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Getting Their Wish 1/24/22 Caucus

By: Carolyn Maxwell
PERTH AMBOY – After going back and forth with his fellow council members, especially Joel Pabon, Council President Bill Petrick and the other council members finally were able to interview applicants for the Zoning Board, Housing Authority, and Rent Leveling Board. Applicants either came in person or appeared via Zoom.

The first group of applicants that spoke were for the Zoning Board. Hansel M. Farrier came forward and introduced himself speaking English, but said he felt more comfortable speaking Spanish although Council President Bill Petrick said that when he is on the Board, he would have to communicate in English. Farrier spoke in Spanish with Councilman Joel Pabon translating. He said, “I am home right now not currently doing anything. I want to help the community. I learn fast, and I am capable and willing to do anything in my free time. My English is not that great. I am from Costa Rica, and I have been here 13 years.”

Roberto Fernandez was applicant No. 2. “I am married, and my wife is a lifetime resident. We currently have two sons attending the high school. I have a military background and I’ve worked with the State of New Jersey. Perth Amboy is an economic powerhouse. I want to give back. I’ve attended Rutgers University and I’ve worked with the supply chain. I am a member of the New Jersey National Guard, and I’ve worked as a logistics officer. I do have the time and my family is very supportive. Geographically we are in a good position with access to many highways and roads. Transportation wise, the warehouse goes hand in hand.”

Applicant No. 3 was Paola Arias. “I have been here since the age of 9 and I work at the Jewish Renaissance. I currently have three children in the Perth Amboy schools. When I was in high school, I worked in city hall when Wilda was mayor. You can always do good, no matter what. I help people filling out their insurance forms. I also work with the undocumented. I love to be kept busy and I finish working at 3:30 p.m. We should build up like the surrounding cities around us. I’ve worked with Edison Jaques (who is a motivational speaker). I also have worked in nursing homes.”

Applicant No. 4 was Megan A. Oduyela. “I’ve been residing in Perth Amboy for 23 years. I came here at the age of 13. There are a lot of warehouses. I love it and I like to have my hands in things and keep abreast of things. We are near everything, and I love all the high-rises going up in other cities.”

Councilman Joel Pabon spoke up, “I see you are a member of the Harbortown Association.”

Oduyela continued, “I want to be a part of the city and I am an attorney by trade. I only will do something if I could be committed. I see high-rises for Perth Amboy like they have Hopelawn.”

Applicant No. 5 was Anthony Leone, who did not appear.

Applicant No. 6 was Salatiel Suriel. She said, “I have been a resident since 1990. I’ve attended Seton Hall, Rutgers’s, and the Perth Amboy School System. I do linguistic work and now I work for legal services. I’m applying for the Rent Leveling Board. We have to make sure we have affordable housing. I am also a hospital volunteer. I am looking to help out with immigration cases. I work until 4 p.m. and have no children. You can depend on me, and I love to be involved.”

Applicant No. 7 was Marcia Garcia. She said, “I have been on the Planning Board for 9 years and the Zoning Board for 5 years. I served for 15 years for free, and I am certified on these boards. There are only 3 current members on the Zoning Board that have experience. I thank the Board for their confidence in me. I am here to represent the city based on knowledge and unbiased decisions.”

Councilman Pabon spoke up and wanted to thank Garcia for her interest in continuing to serve for all these years.

Garcia continued, “We can be the gem of New Jersey, but we have very limited land and some of it is contaminated. You have to factor in the cost to mediate contaminated land. We have to make sure developers want to do the best for the city and not for themselves.”

Applicant No. 8 was Marilyn Grullon. “I am born and raised here and have two children. I’m a paralegal and I have filed Zoning applications. I am also a licensed realtor. I’ve been on the Zoning Board since August 2021 and have all of the needed certifications.”

Councilman Pabon spoke up, “I am impressed with all you have done. You have gone through all the training and changes come from leadership.”

Applicant No. 9 was Carlos Jimenez. “I am 44 years old, and I am a native of Queens, New York. I am a commercial litigation attorney and I and my parents have a real estate background. My parents own real estate and currently have 160 tenants. I went to the military academy and my wife is a graduate from Perth Amboy High School. I attended law school in 2004 and graduated in 2007. I am familiar with the Landlords/Tenant Court. I’ve been here since 2015 and I live at the Landings. I’ve read the Amboy Guardian Newspaper to keep abreast of the Kushner litigation. I plan on staying here forever. My mom is very involved in the community in New York. We are living in very progressive and digitized times right now. I work from home. I am young, passionate, and want to see positive changes.”

Stephanie Márquez-Villafañe (not on the list) is presently on the Zoning Board. She stated, “I am 23 years old and always have been family oriented. I started a nonprofit and I have tutored children for free. I was a member of the handicapped parking committee before it was disbanded. In July 2020, I was appointed as an alternate on the Zoning Board. I was moved up after someone left the Zoning Board and I am also involved with helping the oversight of over 60 federal programs and I work with the national policy working with children in the adoption system. I’ve only missed two Zoning Board Meetings.”

Applicant No. 10 was Roberto Rodriguez who was not present.

Applicant No. 11 was Yojani Mota. She said, “My husband and I have a school bus company and I am the secretary. I attend to the drivers, and I am home all day.”

Applicant No. 12 was Christopher Rosario who was not present.

Applicant No. 13 was David Benyola. He said, “I have been a resident for 50 years and I have had a 15-year career in the city in the Human Resources Department. I’ve helped the homeless and victims of domestic violence. In the Housing Authority,

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Proclamation Given to Gunnery Sgt. John Sardine, City Hall, Perth Amboy, 1/26/22

**Photo by Lisette Lebron for the City of Perth Amboy*



PERTH AMBOY - Mayor Caba presents a proclamation to Gunnery Sergeant John Sardine honoring him for his work with Toys for Tots at the 1/26/22 Council Meeting. (L to R) Council President William Petrick, Councilwoman Milady Tejeda, Gunnery Sgt. John Sardine, Mayor Helmin Caba, Councilwoman Rose Morales, Councilman Joel Pabon.

Winter Snowstorm, Perth Amboy, 1/29/22

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Blighted Property, Medicinal Cannabis, Need for Access for the Physically Disabled

1/19/22 Council Meeting

By: Katherine Massopust
SOUTH AMBOY – Councilman Tom Reilly thanked the food pantries and first responders, and all the volunteers in town. He stressed the need for volunteers in the fire department and first aid squad. He thanked everyone who came out for the Friends of South Amboy basketball event. “It was a huge success.”

Reilly then emphasized the need to address the situation with a garage (deteriorating) on First Street. “Can we please do something with that garage? Something needs to be done.”

Council President Mickey Gross thanked the public works and first responders. He then spoke about Covid-19, “Covid numbers are going down. We will get through this.” He then stated that the decision of having a live in-person meeting or electronic meeting will be up to the council. He then thanked Mark Herdman for his service to the city.

Mayor Fred Henry said, “There are some very important projects being done. The Allie Clark Sports Complex is being renovated.”

Law Director Francis Womack stated, “We can get together

with Glenn (B.A. Skarzynski) for the property on First Street. Be safe.”

Public Portion:

Edward Grimes, who spoke at the 1/5/22 meeting spoke again. “I am an advocate for the Disabled Rights Act. I suffered emotional damage. We gave you emotional damage moving the ramp away. I had to take the ramp away from other Vets. I am a Christian. There are Christians on the Council. Your police station has no wheelchair access. Your B.A. says you have to wait two years for a cement ramp. We don’t need to wait. You should do what Jesus said: Put the last first. You take away their (Veterans) medicine (cannabis). Are we at war with ourselves? You criticized my mask (worn when he spoke at the 1/5/22 meeting). That ramp was there for an hour. Within an hour, a disabled vet used that ramp to get into the police station. God made that happen. Disabled Vets are not made in South Amboy.”

Mike Vintzilos spoke next. “I echo what he said here. There is no transparency in meetings. I have no idea what is going on. I don’t know who is talking. There is no wheelchair access – that is a concern. I spoke about

cannabis last July (at a council meeting). I poured out my heart and soul. Cannabis gave me my life back. Why is the answer no? you are sending the wrong message. South Amboy was once in the Guinness Book of World Records for the most bars in town. You made everything to promote healthy living by not getting the life back (to veterans). At least respond, give me an answer. Nobody can give me an answer. Why is this (cannabis ban) necessary?”

Council President Gross answered, “I stand by my decision. I respect what you do. I don’t think it (the cannabis ban) sends the wrong message. We do not have as many bars as we did 30 years ago. We took hard steps to clean up our taverns. I certainly respect what you do. There is a methadone clinic in South Amboy. That is to help people get off their addiction. I certainly will bring it to the mayor and administration. There is more to building a ramp. It is not as easy as it looks. There is zoning and certain regulations. If you want, call the clerk.”

The meeting was held virtually due to Covid. It adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Getting Their Wish

1/24/22 Caucus

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we were able to get vouchers so that people can relocate anywhere in the United States. I also have been the Vice-Chair of the Planning Board.”

