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City Highlights Upcoming Improvements and Activity



PERTH AMBOY - Professional Photographer Paul Scharff explains the use of Cell Phone Photography to improve your business.

*Photos by Katherine Massopust



The group participates in cell phone photography

PERTH AMBOY - 4/19/17 City/BID Community Meeting. The BID and the City recently held a seminar at La Terrazza Latina Restaurant located on High Street on how your businesses can improve through Social Media via Cell Phone Photography.

Professional Photographer Paul Scharff who has many high profile clients nationwide shared his experiences and invited guests to display their photographs for constructive criticism.

After Scharff's presentation, Mayor Diaz and Business Administrator Adam Cruz were excited to let the residents know that there will be Wi-Fi connections throughout the City coming soon. They both anticipate that the City Beaches will be open for all to enjoy by July 2017.

In the 7/22/16 issue of the Amboy Guardian there was a story where Deputy Police Chief Larry Cattano spoke at a press con-



Photographer Paul Scharff

ference that they were still looking to clean up the beaches.

The Beaches opening up were first mentioned when there was the reopening of Bayview Park on October 15, 2016.

The emcee was Luis O. De La Hoz of the Statewide Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, NJ. Barry Rosengarten Chair of Celebrate Stars and Stripes introduced the BID Board Members present and reminded those in attendance about the upcoming Fireworks to be held on Monday, July 3, 2017.

Highlights of Mayor Henry's 2017 State of the City Address 3/29/17

SOUTH AMBOY - The South Amboy State of the City was submitted by Mayor Fred Henry. Here are some of the highlights of his speech.

Mayor Fred Henry began his 2017 STOC by thanking those who participated in the St. Patrick's Day festivities and what an honor it was to be chosen as the Grand Marshal. He was especially pleased that his mother, Ann was chosen as Irish Woman of the Year. "She basically took over WCTC Radio Station and made her Irish Fashion Statement and rode in the parade with her best friend, Lois Morriss."

He also thanked Mickey Gross and Cathy Schwartz and the rest of the Parade Committee "...for a truly great parade and the opportunity for Linda (the Mayor's Wife) and me to ride in a Rolls Royce."

"We will be joined again by the City of Perth Amboy (on July 3rd) to celebrate our annual fireworks to honor this country in which we live."

"Our Committee which includes myself, Perth Amboy Mayor Wilda Diaz, South Amboy Council President Mickey Gross and Perth Amboy's Barry Rosengarten held our first meeting. More information about this event will be coming forth soon."

Henry then lauded the accomplishments of the Historical Society of South Amboy which was reestablished on June 6, 2011. "Some of their events include its Annual Cemetery Tours, Historical Plaques depicting South Amboy's rich history. They have an open house every year."

"This year, we will commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the U.S. entry into World War I with special emphasis on Luke Lovely, the first citizen from South Amboy killed in action. Soon we will be taking the next step in making this organization even more dynamic by creating a

Historic Commission which will promote, advise, educate and inform the people, the schools, and the governing bodies about historical preservation in this great city of ours."

Henry thanked Mary Szaro, President of the South Amboy Historical Society and all the Members, "...of which I am proud to include myself for all the hard work they have completed and their plans for the future through the past for South Amboy."

"May 29th we will be observing Memorial Day to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice for this great country of ours. South Amboy's Army Sergeant First Class Benjamin Sebban was killed in action 10 years ago on March 17, 2007 when he was only 29 years old. He died while treating wounded comrades though he himself was wounded. He was a hero and heroes like him deserve to be honored. Please come out that day and show our respect for our military, not just in words but in action. Join us that day to pay tribute as the late President Kennedy said, with a little bit of paraphrase, "A Nation reveals itself not only by the men and women it produces, but also by the men and women it remembers." Let us remember Ben Sebban and all the others who gave their lives so others could live."

"Potomac Hudson was awarded the job last April to remediate the site of our future ferry. We're in the final phase of remediation and work was proceeding on schedule when we ran into a minor snag. Federal money was being used for this project and we were subject to follow certain rules which includes a stoppage of work if something of historical significance is found. Well, something was found - the bed of an old railroad line and the remnants of a round table.



Mayor Fred Henry

Work was halted and our Archeological Monitoring Firm, Hunter Research came in and catalogued everything. After this was done, we received confirmation from the State Historical Preservation Office to proceed with the construction remediation."

"We have begun meetings to discuss the terminal and parking lot locations and amenities. We plan to go out for the RFQ's for the terminal design this fall. The next step is the bid process for construction and then the construction can commence."

Henry stated that this process continued to be very long, but it's still a very exciting time for South Amboy as we proceed in a very positive direction.

"Redevelopment will continue with multimillion dollar projects. Luxury developments such as Woodmont next to the Y, Ryan Homes next to the County Park and Raritan River Landing on lower Main Street as we continue to increase the value of our community. We will continue to look at all types of developments which will bring in what is a good fit for South Amboy and the best tax ratables."

Henry stated that with this type of smart growth South Amboy's net worth jumped from \$857 million to \$882 million in just 2 years. "Our

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PAMAC Youth Alliance Sticker Shock Campaign, Perth Amboy

Placing Stickers to raise awareness on underage drinking



*Photos submitted by Ken Ortiz

Group picture with Ali Liquor Establishment



Adding Stickers



Group picture with Fayette Street Discount Liquor Store Owner



Picture of Beer Box with stickers



Group picture with Gast Liquor Establishment

Movies (a) Main: Denzel Washington

Press Release 4/4/17

WOODBRIDGE - On May 5 the Woodbridge Main Library will begin a late Spring / early Summer Film Series scheduled each Friday at 2pm that will spotlight the diverse and awardwinning roles of Denzel Washington. The first movie is The Magnificent Seven, a 2016 remake of the classic 1960 western film, with Denzel Washington, Chris Pratt, and Ethan Hawke. On May 12, we will screen Inside Man, a crime thriller directed by Spike Lee and starring Denzel Washington, Clive Owen, and Jodie Foster. May 19 will feature Flight, a tense drama with Denzel Washington and Don Cheadle, focusing on the seemingly heroic actions of older pilot. Much Ado About Nothing, a romantic comedy based on Shakespeare's play of the same

name, will be shown on June 2, followed by Training Day, the film for which Denzel Washington earned his Oscar for Best Actor, will be shown on June 9. On June 16 we will watch The Manchurian Candidate, an updated version of the classic 1962 political thriller with Denzel Washington, Meryl Streep, Live Schreiber, and Jon Voight. Fences, based on August Wilson's Pulitzer Prizewinning play, directed by and

starring Denzel Washington will be shown on June 23.

