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How Can We Lower the Deductible?

PERTH AMBOY - Paul Messerschmidt from D&H Alternative Risk Solutions made a presentation at the 5/9/16 Caucus Meeting.

This was at the request of Business Administrator Adam Cruz. Messerschmidt is the Manager of Property and Casualty Claims at D&H. This firm handles risk management and a third party administration for insurance.

Messerschmidt said, "Perth Amboy is a founding member of the JIF (Joint Insurance Fund). There are seven towns in it all together. It's a General Liability (Public Entity Joint Insurance)."

He went on to explain some of the deductibles for general liability such as slips and falls. "The deductible is \$250,000 for \$1 million worth of coverage. There is a \$500,000 deductible for \$3 million coverage. There is a deductible of \$1 million for \$15 million coverage. There is also different coverages for land

use which covers the Zoning Board, Public Officials and Employed Liability. There's a \$25,000 deductible for Hacking Liability. Other coverages include \$50,000 for buildings, \$15,000 for vehicles and bond coverage for pollution."

Council President Lisa Nanton asked Messerschmidt, "How can we lower our deductibles?"

Messerschmidt answered, "It depends on the Third Quarter Reports on what the City has paid out so far in suits. The training the City provides for their employees helps with your premiums. Workers Compensation Coverage has risen because of medical costs going up. Some of the training includes employees from the Department of Public Works and the Police Department. This training not only protects those departments, but the public. The joint insurance fund notifies the City of all training available."

Deputy Chief Larry Cattano

added some comments, "All of our supervisors are constantly going through all required training. All of our Police Department Employees report positive experience with all training programs they have attended."

After Cattano spoke, Messerschmidt told the Council, "My firm can provide settlements on any given year."

Council President Nanton said, "I would like the numbers for the last three years."

Messerschmidt cautioned, "Numbers can be skewed depending on if there was a large settlement. We can give settlements and claim petitions."

Later during the public portion, Resident Messerschmidt answered concerns about a question that was asked from a resident in regards to if the City can cut cost by looking at other insurance companies.

Messerschmidt said, "The City could look into other insurance companies that are not as highly rated. The City has a \$500,000 deductible per claim for Workers Compensation which are the rates set by the State."

During the public portion, Resident Ken Balut came up to speak. He wanted to know if Messerschmidt's company had any kind of relationship with Gartland (Insurance Broker Frank Gartland pleaded guilty in 2012 of bilking the Perth Amboy School Board of \$2.5 million). Balut also wanted to know if referral commissions are being given.

Messerschmidt was taken aback by Balut's questions, especially when it came to Gartland. "I have no idea who Gartland is. The City is provided with different insurers. The Joint Insurance Fund picks out attorneys based on their expertise. The City has a choice who they want."

Balut answered back, "I talked to a JIF Representative at the League of Municipalities and they said that this does not go out to bid."

Messerschmidt stated, "We get lawsuits that are filed, but



(LtoR) Deputy Police Chief Larry Cattano, B.A. Adam Cruz and Paul Messerschmidt from Dietz & Hammer Alternative Solutions
*Photo by Carolyn Maxwell

have not yet been submitted to the City."

Law Director Arlene Quinones-Perez interjected, "We have to be properly served with a claim. It may take sometime before it comes in."

Councilman Fernando Irizarry spoke up, "People think we are intentionally trying to hide claims."

Law Director Quinones-Perez, said, "We are not trying to hide any cases."

Resident Alan Silber talked about three Police Officers who were indicted in Woodbridge for false testimony for covering up a fellow Police Officer's whose personal vehicle crashed. "Their names were on the front page of newspapers. The 3 Officers in Perth Amboy who were involved involved in giving false testimony that sent a man to jail for three months went to training. Maybe our deductible should be higher. Gartland was a huge story. I'm surprised our Attorney didn't know anything about it. I appreciate you

(Messerschmidt) coming here. Gartland and others tried to hide money. When a Police Officer lies about something, you have to look at their past testimony in other cases."

Messerschmidt answered, "Insurance plans will go down if you raise your deductibles."

Silber responded, "When we become more liable, we will be more cautious."

Resident David Caba came up to speak, "This is why people do whatever they want. Mr. Silber was correct. The Police Officer didn't cause any harm. This story about the 3 Woodbridge Cops was not social media. It was on the front page of a newspaper." Caba turned his attention to the Dixon Rodriguez case from a few years ago. "If it were your kid who was shot, it would be a whole different story."

Caba continued, "The people supporting the Mayor are out of order. The man that was shot was mentally disabled. I still believe he didn't have a knife."

South Amboy Passes 2016 Budget

By: Joseph L. Kuchie

SOUTH AMBOY - The city of South Amboy passed its 2016 budget at last Monday's city business meeting.

The \$17.2 million budget was unanimously approved 3-0 by Councilman Tom Reilly, Councilwoman Christine Noble, and Council President Mickey Gross. Councilman Don Applegate and Councilwoman Zuzette Dato were not in attendance.

City Auditor Gary Higgins presented his review of the budget to the council before the vote, noting that the city had a very positive financial outcome at the end of 2015 which led to a surplus of \$1.5 million. He also mentioned that the city's assessed value increased from last year and the municipal tax rate will only increase by 1.6 percent.

A public hearing was held for the budget before the council's vote, but no residents were in attendance. The original business meeting scheduled for May 4th was moved to Monday, May 9th and was open to the public.

Mayor Fred Henry praised the city and the council for working together to build a healthy budget for 2016.

"We had a very good year in 2015 and looking forward to another good year in 2016," Mayor Fred Henry said. "It's just accumulation of all the work everyone has been doing all along, and as I said before when we work together good things happen."

The next city council meeting will be May 18th at 7:00 p.m.

Police Unity Tour Bike Ride 2016

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**Friends of
the Library
Meeting**

PERTH AMBOY - The Friends of Perth Amboy Free Public Library Meeting will be Wednesday, May 18 at 7 p.m. at the Kearny Cottage, 63 Catalpa Ave., Perth Amboy. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more info call 732-261-2610.

Regifting Sale



SAREVILLE - The Friends of the Sayreville Public Library will be holding a Regifting Sale during our Book Sale on Saturday, June 11 and Sunday, June 12, 2016 from 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. If you have anything you would like to donate, please contact Andree 732-254-4483 or Sue 732-721-8053. Gifts will be priced to sell and NO clothes or exercise equipment will be accepted. Hope to see you there!