Applicant No. 14 was Iris Gomez. She said, “I’ve been a 50-year lifetime resident. I’ve worked at PRAHD for 24 years. I’ve worked with the youth, adults, and homeless. I’ve also worked with the Preventive Foreclosure Program. I am applying for the position on the Housing Authority and at one time, I lived in Delaney Homes.”

Applicant No. 15 was Linda Ferreira. “I’ve tried to get on different boards before. I currently live in the Budapest section of town. I am applying for the Rent Leveling Board. Renters, landlords, and homeowners all need to have their voices heard. I have been a renter and homeowner in Elizabeth and Perth Amboy. I’ve been a resident for 28 years and I would be very fair, speak up, and I am very passionate and I’m not quiet. I work for a nursing home. Because of Covid, I have not been able to attend many meetings. I was told that they couldn’t find my application, but then they did find it. They asked me if I was still interested in applying for a position on a municipal board. I told them, “Yes.”

The council went on to discuss the other agenda items. Council President Bill Petrick explained Ordinance No. 1 – Personnel Policies. “It is basically a change of title only.”

There was next a discussion on R-52 – Permit to the United Dominicans of Perth Amboy to be held on August 12, 13, & 14 at the Robert Wilentz Athletic

Field.

Councilman Pabon questioned, “Where did this put us? We are in no condition for a large gathering. At the point we are at right now, how can we do this?”

Council President Petrick then asked, “What if later on due to circumstances that we will have to cancel this event?”

Business Administrator Green said, “We can invoke their permit if circumstances arise due to health or other concerns.”

Petrick spoke up again, “We lost a community activist to Covid, and we had an issue with Covid in city hall. It doesn’t matter what time of the year. Covid will be a problem.”

Green reiterated, “The permit is based on what is best for the city.”

Petrick continued, “I am concerned about a super-spreader event and if we can be sued if we have to cancel the event, especially what is the city’s liability if we cancel the event after we have approved it.”

City Attorney William Opel stated, “You have the power to withdraw the event. If has to be cancelled based on federal or state guidelines, the city cannot be faulted.”

Fermin DeJesus who is on the Dominican Festival Committee came up. He said, “We have to follow whatever is mandated by the state. The sponsors understand in certain circumstances due to Covid that the event may have to be cancelled.”

Opel continued, “The public safety and health concerns come first.”

The city clerk said, “Only certain permits have to be signed.”

Acting Police Chief and OEM Coordinator Larry Cattano spoke next. “The state of

emergency takes place over everything. We have done cancellations of events in the past because of emergency circumstances.”

Acting Director of Human Services Dianne Roman spoke about R-54-1/22 – An agreement with Middlesex County to provide funds in the amount of \$91,881 to the city of Perth Amboy to be used for Code Blue Warming Center Services.

“These funds are to be used between November 2021 thru March 2022. So far, we’ve had 38 Code Blues and have served over 300 clients. We have to follow guidelines and we work with the YMCA, the Jewish Renaissance, and other organizations have given us donations. The Center for Prosperity on Smith Street has been a great help to us although they cannot provide overnight accommodations. The do help out with case management with some of the clients.

Councilman Pabon spoke up and said, “We appreciate all who service the homeless during a Code Blue Period.”

Roman continued, “We average between 19-24 people a night when we have a Code Blue situation and people do come in from other communities. We also have to do paperwork with all the clients with all that we do so we can get reimbursement. We have one police officer and one staff member from the YMCA who helps out.”

B.A. Green then explained that for R-56 - An agreement with the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management and the New Jersey Task Force and the Perth Amboy Fire Depart-

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Dominican Festival Permit, Board Appointments 1/26/22 Council Meeting

By Katherine Massopust
PERTH AMBOY – At the start of the meeting at 7 p.m., Council President Bill Petrick remembered in the opening prayer resident Stanley Sierakowski and Ex-Fire Chief Andrew Stafford who recently passed away. Four members of the council were present in person and Councilman B.J. Torres attended the meeting via Zoom.

There was a proclamation awarded to Gunnery Sergeant John Sardine for his work in Toys for Tots. Mayor Helmin Caba read the proclamation. Gunnery Sgt. Sardine thanked the council for honoring him. “I’ve been doing this (Toys for Tots) for 15 years. It was very impressive. (Perth Amboy).”

During The Hearing of Citizens, resident Jason Perez proposed a new business idea for the city. “I live, work, and shop in Perth Amboy. Our cigar company has been approached to have a cigar place in Perth Amboy – a cigar lounge. A place people can socialize, go online, do some reading, listening to music, watch TV, while smoking cigars. It will be highly sophisticated. Amboy doubles in population during work hours. There are cigar lounges in Staten Island and on Main Street, Woodbridge, and in Rahway. I am looking at a 1600 sqft. Lounge. I want to keep those people (working here) in Perth Amboy. Despite public health mandates against tobacco.” He also spoke about a device on the ceiling which cleans the air.

Councilman Joel Pabon asked, “Do you have that premises? We need to see if first you have the location with an open ceiling which can circulate fresh air.”

Council President Bill Petrick asked City Attorney William Opel if this type of business opposed any ordinances in town.

Opel answered, “There is an ordinance – it’s not clear. For this type of business, it might need to be slightly altered how it can operate.”

Council President Petrick asked Perez if he had approached the BID. Perez was concerned that smoking is not allowed inside public buildings in Perth Amboy.”

Petrick stated, “We will take a look at it and see if it can be updated or amended for this business.”

Councilman B.J. Torres said, “If we allow this, can we allow it for cannabis products. Tobacco related products affect 500,000 people annually in the United States. We restrict cannabis, but tobacco products kill 500,000 people annually and we restrict cannabis. I think it would be hypocritical to open one and not the other.”

Council President Petrick stated that it was something we have to someday look at it.

No one spoke on any ordinance on the public hearing of the four ordinances on the agenda.

Public Comments on Agenda Items Only (in-person first)

Resident Ken Balut was the first person to come up and speak. He asked about the amount of money the city has bonded out. “When they did the

turnpike, the fees were listed first. If you are paying fees, it should be listed. He then spoke about Resolutions R-77 thru R-79. R-76 - Commending, Auxiliary Police Officer Robert O’Buck; R-77 - Recognizing Lieutenant Christopher Joy; R-78 - Recognizing Sergeant Sandy Rivera; and R-79 - Commending Auxiliary Police Officer Roberto Rodriguez.

Balut stated that Officer Rivera should get recognized. She went on the bridge for an hour in approximately 20° weather to talk someone out of jumping. This is twice this weekend when someone tried to jump off the bridge. These officers go out with low pay every day. This should be in the newspaper. Why don’t we put positive news out there? There are over 20 people that tried to jump off the bridge. No thanks, no nothing. These people should be awarded.”

The next person to come up and speak was Irving Lozada. He spoke about R-52-1/22 – Approving a special permit for public entertainment to United Dominicans of Perth Amboy for the Dominican Festival to be held on August 12th, 13th, & 14th 2022, at Robert Wilentz Athletic Field of First Street and Sadowski Parkway.

Lozada stated, “I am here as a resident. We are here asking for the council to vote for festival approval. We understand right a pandemic is going on. By getting approval by you, we can get the sponsors. If the festival needs to be cancelled because of Covid, we will be the first to not have the festival. You guys have the power. You can cancel what is approved in January.”

Mayor Helmin Caba came up to speak next. “New Jersey has the best Dominican Festivals. It is in the power not only with the council and administration to cancel. Section 343-3 -the council already has that power. I understand the pandemic has been very impactful. According to Fauci, the FDA predicts numbers will decrease by the end of February. Voting against R-52 will be a ripple effect on the Puerto Rican Festival, other festivals, the Fourth of July Fireworks. We had thousands who attended our Christmas Parade. It was beautiful. The mental duress is getting worse as the pandemic progresses. R-52 will give ample time to organize. Section 343-3 in our code, the city council has the right to revoke any permits allowed by the council. It is half a year away. The summer is when these events take place.”

The next person to speak was Attorney Daniel Gonzalez. “I didn’t know it was an issue requiring the festival that Mr. Lozada and Mayor Caba spoke. I saw Mr. Rosengarten. Did you approve of the Fourth of July (fireworks)? I hope that Covid will end. Wouldn’t it be great for our kids to enjoy the Dominican Festival and the culture of this festival? We have the best Dominican Festival in the USA. When we celebrate the diversity of our cultures, our Puerto Rican, Polish, Ukrainian, Cuban. . . (Look at the flags in International Park). That’s how many flags are in Perth Amboy. Let’s

celebrate that.

Celebrate Stars and Stripes Chair Barry Rosengarten came up next to the podium. “Celebrate Perth Amboy our Fourth of July Ceremony will be July 2, 2022 (Saturday). We are proud to celebrate, except in the last two years, we couldn’t (have the fireworks) due to Covid. The Dominican and Puerto Rican Festivals are important. The Fourth of July Ceremony represents the city. I ask you to respect the city and to approve the Dominican Festival, the Puerto Rican Festival and the Fourth of July.”