These films are free and no registration is required. Our films are sponsored by the Friends of the Libraries of Woodbridge Township. Light refreshments are provided by the Woodbridge Library Foun-

The Woodbridge Public Library is located at 1 George Frederick Plaza, Woodbridge,

Do you or someone you know have **Old Photographs or Documents?**

The Kearny Cottage Historical Society is Looking for Old Photos and Documents of Perth Amboy, South Amboy, Woodbridge, Fords, etc. (Local Area) For an Archiving Project - Your Photos & Documents will be scanned into digital format & returned to you. For more info please call 732-293-1090

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Friends of the Library **Meeting**PERTH AMBOY - The Friends

of Perth Amboy Free Public Library Meeting will be Tuesday, April 25 at 6:00 p.m. at the Public Library, 196 Jefferson St., Perth Amboy. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more info call 732-261-2610.

Volunteer **Drivers** Needed For Meals on Wheels Program

Press Release

HIGHLAND PARK - Jewish Family Services of Middlesex County (JFS) is in need of volunteer drivers to deliver meals to homebound senior adults in the Highland Park area for the Kosher Meals on Wheels Program. The program delivers meals Monday - Friday mornings. A commitment of at least 2 days per month for regular volunteers is required. Also seeking substitute drivers who can fill in as needed throughout Middlesex County. Must have valid driver's license. Please contact the JFS Volunteer Coordinator for more detailed information at 732-777-1940 or visit www. jfsmiddlesex.org under the Volunteer Tab

United Messengers of Peace to Host Walk in Support of Lung Cancer Awareness

Press Release

PERTH AMBOY - Nonprofit organization and charity, United Messengers of Peace invites community members to sign up for their first Lung Cancer Awareness Walk on Saturday May 13, 2017 beginning at the Perth Amboy Train Station and ending at St. Peter's Episcopal Church (183 Rector St). Participants can register online at UMoPLCA.eventbrite.com. Volunteers are needed for the event. Volunteer information will be provided upon request. The UMoP Lung Cancer Awareness Walk, supported by the Raritan Bay Area YMCA, Renovation House, Abundant Life Worship Center, Thrift World Outlet, and God's Army Ministries, will aim to bring awareness of lung cancer to the community. Registration for this event is free.

The walk starts at 11:00 AM, with participant and sponsor registration running from 9 AM-10:15AM. Open registration will also occur during this time frame. This will occur at the Train Station.

"This is our first season host-

ing this walk and every year we notice how the need for lung cancer awareness rises," said Stephanie Márquez-Villafañe, Founder and President. "With the help of our supporters and community members, we anticipate the spread of lung cancer awareness will increase tremendously this year."

Following the event, participants are invited to refreshments and information provided by various community businesses and organizations! For more information or to register online, please visit UMo-PLCA.eventbrite.com or unitedmessengers08.wix.com/ umop/lca-walk-registration.

A Quick Note: United Messengers of Peace is a registered nonprofit organization and NJ charity. Donations for the event will be accepted at any time and are tax-deductible.

Media Contact: Stephanie Márquez-Villafañe unitedmessengers08861@ gmail.com or call 732-395-





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FIRST ANNUAL LUNG CANCER AWARENESS WALK

In Honor of Haydee Bermudez

MAY 13, 2017 PERTH AMBOY, NJ

Beginning at the Perth Amboy Train Station on Smith Street Ending at 183 Rector St. (St. Peter's Episcopal Church) Shirts are available for sale at booster.com/UMoP for \$20.











Volunteers and Donations Needed, Please Contact UMoP for More Information

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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

That's All They Wanted

For the past few years, during the Perth Amboy Council Meetings, residents has come up to complain about the lack of transparency of the City reporting crime. Former Police Chief Benjamin Ruiz regularly would have his staff submit press releases regarding criminal arrests/activity to the paper. When Larry Cattano assumed the title of Acting Police Chief, some press releases were sent but they became few and far between.

A few weeks ago, when complaints from residents continued to escalate more and more, the Amboy Guardian received a press release about an arrest that had taken place recently. Recently, Chief Roman McKeon said, "The police blotters will start being released again to the newspapers."

McKeon also wanted to clarify some of the statements and crime stats that residents had quoted and were inaccurate.

Chief Roman McKeon was true to his word and the Amboy Guardian this past week has been sent several press releases with photos and explanations of crimes committed in the City.

All towns, no matter how small or pristine they look are not immune to crime. Those that are unblemished are very fortunate. I have to agree with Chief McKeon when he said that most of the crimes that are committed, the assailants and victims are acquainted.

McKeon also stated that a victim of crime committed in Staten Island was dropped off in Perth Amboy. Have there been other cases such as this?

I know criminal activity is not something to be proud of, but knowing that the Police Department is watching and very active in capturing people involved in criminal activity is a credit to our men and women in law enforcement.

Another glaring problem that is taking effect all across the

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nation is the opioid dependency problem. Unfortunately, a lot of it not only starts with what people consider a mild drug, marijuana but with people abusing prescription medications. We can understand cases where a person who is physically healthy, then gets into an accident in which they suffer severe injuries causing tremendous pain. Strong prescription drugs may have to be administered in the emergency

Babies were born addicted to hard drugs because of the mother's usage during pregnancy. How sad is that?

I remember watching the movie "Ray" with Jamie Foxx. The legendary late singer Ray Charles was addicted to heroin for over 16 years. After one of his arrests, the judge told him if he could stay clean for one year, he didn't have to go to prison. Ray Charles decided to do a self-imposed quitting drugs cold turkey. For 96 hours he went through hell to get out of hell. But he did it. He got off the heroin.

Recently, I was having something to eat at the RBMC coffee shop in the lobby and I overheard a conversation where someone said that there were a number of people brought into a hospital emergency room in Newark from overdosing on synthetic marijuana or designer drug K2 or "spice." I'm at a loss for words.

I may sound cold-hearted but there's got to be a time when it comes to taking responsibility for your own actions. If you willingly take a drug knowing the harm it causes you're playing with fire.

On a side note, I wish to commend those who have been hooked on hard drugs or other substances and have been able to overcome this addiction. You are and inspiration and a role model to help others who are still fighting this battle. *C.M.*

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THE COMMUNITY VOICE

Term Limits

A recent letter asked for term limits. If you have term limits for the politicians, you hate they will apply to politicians you love. Is this what you want?

The US Constitution specifies a minimum age for political offices but no maximum age. That is most important for the most powerful political offices, such as Supreme Court Justices, President and Vice President, then Congress. I think the age of seventy should be the mandatory retirement age, but others may disagree. Any change will require a Amendment Constitutional and this is not easily done.

Any term limit puts a restriction on voters. Do businesses put a term limit on top management? They judge by results. Is there one simple rule that will guarantee perfection? If so, is it term limits?

Ronald A. Sobieraj

Former Councilwoman Lisa Nanton Responds to Mayor Diaz's Statement on Judge Francis' Verdict

We are happy that Judge Francis affirmed our right to hire an attorney to litigate the matter concerning the appointment of an Assistant Business Administrator.

We knew that there would possibly be obstacles to bringing this matter, but we have a responsibility to the people of Perth Amboy to guard their funds and to get things right.

As a result of the Court's decision, we are now able to go forward to contest the validity of the Mayors appointment of Mr. Pelissier as Assistant Business Administrator.