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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, June 2nd. 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

Bombardment of Perth Amboy in 1776

Press Release

PERTH AMBOY - On Monday, May 23, the Woodbridge Historical Association will present a film documentary produced by John Kerry Dyke, The British Bombardment of Perth Amboy in 1776, as well as a discussion of the patriots' defense led by Donald Johnstone Peck. The program will begin at 7pm in the Downstairs Meeting Room of the Woodbridge Main Library at 1 George Frederick Plaza and Route 35. The program is free to the public.

This documentary is based upon eyewitness accounts that unfolded during the tumultuous latter half of 1776 in the colonial capital of Perth Amboy. It recaptures the long forgotten saga of the last royal capital in New Jersey through period images, 18th century music and reenactors.

John Kerry Dyke has made several historical documentaries of Perth Amboy. Donald Peck is the author of numerous books, monographs and published articles on eighteenth century history of Middlesex County and New Jersey. He is a trustee of the League of New Jersey Historical Societies and the Historical Association of Woodbridge Township. Mr. Peck also is a past president of the Raritan-Millstone Heritage Alliance, Somerset and the Proprietary House Association of Perth Amboy as well as an active member in numerous historical organizations.



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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

Police Week - May 15th - May 21st

Presidential Proclamation -- Peace Officers Memorial Day and Police Week 2016. On Sunday, May 15, 2016 was proclaimed Peace Officers Memorial Day. As per a resolution that was approved on October 1962, this day and week was so designated by President John F. Kennedy.

President Obama called on all the Governors of the United States and its Territories and appropriate officials of all units of government to direct that the flag be flown at half-staff on Peace Officers Memorial Day. The President also encouraged Americans to display the flag at half-staff from their homes and businesses on that day.

There are many events leading up to Police Week. One of those events is the National Unity Bike Tour. Perth Amboy Police Officer Ken Puccio is one of the participants.

The Tour started in May 1997 by Florhan Park Police Officer Patrick Montuore to raise public awareness of Police Officers who have died in the line of duty. Law Enforcement Officers from all over ride their bikes to Washington D.C. ending at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial and Museum.

The Police Unity Tour raised \$5 million in pledge money during those rides to help build the National Law Enforcement Museum.

Lately, there has been a lot of negative press on our Police nationwide, but this is the week for the public to recognize the many men and women who serve in law enforcement.

As I was walking around Perth Amboy on May 15th, I looked to see how many flags were flown at half-mast that day. Unfortunately, the ones that I passed were not. It's very important that we remember the fallen Officers as well.

To all our Law Enforcement Officers serving now, just remember back to the day that you were sworn in and how proud you felt to receive that badge. To all those that have retired, we also salute you for the job that you have done.

Those in Law Enforcement



Members of the PAPD being honored 5/11/2016 (L to R) Deputy Police Chief Larry Cattano, Police Chaplains, A Resident received help from Police, Pastor Bernadette Falcon-Lopez, Lt. Paul Cannamela, Mayor Diaz, Police Chaplain Gregory Pabon, Capt. Roman McKeon, Officer Willie Lopez. There was communication stating Pastor Bernadette Falcon-Lopez of God's Army Ministries of NJ commending the following Police Officers for not only doing their job daily to protect and serve, but also for going above and beyond the call of duty through an act of charity they perform during the annual Point-In-Time survey. Besides the Officers above, Officer Henry Rodgers and Lt. Steven Killane (not pictured above) were also commended.



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SAPD Chief Darren Lavigne & Captain Joseph Matarangolo



Harry Scheman presents a check for Project Lifesaver

are more than a badge, uniform and gun. They're your friends, neighbors and relatives and just like you and I, they're only human.

Through their organizations and also individually, they have helped our communities nationwide. One of their organizations is the PAL (Police

Athletic League) where police departments members coach young people, both boys and girls, in sports, and help with homework and other school-related activities. The purpose is to build character, help strengthen police-community relations, and keep children off illegal drugs.

As a membership organization, National PAL provides Chapters with resources and opportunities to grow their own programs and enhance the quality of individual programming. These resources include funding opportunities through various grants, general liability

THE COMMUNITY VOICE

The Traveling Vietnam War Memorial

I was privileged to be in attendance at the Traveling Vietnam War Memorial in Carteret, NJ, on Saturday, April 30, 2016. The Wall itself is an 80% replica of the original Wall in Washington, D.C. It bears the names of all 58, 307 U.S. Military personnel who lost their lives in the Vietnam War.

The program started at 3 p.m. and featured a long tribute of activities. There was a special performance by the Elite Marine Corps Silent Drill Team. A fly-over by a Black Hawk helicopter amazed the crowd. There were military and political officials who showered praise upon the soldiers who gave their lives for their country.

Most impressive was a small white linen tablecloth set for one honoring those MIA/KIA who never made it home. The white table cloth was symbolic of the purity of their intentions to respond to their country's call to arms. The single red rose reminds us of the families and loved ones of

our comrades who keep faith awaiting their return. The red ribbon tied prominently on the vase is reminiscent of the red ribbon worn upon the lapel of thousands who bore witness to this tragedy. The unyielding determination of our soldiers demands us to account for our missing. The slice of lemon on the plate is to remind us of their bitter fate. There is salt upon the plate symbolic of the family's tears as they wait. The glass is inverted - they cannot toast with us tonight. The chair is empty - they are not here.

At the end of the ceremony, there was a reading of over 1,700 names of military personnel from New Jersey that were killed in the Vietnam War. The silence of the crowd was beautiful and respectful as the names were read.

As if summoned by the souls of the departed, a lone Eagle soared as the crowd watched in amazement at the timing of its appearance.

I'm sure that everyone who was there will never forget the beautiful remembrance of those who have sacrificed their lives. I know that I won't.

Barbara Skokan

Good Ole Mr. Peter Book

I see we lost a great spokesman for our community - Good Ole Mr. Peter Book. Now, here's a man that said what's on his mind and told our City politicians the truth whether it be taxes or our constitutional rights. Peter was the person that was concerned about Perth Amboy and its future. He has seen good and bad times. Peter and I had many conversations - from politics to the dark side of government.

