widely known in the area for his outstanding work with the school's choir and as a

winning. Mr. Smith and Mr. Murphy are graduates of Rutgers University and alumni of the Rutgers Glee Club. They are now music teachers in Edison and Old Bridge respectively where they also work with the high school bands.

Accompanying the carols, anthems, and hymns will be St. Peter's organist Jon Tyllian who is a graduate of Duquesne University. He has also accompanied master classes for several noted conductors. Martin Sedek, whose work will be performed, is a composer who has won major awards, works as assistant choir diState University, and is a Ph.D. candidate of Rutgers University.

Soloists for various pieces will be Jeff Smith, Elizabeth Moran, Elena Gisler, Amanda Weiss, Austin Turner, and Patrick Murphy.

Admission to the service is free and open to all. Donations will be accepted. A reception will follow.

Historic St. Peter's Episcopal Church is located at 183 Rector Street, Perth Amboy, N.J.

For further info, please call the Parish Office (732) 826-1594.

Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. For more info call 732-721-6060.

## Family Movie Night

PERTH AMBOY - Wednesday. December 18 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the YMCA, 357 New Brunswick Avenue, Perth Amboy. Movie Showing: "How the Grinch Stole Christmas." FSC invites Middlesex County families for a family movie night at the local YMCA theater every third Wednesday of the month. FSC will provide families with popcorn and drinks free of charge.

#### *Edison AARP Chapter 3446*

EDISON - Edison AARP Chapter 3446 will meet on Monday, December 16, at 12 p.m. The meeting will be held at The Rosewood, located at 2863 Woodbridge Avenue, Edison, NJ. Join us for our holiday celebration, with entertainment provided by singing DJ Ray Anderish.

Edison AARP Chapter 3446 has scheduled the following trips: December 19: Paper Mill Playhouse - "Oliver" -For information call Doris at 732-603-8788. December 31: Doolans, Spring Lake, NJ -"New Years Afternoon Celebration" - Bus leaves at 10:15 AM. For reservations call Mary Ann at 732-287-3659. February 12, 2014: Hunterdon Hills Playhouse - "Beer & Broken Hearts" starring Tim Gills Band - For information call Mary Ann at 732-287-3659. March 2-9, 2014: The Bahamas on Norwegian Cruise Line - For information call Bob at 732-885-1789.

For information on the Knitting and Crocheting Club, call Kay at 732-548-1976. All programs are open to non-members. For additional information visit our website at www. edisonaarp.org.

#### 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament

SOUTH AMBOY - The South Amboy Branch YMCA will feature a 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament. The games will be tipping off at 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 21st. Teams must wear the same color shirts and will be set up depending on number of teams. Members \$15.00 and Non-Members \$20.00.

Please visit the Welcome Desk of the South Amboy YMCA to register. For more information, contact Mike Manfre at 732-316-8208 or email him at mike.manfre@ ymcaofmewsa.org.

## Stress Management Workshop

PERTH AMBOY - Tuesday, December 17, 2013 from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. at FSC 149 Kearny Ave. Perth Amboy. Stress affects all of us, both emotionally and physically. Learn how stress impacts you and what factors may be increasing stress in your life. This workshop will allow participants to identify common stressors and learn how to deal with them in a positive, constructive manner. In collaborate efforts with FSC and Amerigroup. For more info call 732-324-2114 ext. 128

#### Colombian Club Fitness Classes

SOUTH AMBOY -Various Fitness classes at the Knights of Columbus in South Amboy, 308 Fourth Street, are ongoing. Tuesdays 6:30 p.m.-7:20 p.m. Yoga, 7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Tabata (Boot Camp) and Thursdays 7:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m. Zumba. 8 classes for \$60. Part of the proceeds benefit the Colombian Club Council No. 426. Pre-registration is required. Please call Denise 732-525-9536 or email zumbasayreville@gmail.com

## Charity Basketball Game

SOUTH AMBOY - On December 21, 2013 the Friends of South Amboy will be sponsoring a night of charity basketball and a dinner buffet to benefit Samantha Carey and Kaitlyn Kehoe, two local children who have been diagnosed with cancer. The basketball games will feature teams from Cardinal McCarrick and South Amboy high schools. The event begins at 4 pm with a boys' JV game, followed by girls' varsity at 6 pm and boys' varsity at 8 pm. All games will be played at Cardinal McCarrick high school located at 310 Augusta St. in South Amboy. The dinner will be sponsored by the South Amboy AOH and will run from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the AOH hall located at 271 Second Street. All proceeds from the games and dinner will go to the Carey and Kehoe families. For tickets and information on donations please contact Tom Reilly at 732-721-0853.

