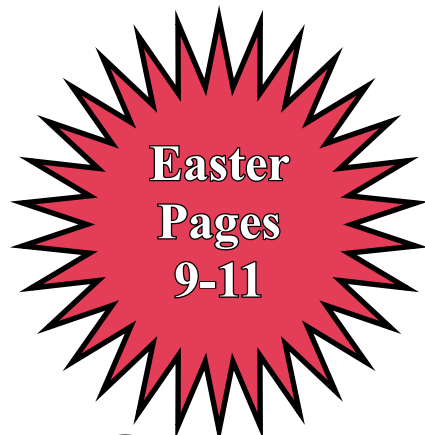




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Off-Duty Police Officer Found Shot Dead



Vehicle of Victim



The old Amboy Cinemas Movie Theater which has been closed since 2005 *Photos by Paul W. Wang



The Crime Scene: Note the shattered window on the vehicle.

SAYREVILLE - An off-duty Sayreville Police Officer was found shot to death in the parking lot of the old Amboy Cinemas according to police (Parkway & Rte. 9 side of the former movie theater)

During a press conference from the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office, the following was stated: At 7:15 a.m. on Monday, March 21, 2016 a call came in to the Sayreville Police Department. When Police responded, they found a male body that appeared to have died of gunshot wounds. The victim was identified a Sayreville Police Officer who was in his personal vehicle.

The Prosecutor's Office had no further comments at the time of printing.

PAPD Briefing of the Victory Bridge Incident by Deputy Chief Lawrence Cattano: 3/18/16



Victory Bridge *File Photo by Joe Bayona

PERTH AMBOY - At 8:43 a.m. Perth Amboy Police received a call of a man on the South bound side of the Victory Bridge on the outside of the rail and hanging on looking to jump. At 8:44 a.m. a police sergeant was on location and established a dialog with the individual. This sergeant was accompanied by additional Police Officers from the Perth Amboy and the Sayreville Police Department. The 25 year old resident was upset and threatening to jump to the water 110 feet below. The Bridge was secured of all vehicular traffic and marine units from our Police and Fire Departments responded and were in position within 10 minute. The negotiation continued for sev-

eral hours until at 11:16 a.m. The individual indicated that he wanted to come over the rail to safety, then abruptly fought and pushed the assisting officers away and jumped to the water below. As the Police and Fire marine units were in position below, they were immediately able to retrieve the individual from the water and get him on aboard the fire vessel where they began tending to him medically prior to turning him over to the awaiting EMS units on shore. Fortunately, the outstanding coordination between all Police and Fire Units involved allowed for the immediate rescue efforts and to bring it to its conclusion as safely as possible.

Check the Amboy Guardian Website for Any Updates
www.amboyguardian.com

Fire at Los Kenton Grocery Store

PERTH AMBOY - There was a fire at the Los Kenton Grocery Store at 752 State St., Perth Amboy (corner of State and Chauncey Sts.).

PAFD Chief Abraham Pitre released the following statement: Fire was reported at 10:58 p.m. Upon arrival an heavy volume of fire was encountered outside in the rear of the building extending both to 752 state and the church located at 760 State St. The fire had already extended into the first and second floors and was running up the void spaces in the walls to the third floor and roof. We had two minor firefighter injuries and no civilian injuries. We received



Fire at Los Kenton Grocery Store, 752 State Street, Perth Amboy *Photo by Paul W. Wang

assistance from Keasbey, Hopelawn, South Amboy, Sayreville, Fords, Edison fire departments. Units are remaining on scene throughout the day hitting hot spots and flare ups.

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South Amboy Remembers Ed Paczkowski

Lifelong South Amboy Resident Passed Away March 12th

By: Joseph L. Kuchie
SOUTH AMBOY - The city of South Amboy held a moment of silence and reflected on the life of late resident Ed Paczkowski at last Wednesday's city council meeting.

Paczkowski, 78, was a lifelong resident of South Amboy whose family owned Frank's Meat Market and then Foodtown on Bordentown Ave. for decades up until his retirement in 2012. Mayor Fred Henry spoke highly of Paczkowski's dedication to both his family and the city.

"My condolences go out to the Paczkowski family. They lost a great husband, a father, and South Amboy lost a great

friend," Henry said. "He will be missed."

The South Amboy council echoed Mayor Henry's comments, thanking Paczkowski for his dedication to the city.

"He was certainly a true South Amboyan," Business Administrator Camille Tooker said. "He was there for anyone who ever needed anything. He will truly be missed."

"Ed was a wonderful guy, a good volunteer, and a dedicated family man," Councilman Tom Reilly added.

Paczkowski was a member of a number of groups and organizations in South Amboy including the Cardinal McCarrick High School Advisory Board,

the St. Mary's Hall of Fame Committee, the South Amboy Trust Company Board, and the St. Mary's Eagles Athletic Association. Paczkowski was also named South Amboy's Citizen of the Year in 1990, Chamber of Commerce Business Man of the Year in 2002, and was named the Middlesex County Grand Marshall of the 2007 Pulaske Day Parade in New York City.

Councilwoman Zuzette Dato and Councilman Donald Applegate were not in attendance for the council meeting. The next city council meeting will take place on April 20th at 7:00 p.m.

All Students Are Helped

3/11/16 BOE Meeting

PERTH AMBOY - Betsy Rodriguez, who was a 2010 alumni of Perth Amboy High School and a youth development specialist, spoke during the public portion. The holistic program that she is a part of is under the New Jersey Dept. of Children and Families. She emphasized that this program helps build academic, social skills and interview skills in students. "I work with the guidance counselors, and each of them has about 300 students."

She wanted to thank Mr. Mosley and the Board of Education and would like to participate in planning of the new High School.

Board Member Anthony Bermudez said, "I heard that you do good work, help students get into college."

Rodriguez also fielded a question from a Board Member who wanted to know if they only help students who are college bound. Rodriguez emphasized that they also schedule trips for students who want to go to technical schools. "We have also worked with ROTC students."

Board Member Obi Gonzalez said, "Ms. Rodriguez also has an office in the High School. Besides helping with college entries and financial aid, this youth development program helps students with all kinds



Board Member
Obi Gonzalez

of problems."
For more information go to <http://www.state.nj.us/dcf/>

Let Them Pay

3/9/16 Council Meeting

PERTH AMBOY - Resident John Kerry Dyke who is known for producing several documentaries on Perth Amboy's rich history gave a presentation at the 3/9/16 Council Meeting. He wanted to emphasize several historic sites that may be part of Perth Amboy's Redevelopment Plans. Dyke first talked about Perth Amboy's Historic Ferry Slip that at one point had gone into disarray and was restored under MoPA (Museums of Perth Amboy). Some of those members included Cathy DePow, the late Richard Pietkowski, the late Tom Ward and several others.