We understood each other on many issues that others would wonder what we were talking about. Peter was the man at the City Council Meeting - standing up for the taxpayers and concerned citizens. I was hoping one day Peter would write a book about Perth Amboy politics - the good and the bad. I would have loved to help him do it. I was very sad to see him pass away and he will be remembered by many. Like Peter said to me, Orlando "Let no one put you down for what you're doing is right."

Orlando "Wildman" Perez

What do You Think? Send us a Response!

protection programs, programming opportunities through affiliate organizations, and goods and services provided by corporate partners and supporting organizations.

Remember, Police Officers are always on duty, even when they're off duty. Often they donate their time and sometimes their own funds without looking for any special recognition. C.M.



National Law Enforcement Memorial *Courtesy of <http://www.nleomf.org/>

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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.

Kearny

Cottage Open

PERTH AMBOY - Come visit the historic home of Commodore Lawrence Kearny. The Cottage is located at 63 Catalpa Ave, Perth Amboy, and is open on Mondays and Thursdays from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. and the last Sunday of the month from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. by appointment. The Kearny Cottage needs your help. Anyone interested in joining the Kearny Cottage Historical Society please contact 732-293-1090. We are on the web! www.KearnyCottage.org

Proprietary House Open

PERTH AMBOY - The Proprietary House, the last official Royal Governor's residence still standing in the original 13 colonies, is open every Wednesday from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., for tea and tours. Tea is served in our atmospheric candle-lit wine cellar, and includes our delicious homemade desserts and assorted teas. A \$10 donation, \$5 for children under 12, covers both the tea and a mansion.

Although the house is still in the process of being restored, some rooms have been newly decorated. Go back in time and learn about William Franklin and other residents of the house. It's a perfect way to spend a pleasant afternoon. The gift shop is also open.

Groups are welcome, although reservations are required for groups over six people. The Proprietary House is located at 149 Kearny Ave., Perth Amboy, NJ. Tel. 732-826-5527 E-mail: info@proprietaryhouse.org. Follow us on our website, www.theproprietaryhouse.org and or/Facebook.

Community Calendar

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MON. May 23	City Council, Caucus, 4:30 p.m. City Hall, High St.
WED. May 25	City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, High St.
THURS. May 26	Historic Preservation Commission, 7 p.m. City Hall, High St.
South Amboy	
WED. May 18	City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, N. Broadway
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Book Sale Friends of Perth Amboy Free Public Library

PERTH AMBOY - The Friends of the Library are having a used book sale on Saturday, May 28, 2016 at the Brighton Avenue Community Center, (Brighton Avenue and Sadowski Parkway) Hours: 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Paperbacks - 50 Cents; Hard Cover Books - \$1.00; Any Size bag of books - \$5.00.

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Sofia Hernandez - 2016 International Aviation Art Contest Winner *Photo Submitted

Press Release
 PERTH AMBOY - Sofia Hernandez, a 4th grade student at Perth Amboy Catholic School, won Honorable Mention in the 2016 International Aviation Art Contest. Sofia received a certificate and copy of her winning entry from The State of New Jersey Department of Transportation, Bureau of Aeronautics. Her winning entry was sent in by her Art Teacher, Rose Pennyfeather.



For further information,

please contact Rose Pennyfeather at Perth Amboy Catholic School at (732) 826-1598.

Perth Amboy "Paints the Town Pink" For Women's Health

*Photo by Perth Amboy BID



Press Release
 PERTH AMBOY - The Downtown Business Improvement District (BID) and Meridian Healthcare creating the City's first "Paint the Town Pink" event. During May, Perth Amboy is brightening its downtown with pink bows and signs to remind everyone that early detection is the best defense against breast cancer. "Paint the Town Pink" raises awareness about women's health issues, the importance of breast health screenings, and gathers donations for women with scarce resources to get an annual mammography. Mayor Wilda Diaz recently visited the Birmania Salon, 188 Smith Street; Paramount Properties, 184 Smith Street; and Alameda Center for Rehabilitation and Healthcare, 303 Elm Street, to provide these "Pink Partners" with materials provided by Meridian Health. Shown in the photo with "Paint the Town Pink" signs, bows, and tote bags are from left to right: Executive Director of the BID Roxana Troche, Birmania Paulino, owner of Birmania Salon (center of photo), Mayor Wilda Diaz, and James Synder of Paramount Properties, who is on the BID Board. There is still time become a "Pink Partner," by contacting BID's Roxana Troche by phone: 734.442.6421 or emailing at rtruche@perthamboynj.org.



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Ask the Rabbi
EDISON - "Ask the Rabbi" with Rabbi Saks from Congregation Beth Mordecai of Perth Amboy, in the Menlo Park Mall food court, every Wednesday from 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. All questions will be answered. Everyone is invited to ask.

Casino Bus Trip
HOPELAWN - Casino Bus Trip To The Sands In Bethlehem PA on Thursday, June 23, 2016. Cost: \$30 pp - (\$20 Back in Play Plus \$5 Food Voucher). Bus Leaves Holy Rosary Parking Lot at 10:00 a.m. For more info Please Call Ronnie at 732-442-5252.

Pasta Night & Tricky Tray Auction
PERTH AMBOY - JEMMS Foundation Inc., 7th Annual Pasta Night & Tricky Tray Auction on Friday, May 20, 2016 at the Hungarian Reformed Church, Corner of Kirkland Place & Fayette Street, Dinner: 6 p.m. - 7 p.m. Auction at 8 p.m. Dinner: \$10 Adults \$6.00 12 & under Auction tickets sold separately at the event. For Dinner tickets contact Lisa at 732-850-4156 or email metzgerl@ymail.com

The Totally 80's Prom
PERTH AMBOY - The Totally 80's Prom, Saturday, June 4 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at St. John's Church Hall, 404 Division Street, Perth Amboy. Cost: \$25/Adult and \$10/youth. Light prom dinner to be served. Prom King/Queen & Prince/Princess to be elected and crowned. Come dressed in your 80s prom outfit, or as a movie character, rock star or 80s symbol. Prizes to be given out! Photo Booth, balloon arch, "Atari Lounge" and all the hits! Tickets reserved by calling (732) 826-4442.