President of the United Dominicans of Perth Amboy Fernin DeJesus who run the Dominican Festival came up next. “Something to add – we will follow all the protocols. We will go a little further. We will have vaccination booths for those who didn’t have a chance to get vaccinated.”

Nicholas Brown spoke next. “I am a little hard pressed as you see. I am an African American male. It (Perth Amboy) has not been very welcoming. In 2002, I started working. I have been stopped, arrested, and put in jail for 6 days. A grand jury threw it out. The festival – I want to enjoy it also. I was born in this state. I cannot be who I am. I am a good person. I am tired of not feeling comfortable. I cannot walk down the streets and find soul food. I want to open your ears and your eyes. I suffer! I suffer! They have \$5,000 of my money at the police station. I am crippled because of a court of law will not let me speak. I want to go to the Puerto Rican Festival and the Dominican Festival.”

Resident Lisa Nanton spoke next. She spoke about R-70 thru R-74 which were appointments to the Zoning Board and Housing Authority. “I wish the council would have asked the Board Members to look at the physical sites – not Google them. Board Members should take them to see the property. The Zoning and Planning Boards are state regulated laws and municipal laws. It is a majority vote. It costs money to get on the docket on that Board. When I was appointed to the Zoning Board as in 2009, the Planning Board had already approved a project. When it came to the Zoning Board, it was overturned. That homeowner had to take down the second floor and put a flat roof on. It cost nearly \$100,000. The Zoning and Planning Board are important. I was impressed by the applicants because they say they love the city. It is important to keep people who are there for 9 years. Newcomers will need people who took courses and passed exams. They need to be there and groom the new blood.”

Developer Eddie Trujillo spoke next. “It is very important that the council members to realize that the last two years people have been inside. I think the council should pass the festivals, Barry’s Fourth of July – he’s been doing it for years. At the end of the day, you make the votes. I’ve been here 50 years in

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Obituary: Ex-Fire Chief Andrew J. Stafford, Jr., Age 76 6/24/45 - 1/19/22



Honoring Ex-Chief Stafford



Ex-Chief Andrew Stafford

PERTH AMBOY - It is with great sadness we announce the passing of Ex-Chief Andy Stafford who passed away on Wednesday, January 19, 2022. Chief Stafford served the Perth Amboy Fire Department for 52 years and was an active member of Fire Police at the time of his passing. Two-time Ex Chief and Ex Captain, Lieutenant of the Humane Hook & Ladder Truck #3, He was the Fire Chief in 1991-1992 & 1995-1996 in Perth Amboy.

His son-in-law Wilson Vazquez is our Volunteer Division’s Captain, and his daughter Dana was the City’s first female volunteer firefighter. His two grandsons Dylan & Cody are also volunteer firefighters with Hopelawn Engine Company #1. He was a member of the NJ State Exempt Fireman Association, NJ State Fire Police, NJ Volunteer Chiefs Association and NJ State Fireman's Association and also a Former Communicant of Holy Spirit RC Church.

Born and raised in Perth Amboy, NJ. He was employed as an Electrician for Local#102 for 35 years.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Lillian (nee Wilga) and Andrew J. Stafford Sr., sister, Lillian Krieger and brother, Edward Stafford.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Nancy Stafford, daughters, Dana Stafford, Kimberly Vazquez and her husband Wilson, sister, Mary Bobick, grandsons, Dylan and Cody.

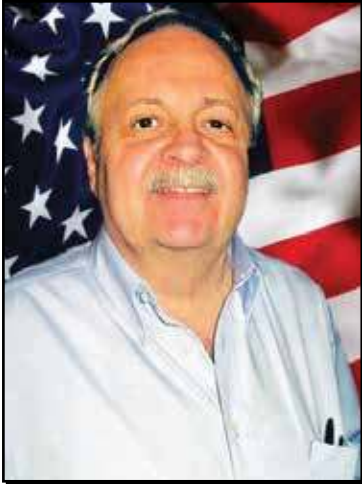
Our prayers are with the Stafford and Vazquez families. A Funeral Service was held on Tuesday, January 25, 2022, at 12:30 p.m. at the Gustav J. Novak Funeral Home 419 Barclay Street Perth Amboy. Burial was at Alpine Cemetery.

Obituary: Stanley Sierakowski., Age 70 1951-2022

PERTH AMBOY - Stanley Sierakowski Jr., 70, of Perth Amboy, New Jersey, passed away on Monday, January 17, 2022, at the Raritan Bay Medical Center in Perth Amboy, NJ.

He was born in Ely, England in 1951, he immigrated to The United States of America, in 1955, to be reunited with his mother’s family here in Perth Amboy, New Jersey. After high school, he pursued college studies at Trenton State College, and Middlesex County College.

Stanley was a very active member within the Democrat-



Stanley Sierakowski

ic Party, thus, in 2019 he ran for a position in the Perth Amboy Board of Education; he always believed education was essential and highly important in the growth and development of our children. Also, for the last 20 years, Stanley was a proud member of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, a strong supporter of the unions, and always fighting for what is right and just. He worked as a supervisor, at the Middlesex County Transportation Department, in New Brunswick, NJ. Stanley was a great man, great friend and great Democrat. He will definitely be missed at the council meetings; constantly speaking up and defending the city he loved.

He was predeceased by his father Stanislaw Sierakowski Sr. Stanley is survived by his mother Maria Sierakowski (Nee-Glebocki), his 3 siblings; twin brother Marian Sierakowski of Perth Amboy, Anita and her husband Michael Golia of Iselin and Renata and her husband Robert Volkay of Colonia. And his 2 nieces and 2 nephews.

A 11:15 AM Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, February 5, 2022, at Saint John Paul II Parish, at St. Stephen’s Church (490 State St., Perth Amboy)

Committal will be private. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Saint John Paul II Parish, 490 State Street, Perth Amboy, NJ 08861. Arrangements are under the direction of Ana Maria Zevallos/Skrocki, Home for Funerals, 467 State Street, Perth Amboy, NJ 08861.

LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

The Gift of Love



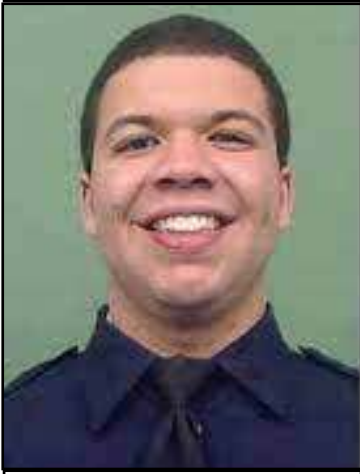
Rafael Ramos d.2014



Wenjian Liu d.2014



Wilbert Mora d.2022



Jason Rivera d.2022

NYPD detectives Rafael Ramos and Wenjian Liu were fatally shot in Brooklyn. Ramos and Liu were eating lunch in their marked cruiser in Bedford-Stuyvesant near Tompkins and Myrtle Avenues when both were shot in the head in 2014.

Out of tragedy, Maritza, the wife of Officer Rafael Ramos began a foundation. The Foundation desires to develop a positive relationship between our communities and the law enforcement officers that work in them on a regular basis. Here is the link: MISSION & HISTORY – The Detective Rafael Ramos Foundation <https://theramosfoundation.org/mission-history/>

Through the miracle of science, the widow of Officer Wenjian Liu, Sanny Liu, was able to give birth to a daughter, Angelina two years after her husband's death. Here is the link: <https://ny-post.com/2021/12/20/widow-of-slain-nypd-cop-wenjian-liu-reveals-touching-tale-involving-tot/>

New York Police Department officers Jason River, and his partner, Wilbert Mora were killed by a man who opened fire during a domestic call.

Mora joined the police department in 2018. Mora's family felt he would continue to live because of donating his organs to others. Five people were saved after they received organs donated by slain NYPD officer Wilbert Mora.

Jason Rivera's wife, Dominique Luzuriaga, who was his childhood sweetheart, delivered a passionate fiery speech at his funeral in St. Patrick's Cathedral. You could tell the spirit of her husband was right there beside her to give her the strength and love she needed to speak those words.

On this upcoming Valentine's Day, these are just examples of the gifts besides flowers and candy. *C.M.*

THE COMMUNITY VOICE

Move Along

Did President Biden and Vice President Harris reassigned South Park's Officer Barbrady to the United States/Mexican Border to assist the Border Patrol security forces. In response to a question from a reporter who wanted to see firsthand what

was going on, Officer Barbrady said "Nothing to see here, move along". Over one million illegal immigrants smiled as they also took Officer Barbrady's advice in 2021 and continued to move along across the border. Even more will do the same in 2022. No time to test for or take any

vaccines to deal with COVID-19. No need to carry any ID cards when traveling around the nation that they have been vaccinated. Sincerely, Larry Penner

OMG ANOTHER ONE!

So, yet another variant rears its ugly head, and it is called Omicron. What ever will we do now?

I've done some research, and this is what I came up with. Ready for this?