Now Dyke was here to speak about two other sites. The first site was the Thomas Mundy Peterson site which is located off of Commerce Street (on a street that no longer exists called Commerce Lane across the street from Hy Tavern). Dyke gave a brief overview of why the Thomas Mundy Peter-



Resident John K. Dyke speaks in front of the City Council
**Photo by Matthew Telliho*

son site is so important to the history of not only Perth Amboy, but of the United States. Peterson was the first African-American to vote after the passage of the 15th Amendment to the United States Constitution which gave African-Americans the right to vote. Dyke explained how Peterson became the first African-American to vote when Marcus Spring of Eagleswood happened to see

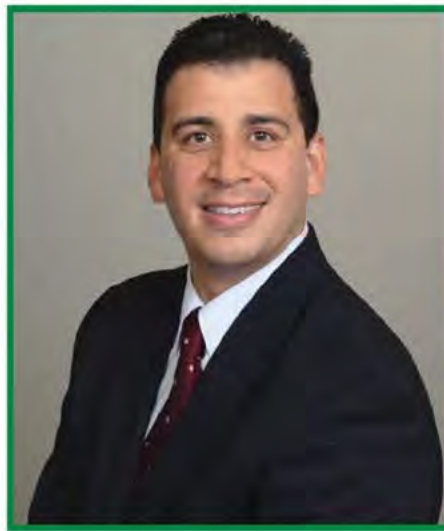
Peterson walking by City Hall. The Thomas Mundy Peterson Site is located off of Commerce Street which is now part of the Landings at Harborside Property presently an ongoing redevelopment project owned by Charles Kushner.

The second site mentioned by Dyke was the property located

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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

Please Consider the Families



Robert Bunten is promoted to Captain in the Perth Amboy Fire Dept. in the City Hall Council Chambers on 3/3/16. Wife, Nicole and sons, Robert Jr. and Ryan hold the Bible.

**Photo Courtesy of the Bunten Family*

Remember the times when the newspaper would always be notified when promotions were taking place in the Police and Fire Department. For some reason, these notifications have been dwindling down. It upsets us, especially when family members of those who received promotions call the newspaper and ask why photos never appeared in our paper. It's sad when we have to tell them, "We were never notified."

We received a call from a family member from a promoted Fireman. They said they pickup our paper weekly and were surprised that their son's promotion was not in our paper.

Not only that, but he mentioned that he saw the photos on the internet connected to one of the daily papers. We do not know how that photo was obtained. All we know, is we weren't notified.

As a matter of fact, we found out about the first Hispanic Female Sergeant looking at the newsfeed from the Mayor's Facebook Page when we were waiting for a luncheon to begin at PRAHD.

Often at Council Meetings, Council Members will mention different events taking place in the near future. Perhaps a new practice should begin. The Council President should be given a list of all upcoming promotions, time date and place. I'm sure the families of those being pro-

moted would be thankful and so would we.

With all the turmoil going on during the Council Meetings, this good news is welcome. Granted, it's hard for us to be present at all of these promotions, but we would appreciate if photos can be submitted. We will be more than happy to put them in our paper.

It should not be the family's place to notify us. I don't want to just put Perth Amboy on the spot, but we also circulate in South Amboy, Sayreville and Woodbridge. If those respective police/fire departments in those municipalities wish to submit photos of their promotions, they are welcome to do so. We do look at other news publications, monthly, weekly and sometimes daily and see that often photos are supplied to them. We only ask for the same courtesy.

We have readers who belong to organizations or are involved in the school system (Catholic and Public) and always submit photos/information when something happens or someone does something outstanding. If you ask us, I think the promotions within the two departments will qualify. It only takes a few seconds for this to be done.

Again here is our email address: amboyguardian@gmail.com. Borrowing a phrase from Peter Book a.k.a. Pedro Libro – We thank you for your courtesies. *C.M. & K.M.*

THE COMMUNITY VOICE

Let's Hope for A Happy Ending

I see the City Council Members are confused on this resolution R-129 3/16. Isn't that odd? Let's understand one thing. The City Council Members have a responsibility to see the right thing is being done and to investigate all matters that deals with money or whatever is on the agenda.

As for the Law Director, she will do her job to see everything is accordingly by the law of the State of New Jersey. For the Mayor, she can go anyway she wants left or right along as it is by the book. The concerned citizen has a right to voice their concern. It's their tax dollars at work. This is the way a Council meeting should be. Let everything out in the open, not like years ago HUSH,HUSH. Now let me open the doors on something for the Law Director. I know

she smart and she can go anywhere if she wants to, but I guess she want to stay here for the PEOPLE. I'm only assuming this. I have talked to many people on this matter and this is why the Administration has a hard time keeping people in the system. It's all politics and a joke for the taxpayer's. Let's HOPE this will have a happy ending.

Orlando "Wildman" Perez

Perth Amboy's Self-serving Board of Education

As a resident of the City of Perth Amboy and as a parent of three children, who attend the Perth Amboy Public School District, it is truly astounding to see how self-serving the current Perth Amboy Board of Education members are. In January, the Perth Amboy Board of Education unanimously voted in favor of changing the date of its election to April 19, 2016 from the general election date of November 8, 2016.

Reasons for the sudden move, which is estimated to cost Perth Amboy taxpayers over \$30,000 unnecessarily, have been murky at best. It has been suggested that members of the current board do not want Board of Education politics in the mix with local, state and federal elections to ensure the public has an opportunity to be engaged in our school system. It would have almost been believable if the board did not decide to change the election in a matter of two days with virtually no public input.

In another blatant contradictory reason for the change in election dates, board member Mr. Israel Varela publicly claimed he found there to be

higher voter turnout during school board elections held in April. However, when actually analyzing the voter turnout numbers, which are publicly available on the City of Perth Amboy's website, without making blanket statements to suit one's need, we see significantly higher numbers in November.

Simple research shows that in 2012, the first year the Board of Education election took place in November, the candidate who received the most votes tallied 2262. In 2011, the last time a Board of Education election was held in April, the highest vote total for a candidate was 693. In comparing those two elections alone, we see an increase of over 250% in November's favor.

There is one November election that saw less of a turnout than one April election in the last seven years - 2015, when there was historically low voter turnouts across the State of New Jersey.

In the November 2014 election, the candidate who amassed the lowest number of votes with a total of 1067 still toppled the highest vote getter in 2010 by over 300 votes.

The discrepancy between Mr. Varela's claim and the actual facts can be either one of two things: a total lack of understanding of the results or a deliberate attempt to mislead us.

An even more egregious political motive for the Board of

Education to want to change the elections so hastily and without public input comes in the case of its President, Mr. Samuel Lebreault. The last time Mr. Lebreault ran for a seat on the Board when running in a Presidential year he lost, overwhelmingly.

I applaud Mayor Wilda Diaz and the Perth Amboy City Council for acknowledging the Board of Education's decision for what it is – dirty, political maneuvering disguised as public service. Last month, the City Council voted in favor of a resolution moving the Board of Education election back to November, in an attempt to save taxpayer dollars. The board is now challenging the City's decision in Superior Court. An oral argument date has been set for March 21, which should definitively determine an election date.

If this year's Board of Education election were to happen next month, Mr. Lebreault, Mr. Varela and their running mate, who are all supportive of this sudden and costly change in dates will run unopposed – meaning they will essentially be granted another term to continue using our school system for their own political agenda. When are they actually going to care about the education of our children?