The only thing that the Court did in this decision is to say that the Council cannot hire an attorney for investigation. Council can, however, hire an attorney for litigation purpos-

The decision just addresses a preliminary motion filed by the Mayor. The case is still ongoing. As to this decision, out attorney is reviewing it and we will be discussing our options.

The Mayor talks about a

shadow government but it's the Mayor who has used Gestapo like tactics against the Council. She has raided our private email and done all she could to thwart our efforts to seek justice. We will not be de-

Any matters of specifics for this decision should be directed to Mr. Tarver.

Handed to the Amboy Guardian at the End of the April 12, 2017 Council Meeting by Former Councilwoman Lisa Nan-

90 Day Hiring of Attorneys and Illegal **Housing Come into Play** 4/12/17 Council Meeting

PERTH AMBOY – Communication No. 12 – Mayor Wilda Diaz appointing Peter J. King, Esq. as Acting Law Director for a period of 90 days pending consent of Council.

Resident Stanley Sierakowski asked a hypothetical question in regards to hiring attorneys for 90 day blocks. He addressed Attorney Peter J. King if his firm was hired. King answered, "I was hired not the firm."

Sierakowski continued, "Does the Mayor have the power to hire a Law Director for 90 days only?"

King responded, "She has the power."

Sierakowksi asked, "How did the Attorney get the job?"

King answered, "I was called by someone in the Administration and I was not aware if there was an advertisement for the position."

the Attorney assign cases to

other attorneys in his law firm?'

King answered, "Theoretically, in some cases I can."

Resident Ken Balut came up and asked a similar question, but this time about the new Tax Assessor to see if they had gotten a call about a job opening in that position.

Law Director King responded to Balut, "I got a phone call from another attorney about sending in my resume for the Law Director job."

Balut responded, "It's a quick quo pro."

This prompted Councilman Irizarry to say to Balut, "You have no proof."

Resident David Caba continued the line of questioning, "Did all the attorneys who came after Blunda (former Law Director) take his cases?"

Council President Bill Petrick responded stating that Sierakowski continued, "Can Law Director Quinones who was hired after Blunda reviewed all of his cases.

Business Administrator Adam Cruz reminded the Council that the DeCotiis Lawyers continued the cases that were in progress prior to March 1, 2017. "Some of the minor cases that the DeCotiis Firm was working on prior to March 1, 2017 could be passed on to the new Law Firm."

During the last public portion, former Council President Lisa Nanton had several concerns. She stated, "There was another fire in town – another illegal house. Code Enforcement needs to be looked at because of all the illegal housing before the budget is increased. The City is in such a decline. Somebody is falling short. De-Cotiis took over all of Blunda's cases when he was replaced. Faulkner is an inefficient form of government. I urge the Council to get their own serv-

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HIV Support

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.

Volunteer Firefighters Needed

PERTH AMBOY - The Perth Amboy Fire Department: Volunteer Division needs members. Accepting men and women ages 18 years or older. Volunteers must be a Perth Amboy resident. For more information please contact 732-442-3430.

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

Perth Amboy WED. Apr. 26 City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, High St. THURS. Apr. 27 Historic Preservation Commission, 7 p.m. City Hall, High St. WED. May 3 Board of Education, 6 p.m. PAHS, Eagle Ave. City Council, Caucus 4:30 p.m. MON. May 8 City Hall, High St. TUES. May 9 BID, 4 p.m. City Hall, High St. Library Board of Trustees, 5 p.m. Library, Jefferson St. WED. May 10 City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, High St. South Amboy WED. Apr. 26 Planning Board, 7 p.m. City Hall, N. Broadway WED. May 3 City Council, Business, 5 p.m. City Hall, N. Broadway SARA, 6:30 p.m. THURS. May 4 City Hall, N. Broadway WED. May 17 City Council, Regular, 7 p.m.



Attention! Our Newspaper is available at Shop-Rite, Perth Amboy at the Courtesy Counter!

Safety Announcement From Mayor Wilda Diaz Regarding the Recent Incidents in NYC and NJ

We understand that some may be concerned by the recent incidents/ threats in New York, Seaside, NJ and Elizabeth, NJ. At this time, it has been reported that a suspect was taken into custody in Linden, NJ. We are taking safety precautions in the City of Perth Amboy, and I want to emphasize that it is important that IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING!!

Report Suspicious Activity - Be Vigilant - **STAY ALERT**Do not think that any call or report is too small
Don't allow the actions of a few dictate your quality of life **FOR ALL EMERGENCIES, DIAL: 9-1-1**

FOR ALL NON-EMERGENCIES, DIAL: 732-442-4400

Chili Church

PERTH AMBOY -Thursday, May 4, 6:30 p.m. St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 183 Rector Street, Perth Amboy. More information call 732-826-1594. Free Event.

Pirohi Sale

PERTH AMBOY - St. John's Church Pirohi Sale (Potato Pirohi): Order Dates: May 1st-4th. Call 732-826-7067 between 9 a.m. -12 noon to place your order. \$8 doz. Pick-up orders on May 9th-10th at St. John's Church, 404 Division St., Perth Amboy. Pick-up will be at 2:30 p.m. - No Earlier! We will have frozen pirohi available at the same price. Ready to be cooked when you want!

Ask the Rabbi

EDISON - Wednesdays, 12 noon -1 p.m. at the Food Court in Menlo Park Mall (between Chik-fil-A and Panera) Have a question? Have a seat! Bring your lunch and ask Rabbi Ari Saks of Congregation Beth Mordecai ANY question you'd like about Judaism, life, spirituality...anything! First person to come will get a FREE drink from the rabbi. For more information please contact Rabbi Saks at ari.saks@gmail.com

RafflePERTH AMBOY - Saint John Paul II Parish Raffle, 490 State St., Perth Amboy NJ; Tickets \$20 Each.

1st Prize – 2017 Honda Civic 2nd Prize – Flat Screen TV 65" Donated by Toshiba

3rd Prize - Laptop, 15" 8GB -Donated by Zevallos/Skrocki Home for Funerals

4th Prize – Portable Electric Generator – Donated by United Poles Federal Credit Union

5th Prize – Apple Watch – Donated by St. John Paul II Parish "Señor de los Milagros"

6th Prize - Apple IPad, Air 2, 9.7 inch/16GB - Donated by Julio's Auto Repair

7th Prize - \$300.00 Gift Card -Donated by Flynn & Sons Funeral Home

8th Prize – Snow Removal – Donated by Petra Best Realty 9th Prize – Canon Digital Camera EF-S 18-55MM f/3.5-5.6 IS, - Donated by Quisqueya Restaurant

10th Prize – X Box One 500GB - Donated by K&K Project

TO BE DRAWN Saturday, June 17, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at Saint Stephen's School Audito-

No substitutions of the offered prizes may be made. No cash will be given in lieu of the prize. Must be 18 YRS. or older to participate. Winner need not be present. Winner is responsible for all federal and state tax. All proceeds will benefit Saint John Paul II Parish.