Statement of Apology by Councilman Fernando Irizarry 5/11/16

Madam President, I want to begin my comments with an apology to you, and the rest of the Council, for my outbursts at the caucus meeting. I recognize that your job is hard enough and that there is no need for me to make it harder. In the future, I will endeavor to control myself.

I try not to react in any way to the statements that some of other constituents make in these council chambers. I must admit that I bristled when a constituent suggested that the conclusions of the prosecutor's investigation of Dixon Rodriguez's demise would have been different had he been a member of a councilperson's family or of their socioeconomic status. I did so because the implication of the suggestion is that the prosecutor's conclusion would have been different had Mr. Rodriguez been of Caucasian or Puerto Rican descent. That in my opinion, is very divisive and inflammatory. It is also my opinion that this City was wounded by what happened to Dixon Rodriguez. What this City needs is the opportunity for the wound to heal. It does not need for the wound to be picked at to make it raw and keep it from healing.

Madam President, until there is EVIDENCE to the contrary, what I will believe is that the county prosecutor's office conducted a fair and honest investigation and that the conclusions of that investigation were based solely on the evidence. Not race, socioeconomic status, or politics. What I will also believe, until there is EVIDENCE to the contrary, is that those who were involved in the tragedy conducted themselves in a professional manner, within the parameters of the law and the procedures of their department.

Please, Help out Ghana



May 2, 2016

Dear Friends:

PERTH AMBOY - I'm extremely excited and blessed to announce that this coming July, I'll have the opportunity to participate in my second mission trip to Yaw Tenkorang, a small impoverished village in Ghana, Africa with Adopt One Village, Inc ("AOV"). AOV is a non-profit organization started by Emmanuel Anim-Sackey who is from Yaw Tenkorang and is determined to improve the quality of life of the people in his home village. AOV focuses on bringing sustainability to this small village through various programs. Among other things Adopt One Village collects supplies to ship to the village, conducts teacher workshop with the village's educators, has built and stocked a medical clinic, is very close to solving the village's clean water problem and raises funds for high school scholarships.

I learned of the organization and it's great mission through a close family friend who has traveled to the village multiple times and also sits on the board of the organization. In January 2013, I embarked on a two-week mission trip to the village to assist in the organization's efforts regarding education, medicine, infrastructure and sustainability. This experience deeply impacted my life and my appreciation for my many blessings and opportunities. Despite the immense language barrier, the relationships I've created with the children and families that we served are what fuel my passion and desire to return on this trip.

In order to participate, I need to raise \$2,950 from family, friends and anyone willing to support this great cause. I am asking for your support in order to make that happen. The cost covers airfare, room, board, and the materials and supplies we will use in the village during our stay. If it is on your heart to donate, I have also attached a sheet with the information you will need to do so. Any amount you could give would be greatly appreciated. For online donations, please visit: www.gofundme.com/GhanaRound2.

If you can't help this time, I ask that your prayers and thoughts be with the team and me, the protection of our families while we are away, that our efforts to help the people of Yaw Tenkorang would be invaluable and that many Ghanaian lives would be positively impacted by our presence. Please feel free to share this letter with anyone you think would like to get involved.

With Gratitude,
Randy Convery

For more information on Adopt One Village, Inc. please visit: AdoptOneVillage.org

How to Help

I need to raise \$2,950 from family and friends. Any additional funds I raise in excess of \$2,950 will go to support the projects we will be working on. Any financial help that you can contribute towards the cost of this trip would be much appreciated. If you choose to help:

Please make your check out to Adopt One Village.

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As a nonprofit, all donations to Adopt One Village are tax deductible. Please check with your company/business to see if they offer matching funds.

For online donations, please visit: www.gofundme.com/GhanaRound2

Feel free to contact me with any questions at randyconvery@gmail.com or (732) 725-2046.

Thanks and God bless!
Randy

Perth Amboy School Board Confidentially Pays \$170,000 to Settle HR Manager's Racial Discrimination Lawsuit

Press Release

Posted by John Paff

PERTH AMBOY - On November 19, 2015, the Perth Amboy Board of Education (Middlesex County) quietly paid \$170,000 to settle its former human resources manager's lawsuit that claimed that Board members were so biased in favor of Hispanics that they "paid for Administrators of the Perth Amboy School District to travel to Puerto Rico to recruit Hispanic individuals."

In her suit, Bernice Marshall, who is African-American, said that the Board voted on May 7, 2014 to abolish her position of Human Resources Manager and created another similar position called Director of Personnel and Evaluations. The newly created position, which Marshall said was later offered to two individuals of Hispanic descent, required a certification that Marshall said she was working to receive and would have attained within two months.

Marshall claims that she was "berated in Spanish" and subjected to a pattern of intimidat-

tion and harassment by Acting Superintendent Vivian Rodriguez. According to the suit, Board member Israel Varela said that Rodriguez's alleged treatment of Marshall was to "teach her a lesson."

Marshall's racial discrimination claims were featured in an October 9, 2014 newspaper article entitled "School workers say they were fired because they weren't Hispanic."

Named in the suit were Rodriguez and individual Board members Obdulia Gonzalez, Israel Varela, Dianne Roman, Kenneth Puccio, Milady Tejada, Maria Garcia, Anthony Bermudez, Samuel Lebreault, and William Ortiz.

The case is captioned Marshall v. Perth Amboy Board of Education, et al, New Jersey Superior Court Docket No. MID-L-5615-14 and Marshall's attorney was Christopher M. Leddy of Freehold. Case documents are on-line here.

The settlement agreement contains a confidentiality clause, which prevents the parties to the suit from publicly disclosing the settlement

terms. Fortunately, however, these confidentiality clauses do not trump the public's right to obtain copies of settlement agreements that arise out of lawsuits in which a government agency or official is a defendant.

None of Marshall's allegations have been proven or disproven in court. Settlement agreements typically state that payment does not constitute an admission of wrongdoing by any of the defendants. All that is known for sure is that the Perth Amboy school district or its insurer, for whatever reason, decided that it would rather pay Marshall \$170,000 than take the matter to trial. Perhaps the defendants' decision to settle was done to save further legal expense and the costs of trying what were in fact exaggerated or meritless claims. Or, perhaps the claims were true and the defendants wanted to avoid being embarrassed at trial. This is the problem when cases settle before trial--it is impossible to know the truth of what really happened

Perth Amboy Confidentially Pays \$850,000 to Settle Excessive Force and Malicious Prosecution Lawsuit

Press Release 5/2/16

Posted by John Paff

PERTH AMBOY - On April 29, 2016, the City of Perth Amboy (Middlesex County) agreed to pay \$850,000 to settle a local man's lawsuit that claimed that city police used excessive force against him and that a city police officer repeatedly lied on the stand to falsely convict him.