Junior A. Iglesia

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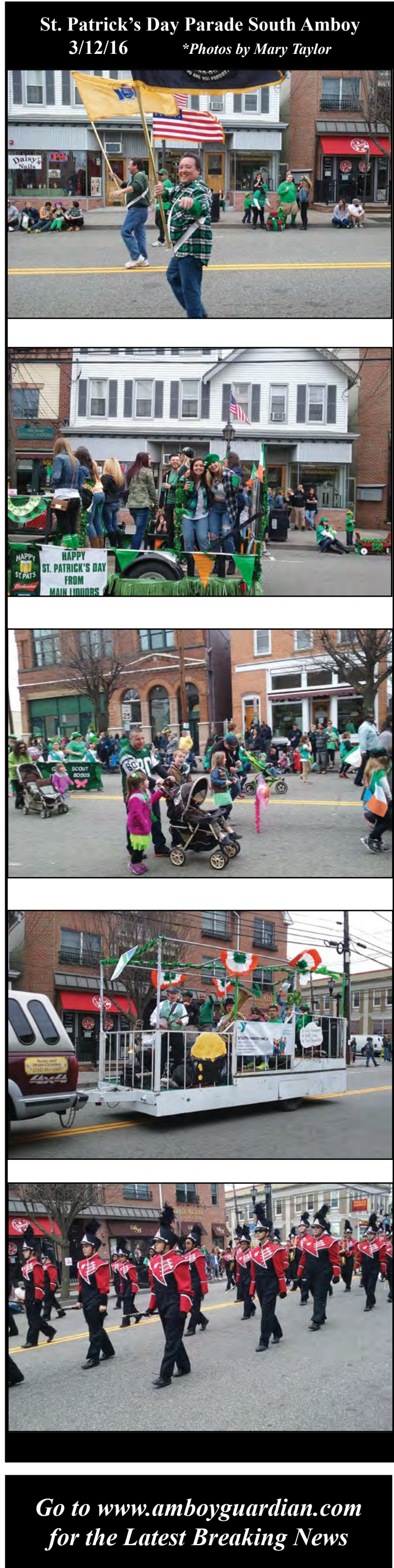
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Casa Argentina de New Jersey "1000 Books Program"

Press Release 3/4/16

PERTH AMBOY - "1000 Books" completes a very successful cycle of bilingual reading and mentoring, honoring great creative minds in children's bilingual literature and much more.

"1000 Books" is a grassroots collaboration between the Perth Amboy Public Library, Casa Argentina de New Jersey and School Based Youth Services Program (a project of the Jewish Renaissance Foundation funded by The New Jersey Department of Children and Families). This program provides an opportunity and a place for high school students to read to younger children in both English and Spanish.

While dual language exposure and bilingualism are common experiences for 95% of the children in Perth Amboy, New Jersey by the time these children reach adolescence, only about 10% of them remain fluent in both languages. Research supports Selman's Theory on Interpersonal Understanding that bilingualism enhances executive function performance, metalinguistic awareness, abstract thinking and perspective taking.

Most children that lose their ability to speak in their native language do so because they do not have the environmental incentive to speak in their mother tongue. As a result, fewer second generation immigrants can be described as bilingual.

In the 1000 Books program, students find an environment where they can feel proud of their heritage by reading books in both, English and Spanish. "I particularly like that we are given a chance to restore pride in the community we live," says Marialis Savinon, a program participant and high school junior at The Perth Amboy High School.

When children lose their mother's language as they learn English in school, the bond between parents and children is damaged according to Victoria I Puig from Montclair State University.

In the 1000 Books program, children are afforded opportunities to develop a love of reading in English and Spanish, which brings pride and connection back to the community. When there are high levels of bonding and high levels of feelings of belongingness, as children grow, they are less likely to engage in risky behaviors. In addition, youth and children are also more likely to stay in school, and experiencing greater overall success, according to the Youth Thrive Framework developed by The Center for the Study of Social Policy.

About the Collaborators,

Casa Argentina is a New Jersey based non-profit organization passionate about cultivating bilingual readers, writers, and engaged citizens. In collaboration with the Perth Amboy Public Library and School Based Youth Services Program, the 1000 Books program provides children in Perth Amboy, New Jersey, with a high school mentor who reads to them in English and Spanish, fostering a sense of belonging, love for reading, and a venue for positive youth development.

The program provides a unique and meaningful way to develop a love of reading, as well as multicultural awareness by incorporating crafts and dramatic readings.

This program works on many levels. High School students increase their school readiness and job readiness skills while they also learn to value diversity. By participating in cultural continuity, high school aged students learn the value of community service. The children participating in the program get the extra incentive to read while generating a sense of pride in their heritage through the reading of bilingual authors and bicultural books. At the same time, both children and teenagers improve their reading skills. According to Jusleine Daniel, Casa Argentina Director of Cultural Affairs and Community Development, "it is incredibly rewarding to see the children and teens develop an understanding of who one is and where one comes from while bonding with each other over books and readings."

The children love to have the high school mentors read to them in Spanish and English. They also love listening to stories that are representatives of their cultural heritage. "We know our program is having an impact when we have the children who, at the beginning would not speak in Spanish, want to learn more about their native language," says Raul Pretto, Casa Argentina President.

The program will celebrate the end of its spring cycle on March 31, 2016, from 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm at the newly renovated Perth Amboy Public Library, which is located at 196 Jefferson Avenue, Perth Amboy, NJ 08861. During this time, the high school tutors will receive their Service Learning Certificate and a scholarship.

On that day, the community is invited to participate in the final day of the spring reading cycle in a theatrical and fun reading activity of Dr. Seuss' books, in both English and Spanish.

Holy Week and Easter Sunday Services at Cathedral International

Press Release

PERTH AMBOY – Holy Week and Easter Sunday are essential times of worship for Christians. The days leading up to Easter Sunday beginning with Palm Sunday is known as Holy Week. Lenten season ends and the focus is on the suffering of Jesus. "Cathedral International joins millions of Christians around the world commemorating Jesus' journey to the cross and his resurrection from the grave," stated Bishop Donald Hilliard, Jr., Senior Pastor at Cathedral International. "Please know that you are welcome to attend our services throughout the year."

Everyone is invited to attend Holy Week services and Easter Sunday at Cathedral International, 277 Madison Avenue, Perth Amboy, NJ 08861. The following is information about services.

- Wednesday, March 23, 7:30pm, an evening of the Arts and Sunday School Easter Presentations. Don't miss our children who are passionate about singing and reciting their Easter presentations.
 - Maundy Thursday, March 24, 7:30pm. Come witness foot washing and the Last Supper.
 - Good Friday, March 25, 6:30pm - Stations of the cross 7:30pm - Good Friday service - Seven dynamic preachers, Baptism and a touching depiction of Christ on the cross.
 - Easter Sunday, March 27, service times are 6am, 8:30am and 11am.
- Easter Sunday at Cathedral International is always an unforgettable service of resurrection celebration. We welcome you and your family to attend these services.

Wills, Estate Planning & Probate Seminar Sayreville Senior Center

Press Release

SAYREVILLE - 423 Main Street, Sayreville. On April 26 at 11a.m. Open to the public - Wills & Estate Administration- Protect Your Family and Make Planning Easy. Speaker: Kenneth Vercaemmen, Esq. Edison. (Author- Answers to Questions About Probate)

The NJ Probate Law made a number of substantial changes in Probate and the administration of estates and trusts in New Jersey.

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Speaker: Kenneth A. Vercaemmen is a trial attorney in Edison, NJ. He is co-chair of the ABA Probate & Estate Planning Law Committee of the American Bar Association Solo Small Firm Division. He is a speaker for the NJ State Bar Association at the annual Nuts & Bolts of Elder Law & Estate Administration program. He is writing a book for the ABA on Wills and Estates.