The FDA revoked the EUA for the monoclonal treatments from the companies Regeneron and Eli Lilly. Their reasoning is, and I quote,

"Based on its ongoing analysis of emerging scientific data, specifically the sustained increase of SARS-CoV-2 viral variants that are resistant to bamlanivimab alone resulting in the increased risk for treatment failure, the FDA has determined that the known and potential benefits of bamlanivimab, when administered alone, no longer outweigh the known and potential risks for its authorized use. Therefore, the agency determined that the criteria for issuance of an authorization are no longer met and has revoked the EUA."

That is what they said in April.

"In light of the most recent information and data available, today, the FDA revised the authorizations for two monoclonal antibody treatments – bamlanivimab and etesevimab (administered together) and REGEN-COV (casirivimab and imdevimab) – to limit their use to only when the patient is likely to have been infected with or exposed to a variant that is susceptible to these treatments.

Because data show these treatments are highly unlikely to be

active against the omicron variant, which is circulating at a very high frequency throughout the United States, these treatments are not authorized for use in any U.S. states, territories, and jurisdictions at this time. In the future, if patients in certain geographic regions are likely to be infected or exposed to a variant that is susceptible to these treatments, then use of these treatments may be authorized in these regions."

That statement was released this month.

Now it has been said that current vaccines are also not effective against the dreaded Omicron variant, but they didn't revoke their EUA for the vaccines. I wonder why.

And what happened to the Delta variant? Did it just go away? We were all made to be so afraid of Delta but what happened to it?

Well, they came up with booster shots for the ineffective vaccines. Now, if you believe the government, if you let them put these things in your body, you will not get so sick as to be hospitalized or die. Yea right.

I know a few people who have been diagnosed with COVID-19. Most high risk. Most over sixty-five and overweight. Some with pre-existing conditions like COPD and cancer. Some vaccinated, some not. None have been hospitalized and none have died from it. When I asked some of them which variant, they had they said, "I don't know" and they, the hospital staff in the ER, don't know. Each were given different treatments and sent home, some just sent home and still some never sought medical

treatment, just testing. So, you tell me.

"We the People" seem to have a dilemma on our hands. That dilemma is, what or who do you believe or trust. There is so much out there, beside the what the CDC, FDA, and NIH say, that you don't know who or what to believe. Now we all know that our government would never lie to us, right. Well, that's all well and good if they would only agree on something. If you don't believe me, just go to their websites and start reading. Make sure to click on the clickable links in each paragraph and read what it says. You'll be amazed.

I personally think that, if this disease is as bad as the government says it is, then all weapons at our disposal should be on the table, not just what the politically correct crowd wants or deems to be appropriate. The old adage, "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure," somehow does not apply in this case.

Somehow if you question the validity of a preventative measure, you are automatically labeled as a "vaccine denier" or a "COVID denier", or some such thing. But the opposite is not true, go figure.

My point is, as I have stated earlier, if this disease is as bad as the government says it is then all options to fight it should be on the table, period. If a doctor wants to prescribe a medicine for treatment or prevention, then so be it. If you want to be vaccinated then so be it, and vice versa. Let's stop the political thing and stop COVID-19.

Joe Bayona

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Press Release
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Getting Their Wish

1/24/22 Caucus

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ment regarding the selection of Firefighter Patrick McGhee as a member of the NJ Task Force 1.

“We will be compensated by FEMA.”

Petrick questioned for R-59 – A change order No. 1 to the contract with AVS Installation, LLC for OEM Video Wall Installation in an amount not to exceed \$1,675.

“Will there be anything for the council chambers?”

No one responded.

Cattano made a remark regarding R-60 – An application to the State of New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety 2022 Summer Expansion Programming Grant in the amount of \$30,000.

“This is a Hallmark Grant to work with the youth.”

Petrick then explained R-61-1/22 – A contract with Atlantic Tactical for the purchase of 150 new weapons, all associated required leather gear in the amount not to exceed \$73,688.50.

“This will involve service revolvers and automatic weapons.”

There was a brief discussion involving R-64-1/22 – A memorandum of understanding between the Raritan Bay High School Sailing Foundation, a nonprofit organization for its usage of the sailing and kayaking compound within the Sadowski Water Park and Beach for the 2022 Spring and Fall Sailing Seasons.

Green fielded this question, “It is for storage of the sailing boats for the high school students.”

Pabon spoke up and said, “I think it is a mistake. It should say Perth Amboy High School.”

Councilman B.J. Torres spoke up via Zoom and wondered if this will interfere with our sailing program.

Council President Bill Petrick said, “In the past, other schools use our facilities for their sailing program.”

Councilman Torres was concerned because the parking in that area is limited.

Director of Department of Recreation and Human Services Kenny Ortiz cleared up this confusion, “The Raritan Bay Foundation is supplying money. It was an intermural program and it’s an agreement memorializing the instructors and they would have to pay to use our facilities. It has expanded the sailing programs for our use.”

B.A. Green explained R-68-1/22 – Determining the form and other details of not to exceed \$20,800,000 General Improvement Refunding Bonds of the city of Perth Amboy or such other amount as determined by the CFO to accomplish the refunding on the terms required by the Local Finance Board.

“This is refinancing so we can get a better rate. This was authorized on November 8, 2021. This will help up with our water/infrastructure, hazardous pay, business and community grants, and the police and fire departments.”

Council President Petrick spoke up, “We have neglected our aging water structure for over 100 years. We need to advocate for this.”

Green continued, “We need \$100,000,000 for water system

upgrades. It may take small interest loans to do this. This was Mayor Caba’s concern from day one.”

Petrick spoke up again, “The Fire Department can check the water pressure throughout the city to remedy where low water pressure is. This is doable.” Petrick also asked for an update on the Fayette Street Bridge. Green said he would get that information to him.

Pabon then asked to table R-76 thru R-78 which would recognize certain members of the Police Department. Pabon mentioned R-76 specifically. – Commending Auxiliary Police Officer Robert O’Buck for his dedicated service (making him the longest active Perth Amboy Police Officer).

“He may not be the longest serving. There were three recent incidents where police officers were involved in rescues. We need to sit down with the Chief before recognizing certain individuals.”

Petrick said, “Maybe we should recognize people on a

monthly basis.”

Pabon then stated, “Sandy Rivera was being recognized on R-78. She was one of the officers who prevented a person from jumping off of the bridge.” Pabon then asked if Cattano was informed of the people being recognized on the agenda.”

There was no response.

Petrick continued, “I just want to recognize people who are involved year-round in the community.”

Pabon asked that these resolutions be removed until we have the next meeting. The only two to say “no” were Petrick and Torres.

There was then a brief discussion about the El Patio Bar on Fayette Street. Petrick said, “Wasn’t there a murder there?”

Cattano came up and explained that there were shots fired, but there were no deaths.

Petrick said, “The State ABC investigated the incident and said we (the council) can take action on our own.”

Opel suggested that this be discussed in closed session.

Pabon said, “The former Law Director Peter King said that the State ABC can handle El Patio. This is a serious situation. This bar was open for all the holidays.”

Petrick said, “We can’t let this go. They should be closed because of all of their violations.”

B.A. Green spoke up and mentioned that the FOP Contract had to be reviewed.

Public Portion (in-person first):

The first person to speak was Resident Ken Balut. He mentioned that Sandy Rivera was on the agenda to be recognized for her service has been discriminated against. “We should support the police who are doing a hard job putting their lives on the line. The El Patio Bar has been taken care of for years due to politics. This bar should have been closed down like the one on Amboy Avenue. We are getting \$14 million from the American Relief Bill, but we are still hurting. The American Relief Recovery Act has been used for everything else except being used for the residents.”

Resident Lisa Nanton spoke next. “I am excited about all the applicants that were interviewed at tonight’s meeting for the municipal boards. Our President just turned 79 and the Speaker of the House is 80. It is good to have experienced and younger people working together. The Zoning and Planning Boards are different. When people come before these boards, they already have spent money on lawyers and other expenses. Sometimes those meetings can become very passionate, even among the Board Members. I’m glad to see they still have the lights on city hall circle. It looks very beautiful.”

No one spoke on Zoom.

The council went into closed session at 8:02 p.m. Councilwoman Milady Tejeda was absent due to being delayed at her job. Councilman B.J. Torres participated via Zoom. Petrick, Morales, and Pabon were at the meeting in person.

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Dominican Festival Permit, Board Appointments 1/26/22 Council Meeting

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town. I own quite a bit of property in this town. If you look at South Amboy, Woodbridge, Carteret, you see new buildings. Perth Amboy has been stagnant for 15 years. Bring in new faces on the boards to make changes. On every city you see development. You ride around town and see the same buildings. Give other people opportunities.”

Resident Wilma Matey spoke next. “Thank you for giving me the opportunity it serve. We have expert people who want to be taken off boards by one low-life (who is pressuring them). I will not name this undesirable man. You will no longer have leaders but only have followers.”

Resident Maria Garcia spoke next. “I want to talk about the difference of the Planning Board and the Zoning Board. The Planning Board is for making projects, while the Zoning Board is to see that they are up to codes. Zoning deals with variances. If you have a one-floor building and want to make it a two-floor building, you go to the Zoning Board. If you have a vacant lot and want to build, you go to the Planning Board.”