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Sandy Recovery Workshop

SOUTH AMBOY - Wednesday April 26th from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Union Beach Borough Hall, 650 Poole Avenue, Union Beach, NJ 07735. Still struggling in your recovery from Hurricane Sandy? Come to our workshop where we will cover topics such as:

- RREM Issues; closeouts
- · Flood Insurance claim re-
- Contractor fraud & disputes
- Unmet needs

Presentations begin at 4:15 p.m. To register for a workshop please call 732-569-3484

Opening the Door to Home **Ownership**

PERTH AMBOY - First Time Home Buyer Seminar May 3, 4 & 11, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. -9:00 p.m. Cost: \$30 (Money Order Only). This seminar will be in English only. Call us today and register for your seat - 732-826-3110 ext. 627. The Housing Authority of the City of Perth Amboy, 881 Amboy Ave., Perth Amboy.

Jammin for Jaclyn

SOUTH AMBOY - The 4th Annual Jammin for Jaclyn Benefit Concert is scheduled for Saturday April 29th from 3:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus #426, 308 Fourth St., South Amboy. Minimum donation is \$25/pp. This is an ADULT event-no children please.

Included in the small donation is an endless Hot and Cold Buffet and continuous LIVE

There will be a raffle for a lap top worth \$899.00 and 50/50's. This is an annual event that raises funds for people fighting cancer. The Jammin for Jaclyn Benefit Concert also is a great show of support for the people fighting Cancer AND the families who are caretakers. It is always an uplifting event. Help us to help them, join us on April 29th.

100% of the funds raised go to Jaclyn Squillace Olsen and the family of Danielle Sozio a teacher from Arleth School. Unfortunately, we lost Danielle in March. Our prayers go out to her family and friends.

For more information call Denise Morgan 732-525-9536 or email healthandfitnesswithdenise@gmail.com

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Shield Awards, Knights of Columbus, Perth Amboy

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Sylvia Rapoport Named Vice President *Photo Submitted by Amoby Bank

News Release 4/17
OLD BRIDGE - Sylvia
Rapoport was recently
named Vice President, Marketing Manager for Amboy
Bank, according to an announcement by George E.
Scharpf, Bank President and
CEO.

Rapoport who joined Amboy Bank in 2007 has over 15 years of business marketing experience. In her role as Vice President, Marketing Manager, she manages the banks in-house agency and is responsible for advertising, public relations, communications and the bank's marketing research programs.

A resident of Holmdel, Rapoport earned a Bachelor of Arts in Computer Science from Rutgers University. She serves on the board of The New Jersey Bank Marketing Association and is a member of The NJ Ad Club. She was honored as a Best



Sylvia Rapoport

Marketing and Communications Professional under 40 by the NJ Ad Club and the Jersey Shore Public Relations & Advertising Association.

Founded in 1888, Amboy Bank is a full-service commercial bank with assets of \$2.4 billion and 22 offices in central New Jersey. Amboy has been voted Best Bank in Central Jersey for 19 years in row

Connections Program Seeks Volunteers

MIDDLESEX COUNTY - The Connections Program of Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen, a voluntary child to adult match program is seeking adult volunteers to provide a positive friend relationship to children and youth that has suffered a loss or has special needs. These children reside in Middlesex County and Franklin Township and are in desperate need of a positive role model. Adult Volunteers are being sought to make a difference in the lives of children and youth through one-to-one activities. 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)

Earth Week Celebration, ShopRite Perth Amboy 4/21/17

*Photos Submitted

Grocery bags decorated with Earth Day messages by students from Perth Amboy Catholic School and Assumption Catholic School are on display now at the ShopRite of Perth Amboy.

(L to R): Katelynn Barcheski, Perth Amboy Catholic School; Andrew Zulin, Assumption Catholic School, and Daniel Goncalves, Perth Amboy Catholic School, show off special Earth Day artwork during a visit to the ShopRite of Perth Amboy on Thursday, April 20. Student artwork from both schools is on display right now in the store at 365 Convery Blvd.

Perth Amboy Mayor Wilda Diaz holds up a ShopRite Earth Day T-Shirt during a visit Thursday to the ShopRite of Perth Amboy, where she joined local students and customers to celebrate Earth Day. Pictured left to right: Geri Barcheski, Perth Amboy's Recycling and Clean Communities Coordinator; Zarah Gonshery, ShopRite; Katelynn Barcheski, Perth Amboy Catholic School; Andrew Zulin, Assumption Catholic School, and Daniel Goncalves, Perth Amboy Catholic School, Perth Amboy Mayor Wilda Diaz, and JR Mercado, the store manager. Students joined the mayor in giving out reusable bags to customers.







Mayor Diaz joined students from local schools at the store to celebrate Earth Day. Students from Perth Amboy Catholic School and Assumption Catholic School displayed their artwork and gave out ShopRite reusuable bags to customers to mark Earth Day.

Highlights of Mayor Henry's 2017 State of the City Address 3/29/17

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Budgets are producing surpluses including \$700,000 this past year. I'd like to thank Camille Tooker, our Business Administrator, Angel Albanese, our CFO and our City Council for constructing such good budgets. I would also like to thank our Redevelopment Agency and its Director Eric Chubenko, a tireless worker for the best interest of South Amboy and our Planning Board and its Chairman Bob Paulukiewicz. This is truly a great team working together through smart growth and smart planning."

The Planning Board with the help of planning professionals from Heyer & Gruel, recently held an open public session called, "Shaping the City's Master Plan," where members of the public were asked for their input and ideas as we prepare the road map for the City's future through a revised Master Plan. Feedback from the various critical City Agencies and results from this sessions are currently being analyzed and compiled into an initial draft of the new Master Plan which we expect to be completed in the near future."

Henry congratulated recent City Retirees: Mary Sue Felice, Mary Kate Vacca, Patty Spangenberg, Toni Manion and Terry O'Neil. He described them as the backbone of City Government who worked behind the scenes to get everyday business work done. He wished that they enjoy the fruits of their many hard years of work in the interests of the citizens South Amboy.

Henry continued to talk about those who are important in the everyday operations and infrastructure that is important for the success in the community. "We continue to look for grants to help pave our streets like we did with Barkalow, Pupek and Charmello Drive. We will be paving Bordentown Avenue with the help of a DOT \$250,000 grant. Next year, we look to pave Stevens Avenue along with replacing curbs and walkways where needed with the help of another grant of \$300,000 from the DOT."

"Middlesex Water concluded another section in its RE-New Project which will help to keep our water safe and will also be paving those streets which were dug up. The gas company will be planning to upgrade their lines in the near future. Our City Engineer Mark Rasimowicz secured grants which allow us to upgrade our pumping station on Feltus and Raritan Streets. This saved the taxpayers thousands of dollars

and we will still be installing emergency generators at these sites. This building (Senior Center on Stevens Avenue) is an emergency center. We have added a backup generator here. Our Public Works Department provides the City with excellent performances, but they need updated equipment to do their jobs. We are in the process of purchasing a new streets sweeper, a Bobcat and garbage truck."