He was Editor of the ABA

Estate Planning Probate Committee Newsletter. Mr. Vercaemmen has published over 150 legal articles in national and New Jersey publications on litigation, elder law, probate and trial topics. He is a highly regarded lecturer on litigation and probate law for the American Bar Association, NJ ICLE, New Jersey State Bar Association and Middlesex County Bar Association. His articles have been published in noted publications included New Jersey Law Journal, ABA Law Practice Management Magazine, and New Jersey Lawyer. He established the NJlaws website www.njlaws.com which includes many articles on Estate Planning, Probate and Wills. He is a member of the AARP and often lectures to groups on the importance of an up to date Will, Power of Attorney and Living Will.

3rd Annual Mother/Son Spring Fling

SOUTH AMBOY - Moms, Grandmother's, Aunts, or Any Special Lady please join us with your son/nephew/grandson on April 30, 2016 @ 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the South Amboy Knights of Columbus, 308 4th St., South Amboy. Tickets are \$45 per couple (includes dinner and dessert). Tickets can be purchased by mail Mother/Son Dance 377 Main St., Sayreville 08872. Ticket Deadline is April 10, 2016. Cash/Paypal/Checks made payable to Julie Veloz....Photos packages will be available for purchase with Amy McLaughlin Photography. 50/50, Giveaways and Contests, Facepainting by Just Jules. 100% of all Proceeds will be donated to Sayreville Association of Brain Injured Children (B.I.C.) please email: danceticketmom@gmail.com or call 732-343-1896 for any questions etc!

Local Author Don Peck Gives Presentation at the Kearny Cottage 3/13/16

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Local Author Don Peck gave a lecture at the Kearny Cottage.

\$100 Worth of Food for \$40

PERTH AMBOY – The Jolin Food box program is designed to provide families with nationally branded food products at wholesale prices. On behalf of the Cathedral's Community Development Corporation, the Jewish Renaissance Foundation's AmeriCorps is helping promote the Jolin Food Box. This month's deadline is Feb. 10. Pick Up Date is Saturday, Feb. 20 between 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. at 282 McClennan Street, Perth Amboy Check out <https://jolinfoodbox.com> or contact us at 732-826-8207.

Mayor Diaz Launches City ID Card Citywide



City ID Program soft opening launched at the Gallery Center for the Arts, 339 Reade St. **Photo by Paul W. Wang*



Director of Recreation Ken Ortiz, Law Director Arlene Quinones Perez, Citizen with new ID Card, Mayor Wilda Diaz, Councilman Joel Pabon **Photo Submitted*

PERTH AMBOY - The program will offer all residents of Perth Amboy, aged 14 and older a valid ID card that will allow them access to vital services the city has to offer. The local identification card will serve as proof of identity within the community and will help residents who do not have access to other forms of identification, interact with city agencies and get access to local resources.

Let Them Pay

**Continued From Page 2*

off of Convery Boulevard and Smith Street (The former site of Celotex, which was formerly known as Eagleswood). Eagleswood was the historic school in the Raritan Bay Union. He noted several well-known individuals who studied or visited there. Among those included: Frederick Douglas, a prominent African-American social reformer, abolitionist, orator, writer, and statesman; Henry David Thoreau, a well-known author, poet, philosopher, abolitionist, naturalist, tax resister, development critic, surveyor, and historian who wrote Walden and Ralph Waldo Emerson, an essayist, lecturer, and poet who led the Transcendentalist movement of the mid-19th century.

"The Underground Railroad ran through the Eagleswood Site. Slaves who escaped from the South were fed there and received medical treatment before continuing their

journey up to Canada. Perth Amboy encouraged Blacks to vote. They were way ahead of everybody else."

Dyke pleaded with the Council to incorporate archeology into Redevelopment Sites. "After all the historic sites are documented, then they should be developed, if needed. Don't let these developers forget these sites. Let them pay for the documentation before developing on these historic sites."

Topics like these were discussed at the Historic Preservation Commission when it was first reactivated under Mayor Wilda Diaz. John Dyke had come forward at one of the PAHPC meetings in the past to discuss the importance of having archeological digs, especially at Eagleswood to document the history of that prominent site.

Many of Dyke's DVD's can be found at the Perth Amboy Free Public Library and they have been broadcast on PATV (Comcast ch.34 Fios ch.47)

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Getting the Message Out



Superintendent David Roman



Board Member Milady Tejada



Board President Sam Lebreault

PERTH AMBOY - 3/10/16 Board of Education Meeting Board Member Milady Tejada spoke about an event that took place on March 5, 2016 at the Patten School. The Richardson School came to the Patten School to participate. Milady said, "A woman came to speak about the role of mothers when a family breaks down. This woman had a daughter who passed away on graduation day." Tejada spoke on how an emotional and passionate a speaker this woman was."

Board of Education President Samuel Lebreault said that Superintendent Roman also was at this event. Lebreault stated that Roman told him that the Board of Education should have this woman speak at one of the Board Meetings. This woman's daughter was killed in a car accident the day of her graduation. The woman was so impressed by the students who were present when she spoke in Perth Amboy that she wants to send 50 kids to the symposium that her organization will be having soon."

Superintendent Dr. David Roman spoke, "This woman

was eloquent, especially when telling the story of how important moms are. Perhaps she should speak around the time when the schools schedule Project Graduation."

Board Member Tejada told those in attendance that there are tickets available to have 100 students go to the symposium."

PTO President Donna Stewart came up to speak, "Any presentations involving students should be made at the beginning of the meeting It was nice that students were honored for achieving high scores on the PARCC Exam, but I've been coming to the Meetings for eight years and the A.P. students who have high scores have never been recognized. We also have a lot of money coming in to our budget from different types of funding. When new schools are built, all resources for them should already be in place. The PTO had an assembly with the woman who lost her son involving a drunk driver two years ago. There were Juniors and Seniors present when that woman spoke two years ago.

No Board Members attended. We have been involved in something like this, not to take anything away from the woman who spoke at the assembly."

Stewart also was displeased that Mr. Mosely would be going. "My son said, "Finally there was an administrator who connected with the students." Stewart also gave kudos to Mrs. Green who is in charge of the Black History Club. "During Black History Month, she was in charge of an inspiring and moving program. Nobody from the Board of Education came. I know the majority of students in the schools are Hispanic, but we should support other minority groups, too."

After Stewart spoke, Board of Education President Sam Lebreault spoke and said, "Many of us work during the day and it's hard to attend a lot of the activities."

Assistant Superintendent Dr. Vivian Rodriguez said, "I have attended Black History programs in the past, but this year when it took place I was out of town."

Active Shooting Training

PERTH AMBOY - 3/10/16 Board of Education Meeting.

Board Vice President Israel Varela had a question about the Perth Amboy Police Dept. conducting Active Shooter Training utilizing the Perth Amboy High School. "During the times that they will be having the training, no staff members or parents are in the building. It will be a dry run, and not really prepared for it."

Dr. Roman responded, "Are security and the Police Department will be working on the drills together in April."

Board Member Anthony Bermudez said, "Our security is the front line."