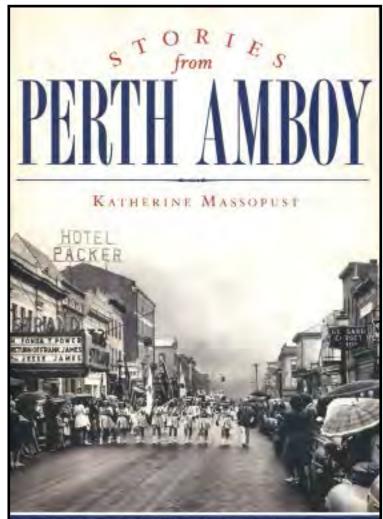
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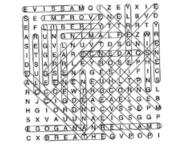
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Williamson Hall, High St.
Holy Rosary Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Auditorium,
Florida Grove Rd.
St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.
The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
Ukrainian Assumption Seniors, 12 Noon
Ed & Mary's, 555 Penn St., Perth Amboy
St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m.,
Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.
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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.
The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m.,
Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
South Amboy Seniors, noon,
Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
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

Please Submit Community Events 2 Weeks in Advance!



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PERTH AMBOY – 1960's -Woolworths, Smith Street - One of many memorable Christmas aisles filled with favorite items such as "Decorate Your Own" and the toy aisle enjoyed by the people of Perth Amboy and surrounding areas.

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#### AMERICAN CHRONICIES

#### **Stories From Perth Amboy** PERTH AMBOY - Stories From Perth Amboy by Katherine

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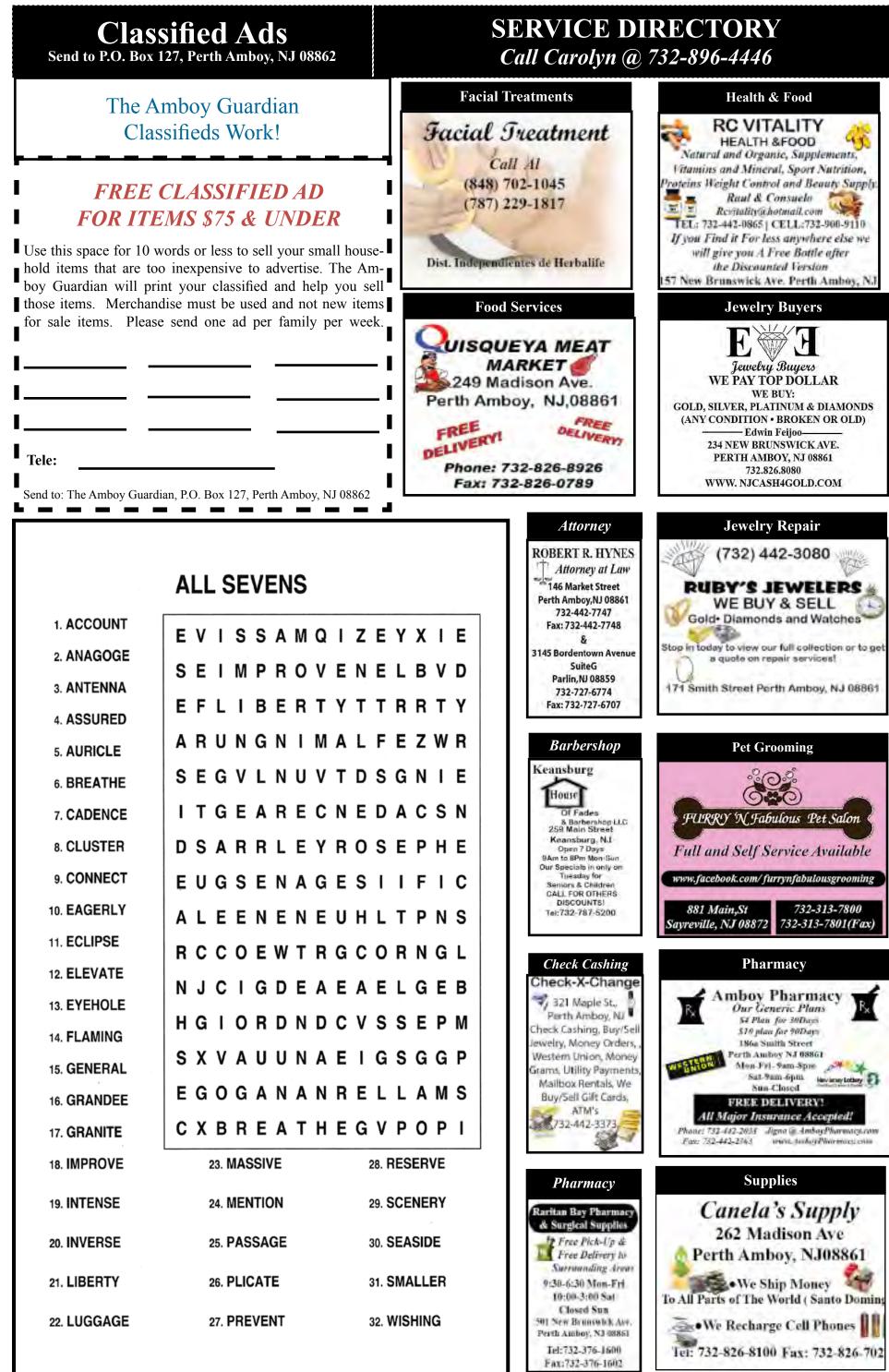
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Dear St. Joseph, head of the most perfect household, foster father of Jesus and guardian of His mother Mary, I confi- Name dently place myself and all my concerns under your care and protection. I ask that, through your powerful intercession with God, you obtain for me all Initials at end of prayer\_ the help and graces that I need

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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

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