"The new signs around town look great and our sign program will continue. All parks will receive upgrades and our Allie Clark Sports Complex is undergoing major improvements."

He thanked DPW Superintendent Len Moffa for a great job overseeing the Department and always on the lookout for ways to improve and make South Amboy look even better than it already is.

"We purchased updated vehicles for our Police Department. (4 new SUV's) We will be opening up receptacles (located in the Police Department in City Hall) to drop off outdated drugs or prescriptions you may have in your home."

Henry highlighted how it is important to make your home a safer place to live. "Too many times children and young adults get their hands on these items which can harm them. They can be taking drugs for years before you even notice something is different and sometimes it maybe too late. Just like in any other place in America it has happened here in South Amboy. It is an epidemic nationwide. The stigma needs to be removed and we need to reach out and help those in need - the addict and their families. My Administration, the City Council, Police, Fire, First Aid Departments and Citizens are there to do our part to help bring this under control."

He thanked Kim Seber and her Fed Up organization who allow people to share their stories on how drug addiction affected them. "Through the coordination of my office and Kim's organization meetings are held on the last Wednesday the month at our Senior Center."

"We're looking into a peer recovery program in a shared services initiative with Woodbridge."

Mayor Henry then talked about the more efficiently run Emergency Services Department. "After spending over \$1 million for new radios for our First Responders, we have now contracted with Middlesex County to be on their radio system. The County will also be doing our fire inspections and by working with them, it will enable us to be partners in grants they receive for new and updated equipment such as the new Water Rescue Apparatus."

"I want to thank Freeholder Director Ron Rios and the Middlesex County Freeholders for this equipment. Our recreation programs have shown improvement with the resurfacing of the Sixth Street Tennis Courts. The free programs for our youth during the summer will continue and we have new yoga classes for seniors. The Sadie Pope Dowdell Library continues to have its various programs for young and old alike such as the "Just Soup Competition" and a guitar performance next month. With their 3-D Printer, you can let your creative imagination go wild. I would like to thank Elaine Gaber, the Library Board, and the great staff for all they do."

"Last year, I announced we were working on creating an Arts District in South Amboy. This has been done through resolutions from the Redevelopment Agency and the City Council. The Arts District Office is across the street from City Hall under the direction of Diana St. John and Susan Pelligrini. They have produced a short film show and an exhibit called: "On Track,"and just recently an Irish Concert. Upcoming Concerts include: The Deprees, Tributes to Frankie Valli, Dion and to the Great Girl Groups of the '50's and '60's. The Espresso Cafe is a place to relax while experiencing artist installations and listen to music. On display right now is the works of Victor W. Turban. Please check out their website for future programs. With the Arts District, Historical Society Programs, Our Waterfront Park and walkway, we are attracting more and more people from outside of South Amboy who want to come here to enjoy everything we have to offer."

Henry then acknowledged all the good people from the City Council, Police Department, Fire Department, Public Works and the Government Offices who make everything run smoothly in the City through their cooperation with each other. He called out the names of Police Chief Darren LaVigne, Fire Chief Steve Szatkowski (Outgoing Chief John Kelly) our OEM Coordinator Mark Herdman, and Volunteer First Aid President Gene Cox and President Christine Walzack. We support our City

Workers and our many Volunteers who help to make South Amboy the great little City that it is and will continue to be."

He then quoted President Franklin D. Roosevelt, "I'm not the smartest fellow in the world, but I can sure pick smart colleagues."

"Two of the most important are Stacey Kennedy, my Secretary and Camille Tooker, my Business Administrator. Stacey keeps me on schedule and has adjusted quite in this role. Her capabilities seem endless as she has taken on the additional roles of Secretary for the Redevelopment Agency and the Planning Board. What can I say about Camille Tooker who came into the position of Business Administrator number of years ago to much criticism. To me, she has overwhelmingly silenced those critics by her steadfast determination in getting the job done which is second to none. She was sick at home during Super Storm Sandy, but continued to do what was necessary. Her loyalty to South Amboy and to me, especially during some very trying times and Camille, you know what I mean, will stay in my heart forever. Camille will be retiring at the end of May and she will be missed. On behalf of the City of South Amboy and myself, I want to thank you for all that you have done. You certainly have left your mark on all of us. Thank you."

"Our goal is Smart Growth, Smart Spending, and Smart Government. I believe under my leadership that we have achieved that goal. We have produced sound budgets which in turn have produced surpluses, increased our City's worth, improved our Bond Rating, spent your tax dollars wisely, and continued to create avenues to make South Amboy an even better place to live and raise a family. Our job is never ending and we must continue to be conscientious in what we do and make sure we continue to do what is right for South Amboy."

"In conclusion, I wish to thank the Citizens of South Amboy for granting me the honor of being able to serve you as your Mayor. I wish to thank my family and friends for their support. And I wish to thank my wife, Linda for being there for me and with me. Thank you Mrs. Mayor and for this year Mrs. Grand Marshal. May God Bless our Troops all over the world and May He continue to Bless this Great Nation of Ours, the United States of America. Thank you."

Spring Flower Fair 2017

The Ultimate Plant Sale

NEW BRUNSWICK – Rutgers is having its annual Spring Flower Fair - The Ultimate Plant Sale! on May 12, 13, 14. The sale is on rain or shine. Come out to support the Gardens and our Student Internship Program.

Please know that while there is a large volume of plant material we cannot guarantee that things will not sell out before Sunday.

May 11 - Members Only Preview Sale and Reception - Thursday, May 11, 2017 from 3:00 pm - 7:30 pm. The sale is open to all members and special guests. Avoid the weekend crowds while you have a glass of wine, and be the first to select and purchase your plants. Sale Time: Friday, May 12 from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.; Saturday, May 13 from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 14 from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Please bring your own garden cart. No Dogs allowed in the sales area please.

The Spring Flower Fair is a garden plant sale that provides you with the opportunity to purchase everyone's favorite varieties, as well as unique and/or difficult-to-find plants that will enhance your garden with flower, form or food. This year we increased the selection of those hard-to-find plants, but also focused upon those plants that will provide solutions to difficult sites in your garden!

Your purchase directly benefits the Rutgers Gardens Student Internship Program, which will provide hands-on educational experience for over 12 students this coming summer. Rutgers Gardens is entirely self-supporting, and your support is greatly needed and appreciated!

The Spring Flower Fair is organized by the Rutgers Gardens staff along with help from various plant experts and many dedicated volunteers. The sale is located at the Log Cabin and Alumni Pavilion in the Gardens. MasterCard and Visa, along with checks and cash, are accepted.