Resident Maria Peralta came up to speak next. She spoke in Spanish. Councilman Joel Pabon translated. “The Dominican Festival – I have nothing against festivals. Right now, there is a lot of Covid in the city of Perth Amboy. We should think that 20,000 people all together – We can wait to the following year until Covid dies. I have been knocking at a lot of doors and a lot of people are sick with Covid. It is a fine festival. To put together 20,000 people is not a good idea. If Covid comes down, I have no issues. I love the festivals.”

Resident David Caba came up to speak next. “I’ve lived here for 25 years. I believe in festivals. We live in a dark world. It is tricky down to the cities. If doesn’t matter (what ethnicity you are). We are all Americans. Let’s not use politics. The Puerto Rican Festival is not on the agenda. Why not give it to the Dominicans? We cannot give it to the Puerto Rican Festival and not give it to the Dominicans. Instead of having division, we bring unity. Show me what you’ve been to. I’ve fought Joe Vas, Wilda Diaz – I’ll fight Helmin Caba – he knows – they all know. If I come up, it is because I care. I want my city to be better – not worse. What is your vision? Divide and conquer. At the end of the day, we are all Americans. We are living in a dark world. I judge you because the person you are. We all are humans and make mistakes. The only one who was perfect was Jesus Christ. You do the right thing.”

The next person to speak said, “What matters to me is Covid. There are so many not taking the shot. We are in a pandemic. Someone is not taking the shot. Where’s the kids? We are dividing people.”

The next person to speak was a male resident. “The festival – in order for anything to be organized, some things happen.

In Covid cases we can do as a community to make it better. Organize, get sponsors, if everything does not change you can cancel. The last two years were hard. Everybody stays home and develop mental issues. When you come, keep your distance. We need to organize. It has been two years. We don’t know if it is high or low, so we can organize and go back to normal. You need time to plan it, and time to execute it.”

The next person to speak was a male resident. “These kind of events need to reach out sponsors. We cannot get insurance without the approval of the city council. The numbers now are high, but it seems the numbers are going down. We should definitely approve the festival. If the numbers continue, we will be the first to cancel. It will not hurt anyone by approving it. We will keep an open ear.”

Orlando Brady spoke next. “It is the first time I am doing this. I was in ShopRite. I see people walking everywhere. Walmart was the same thing. I am a teacher in Perth Amboy. There are crowded halls. I’ve been to the festival, and it is full. For the Dominican Festival, we have the space.”

Council President Petrick then verified that the students in the Perth Amboy School System are presently under remote instruction. Brady then stated that is true.

Public Comments (via Zoom):

Sharon Hubberman was the only person to speak on Zoom. “We are currently in a health emergency. These festivals – the origins on how they came to be. Those gatherings were not as immense as they are now. The protocols of event the if the festival requires proof of vaccination. The festival can cause a mini explosion (of Covid). What is the tracing of that? A lot of implements. I don’t feel comfortable unless we don’t approve these permits. The organizers have to pay dollars to the vendors. If necessary to cancel, they may say you passed it back in January. When you have these festivals, they are immense gatherings. The risk point is dangerous. I think we should be responsible to protect the residents who live here. I feel people should have their freedom. One reason we have an amphitheater was to use it for festivals.”

For the consent agenda, R-47 thru R-51, R-53 thru R-69, R-75 thru R-79 were moved by Joel Pabon, seconded by Milady Tejada.

For R-52 (Permit for the Dominican Festival), Council President Bill Petrick asked Irving Lozada approximately how many people attend the Dominican Festival. Lozada answered, “For Friday evening, we are open from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. and around 600-800 people come. For Saturday and Sunday, thousands of people come. All of you (the council) have been there.”

Councilwoman Milady Tejada then spoke, “I spoke to the lawyer because I am part of the committee. I asked for advice whether or not I can be a part of the vote. I do not get a penny of this festival. I work as a volun-

teer. I am a healthcare worker. I experience Covid every day. I am vaccinated with the booster. If you feel you should not be there, then don’t be there. By June, we will have a better idea of what is. The organization is responsible. If we think the numbers are bad, we will cancel. I do not want to put anyone at risk.”

Councilman Joel Pabon said, “I respect every single person who came up here. I have no reason to come up with an excuse. I am vaccinated. People are not responsible. We cannot create a virus spreader. I’ve always supported you. There is 65,000 people attending, maybe more. I wish I am wrong. What I can’t sleep when something big happens. I will take the hit. When I make this decision, it will be the same way. The numbers are important. The numbers are getting low. Today there were 4 deaths. Yes, 4 people. I don’t want anyone to tell me. I’ve looked a lot at the numbers. I will not be a party to something if it is not right. I got a lot of phone calls. This is not personal. Do what you want. I am not giving into it. I’m sorry.”

Councilman B.J. Torres said, “I believe Joel Pabon. During the holidays I’ve seen a lot of deaths in our community. We have 24 deaths this month. It will be a hazard to our city if we go forward with this. Thousands of people come here. It can be a super-spreader.”

Council President Bill Petrick said, “I’ve always attended this event. Anything you see in the area – the controlled areas. This is an open area – the stage, the rides. I can’t imagine there will be someone to wipe down the ride (every time a different person gets in). Just recently a new variant was in Denmark. There was a ship going to aid people from a volcano. It is a mistake to say yes now, and something happens. In a couple of weeks (when the Dominican Festival is scheduled) away from school starting. It is summertime when everyone is hot and perspiring.”

For the vote on R-52 it was moved by Milady Tejada and seconded by Rose Morales. Rose Morales and Milady Tejada voted “Yes”; Joel Pabon, B.J. Torres, and Bill Petrick voted “No.” Motion does not pass.

For the appointment of the Boards:

R-70 (4-year Term to the Zoning Board) - Marilyn Grullon
R-71 (4-year Term to the Zoning Board) - Carlos Jimenez
R-72 (4-year Term to the Zoning Board) - Megan Oduyela
R-73 (Alternate No. 1 2-year Term to the Zoning Board) - Roberto Rodriguez

R-74 (5-year Term to the Housing Authority) – Dave Benyola
Public Portion (in-person first):

Maria Garcia spoke first. “Thank you for considering me for reappointment. It didn’t work out, I understand. The mayor, council can change. I have always been here for the city.”

Irving Lozada came up. “Thank you for taking the opportunity for what you (the council) believe. There is foot-

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NEWS FROM ASSEMBLYWOMAN LOPEZ



Lopez To Chair Assembly Housing Committee for the 220th Legislative Session

Press Release

MIDDLESEX COUNTY - Assemblywoman Yvonne Lopez (D-Middlesex) will take charge of the Assembly Housing Committee during the 220th Legislative session.

As a former banking executive and nonprofit CEO specializing in housing counseling and homelessness prevention services, Lopez comes to the committee with practical experience on the issues New Jersey tenants and homeowners face every day.

“Yvonne’s professional background and dedication to meeting the needs of New Jersey residents make her an excellent choice to lead the Assembly Housing Committee,” said Speaker Craig Coughlin (D-Middlesex). “She will take on the many challenges residents are facing at this moment in the wake of the pandemic and beyond. We look forward to the committee’s work this session and moving legislation critical to residents’ housing needs.”

Lopez will lead the key committee responsible for addressing statewide concerns of affordable housing, housing insecurity, residential construction, homeownership, and various legislative initiatives integral to supporting communities across New Jersey.

“I am honored to serve as chair of the Assembly Housing Committee,” said Lopez. “I know firsthand the pressing housing needs and issues New Jersey residents are facing. The wide breadth of this committee will allow us to investigate these issues and continue the legacy of outstanding and impactful policy that the Housing Committee has delivered in recent years. I look forward to working with my colleagues on the committee to make affordable, safe, and secure housing a priority in our State.”

Lopez has served in the Assembly since 2018, proudly representing the 19th Legislative District (Carteret, Perth Amboy, Sayreville, South Amboy, and Woodbridge).

Lopez On New NJHMFA Program Helping NJ Homeowners Financially Impacted by Covid-19

Press Release

MIDDLESEX COUNTY - Assembly Housing Chair Yvonne Lopez (D-Middlesex) issued the following statement on the announcement of the Emergency Rescue Assistance Program or ERMA under the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency that will provide up to \$35,000 in assistance to homeowners impacted by the pandemic.

“The Emergency Rescue Assistance Program will provide invaluable assistance to New Jersey homeowners, for whom the last two years have been a financial rollercoaster. Many are struggling to cover their mortgages, property taxes, and other housing costs. This direct funding will help us save homes and keep residents out of foreclosure. ‘ERMA’ is an added value to the many programs administered under NJHMFA to help New Jersey residents.”

The ERMA application portal will open for applications at: www.njerma.com on February 8, 2022, at 9 AM.

Visit www.njhousing.gov/dca/hmfa/covid19/haf to review program eligibility and sign up for program updates.