Dr. Roman came back and said, "They will be having a meeting with the Police Department on Monday (3/14/16).

The Board Attorney cautioned the members, "We can't talk in public about activities concerning security."



Board Member Anthony Bermudez



Board Member Ken Puccio

Board Secretary Derek Jess said, "The first training session is supposed to be taking place at 10 p.m. tonight, so we all will be participating."

Board Member Ken Puccio said, "I have participated in this (active shooter training) in the past. They actually shoot at you."

The motion was moved by

Buidlings & Grounds Chairperson Israel Varela, seconded by Jose Rodriguez. Board Members Anthony Bermudez and Ken Puccio both abstained. Everyone else voted "Yes." Board Member Anton Massopust was not present at the Meeting.

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Easter Pageant

PERTH AMBOY - Easter Pageant, Sunday, March 27 at 2 p.m. at the YMCA Theater Room, 357 New Brunswick Ave. Categories: Infant-3yrs old; 4-5 yrs old; 6-7 yrs old; 8-10yrs old. For additional information, call the Office of Recreation 732-826-1690 ext. 4306.

Easter Egg Hunt

PERTH AMBOY - Easter Egg Hunt, Easter Sunday, March 27 at 11 a.m. at the Radiance Church. The Easter Egg hunt will take place after service. Also, special performances and giveaways. Radiance Church is located at 446 Market St. in Perth Amboy

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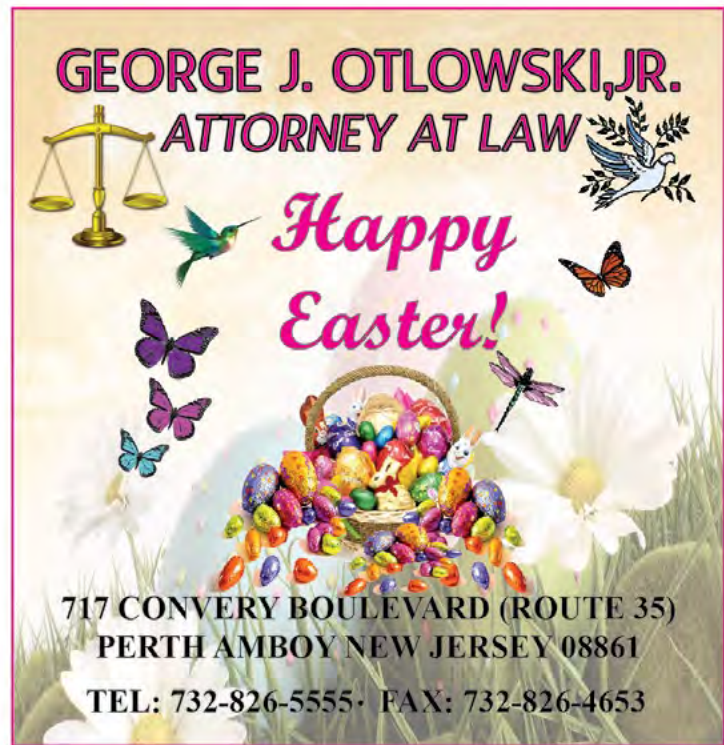
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- Sgt. Luis Almanzar - Aux. Police
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- FOP Lodge 80
- The Russo Family
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Irish Flag Raising 3/24/16

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**Annual
Pocketbook
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SOUTH AMBOY - Sacred Heart School is hosting its Annual Designer Pocketbook Bingo on Saturday April 23, 2016 located at Sacred Heart/St. Mary's school cafeteria 301 Second Street, South Amboy...BYOB and Snacks.... also soda and snacks will be sold that night! 50/50 and Basket Raffles...tickets are \$35 each which includes (12 Bingo sheets)...to purchase tickets please contact Paty Velez via email hsasacredheartsa.com or call Mr. Prichard @ 732-721-0834... Proceeds to Benefit Sacred Heart School

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Car Show

SOUTH AMBOY - South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 hold their spring Cruise Night Car Show Friday June 3 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the parking lot located at 308 Fourth St. South Amboy. Trophies awarded for best in show. Free hot dog for anyone bringing in non-perishable food. For more information call 732-721-2025.

Golf Outing

SOUTH AMBOY - South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 hold their annual golf outing Thursday May 12 at Cruz Farms Golf Course in Farmingdale. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. with tee-off at 9 a.m. Cost of \$100 includes 18 holes, golf cart, lunch, dinner, and many prizes. For more information call Ray at 732-721-2025 or Wayne at 732-406-2340.

Mets Trip

SOUTH AMBOY - South Amboy Knights of Columbus sponsor an outing to beautiful Citi Field to see the National League champion Mets battle division rival Washington Nationals with Daniel Murphy in a July 9 at 7:15 p.m. game. Cost of \$100 includes round trip motor coach transportation, sandwich, snacks, water, and soft drinks. Motor coach leaves the parking lot at 308 Fourth St., South Amboy at 3 p.m. For reservations call Steve at 732-727-1707

**Free Movie
Night**

SOUTH AMBOY - South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 invite you and your family to see the inspirational movie "Do You Believe?" starring Cybil Shepherd, Lee Majors, and Ted McGinley, Friday night April 8 at 308 Fourth St., South Amboy. Movie begins at 7 p.m. Pasta, meatballs, and salad will be available before the film. Cost for dinner is \$5 Adults, and \$2 per child. For more information call 732-721-2025.

**Women's Day
2016**

PERTH AMBOY - Wednesday Night Worship Services: Women of Worship. Celebrating a New Season, a New Day and a Fresh Anointing to Exhort, Edify and Embrace. Worship begins promptly at 7 p.m. Nightly. Wed. March 30 - Sis. Jacqueline Nolton; Wed. April 6 - Sis. Cynthia Olive; Wed. April 13 - Rev. Janet Jones; Wed. April 20 - Sis. Sheerene Brown. St. James A.M.E. Zion Church, 68 Commerce St., Perth Amboy. Rev. Amos Dickerson, Jr., Pastor.

**A.C. Bus Trip
San Salvador
Seniors**

PERTH AMBOY - The San Salvador Seniors are sponsoring a bus trip to Caesar's Casino in AC on Thursday, April 7th. Bus leaves 12 Noon from the Perth Amboy Knights of Columbus, High Street, Perth Amboy. Cost 30 pp. Receive \$30 back in slot dollars. For more info call Joe at 732-826-0819. 2/10

**Comedy
Knight 28**

PERTH AMBOY - The Columbian Club of Perth Amboy will be hold Comedy Knight 28 on April 16th featuring the Comedy of Paul Venier. (Proceeds to benefit the good work of the K of C) Tickets cost \$35 pp. and include Buffet dinner 7 p.m. beer and wine, and the show starts @ 8:30 Location 228 High Street, Perth Amboy. Tickets available by contacting John Fedorka @732-727-9659 or 732-442-2998.

**An Evening
of Jazz**

COLONIA - Sponsored by the Independent Club of Colonia featuring the Danny Mixon Trio or Quartet. April 2 at the Colonia Fire House, 250 Inman Ave., Colonia from 8 p.m. to 12 a.m. Advanced Tickets required. Limited Seating. \$30pp includes wine and beer, hot and cold hors d'oeuvres. BYOB optional. For more info go to www.independentclub.org. For tickets call Glen 732-213-7797 or Phillip 908-337-1554 or Roz 732-734-7538 or Rhonda 732-925-0162. 2/10

**Dowdell Library
Foundation DVD
& Recorded
Media Drive**

SOUTH AMBOY - Your fall cleanout is done and you're wondering what to do with all of those unwanted DVD's, CD's, and video games. How about donating them to South Amboy's Sadie Pope Dowdell Library? Just bring those unwanted items to the library, during regular hours. No VHS please!