Pre-order sales will be processed for Rutgers Gardens Members ONLY. Plants may be picked up on May 11 at the Preview Sale and Reception. The Rutgers Gardens, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, 112 Ryders Lane, New Brunswick, NJ 08901-8519; Phone: 732-932-8451; Fax: 732-932-7060; Email: rugardens@aesop.rutgers.edu Directions to the Gardens

Cool Yard Sale

178 Market St.
Perth Amboy
Saturday, April 29, 2017

9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Comics - Superman, Spiderman,
Batman & Others
Classic Movies on VHS, Toy Soldiers,
Clothing, Assorted Items

Pallone Announces \$13 Million in Grants to NJ to Combat the Opioid Epidemic

News Release 4/21/17 WASHINGTON, DC – Today, Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr. (NJ-06) announced that the Department of Health and Human Services is awarding \$12,995,621 in grants to the state of New Jersey to help combat the opioid epidemic. The funding comes from the 21st Century Cures Act, which Pallone played a leading role in advancing through the House of Representatives as the Ranking Member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee. President Obama signed the 21st Century Cures Act into law in December. More than \$485 million in grants were awarded nationwide to combat the epidemic.

"Opioid abuse affects everyone – people of every faith, every ethnicity, every sexual orientation, and every background," said Pallone. "They

are our friends, family, and neighbors. This funding will help our communities to strengthen our defenses against the opioid epidemic that has impacted so many of us. While this is an important step, the fight to combat the opioid epidemic is just beginning and more must be done. I will continue to fight for whatever funds are necessary to assist New Jersey families facing addiction."

Funding will support a comprehensive array of prevention, treatment, and recovery services depending on the needs of recipients. In New Jersey, more than 184,000 individuals have been admitted to substance abuse treatment facilities for heroin or opioid abuse since 2010 and more than 5,000 have died from heroin-related deaths since 2004.

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"A Revolutionary Tea"

PERTH AMBOY – The Proprietary House, The Royal Governor's Mansion invites you to join us for "A Revolutionary Tea". Sunday, 21st May 2017 ~ at 1:00 p.m.

Purchase your tickets in advance for a journey back to the 18th century. Learn why tea was of such importance to the era's fashion-conscious families that their portraits included their tea sets. Historian Stacy F. Roth dons period attire to explore tea's history in colonial America, the beverage's cultural importance, tea's social rituals and etiquette. The program includes a living history display, with demonstrations, prose, poetry & music. Following Ms. Roth's presentation, afternoon tea, finger sandwiches & cakes will be served.

SPACE IS LIMITED!!! Tickets Now Available On A First-Come, First-Served Basis. Admission: \$30 per Person; \$25 for Members. To Purchase Tickets Contact – Proprietary House Association. Phone: (732) 826-5527; E-mail: info@theproprietaryhouse.org; Address: 149 Kearny Avenue, Perth Amboy, NJ, 08861.

***All funds raised will benefit ongoing restoration and operation of Proprietary House's Museum. ***

Nursing Home Workers Picket in Perth Amboy as Employer Seeks to Drastically Cut Job Standards

Alameda Center On Trial for Unfair Labor Practices as Healthcare Workers Protest Proposed Cuts to Wages and Benefits

Press Release

Perth Amboy - Nursing home workers at Alameda Center for Rehabilitation and Healthcare in Perth Amboy will hold an informational picket tomorrow, Thursday April 20. The caregivers, who are members of 1199SEIU, will protest management's proposals to drastically undermine jobs at the facility by requiring new employees to pay hundreds of dollars a month for family health insurance, reduce starting wages by more than \$1 an hour, and make significant cuts to time off benefits. Management at the for-profit facility is also seeking to eliminate training and education benefits for all workers. The majority of current employees earn less than \$13.50 an hour.

"It's not right for new employees coming in and it's certainly not good for our residents if management makes jobs at Alameda worse," said Diane Speckman, a certified nursing assistant with 30 years of service at the facility. "Our residents depend on having caregivers who they grow to know and trust, but if the jobs aren't good and workers can't support their families, they're not going to stay."

Workers will also be picketing to protest unfair labor practices. Last summer, 1199SEIU filed charges with the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) after employees reported that Alameda Center had failed to make any of the required contributions to the nurses' retirement plan, and unilaterally quadrupled health insurance co-payments for staff in the laundry department.

In addition, the employer has





Members of 1199SEIU picket in front of Alameda Center on 4/20/17 between 2:30 p.m. and 4 p.m.

*Photos by Katherine Massopust

unlawfully refused to meet with the union to negotiate a new collective bargaining agreement for the licensed practical nurses (LPNs). The facility has yet to remedy these issues, and after a thorough investigation the NLRB decided to formally charge Alameda with refusal to bargain in good faith. A trail began on March 28 and is currently underway.

"It is disgraceful how Alameda Center continues to violate the law and neglect the needs of hard-working employees," said Milly Silva, Executive Vice President of 1199SEIU. "Skilled caregivers are the number one asset of any nurs-

ing home. We are prepared to do whatever it takes, including going on strike if necessary, to reach an agreement which provides workers with the stability and security they need to deliver the best care possible." 1199SEIU United Healthcare Workers East is the largest and fastest-growing healthcare union in New Jersey and nationwide. We represent over 16,000 healthcare families in New Jersey and over 400,000 total members throughout New Jersey, New York, Massachusetts, Maryland, Florida, and Washington, D.C. Our mission is to achieve quality care and good jobs for all.

National Small Business Week: April 30, 2017 – May 6, 2017

PERTH AMBOY - The SBA is gearing up for National Small Business Week April 30-May 6, 2017. The BID is pleased to announce this year's webinars on a variety of business topics:

The U.S. Economic Outlook and Its Impact on Small Businesses

Presented by Visa

May 2, 2017 | 2:00-3:00 pm ET

5 Fabulous Habits of Local Business Champions

Presented by YP

May 3, 2017 | 2:00-3:00 pm ET

How to Write Your Email Content in 15 Minutes or Less

Presented by Constant Contact

May 4, 2017 | 3:30-4:30 pm ET

Find the Hidden Money in America

Presented by Chase

May 4, 2017 | 5:00-6:00 pm ET

For more information, go to: www.amboyguardian.com

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Police Blotter: Perth Amboy Police Department Release



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PERTH AMBOY - On 04/14/2017, at approximately 1905hrs, members of the Perth Amboy Police Departments Special Investigations Unit executed a Superior Court Search Warrant at a residence on Catalpa Ave., Perth Amboy, NJ.

During the search of the residence, they recovered 100 decks of Heroin worth about \$1000.00 and an additional 6 grams of Heroin worth approximately

\$600.00, Cocaine worth around \$800.00, numerous bags of Marijuana worth around \$2200.00, and numerous items of paraphernalia used for packaging and selling, and approximately \$1000.00 in cash.

The following defendants were arrested and charged:

Edward M. Camejo of Catalpa Ave., PANJ Age 22 for Poss. Of Marijuana over 50 grams, Poss. With Intent, distribution within 1,000 ft.

of a school, Endangering children, and Poss. Of Drug Paraphernalia.

Lakecia Berry of Catalpa Ave., PANJ Age 22 for Poss. of Marijuana over 50 grams, Poss. With intent, distribution within 1,000 ft. of a school, endangering children, and Poss. Of Drug Paraphernalia.