In his suit, Edwin Rodriguez claimed that Officer Davis Salazar entered into his residence on September 5, 2013 and assaulted him and arrested him for unlawful possession of a weapon, disorderly conduct, obstruction and resisting arrest. He claimed that Salazar wrote up an untrue police report regarding his encounter with Rodriguez and that Officers Marino Diaz and Luis Perez, although aware that the report was untrue, did nothing to intervene.

Rodriguez claimed that Salazar's "knowingly false" testimony caused him to be convicted of disorderly conduct offenses after a May 29, 2014 municipal court trial. These convictions, he claimed, violated the conditions of his parole in a different matter causing him to be "remanded to the New Jersey Department of Corrections" where

he remained in custody until August 25, 2014. According to the complaint, Rodriguez's May 29, 2014 municipal court conviction was reversed on appeal.

Salazar has been a Perth Amboy police officer since August 25, 2011 and remains in that position at the time of this writing. According to City records his 2016 annual salary is \$73,404.

The case is captioned Rodriguez v. City of Perth Amboy, et al, Docket No. MID-L-6473-13 and Rodriguez's attorney was Brian S. Schiller of Scotch Plains. Case documents are on-line here.

The settlement agreement contains a confidentiality clause, which prevents the parties to the suit from publicly disclosing the settlement terms. Fortunately, however, these confidentiality clauses do not trump the public's right to obtain copies of settlement agreements that arise out of

lawsuits in which a government agency or official is a defendant.

None of Rodriguez's allegations have been proven or disproven in court. Settlement agreements typically state that payment does not constitute an admission of wrongdoing by any of the defendants. All that is known for sure is that Perth Amboy or its insurer, for whatever reason, decided that it would rather pay Rodriguez \$850,000 than take the matter to trial. Perhaps the defendants' decision was done to save further legal expense and the costs of trying what were in fact exaggerated or meritless claims. Or, perhaps the claims were true and the defendants wanted to avoid being embarrassed at trial. This is the problem when cases resolve before trial--it is impossible to know the truth of what really happened.

Perth Amboy Republican Chair Speaks Up about Panos' Bid For Middlesex County Chair

News Release

PERTH AMBOY - Perth Amboy Republican Chair Sharon Hubberman, who is a young Hispanic Republican who ran for County Freeholder last year, is cautionary about Lucille Panos' bid for Middlesex County Chair.

"If Ms. Panos wants to continue to build upon the same type of legacy Thompson has shown to a woman like me, then our Middlesex County Republican party is in peril," said Hubberman. "Ms. Panos does not help Republican voices to be louder, rather she has demonstrated to me that she is quite happy being dismissive of an especially strong Republican woman who stands up for herself and strives to make a difference."

According to Hubberman, Ms. Panos shares the same political vision of an antiquated GOP brand in which Thompson is leaving a record which has not yield any County candidates' victories. "If Ms. Panos truly believes that she wants to engage young Republicans in Middlesex County for office, then why isn't she more vocal in rallying support for other young Republican Candidates running for office presently?" Hubberman asks. "Action speaks louder than words. One quality young Republican candidate that comes to mind is David Pawski, who was endorsed by his Fraternal Order of Police for Sheriff, and is a fresh face who would help bring the Middlesex County Sheriff's office into the new century. Panos is ok with the status quo if you ask me."

Also, Hubberman questions if Panos is supportive of female Republican candidates running for office: "I recall Panos supporting Brian Cahill over Debbie Walker for Old Bridge council last year. Although Ms. Walker gained the most popular votes at the Old Bridge Screening committee meeting which I attended last year, Ms. Panos went against the will of a majority of the Old Bridge committee members. This is not a good precedent for a so called "progressive" leader."

In addition, Hubberman is particularly concerned with the recent removal of incumbent county committee candidates from the county line in Old



Sharon Hubberman

Bridge. "Will Panos follow the same footsteps as Thompson, where Thompson recently removed a lot of incumbent Republican county committee people in Old Bridge from the county line?" Hubberman questions. "They are active committeemen and committeewomen who have earnestly worked hard as a volunteer to help elect Republican candidates in Old Bridge, and the results have shown they have been victorious. A good leader is one that unites, recognizes and appreciates hard working committee volunteers."

While Hubberman will not comment further on a criminal complaint she filed against Sam Thompson for an alleged simple assault, in which Lucille Panos is an involved party as indicated in a Sayreville police report, Hubberman is strongly advocating for good leadership in the County that motivates growth of the party and nurtures good Republican candidates.

"Our record of electing County, State, and National Republican candidates is lackluster," Hubberman said. "While I'm enthusiastic Sam Thompson is not running for County Chair again, we must take heed that our next county leader is a person who is respectful of each municipality's committee and chair, shares the vision of being engaged in the community in order to help address the needs of the towns in our county, and is an excellent communicator. We need a person with high positive energy who attracts more people to join our organization, and yields positive results, rather than a person who's recent actions have shown otherwise."

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Any individual 18 years old or older, of any ethnic, religious or economic background, who is interested in making a positive impact on a child's life is eligible to become an adult volunteer mentor.

All adult volunteers will be screened, receive training, staff support and other services as needed. If you are interested in learning more about the Connections Mentoring Program, please contact Jeanette Cullen at (732) 738-1323.

**Vendor Day &
Strawberry
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PERTH AMBOY - Vendor Day and Strawberry Festival on Saturday June 11, 2016 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at The Hungarian Reformed Church (in the parking lot/yard) 331 Kirkland Place, Perth Amboy. We will have New Merchandise, Vendors/ Direct Sellers, Afternoon Entertainment, Food and Strawberry Treats. For more info call 732-324-0180 or the church office 732-442-4008. In the event of rain, we will hold our Vendor Day & Strawberry Festival in Our Church Hall.