This program has been running since 2012 collecting thousands of DVD's and other electronic media for the library. Those generous donations have enabled the library to increase its resources for the benefit of South Amboy residents and the surrounding communities.

All donations are fully tax deductible and the Dowdell Library Foundation, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation. Please call (732)721-6060 for library hours. To schedule a pick-up for larger collections, please contact Grace at 732-721-6592. Your support is greatly appreciated.

**Breakfast &
Bake Sale**

WOODBIDGE - 9th Annual Step Up! Walk Breakfast and Bake Sale for the Domestic Violence Response Team, Sunday, April 3, 2016, St. Andrew's Church Hall, 244 Avenel St., Avenel from 8 a.m. to 12 Noon. Mother's Day is coming! Stop in to see beautiful gift selections Mom will surely love. Adults \$8; Seniors \$6; Children 4-12 yrs. \$6; 3 yrs. & under Free. Spring has sprung! Catch what's new from Thirty-one. All proceeds go towards victim services and community education. 3/16

**Book Drop/Book
Exchange/Book
Sale**

PERTH AMBOY - The Friends of the Perth Amboy Free Public Library have established a use for the books you have read and would like to recycle!!! Drop off your books. Exchange them for books you have not read pick up a book or two (\$.50 for paperbacks/\$1 for hard cover) ... or select a "bag of books" for a price of only \$5. Please no text books or reference books.

Visit us at the Brighton Ave. Community Center located at the corner of Brighton Ave. and Sadowski Pkwy. in Perth Amboy. The schedule for the next three months is as follows: Saturdays April 9th and 23rd, May 14th, June 11th and 25th. We will be there from 1:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m. (weather permitting). For more info, e-mail us at friendsofperthamboylibrary@gmail.com

**A Saint Patrick's
Day Harp & Violin
Duo Concert**

SOUTH AMBOY - MASM Presents- Calling all Irish! Saint Patrick's Day is here! BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND - Join Merynda Adams and Christopher Collins Lee as they team up for this wonderful concert of music for violin and harp. Christopher Collins Lee is a world-famous violinist who holds degrees from the Juilliard School of Music, a Doctorate from SUNY Stony Brook, and five Honorary Doctorates from foreign institutions. Merynda Adams, an internationally renowned harpist, has performed throughout the United States, France, Belgium, the Netherlands, and Puerto Rico. Ms. Adams has performed with the New Jersey Symphony, New York Grand Opera, New Philharmonic, and many others. Sunday, 4/3/16 at 4:00 p.m., at Saint Mary Church, 256 Augusta Street, South Amboy! Free admission (\$15 donation suggested). A special IRISH RECEPTION will follow the concert in honor of Saint Patrick's Day! 3/16



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This Week in World War II 75 Years Ago

By: Phil Kohn. *Dedicated to the memory of his father, GM3 Walter Kohn, U.S. Navy Armed Guard, USNR, and all men and women who have answered the country's call in time of need. Phil can be contacted at ww2remembered@yahoo.com.*

In East Africa, troops of the British 11th (African) Division attack strong Italian positions in the Marda Pass, west of Jijiga, in eastern Ethiopia, on March 21, 1941. After some resistance, the Italians pull out and fall back. In Philadelphia, Joe Louis again successfully defends his heavyweight boxing title, defeating Abe Simon by a technical knockout in the 13th round.

On March 22 the German battleships Scharnhorst and Gneisenau enter the shelter of French waters. The two vessels have wreaked considerable havoc on the British convoy system, sinking 22 ships totaling 115,600 registered tons. In East Africa, British forces overrun another Italian defensive position west of Jijiga, Ethiopia, at Babile Pass.

Accompanied by fighters, German Stuka dive-bombers on March 23 raid Malta. As a result of the attack, the British withdraw all RAF bombers and flying boats from the island.

On March 24 German Lt. Gen. Erwin Rommel launches his first offensive in Cyrenaica (Libya), recapturing El Agheila from the British. With significant numbers of veteran British desert troops sent to Greece, Lt. Gen. Phillip Neame is left to hold Libya with the under-strength 2nd Armoured Division, the 9th Australian Division and an Indian brigade. In addition, their tanks are mostly old and worn-out. (Neame has replaced Lt. Gen. Richard O'Connor, who has been made commander of British Troops in Egypt.) Rommel, on the other hand, has one German division — the 5th Light Division, with a strong tank component — and parts of four Italian divisions under his command. But Rommel, too, has his problems: the German High Command has forbidden him from attacking and has notified him he will receive no extra forces until May.

In Vienna, Austria, on March 25, Yugoslavia's Prime Minister Dragiša Cvetković and Foreign Minister Dimitrije Cincar-Marković, yielding to German pressure, sign the Tripartite Pact, joining the Axis. Germany agrees to respect Yugoslavian sovereignty and not demand passage for its troops. In Belgrade, civil disturbances break out when it becomes known that the country has joined the Axis. In Eritrea, in the Horn of Africa, the 4th and 5th Indian Divisions renew their advance toward an Italian blocking position along the Keren road.

Following claims by the Luftwaffe that it has sunk two battleships of the British Mediterranean Fleet (not true), and with the promise of air cover and reconnaissance, Adm. Angelo Iachino on March 26 leads the Italian fleet into the Aegean Sea with the intent of disrupting British convoys to Greece. His force comprises one battleship, six heavy cruisers, two light cruisers and 13 destroyers. The same day, British forces occupy Harar, Ethiopia. During the night, an attack by a special Italian naval unit's explosive motorboats penetrates Suda Bay, Crete, in the Greek islands, sinking one tanker and crippling the British heavy cruiser HMS York.

On March 27, the British Royal Navy moves out to engage the Italian fleet. Adm. Andrew Cunningham leads three battleships, one aircraft carrier and nine destroyers out of Alexandria, Egypt, while Vice Adm. Henry Pridham-Wippell sorties four light cruisers and four destroyers from Piraeus, Greece. In Yugoslavia, an anti-Axis coup d'état by air force officers deposes Prince Paul and forces him into exile. King Peter II, a minor (he's only 17), assumes the throne, with Royal Yugoslav Air Force Chief of Staff Dušan Simović as the head of government. In response, a furious Adolf Hitler issues "Führer Directive No. 25" that orders an immediate invasion, with the objective "to destroy Yugoslavia militarily and as a state." In East Africa, Platt's Allied advance clears roadblocks in the Keren area of Eritrea, with the Italians falling back toward Asmara. The fighting is brutal, with the Indian divisions suffering 4,000 casualties and the Italians losing 3,000 dead and many wounded.

The Perth Amboy DVRT Team is Looking for New Volunteers.