Nahuel Buonarrigo of Catalpa Ave., PANJ age 19 for Poss. Of Heroin, Poss. with intent, and Distribution of

CDS within a 1,000 feet of a school zone, Operating a Narcotic Facility and Poss. Of Drug Paraphernalia.

Roberto Pena-Delgado of Catalpa Ave., PANJ age 45, for Poss. of Cocaine and an outstanding warrant.

Jonathan Genao of Catalpa Ave., PANJ age 24 for Poss. of Cocaine, Poss. with intent to Distribute, Distribution

within a 1000 feet of a school, Poss. of under 50

grams of Marijuana, and Poss. of Drug Paraphernalia. Starlyn Henriques of Prospect St., PANJ age 21 was arrested on an outstanding Woodbridge Township War-

All 6 defendants were transported to the Middlesex County Adult Correctional Facility in North Brunswick and were waiting their hearing as per the new bail reform process.

Police Blotter: Perth Amboy Police Department Release

PERTH AMBOY - Chief Roman McKeon of the Perth Amboy Police Department announced today, that members of the department's Special Investigation Unit, Detective Bureau, Juvenile Aid Bureau, along with the Middlesex County Task Force executed a Superior Court Search Warrant for Jose Bilbraut age 58 of Smith St. The executed the search warrant on Smith St., and the yielded over 300 grams of suspected Fentanyl, 22 pills of clonazepam, 2 pills of Endocet, a small amount of marijuana, drug paraphernalia, and over \$3,100.00 in US currency. Due to the dangerous nature of the substances being seized, the State Police

Hazmat Response Unit, Middlesex County Hazmat Unit, along with Paramedics from the Raritan Bay Medical Center responded to the scene, and were assisted by Office of Emergency Management Coordinator, Deputy Chief Lawrence Cattano. The State Police Unit was able to enter and make the scene safe for police to continue their search of the residence.

The following 2 defendants were charged and arrested:

Jose M. Bilbraut Smith St., Perth Amboy, NJ Age 58 charged with Possession of Clonazepam, Endocet, and FENTANYL, Possession with intent to distribute, possession with intent to dis-



Building on corner of Smith Street and Madison Avenue *Photo by Carolyn Maxwell

tribute within 1,000ft of a school, Operating a Narcotic Facility, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and Possession of Marijuana.

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Jose Bilbraut



Yolanda Montalvo

Smith St., Perth Amboy, NJ Age 55 charged with Possession of Clonazepam, Endocet, and FENTANYL, Possession with intent to distribute, Possession with intent to distribute within 1,000ft of a school, Operating a Narcotic Facility, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and Possession of

Marijuana.

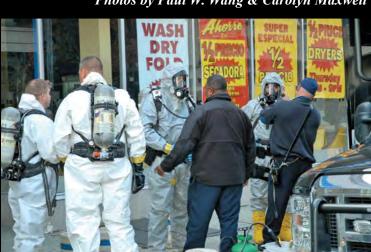
Both defendants were transported to Adult Correctional Facility in North Brunswick, NJ, were they are waiting their hearing as per the New Jersey bail reform.

Hazmat Called, Perth Amboy 4/20/17

*Photos by Paul W. Wang & Carolyn Maxwell







A Hazmat Team was called in order to assist police in search of apartment building on Smith and Madison.

Raritan Bay Area YMCA Wants Kids to "Charge into Summer" During Annual Healthy Kids Day®

Event Encourages Kids to Stay Active And Keep Learning All Summer Long



Press Release 4/17/17

PERTH AMBOY - On Saturday, April 29, the RARITAN BAY AREA YMCA is holding a free community event to inspire more kids to keep their minds and bodies active at the annual YMCA's Healthy Kids Day®, the Y's national initiative to improve health and wellbeing for kids and families. The event will commence with a "MOVE" With Mayor Diaz Walk and will include activities such as outdoor group fitness classes, obstacle course, games, bounce house, live music, arts and crafts, and giveaways to motivate and teach families how to develop healthy routines at home.

YMCA's Healthy Kids Day, celebrated at over 1,600 Ys across the country by over 1.2 million participants, works to get more kids moving and learning, creating habits that they continue all summer long. When kids are out of school, they can face hurdles that prevent them from reaching their full potential. Research shows that without access to out-ofschool learning activities, kids fall behind academically - this summer learning loss is more pronounced among students from low-income families. Kids also gain weight twice as fast during summer than the school year. As spring turns to summer, Healthy Kids Day is a powerful reminder not to let children idle away their summer days. Instead, the Y wants

families to focus on "charging" kids up with enthusiasm for themselves and their potential.

"When a child is healthy, happy motivated, and excited something amazing is inevitably going to result," says Steve Jobin, President and CEO, RARITAN BAY AREA YMCA. "We in the potential of all children, and we strive to help kids find that potential within themselves. A child's development is never on vacation and Healthy Kids Day is a great opportunity to educate families and motivate kids to stay active in spirit, mind and body throughout the summer," said Sholonda Chipepo, Vice President of Organizational Development, RARI-TAN BAY AREA YMCA.

In celebration of YMCA's Healthy Kids Day, the Y offers the following tips to help families develop healthy habits:

- High Five the Fruits and Veggies Make sure kids get at least five servings a day, the minimum number nutritionists recommend to maintain healthy childhood development. And to keep kids' taste buds evolving, have everyone in the family try at least one bite of a new fruit or vegetable at least once a month.
 Foster an Early and Ongoing
- Foster an Early and Ongoing Passion for Books Read to and with your kids. Help children read at every age and every stage of their development.
- Team Up for Athletic Events
 Set a family goal of great health by teaming up for community or charity events like

races, walks, fun runs, bike rides, etc.

- Volunteer Together Find a cause that matters to the kids. Open their eyes to a world beyond themselves and the rich rewards that come from making a difference.
- Make sleep a priority Doctors recommend 10-12 hours of sleep a day for children ages 5-12 and 7-8 hours per night for adults. Sleep plays a critical role in maintaining our healthy immune system, metabolism, mood, memory, learning and other vital functions.

This year's Healthy Kids Day will take place at the Historic Perth Amboy Waterfront on the intersection of Madison Avenue and Sadowski Parkway from 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. and features fun, active play and educational activities. Also, joining us will be Mayor Diaz which will help us kick-off the event with a walk down our beautiful waterfront. All kids deserve the best summer ever, and Delta is proud to be the national sponsor of Healthy Kids Day, which kicks off a healthy, active and engaged summer for kids throughout the country. Locally, Healthy Kids Day is supported by the City of Perth Amboy, WellCare, U.S. Foods, Premier Supply, PRAHD Inc., PNC Bank, and Perth Amboy Fire Department.

For more information, contact Jennifer Roche at 732.442.3632, jroche@rbaymca.org.







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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.

On April 24, the RAF begins a heavy, four-night bombing sortie against Rostock, Germany. The targets are facilities that manufacture military aircraft. The British cargo ship *Empire Drum* is torpedoed and sunk about 245 miles southeast of New York City by German submarine U-136. All 41 of the crew survive and are rescued.