A Valentine's Day advertisement for One Stop Insurance. The ad features a red border and a background of faint, stylized hearts. At the top left is a red heart with a white outline and a small white heart inside. At the top right is the One Stop Insurance logo, which consists of a red heart with a white outline and the words "ONE STOP" in white. The text "WE WISH YOU A" is in a serif font, followed by "HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY" in a larger, bold, serif font. Below this is "ONE STOP INSURANCE" in a large, bold, sans-serif font. The name "Gabriel Ubides" is in a bold, sans-serif font, followed by "Principal Agent" in a bold, sans-serif font. Below the name is the text "OUR new address" in a bold, sans-serif font, followed by "252 Madison Ave, suite 102" in a bold, sans-serif font. Below the address is "Perth Amboy, NJ 08861" in a bold, sans-serif font. Below the address is "Gabe@insureonestop.com" in a bold, sans-serif font, followed by "www.insureonestop.com" in a bold, sans-serif font. At the bottom right is a small illustration of a brown teddy bear holding a red heart with the words "Be Mine" in white. To the right of the bear is the text "Office: 732-520-2206" and "Fax: 732-520-2670".

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Milton's insights and philosophy have also helped people and their business results. Milton travels with salespeople to visit potential clients. This is all to be accomplished within an environment that puts a premium on taking personal responsibility for results.

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This Week in the Civil War

160 Years Ago

February 2, 1862 – February 15, 1862

By Phil Kohn Phil Kohn can be reached at USCW160@yahoo.com.

President Lincoln and Maj. Gen. George McClellan on February 3 continue their squabble — in private and in public — over disposition of Union troops in Virginia. The president wants the force to move directly overland, while McClellan insists the troops be ferried by ship to the coast of the Virginia Peninsula, followed by an inland march on the Confederate capital of Richmond. Brig. Gen. Grant’s Fort Henry operation gets underway, as a Federal fleet moves into the Tennessee River and transport vessels carrying Union soldiers depart Cairo, Illinois. Off the southwest coast of England, the sloop-of-war USS Tuscarora attempts to cut off and capture the Confederate cruiser CSS Nashville, which has just left the port of Southampton. The U.S. vessel is thwarted by the intervention of the Royal Navy frigate HMS Shannon, and Nashville proceeds on its way.

At Richmond, Virginia, on February 4, the Virginia House of Delegates entertains a debate on permitting free blacks to enlist in the Confederate Army. Positions are stated, but no vote is taken. In North Carolina, the U.S. Navy vessels carrying Brig. Gen. Ambrose Burnside’s 15,000 troops clear Hatteras Inlet and enter Pamlico Sound.

On February 6, in Tennessee, a fleet of gunboats under the command of U.S. Navy Flag Officer Andrew Foote begins firing on partly flooded Ft. Henry. Realizing his dire situation, Confederate commander Brig. Gen. Lloyd Tilghman has sent the bulk of his force of 2,500 away from the fort and remains behind with only a handful of troops. After an artillery battle of three hours, Tilghman and the 78 soldiers with him surrender to Foote. Slowed by rain and mud, the 15,000 land-based troops of Brig. Gen. Ulysses Grant, who planned the expedition, arrive too late to take part in the action.

Confederate Brig. Gen. Henry H. Sibley, on Feb. 7, begins moving an invasion force of about 2,500 men and 15 artillery pieces northward up the Rio Grande Valley from Mesilla, the capital of the Confederate Arizona Territory. The targets: Albuquerque and Santa Fe, in New Mexico, and then, Colorado. In Tennessee, the Union troops of Brig. Gen. Ulysses Grant begin moving toward the stronger Fort Donelson, on the Cumberland River, about 12 miles to the east of Fort Henry.

On the Atlantic Coast, Union troops under Brig. Gen. Ambrose Burnside capture Roanoke Island in North Carolina on February 8, opening Pamlico and Albemarle Sounds to Federal ships, hampering Southerners’ blockade-running activities and threatening Richmond’s “back door.” The Federals also capture 30 Confederate guns.

At the Battle of Elizabeth City, North Carolina, on February 10, 1865, 13 Union gunboats destroy the “Mosquito Fleet” — five gunboats and a schooner that had been originally part of the North Carolina Navy but were subsequently transferred to the Confederate Navy. In Tennessee, Brig. Gen. Grant finalizes preparations for his move against Fort Donelson, on the Cumberland River.

Action against Fort Donelson commences on February 11, as Grant’s troops march out and a force under Brig. Gen. John McClernand moves out of its positions at the recently taken Fort Henry. Simultaneously, Federal gunboats begin moving up the Cumberland River. At the northern end of the Federal beachhead on the Sea Islands of Georgia and South Carolina, Union troops capture Edisto Island.

On February 12, in Tennessee, the 25,000 Federal troops under Brig. Gen. Ulysses Grant take positions on the hills encircling Fort Donelson, defended by some 17,000 Confederate soldiers. Meanwhile, Union gunboats move into position to attack the fort from the river.

Arriving at Fort Donelson from Virginia with some 1,500 Confederate troops, Brig. Gen. John Floyd, the most-senior general present, takes overall command as the Union assault begins on February 13 with attacks from the right and the left.

The fighting at Fort Donelson intensifies on February 14, as the U.S. Navy’s Western Gunboat Flotilla —four iron-clad and three timber-clad vessels — led by Flag Officer Andrew Foote begins bombarding the fort. Fort Donelson’s water batteries are up to the challenge, however, badly damaging two of the Union ironclads. Flag Officer Foote is wounded, and the river force withdraws. In Washington, D.C., orders are given for the release of political prisoners who will take an oath of allegiance to the United States. A general amnesty is proclaimed for those who comply with the oath and who agree to give no further aid to the Confederacy. Marching northward up the Rio Grande Valley, Brig. Gen. Henry Sibley’s 2,500-soldier Army of New Mexico reaches Fort Craig, defended by a force of around 4,000 (most of whom are New Mexico militia), commanded by Col. Edward Canby, head of the (Federal) Department of New Mexico.

On February 15, at Fort Donelson, the Confederates launch an early morning surprise attack led by Gen. Gideon Pillow that breaks through Federal lines surrounding the fort and opens an escape route to Nashville. Hesitations on the parts of several commanders and a lack of follow-on, however, finds the Confederates return to their original positions by early afternoon. In a council of war later that evening that addresses the hopelessness of their situation, Brig. Gen. Floyd, fearing that if he is captured, he will be indicted for corruption during his tenure as secretary of war under President Buchanan, yields command to his junior, Brig. Gen. Pillow. Pillow, also concerned about Northern reprisals, passes command to his junior, Brig. Gen. Simon Bolivar Buckner. Buckner agrees to remain behind to surrender the fort while the others attempt to escape. Enraged at the decisions being made, cavalry commander Lt. Col. Nathan Bedford Forrest declares: “I did not come here to surrender my command,” and storms out of the meeting. Later that night, Forrest leads 700 troopers through Union lines and escapes to Nashville. In New Mexico, Brig. Gen. Sibley’s troops surround Ft. Craig out of the range of its many guns and attempt to force the garrison of the strong fort to come out into the open and fight. (When this strategy fails, Sibley crosses his force to the east bank of the Rio Grande and, out of artillery range, marches them past the fort. He will recross the river to regain the west bank — and the road — at a ford north of the fort.)

Friends of the Perth Amboy Library

Book Sale Return!

PERTH AMBOY - The Friends of the Perth Amboy Free Public Library are once again having a book sale on Saturdays February 12th & 26th from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. at the Brighton Avenue Community Center at the corner of Brighton Avenue and Sadowski Parkway in Perth Amboy. I know many people have been starving for reading material for these long months we were at home. We will be wearing masks and providing hand sanitizer and bags if needed. We also insist that anyone coming to peruse our collection also wear a mask as mandated by the State of NJ. Paperbacks are \$.50, hardcovers are \$1, \$5 for a bag full, no limit to size of bag except no lawn or garbage bags. We have best sellers by popular authors that are like new. The money we raise goes to support the library with providing programs, promoting literacy or to provide funds to the library with their needs beyond their budget. We look forward to your visit.

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Dominican Festival Permit, Board Appointments

1/26/22 Council Meeting

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ball, basketball games that are open or inside. We don't know what will happen in seven months. What will happen if cases are down?"

Council President Bill Petrick answered, "If you held the event in Rudyk Park where you can control who goes in... The Super Bowl? Some places (states) do not believe in vaccinations. In Australia, the top tennis player in the country was kicked out because he wasn't vaccinated."

Lozada said, "Last month, for the Christmas Parade, did you ask everyone if they are vaccinated?"

Councilman Pabon stated, "It was spread out over within a mile radius."

Lozada asked again, "Did you check if any person was vaccinated?"

Council President Petrick stated, "I've been to indoor events where there are vaccination points and wearing masks."

Mayor Helmin Caba came up to speak next. "How are we go-

ing forward? The Christmas Parade? A 1-mile radius? Most of the time was spent in the front of city hall – thousands of people. I need clarification how to move forward. Easter egg hunts, little league, the arts festival – what about smaller events? This is going to take place outdoors – not indoors. Not representing the city, if organizers want to take on, it is on them. I want clarification as to move forward the thought processes here. Why shut items down now? It doesn't guarantee it is going to take place. Other places there many festivals in 2022. You are closing down the economy of the city."