Press Release

Requirements:

- Middlesex county resident, from Perth Amboy a plus.
- Must be able to pass a criminal background check.
- Must commit to 9 weeknights of training. Usually a Wednesday night, 1 Saturday for make-up classes.
- Must be able to commit to be on team for a least a year.
- Must be able to abide by the policies of the Perth Amboy DVR team and Police department.
- Must be a team player.
- Must be able to work in a confidential atmosphere and keep all information confidential.

Deadline for applications March 30, 2016

If interested please contact Detective Liza Capo @732-324-3815, or pick up application @ police headquarters @365 New Brunswick Ave. Perth Amboy NJ 08861

Have a Special Pet?

Email us your Pet Photos to AmboyGuardian@gmail.com with Pet of the Week in the Subject line and explain why your pet is special. Please include Name and Phone# for verification.

Learn with the Rabbi at Panera Yeshiva

WOODBIDGE – Every Wednesday, in March and April, Rabbi Saks of Congregation Beth Mordecai of Perth Amboy will be at Panera Bread in Woodbridge (across from Wegmans) from 9:30 am to 10:30 am. He will be teaching different Jewish subjects each week.

Public Talk: Transform Your Life

PERTH AMBOY - Transform Your Life: Striking the Right Work-Life Balance, Saturday, April 2 from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Meet with Business Leaders and learn how Meditation transforms our daily work-life balance and brings inner and outer peace. Featuring Workshop, Meditation, Vegetarian Lunch. Join us and learn a simple meditation technique to find inner and outer peace. (Bilingual Workshop English/Spanish) Science and Spirituality Meditation Center, 15 Market St., Perth Amboy. For more info call 732-690-6509. or email njinfo@sos.org. RSVP Requested.

Jammin for Jaclyn

SOUTH AMBOY - Jammin for Jaclyn has joined with RJC Charities, Inc., a non-profit organization. We will be running the Jammin for Jaclyn Benefit Concert annually. 100% of the proceeds will go to families in need due to cancer. The benefit this year will be for Wyatt Scott a 2 year old little boy who has Neuroblastoma. He will need multiple surgeries, Chemo and Radiation. Please help this family help their son. The 3rd annual Jammin for Jaclyn Benefit Concert will be April 16th Knights of Columbus, 308 Fourth Street, South Amboy. 4 p.m. to 1 p.m. Continuous Live Bands. Huge hot and cold buffet. Adults only please. \$25/pp. Tickets sold at the door.

Cancer does not discriminate. Anyone can be struck at anytime, please help. Contact Denise Morgan at 732-525-9536 for further information. If you would like to donate prior to the event, checks can be made out to RJC Charities Inc.-please put Jammin for Jaclyn in the memo. Mail to 292 Stevens Avenue South Amboy NJ 08879.

Ask the Rabbi

EDISON - Every Wednesday, in March and April, Rabbi Saks of Congregation Beth Mordecai of Perth Amboy will be at Menlo Park Mall Food Court at 12 noon to 1 pm for his "Ask the Rabbi" program. He will offer a Jewish perspective on any question that you would like to ask.

Citizen Peterson

PERTH AMBOY - "Citizen Peterson: How Thomas Mundy Peterson Made the Most of His Historic Vote." If you have heard the name Thomas Mundy Peterson, it is likely because he was the first African-American to vote under the Fifteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution in 1870. But he didn't just cast his ballot and disappear into history. Peterson used his status to fully-embrace the role of citizen in the face of those who questioned a black man as a sociopolitical equal. New Jersey historian and author, Gordon Bond, has discovered how Peterson ran for local office, switched from the Republican to Prohibition Party, and calls into question some of the often repeated aspects of his post-vote roles in his latest presentation.

The lecture will be at the Kearny Cottage, 63 Catalpa Ave., on Sunday, April 3rd at 2 p.m. Donations welcome. Light refreshments available.

Pet of the Week



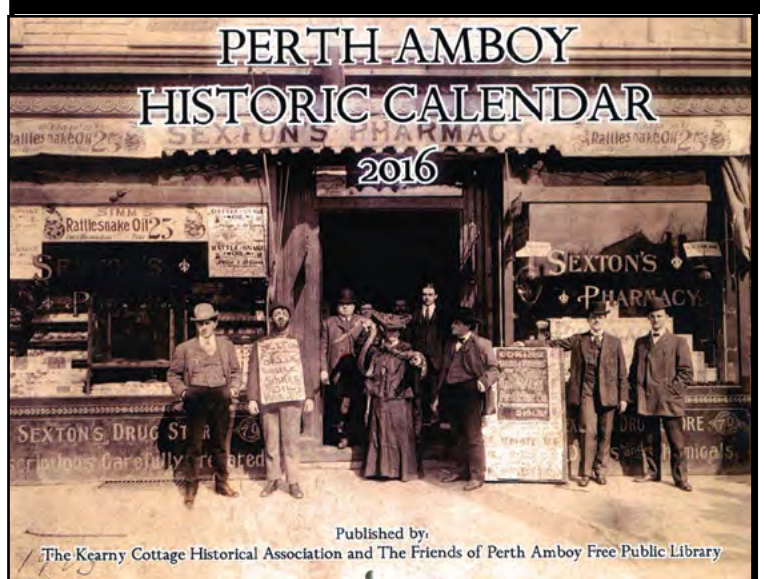
This is Luna, my Great Dane. She's 3 yrs old. I'm very sick but having her makes me want to live. She IS the greatest dog who helps me feel I can keep going on with this life. Lori

"All You Can Eat" Lenten

Linguini Dinners

FORDS - Our Lady of Peace Knights of Columbus Council #9199 of Fords is sponsoring their annual "All You Can Eat" Lenten Linguini Dinners every Friday in Lent, except Good Friday. The dinners will be served from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the cafeteria below the Church. The menu includes Linguini, with a choice of Red (Marinara) or White clam sauce, salad, garlic bread, coffee, soda, water, iced tea and desserts. The menu will also include our FAMOUS PIZZA! The cost is \$10 for adults, \$9 for Senior Citizens, \$5 for children under 12 and children under 5 are free. There is a special family price of \$20 (EAT IN ONLY). A family would consist of only 2 adults and any children under 12. No reservations necessary and take-out is available. For more information, call Tony at 732-233-4473. 1/20

2016 Historic Perth Amboy Calendars



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2016 Historic Perth Amboy Calendars are available at the Barge Restaurant, 201 Front St., Perth Amboy 732-442-3000 or at Fertigs Uniform Store, 195 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy 732-442-1079 or Call Paul or Katherine at 732-293-1090. Back by popular demand the Calendars feature old photographs from Perth Amboy. Sponsored by the Kearny Cottage Historical Association and the Friends of Perth Amboy Free Public Library. Calendars are \$10 Each.

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.

Open Mic

SOUTH AMBOY - South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 will hold their next Open Mic Friday April 29 at 308 Fourth St. South Amboy beginning at 8 p.m. If you play an instrument or like to sing you are invited. Snacks and refreshments are available. For more information call 732-721-2025.

Edison AARP Ch. 3446

EDISON - Planned Trips: March 30: "Broadway Stoppers" show & luncheon at the Stoney Hill Inn in Hackensack, NJ. For reservations, contact Mary Ann at 732-287-3659. May 17-18: Pennsylvania Package Tour - includes "Samson" at the Sight & Sound Theater, "Million Dollar Quartet" at the Dutch Apple Theater, Turkey Hill Taste Lab, and a hotel stay at Eden Resort in Lancaster, PA. For reservations, contact Bob at 732-885-1789. All trips are open to non-members. For information on the Knitting & Crocheting club, contact Kay at 732-548-1976. Canned food and miscellaneous items for veterans, hospitals, and nursing homes will be collected at the meeting. For additional information about our chapter or upcoming events, visit our website at www.edisonaarp.org.