**3 Day Women's
Conference**

PERTH AMBOY - There will be a 3 Day Women's Conference Celebration on May 27th, 28th and 29th at New Beginnings Church, 340 Prospect St., Perth Amboy. NBC Women's Ministry Presents: For Every Thing There is a Season: "If Not Now, When?" Friday, May 27th at 7 p.m. Guest Speaker Sonya Ford-Soles, Saturday, May 28th at 11 a.m., there will be a Mother/Daughter Brunch. Admission: \$30/2 Guests. Guest Speaker will be Dr. D. Hawthorne. Sunday, May 29th at 11 a.m. Guest Speaker will be Overseer Esther Lundy. For more info call 732-638-5355.

**Memorial Day
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2. Morgan Cemetery
3. Morgan Explosion Cemetery
4. Sacred Heart Cemetery
5. St. Mary's Cemetery
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APPLICANT: Perth Amboy 1160, LLC

PROJECT NAME: 1160 State Street, Perth Amboy, New Jersey Remediation and Redevelopment Plan

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Remediation of contaminated groundwater on the property and a preliminary redevelopment plan post-remediation.

PROJECT STREET ADDRESS: 1160 State Street

BLOCK: 428/430

LOT: Lot1.04/Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4

MUNICIPALITY: Perth Amboy

COUNTY: Middlesex County

The complete permit application package can be reviewed at either the municipal clerk's office or by appointment at the Department's Trenton office. The Department of Environmental Protection welcomes comments and any information that you may provide concerning the proposed development and site. Please submit your written comments within 15 days of receiving this notice to:

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Perth Amboy's Michael Gonzalez Community Volunteering Highlighted on Cougar's Byte Online Site

By Amanda Petty, Editor of Cougar's Byte
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PERTH AMBOY - Doing one or two community service trips here and there is manageable. It truly takes a special type of individual to be committed to the improvement of the community on a reoccurring basis. These individuals will have calendars full with nearly all volunteer opportunities.

One of those volunteering enthusiasts is freshman biology major Michael Gonzalez. There is a handful of various service trips made available to students, and more times than not Gonzalez is present.

When he is not entertaining his time with community service, his time is filled with being involved in the Kean University Rotaract Club, a Leadership Institute Bronze Leader and acts as the Director of Public Relations of the Biology Club.

Gonzalez shares what he thinks most volunteers gain from volunteering. Community service is "a good way to use their free time and learn what it means to give back."

The road of community service was paved when Gonzalez started volunteering in eighth grade. His first experience was with his dad working on political campaigns. It was this experience that led to his further involvement in the community.

"I became far more involved when I started high school and joined the Perth Amboy High School Navy Junior ROTC [Reserve Officers' Training Corps]," he stated. "I did a wide array of services from beach and waterfront clean ups, fundraising, parades, etc." Yes, community service is deemed an important task to carry out, but for Gonzalez to stick to it diligently while his peers are off doing other activities is admirable.

"Over the years I grew accustomed to doing volunteer work regularly. I heard that Kean was good with doing community service; I signed up for everything pretty much," Gonzalez said.

With his commitment to the service projects, Gonzalez has attended most. Since he has experience in the various trips, he soon discovered which trips he preferred.

"When doing Habitat you slowly see your progress each time you go," Gonzalez commented. "The Food Bank is fast paced but amazing because we start thinking and working together. We form an almost conveyor belt when packaging the food or anything at the food bank."



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It's not only the community benefitting from time dedicated to service projects, but a volunteer has the opportunity to gain something as well. For Gonzalez, volunteering affected him socially.

"I became more outgoing and I connected more to the university. I made new friends and [found] something I can do in my spare time."

Spring break is typically a week spent by lounging around, relaxing with family and friends. Gonzalez chose to instead keep his community service reputation going during this week off from college by going to the Atlantic City area through Alternative Spring Break.

Alternative Spring Break, hosted by Center for Leadership and Service, is an extended volunteer trip, spanning over the course of four days students participated in various projects, including prepping for foundation, installing sheet rock and painting.

"Because I was there at the Alternative Spring Break multiple days, I was able to see the results of my work accumulate more than an average Habitat [for Humanity]," Gonzalez

stated. "It was great...we accomplished everything at the end."

While Alternative Spring Break volunteers had an idea of what to expect, Gonzalez walked away with an unforeseen benefit.

"I went [with] my other Bio Club [executive board] members Jessica Granberg and Mariam Ishak. At the end of the trip I grew closer to them than I ever thought I would. I would definitely like to do Alternative Spring Break again." This Kean University student has only been a part of the Kean community for one year, but is proud of all accomplished in that short time.

"The transition [from] high school to college was challenging, however, rewarding," Gonzalez stated. "I accomplished so much in my first year; I can't wait [for] what the future holds and what may happen next."

Michael Gonzalez is the son of Judge and Former Councilman Kenneth Gonzalez and Jeanette Gonzalez. Both of his parents were members of the Junior ROTC in Perth Amboy High School.

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Movie Review: The Jungle Book



By: Anton Massopust III

How many lives is a man-cub worth?

A tiger seeks revenge and wants the life of a young boy, Mowgli, (played by Neel Sethi.) He is raised by a pack of wolves when his father is killed by a Bengal Tiger named Shere Khan (voiced by Idris Elba). In order to save his adopted family's life, Mowgli decides to leave the jungle. A black panther named Bagheera (voiced by Ben Kingsley) decides to take him back to the mysterious creature called man. Along the way, he runs into a deadly python known as Kaa, (voiced by Scarlett Johansson) and was rescued by a lovable bear named Baloo, (voiced by Bill Murray). He also runs into a giant orangutan (voiced by Christopher Walken).

Is this new version of The Jungle Book fun for kids and adults? Yes. You do get to hear the great songs that made the animated version famous such as, "I want to be like you" and "The bare necessities." But you have to wait for the closing credits for some of them.

The blending of live action and computer animation is great and flawless. You really believe that the young character actor playing Mowgli is interacting with all kinds of animals.

Kids will love this and adults will too. It has plenty of action and adventure. A great life story about a young hero and his journey protecting the jungle. Bill Murray is perfectly cast as the bear, Baloo and I really love Christopher Walken's rendition of "I want to be like you." Go check it out and bring the whole family.