Berlin radio announces on April 25 that captive French general Henri Giraud (captured while fighting the Germans at Wassigny, France, on May 19, 1940) had escaped eight days earlier from Konigstein Fortress, near Dresden. A reward of 100,000 Reichsmarks (about U.S.\$40,000) is offered for information leading to his recapture. (After escaping, Giraud successfully makes his way to Switzerland, then returns to Vichy France, where he tries to persuade the government to continue the fight against the Nazis. He is unsuccessful, but the Vichy government refuses to hand him back over to the Germans.)

In Berlin, the Reichstag — the Nazi pseudo-Parliament — meets for the 20th and final time on April 26. It proclaims *Der Führer* the "Supreme Judge of the German People" and accedes to Hitler's request to allow him to override legislative or judicial considerations in all matters. Adolf Hitler is thus given the absolute power of life or death over every German. The destroyer *USS Sturtevant* hits a mine off Key West, Florida, and sinks, killing 15 of her crew of 130. It is later determined that *Sturtevant* passed through an American-laid minefield of which the vessel was never notified.

Canada on April 27 holds a plebiscite on conscription: 66% of the nation's voters favor compulsory military service, with Quebec being the only province or territory to have a majority voting against establishing a draft. In Europe, all Jews in Nazi-occupied Netherlands are ordered to wear a yellow Star-of-David badge. In China, the 22nd Infantry Division of the Japanese 13th Army captures Lungyu, in eastern coastal Chekiang Province.

British assault troops depart Durban, South Africa, on April 28 headed for Madagascar, off the southeast coast of Africa and controlled by Vichy France. Slower ships, carrying transportation equipment, heavy weapons and ammunition, have departed several days earlier. In Rome, Italian foreign minister Count Galeazzo Ciano — Mussolini's son-in-law — tells Amin al-Husseini, the exiled Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, and Rashid Ali al-Gaylani, erstwhile leader of Iraq, that Italy will formally recognize the independence of Arab states. A 15-mile strip of the U.S. Atlantic coast centered on New York City begins conducting blackouts at night to hinder German U-boat activity in the region.

In Salzburg, Austria, on April 29, Hitler, Mussolini and Ciano (Italy's foreign minister and Mussolini's son-in-law) hold a summit conference in which Hitler "strongly requests" that the Italians send more troops to the Eastern Front. Mussolini agrees to commit seven divisions in addition to two already promised. These divisions will form the Eighth Italian Army and they will join German Army Group B under Field Marshal Fedor von Bock. The trio also discuss what to do about Malta, and plans for an invasion of the island, code-named "Operation Herkules," begin taking shape. An ammonium nitrate explosion at a chemical plant in Tessenderlo, Belgium, kills 189 people.

In Burma, the Japanese capture Lashio on April 30, cutting the Burma Road, the main land route for getting supplies and war materiel into China. Allied troops in Burma take up defensive positions north of the Irrawaddy River.

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Bus Trip Holy Rosary Seniors

HOPELAWN - Holy Rosary Seniors sponsoring a bus trip to Mount Airy Casino on Tuesday, June 20 2017. Includes a 3:30 PM show "The Music of Mamma Mia," lunch buffet, \$10 slot play and bus. Cost is \$70 a person. Bus leaves Church parking lot at 10:00 am. For more details please call Ronnie 732-442-5252

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Extravaganza

PERTH AMBOY - Perth Amboy Local Branch NAACP Presents: "A Gospel Concert," on Saturday, May 20, 2017 at 12:00 Noon at the Raritan Bay Area YMCA, 357 New Brunswick Ave, Perth Amboy. Admission: \$20 (Under the Age of 12 Free). For Additional Information, Contact Janice Clark: 732-277-1051

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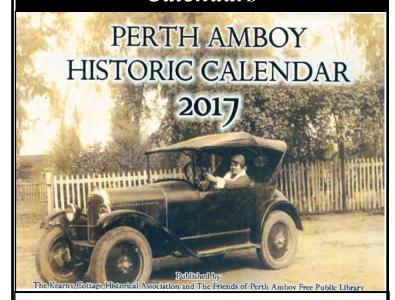
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Novena to St. Rita

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.

St. Jude Novena

Most holy Apostle, St. Jude, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the Church honors and invokes you universally, as the patron of difficult cases, of things almost despaired of, Pray for me, I am so helpless and alone. Intercede with God for me that He bring visible and speedy help where help is almost despaired of. Come to my assistance in this great need that I may receive the consolation and help of heaven in all my necessities, tribulations, and sufferings, particularly - (make your request here) - and that I may praise God with you and all the saints forever. I promise, Oh Blessed St. Jude, to be ever mindful of this great favor granted me by God and to always honor you as my special and powerful patron, and to gratefully encourage devotion to you. Amen A.L.S.

> Remember to Say Your Novenas!

Answers From Puzzle On Page 15



Miraculous Invocation to St. Theresa

Oh Glorious St. Theresa, whom Almighty God has raised up to aid and counsel mankind, I invite your miraculous intercession. So powerful are you in obtaining every need of body and soul, our Holy Mother Church proclaims you a "prodigy of miracles. The greatest Saint of modern times." Now I fervently beseech you to answer my petition (mention here) and carry out your promise of doing good upon earth of letting fall from heaven a shower of roses, henceforth Dear Little Flower, I will fulfill your plea to be made known everywhere and I will never cease to lead others to Jesus through you.

days. By the 4th day ask for a sign if prayer is to be answered between 4th and 9th day you will see a rose in a magazine, TV picture, or receive roses, also can get a strange scent of roses in home even if no roses present. Must promise publication. A.L.S.

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LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY - Marion Baseball Team informal photo, Circa 1900

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Senior Scene

Happenings

Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m.,

Presbyterian Center, Market St.

Good Shepherd Tuesday Seniors (HS) 12:30 p.m.

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Good Shepherd Wednesday Seniors, 12:30 p.m.,

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St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m.,

Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m.,

Holy Trinity Seniors, 1 p.m.,

THURS. May 4 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m.,

St. Mary's Seniors, 12 Noon,

Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.

South Amboy Seniors, 12 Noon,

Sacred Heart Seniors, 12 Noon

Memorial Hall, Wash Ave.

Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.

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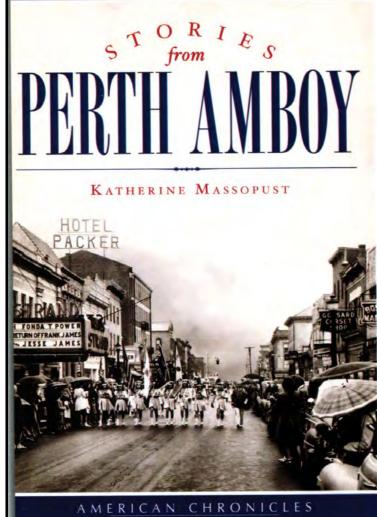
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