RBMC

Perth Amboy 38th Annual

Geranium Sale

PERTH AMBOY - \$32 per dozen; \$3.50 per plant. Geraniums available in Pink, White, Red and Fuchsia. Also Available: Hanging Geranium Plants; \$20 each. Pick-up outside the medical center at the Groom Street entrance. Please remember to mark your calendar for the date and pick-up time; Thursday, May 12 from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon. Orders due by May 4. Mail orders to: Joan Volanin, 154 Kearny Ave., Perth Amboy, NJ 08861. Sponsored by the Perth Amboy Auxiliary. Proceeds to benefit projects and programs at Raritan Bay - Perth Amboy.

Passport Fair

PERTH AMBOY - The United States Postal Service Woodbridge Branch will be hosting a US Passport Fair on Tuesday, March 22 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Alexander F. Jankowski Community Center, 1 Olive, Street, Perth Amboy. For more information please contact, 732-826-1690, Ext. 4307.

United States Postal Service Passport Fees: Adult, Passport Book & Card \$140.00 + \$25 (Execution Fee); Passport Book only: \$110.00 + \$25 (Execution Fee); Applicants 16 years and younger Passport Book/& Card: \$95.00 + \$25 (Execution Fee); Passport Book only: \$80 + \$25 (Execution fee); Individuals must bring: 2 color passport photos (2 x 2), taken within the last six months.

Senior Scene Happenings

Perth Amboy

- WED. Mar. 23 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. Mar. 24 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
- MON. Mar. 28 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.
- TUES. Mar. 29 Holy Spirit Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Church Hall, Brace Ave.
 - Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.
- WED. Mar. 30 Holy Rosary Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Auditorium, Florida Grove Rd.
 - St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.
- THURS. Mar. 31 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.

South Amboy

- MON. Mar. 28 Sacred Heart Seniors, 12 Noon Memorial Hall, Wash Ave.
- MON. Apr. 4 South Amboy Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
- WED. Apr. 13 St. Mary's Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.

Attn: If Your Club changes Your Schedule due to the Holidays or if you have Community Events to Submit Please give us two weeks advanced notice! 732-896-4446 or 732-261-2610 AmboyGuardian@gmail.com

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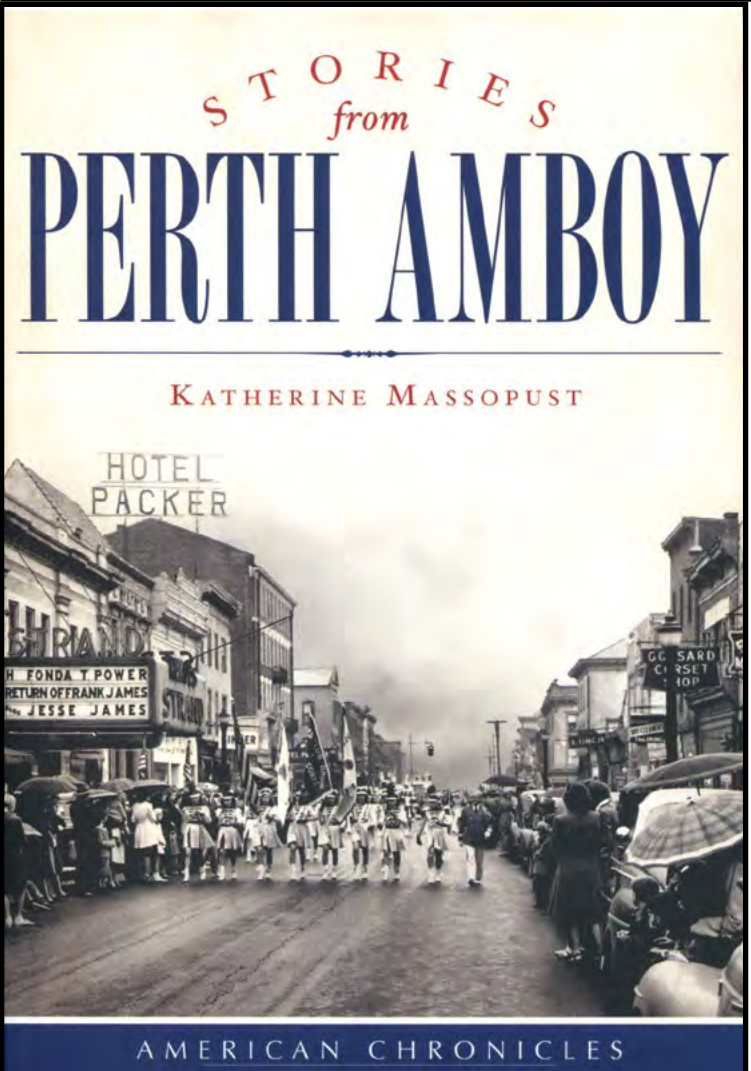
LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY - Getting ready for easter circa early 1950's.

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8. June 6, 1944 (hyph.)
12. Be in debt
13. Impertinent girl
14. Give a grade from 1 to 10
15. Thief
actress Whitman
16. *Cold Sassy* ___
17. *The Wire* baddie
Barksdale
18. Data, for one
20. Nintendo
game system
21. Treasury Dept. org.
22. Talk show
host Howie
25. Julia Child and
Emeril, e.g.
28. Pester
29. ___ Lanka
30. No-no in Miss
Brooks's class
31. ___ for Hire
32. *Victory*
Garden subject
33. I ___ 3 Lives
34. Piece of grassland
35. *Knots Landing* aunt
36. Mrs. Bunker et al.
38. Arrid competitor
39. George of *Max*
Headroom
40. Sarah of *EZ Streets*
44. Beckoning
contraction
46. *To Tell the Truth*
panelist Orson
47. Map abbr.
48. Brad of *Glory Days*
49. Lesley-___ Down
of *Sunset Beach*
50. McCoy of *The Bill*
Cosby Show
51. Quartet member

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52. Finds sums
53. West Bank gp.

Down

1. Small hill in the
Southwest
2. McGregor of
"The Island"
3. Irate: ___ off
4. Schwarzenegger
and Stallone,
for example
5. Detective Cagney
6. Fibbed
7. Western Indian
8. Exhaust
9. Hope's last name
on *Hope & Gloria*
10. From ___ Z
(2 words)
11. Coin of the Orient
19. Schism
20. Wit
22. WWE pad
23. Titus's girlfriend
24. Eddie Munster's mom
25. Paula of
Murphy Brown
26. Sped
27. Auberjonois's
Benson role
28. Show boredom
31. Numerals (abbr.)
32. *Bonanza* cook
Hop ___
34. Pronoun for the
"Minnow"
35. Boyd of *One Day*
at a Time
37. The Lone Ranger's
sidekick
38. *Laredo* star Neville
40. Care for
41. Pant
42. *Good and* ___
43. Overhaul
44. Letters after Norm
Peterson's name
45. Wire measure
46. Start of a Robert
Conrad series title

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