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.*

Lt. Gen. Rommel receives instructions from the High Command in Berlin on May 16, 1941, to concentrate the German Afrika Korps against the British at Sollum, Egypt, near the Libyan border, 95 miles away, and to leave Italian troops to maintain the siege at Tobruk. That night, the Luftwaffe bombs Birmingham and the West Midlands in England, while the RAF attacks Cologne, Germany, leaving fires burning on both banks of the Rhine River.

The German battleship *Bismarck* and the heavy cruiser *Prinz Eugen* set sail from the German naval base at Gdynia, in Occupied Poland, on May 18 on a cruise to raid Allied shipping in the Atlantic. German supply ships are already at sea, ready to replenish the two vessels. In Iraq, a British relief column, outflanking an Iraqi blocking force, reaches the Habbaniyah air base.

At Pác Bó, Vietnam, on May 19, a coalition of the country's Nationalist Party and the Indochina Communist Party, led by Ho Chi Minh, renames itself Viet Minh, with the goal of overthrowing French rule in the country. At Amba Alagi, Ethiopia, the Duke of Aosta, the Viceroy of Italian East Africa and the commander-in-chief of Italian military forces in Eritrea, Ethiopia and Italian Somaliland, surrenders his remaining force of 7,000 soldiers, effectively ending significant Italian resistance in East Africa. The Allies have killed or captured some 230,000 of the Italian East Africa force, Another 80,000 Italian troops continue to fight on in increasingly isolated pockets. In Iraq, the British forces at Habbaniyah, now reinforced, begin operating more aggressively, attacking and capturing Fallujah. In turn, the Habbaniyah airfield is attacked by German planes coming from Syria, controlled by the Vichy French.

The Battle of Crete begins on May 20 with a German airborne invasion by 23,000 paratroops commanded by Gen. Kurt Student. They are opposed by around 32,000 British and Commonwealth troops and some 10,000 Greeks, all under the command of Maj. Gen. Bernard Freyberg. Elements of the British Mediterranean Fleet cruise off the island in an effort to deter the Germans from moving troops in by sea. In Berlin, Reichsmarschall Hermann Göring refers to "the Final Solution" in orders banning the emigration of Jews from France and Belgium.

German submarine *U-69* on May 21 sinks the U.S.-flagged merchant vessel *SS Robin Moor* in international waters off the West African coast after allowing the 38 crew members and eight passengers to disembark into four lifeboats. The German captain tells the ship's master that *Robin Moor* was destroyed "because it was carrying materials to Germany's enemies." Left adrift, the survivors are discovered several days later by friendly vessels and rescued. President Roosevelt describes the sinking of *Robin Moor* as "an act of intimidation" to which "we do not propose to yield." In the far North Atlantic, British reconnaissance aircraft spot *Bismarck* and *Prinz Eugen* off the coast of Bergen, Norway. In response, the battleship *HMS Prince of Wales* and the battlecruiser *HMS Hood* put to sea from the Royal Navy base at Scapa Flow, in Scotland. Off Crete, the Luftwaffe bombs and sinks the British cruisers *HMS Gloucester* and *HMS Fiji* and the destroyers *HMS Kelly*, *HMS Kashmir* and *HMS Greyhound*. Over 1,150 crewmen are lost.

Because of the growing number of Germans on Crete and the complete air superiority of the Luftwaffe, Maj. Gen. Freyberg on May 22 cancels a planned counterattack against the German airfield at Maleme and orders a withdrawal southward. Greece's King George II is evacuated from Crete to Egypt. In the Atlantic, Acting Adm. John Tovey, Commander in Chief of the Royal Navy's Home Fleet, joins in the hunt for *Bismarck*, bringing the battleship *HMS King George V*, the aircraft carrier *HMS Victorious* and the battlecruiser *HMS Repulse*. His force will guard the Faeroes-Iceland passage, while *Prince of Wales* and *Hood* watch the Denmark Strait. In Croatia, all Jews are ordered to wear yellow badges.

Have You Volunteered Lately?

PERTH AMBOY - The first and biggest benefit AmeriCorps VISTA members get is the satisfaction of incorporating service into their lives and making a difference in their community and country. The intangible benefits alone, such as pride, satisfaction and accomplishment are worthwhile reasons to serve. There are other benefits as well including awards, job and education certifications, professional development, and more. For more info call the Jewish Renaissance Medical Center, 275 Hobart Street, Perth Amboy.

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PERTH AMBOY - Live Music every Saturday Night at 8 p.m. at Al Cibelli's Night Club, 1096 Convery Blvd., Perth Amboy. Music in the downstairs lounge. Must be 21 to enter and drink. Extra parking across the street.

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.

Reagan's Senior Appreciation Dinner

PERTH AMBOY - The Reagan's Senior Appreciation Pasta Dinner is on Sunday, May 22nd from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Congregation Beth Mordecai, 224 High Street, Perth Amboy. Free to Senior Citizens and hosted by PARO. Please RSVP by calling Sharon at 908-509-1742 or call for more info.

Walking For Fitness

PERTH AMBOY - Hosted by Mayor Wilda Diaz as part of the Mayor's Wellness Campaign. Starts Monday, April 11th. Monday - Thursday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Ages 18 and up. Starts at the Brighton Avenue Community Center, 56 Brighton Ave. T-Shirt Included. Free of Charge. Enjoy a fitness walk with Mayor Wilda Diaz as she promotes healthy living.

Book Drop/ 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 . . . 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, May 28th, June 11th and 25th, July 9th and 23rd. 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

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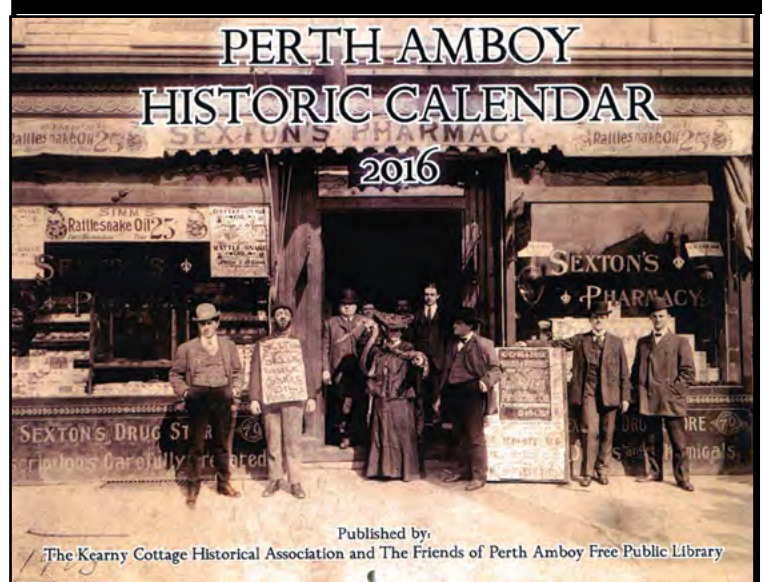
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SAYREVILLE - We are looking for vendors for the annual Flea Market at the First Presbyterian Church of Sayreville. Our Flea Market will be held on June 4th, 2016. The time is 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.. We are located at 172 Main Street, Sayreville-directly across from the Borough Hall. Spaces are available for \$15.00 for one space, \$25.00 for two. For information please leave a message on the church answering machine at 732-257-6353 or e-mail us at churchoffice172@optimum.net.