Councilman Pabon said, "I take offense to that, Mayor. I respect how the council voted. I'm not saying shut down. We are not trying to do anything negative for the city. Let's say 4,000 people come here for the festival – more than 2,000+ - people are they vaccinated? Who knows? We risk that. When they leave, our people stay here. The festival was postponed two years. Last year they came, summer

came – it is not over. I get phone call after phone call. I answer every phone call and text. If they are not home, I call them back. It will be irresponsible (to vote "Yes"). Look at the numbers."

Barry Rosengarten spoke next. "I need clarification. You knocked out the Dominican Festival. I need clarification now. We need to know."

Pabon answered, "You have no need to demand from the council."

Petrick said, "I will do this on a case-by-case basis. The number of people attending, what Covid numbers are projected. First, the numbers are better in the summertime. The numbers get better when we all are vaccinated and be indoors. We have to determine our own judgment. We are responsible for our own community. It will be case-by-case per event per application."

Rosengarten asked, "Are you going forward in the Stars and Stripe event? What I get here was confusion. Are we going forward with the fireworks?"

Petrick answered, "The Dominican Festival – we have voted."

Rosengarten then asked, "Do I have an answer?"

Pabon then answered, "You submit your request like anyone else."

Rosengarten then declared, "We are moving forward."

Dave Benyola came up next. He thanked the council for their vote of confidence (appointing him to the Housing Department).

Daniel Gonzalez came up next. "Congratulations to the newly appointed Board Members. I heard some of the applicants knocked it out of the park."

Resident Vince Mackiel came up. "There is a rise in the Covid cases. I listen to the mayor and insist to get vaccinated." Mackiel gave the Covid numbers over the last few months. "Those are real people who felt the effects."

Sharon Hubberman was the only person to speak via Zoom. "Congratulations to our Boards. It is a pleasure and an honor to serve on a Board. Health and

public safety should always come first. The process is very simple. The N-95 mask will be helpful. It's up to every person if you are vaccinated. This is to produce safety."

Council Comments:

Councilwoman Rose Morales thanked everyone and congratulated the new Board Members.

Councilman Joel Pabon said, "I want to thank everyone who came out on Monday to interview. As a whole, we had some awesome people to interview. Only one person made a political remark. When election time occurs, it is what it is. All I did is tell it like it is. To outgoing Board Members, thank you. I've known Maria (Garcia) a very long time. She's a great person. She gives 150%. To Wilma Mathey – thank you. Don't shut the door here. Keep moving. What happens now? All of a sudden, we are not testing anyone. It's about the money. In basketball, when they are charged, they will do the same thing. As a member of the council, I do take offense. The festival will not make a difference in my life. We have to take a look at each and every one of them. I hope everything drops off. I hope it happens tomorrow. That's okay. I'll take that. I don't want people to come - you agree to that, and everyone get sick. Thank you everyone. Be safe."

Councilwoman Milady Tejada said, "Thank everyone who voiced their opinions. Each opinion, then vote differently. I feel voting for the permit and not affect the festival. That is how I voted. I respond to everyone – they did what they have to do. There are many places to get vaccines. Be safe. Take care of each other and the little ones."

Council President Bill Petrick said, "There is no fee associated with vaccines. The Federal Government is paying for it and the tests – to anyone or everyone - get a vaccine."

Councilman B.J. Torres said, "I thank the council for making the right decision. Safety comes first."

Petrick said, "People are dying from this."

Business Administrator Michael Green said, "We will find out about the (N-95) masks."

Petrick then said, "Go online, you can get up to 4 in-home tests."

OEM Coordinator and Acting Police Chief Larry Cattano stated, "The President did authorize N-95 masks. I don't know how they will be distributed to the public. No information on when or where they are going to be here."

Council President Bill Petrick thanked everyone. He offered his prayers to the families of Ex-Chief Andrew Stafford and frequent Council Attendee Stanley Sierakowski. He thanked everyone involved with the community meals, who gave a lot to the city.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.*

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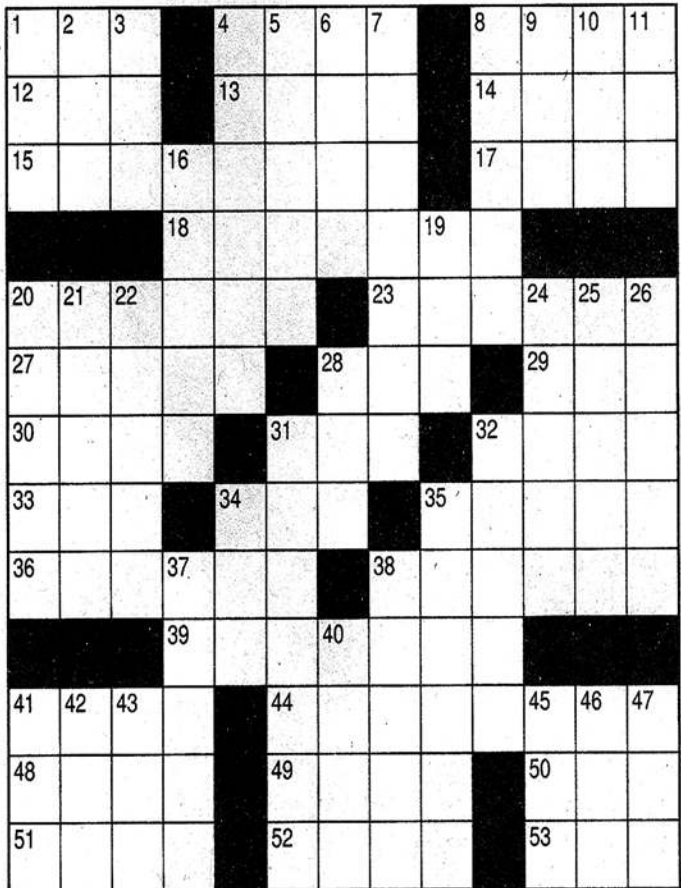
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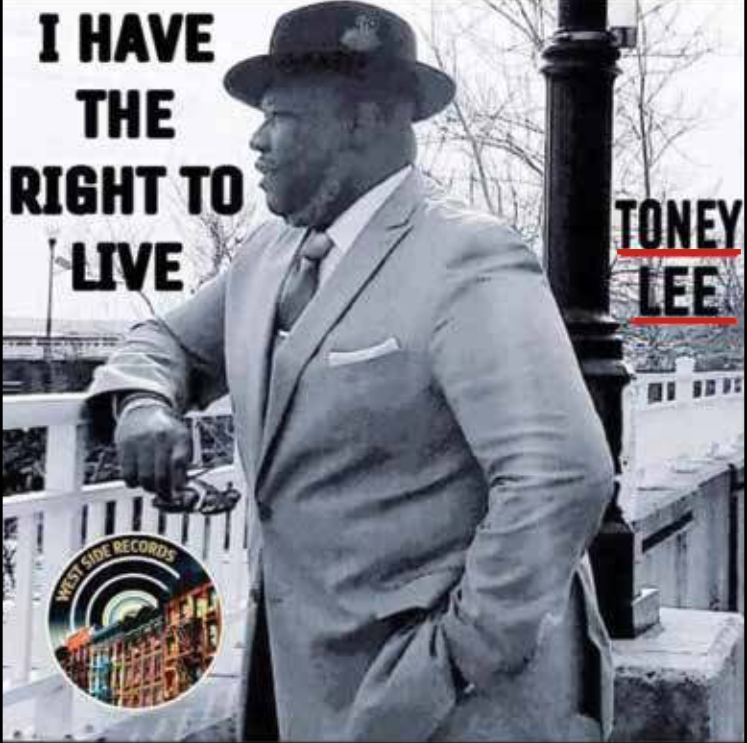
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Atlantic City Bus Trip

San Salvador Seniors

Resorts Casino Thursday, Feb. 3, 2022



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(St. John Paul II) Parking Lot
Mechanic Street, Perth Amboy at 11 a.m.

Cost: \$35 per person; \$20 back in slot play
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Woodbridge Public Library Events

Some of our programs this month will be in-person although
most will be virtual. Please make sure to check which format
the presentation will be presented in.

February 3 | 7PM | Virtual Program
Everything You Need to Know About the Public Service Loan
Forgiveness (PSLF) Program
Join us as the Student Borrower Protection Center presents a
webinar that will highlight the updates on the program and how
to navigate the waiver process. Registration Required - <https://woodbridgelibrary.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?eventId=12107&backTo=Calendar&startDate=2022/02/01>

February 8 | 3:30PM | Virtual Program
New Jersey's Paul Robeson
This program will consider the highlights of Paul Robeson's ex-
traordinary life, with time for Q & A. Registration Required -
<https://woodbridgelibrary.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?eventId=12107&backTo=Calendar&startDate=2022/02/01>

February 15 | 3PM | Main Library (In-Person)
Mystery/Thriller Book Club
Join us for an in-person discussion of Rock, Paper, Scissors by
Alice Feeney. No Registration Required.