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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.

Memorial Day Parade

SAYREVILLE - The Veterans of Foreign Wars #4699, Sayreville, NJ is sponsoring the Memorial Day Parade on May 30, 2016 at 10 a.m. Anyone who is interested in marching in this parade Please Contact Frank Straczynski at 609-651-1991 or 732-141-2448 or the post home at 732-254-4789 for more information call Frank Straczynski or the Post Home.

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Save the Date!

PERTH AMBOY - The Proprietary House (The Royal Governor's Mansion), 149 Kearny Ave., Perth Amboy invites you to witness the Arrest of the Royal Governor, William Franklin, a dramatic re-enactment on Sunday, June 12, 2016 at 1 p.m. Admission is FREE for the day's special event. Donations are most welcome and will benefit the on-going restoration of the Proprietary House. Following the re-enactment until 4 p.m. FREE Tours of the Museum. Light Refreshments will be served. Gift Shop will be open.

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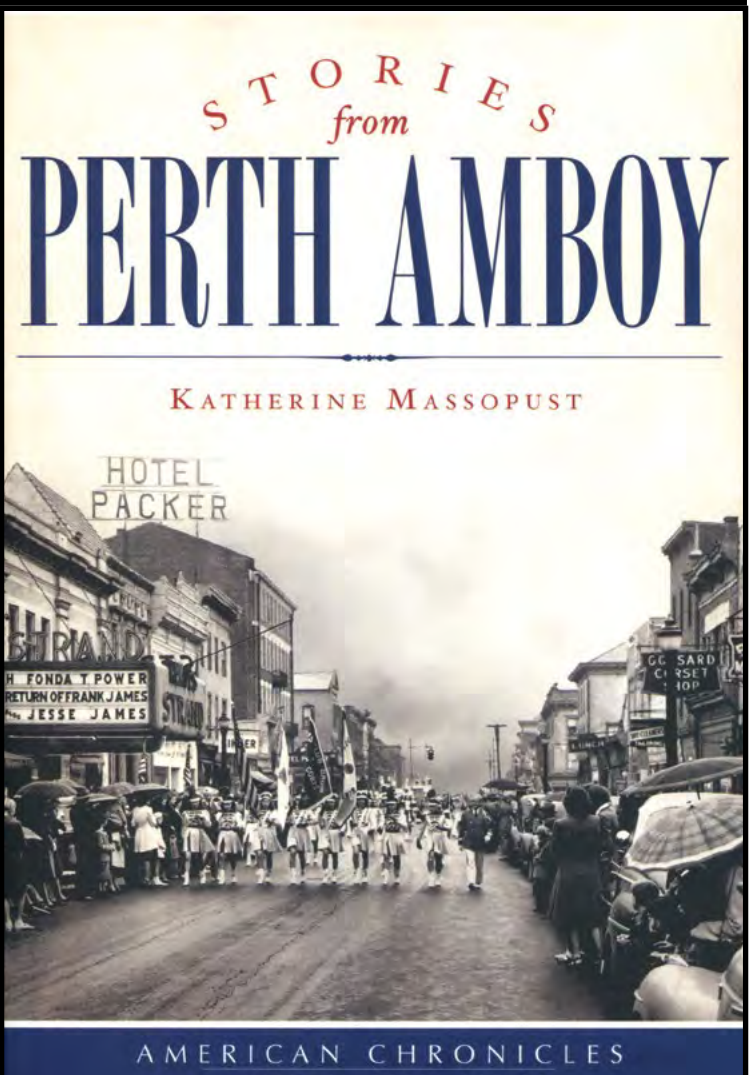
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 - St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.
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- THURS. May 19 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
 - Ukrainian Assumption Seniors, 12 Noon Reo Diner, Amboy Ave., Woodbridge
- MON. May 23 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.
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- MON. May 23 Sacred Heart Seniors, 12 Noon Memorial Hall, Wash Ave.
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Beach Blanket Bingo

SOUTH AMBOY - South Amboy Elks #784, 601 Washington Ave, South Amboy (732)727-7170 Presents Beach Blanket Bingo on Friday, May 22nd from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Admission: \$5.00 (Get 1 free Bingo card). All prizes donated by local businesses and companies. Proceeds to benefit the Army of Hope. Feel free to bring your own snacks! Complimentary Hot Dog Bar during intermission. Return of the Beach Ball Wheel of prizes and Ride the wave to the end for THE BIG KAHUNA BINGO!!!

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LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY - Police award local children for good citizenship circa 1960's
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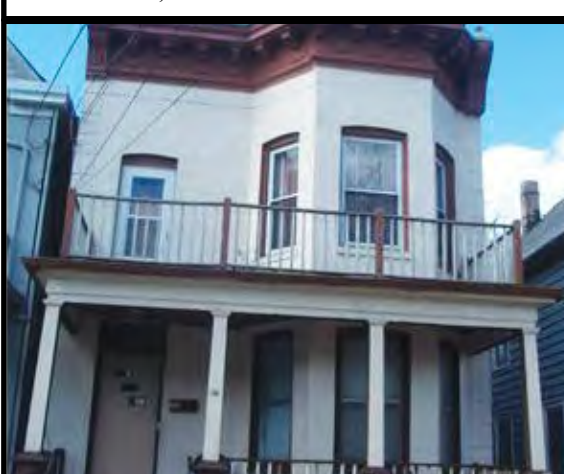
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