February 17 | 7PM | Virtual Program
African-American Genealogy
Learn African-American family history research tips from Gene
Armstead of the New Jersey Chapter of the Afro American
Historical & Genealogical Society Inc. Registration Required -
<https://woodbridgelibrary.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?eventId=12107&backTo=Calendar&startDate=2022/02/01>

Movies at Main | Fridays at 2PM
Join us every Friday at 2PM to catch a free movie! This 8 week
series is themed is Friday Favorites.
Thank you for your support!
Woodbridge Library Programming Department

Woodbridge Public Library
1 George Frederick Plaza,
Woodbridge, New Jersey 07095

Movie Review: The Last Duel

By: Anton Massopust III
“I demand a duel to the death!”
– Knight Jean de Carrouges
Director Ridley Scott brings us
a story during the Middle Ages
in France based on true events
from three different points of
view. One view is from a noble
Knight, Jean de Carrouges (Matt
Damon) who has fought many
wars for the King of France,
Charles VI (Alex Lawther). And
while he's away in another war
in Scotland, his wife, Margue-
rite de Carrouges (Jodie Comer)
is brutally raped by Squire
Jacques Le Gris (Adam Driver)
and eventually petitions her case
all the way to the King Charles
VI. The king orders the two to
compete in a brutal joust to the
death in order to prove Jean's
wife's innocence and his own
honor. If Jean loses to Jacques,
he is killed in the joust, and she
is burnt at the stake.



duel to the death with Jean for
his honor and to prove he is not
a rapist.
The third point of view is
the lady in question, Margue-
rite. As it says on the text in
the film: This is the truth.” She
could not tell the actual truth
because women’s roles in those
days were next to nothing. Even
though she spoke the truth, and
her husband believes her, he is a
man of honor, but is a very hard
man. She is practically given
away by her father when he sold
his land. Jean is cheated out of
that land by Jacques. Marguerite
also had a hard time conceiving.
She eventually has a son, and
she is terrified that the son will
be an orphan since they both
will die.
I won't tell you who wins the
duel. I will let you find that out

for yourself. If you are a big fan
of Game of Thrones, you'll love
this film which was based on
actual events. Director Ridley
Scott really knows how to tell a
great story. Add in the style, the
costumes and medieval weap-
onry are perfect and the way the
story is told in three different
points of view is very clever, es-
pecially since the last part is the
absolute truth. The movie is ex-
citing to the very end. If you're
a huge movie fan, you'll love
“The Last Duel”. It is well acted
and well directed. In these three
different points of view, you see
three different acting styles in
each of the main characters. It's
definitely worth renting, espe-
cially if you enjoy movies about
knights and adventure.

The Library without Walls

Press Release
SOUTH AMBOY - During our Covid winter, we have many ways of presenting programs and con-
tent at the Dowdell Library! Visit our YouTube channel to view our virtual program library. Watch a
new winter Storytime with Ms. Maryanne or, check out Dennis in the latest episode of Test Kitchen.
We also offer online programs through our community partners such as RWJ/St. Barnabas Hos-
pital. Attend Stretch It!!! A stretching and flexibility workshop with chair exercises. Virtual classes
are on Thursdays, February 3, 10, 17 & 24. To register, please email Kathleen.johnson@rwjbh.org.
Dowdell Library is offering contactless tax preparation service. Need help preparing your taxes?
Free VITA tax preparation through United Way. Individuals earning less than \$64,000 are eligible.
Registration is recommended. Please call 732-721-6060.
Your community digital library is always open! Visit Dowdell.org today to explore genealogy as-
sistance through Heritage Quest, learn a new language using Rosetta Stone or receive free LIVE tu-
toring through Brainfuse. Borrow eBooks, comics, digital magazines or stream movies using Hoop-
la, Libby and eLibraryNJ. Find accurate and reliable information, including Consumer Reports 24/7
using Jersey Clicks.
In partnership with the city of South Amboy, the senior book club will meet on the last Monday of
the month at 10:30 am at the library. Social distancing will be practiced. The city can provide trans-
portation if needed. Please fill out a registration form in the library to join. February's book - Flor-
ence Gordon by Brian Morton
Don't let the cold weather slow you down! Get your Game On! and borrow sports equipment such
as basketballs, footballs, and soccer/volleyballs from the library. All you need is your Dowdell Li-
brary card! Thank you to Councilwoman Dato for kick starting the Game On! program and to the
South Amboy/Sayreville Rotary Club for the generous donation of sports equipment.
Please check dowdell.org and the library’s social media pages for the latest up-to-date information
on upcoming programming.
Library Hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 10 am - 8 pm, Wednesday & Friday 10 am - 5 pm,
and Saturday 12-4 pm. Comments, queries, compliments? Please visit www.dowdell.org, or contact
the Library at 732-721-6060 or comments@dowdell.org. The library is located off John O’Leary
Blvd, adjacent to South Amboy Middle High School.

Tarot Card Art Contest at Dowdell

Press Release
SOUTH AMBOY - Have fun with the Lunar New Year and design a tarot card. The tarot is a pack
of playing cards. The first recorded tarot cards date back to the 15th century. The earliest decks were
hand-painted with intricate details and cost considerable money to commission. It was not until
the late 1700s that tarot cards were widely used to gain insight into your past, present, and future.
Frenchman Jean-Baptiste Alliette published the first definitive guide to tarot card reading, but Pseud-
onymed Etteilla gave meaning to each card. Every tarot card has a meaning that incorporates beliefs
about astronomy and the four elements.
Go ahead and get creative; you can make a physical card or submit a digital design. Designs must
be returned by February 28th. All entries will be judged, and the winner will receive a \$25 Panera
Gift card! One entry per person. Ages 0-100. You can drop entries off in the Library or email your
digital design to comments@dowdell.org.
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and Saturday 12-4 pm. Comments, queries, compliments? Please visit www.dowdell.org, or contact
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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.*

A Petition to St. Jude

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

You're Invited to Sunday Worship

PERTH AMBOY - Please join us on Sunday mornings: 9:00 AM for English Worship and Sunday School; 10:30 AM for Hungarian Worship and Sunday School
Rev. András Szász – Pastor; Organ Prelude - Richard Russell, Organist. We Extend an Open Invitation to All!
Magyar Reformed Church, 331 Kirkland Place, Perth Amboy, NJ - 732-442-7799; www.mrchurchnj.org
Parking behind the church on the Wilson Street side.

A.C. Bus Trip Good Shepherd Seniors

HOPELAWN - Seniors of Good Shepherd Parish is sponsoring a bus trip to Resorts Casino, Atlantic City, Tuesday, 2/8/2022. Cost is \$35 with \$20 back in play. Bus leaves our parking lot at 10:00 AM. For more information, please call Connie at 732-442-4978.

Souper Sale at St. John's Lutheran Church

PERTH AMBOY - Purchase a quart of homemade soup for your Super Bowl Party! St. John's Evg. Lutheran Church is having a Souper Sale on Feb. 13th. The soup choices will be Chicken Noodle, Beef Vegetable Bean (Gluten free), Lentil (Vegetarian) & Cream of Potato (Vegetarian) The cost is \$8.00 a quart or 3 Quarts for \$20.00. Orders will be taken from Feb 1st until Feb. 12th.
Contact Lorraine at 732-996-8860 or kookie.mc@gmail.com to place your order. Pick up will be on Sunday Feb. 13th from 11:15 AM to 1:00 PM. at the Church, 664 Amboy Ave (use the side door on Meredith St.) Curbside p/u available.

Clothing Bin Now Open

SAYREVILLE - The Clothing Recycling Bin located at First Presbyterian Church of Sayreville, 172 Main Street, across from Borough Hall has been reopened for donations. With ART, the recycling company, one may donate in 3 ways:
1.) Usable clothing is donated directly to the needy.
2.) High-quality clothing is given to organizations that sell to those who cannot afford new clothing.
3.) Unusable clothing is washed and sold for industrial use and leftovers are used in the auto industry as seat stuffing for large trucks. They also help charities, schools, police departments, fire departments and non-profit organizations.
If you have clothes, shoes or other fabrics please consider using our recycling bin. Thank You.

Pets of the Week



Have a Special Pet?

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Remember to Say Your Novenas!

Answers From Puzzle On Page 13

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LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY – Tennis lessons - Sadowski Parkway circa 1970's.

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WOODBIDGE PROPER - Great location in a great town. One bedroom, second floor apartment freshly painted. With access to routes 1, 287, NJ Turnpike, Parkway. Near to Menlo Mall and Woodbridge Mall. Public transportation in the area. Income verification for the last 2 months, Tenant report and credit report should be provided. Water and gas included. Tenants pay electricity. **\$1,450 rental**



FORDS - Don't miss the Opportunity to Own this newly renovated spacious home in the Lafayette Estates Section of Fords! The main level includes: a shaker style kitchen, with Quartz countertops and new stainless appliances; a spacious open concept living room/dining room which features recessed LED lights and beautifully finished hardwood floors plus three bedrooms and a stunning main bath. The lower level features a spacious family/theater room, office, full bath, and laundry room. The 2nd level offers a large bedroom with additional space that can be used as an office or a sitting area. This home also has a New central air/heating system. Nothing to do but Move In!! Showing begins 1-9-22. **\$459,900**



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