



Perth Amboy

Mayor Wilda Diaz Delivers Perth Amboy's State of the City Address



PERTH AMBOY - Mayor Wilda Diaz delivers her annual State of the City Address in the YMCA as a crowded theater room listens.

Photos by Paul W. Wang

PERTH AMBOY - Mayor Wilda Diaz delivered her annual State of the City address at the Perth Amboy YMCA last Tuesday, emphasizing the need for unity with the town's residents and the future goals for the city.

Diaz went over the many accomplishments that her team achieved in 2011, but expressed her need for support from Perth Amboy homeowners. She noted that regardless of what everyone thinks, they all want the best for their city.

"Despite our many differences, we all want what's best for our city," Diaz said. "We need to work together and continue to build the history and legacy of Perth Amboy."

Diaz went over the financial issues facing the city, including a \$250 million debt that

residents have inherited since 2008. However, she noted that her banking knowledge and common sense helped the city shed a large amount of that total.

"Despite our achievements, we have not forgotten the fiscal challenge that the city is facing," Diaz said. "After working with officials and making bold moves, we were able to reduce that \$250 million debt by almost \$30 million."

Diaz also emphasized her responsibility for protecting the residents of Perth Amboy and how she fought the state's tax increase. Her visit to Trenton and meeting with Governor Chris Christie in 2011 helped keep taxes at a reasonable number.

"The current system we had was bankrupt and needed

reform. We can not impose greater taxes on people who can't afford the current taxes," Diaz said. "I have an obligation to the residents, the job hunters, the single parents, all of which is for the betterment of the community. It's the right decision for all, not just a certain group."

The biggest challenge for Diaz was bringing a positive image back to Perth Amboy, something that has been missing for a long period of time. She explained that the city has reduced its negative rating over the last three years and that alone will increase the chances of new business coming in and lower interest rates for the city.

"We are on the right track and are making positive changes for the financial status and identity of the city," Diaz said. "I will not compromise the well being of our city. I never choose to look the other way on certain problems, and I won't start now."

Business has always been at the top of Diaz's concerns since she took office in 2008, and she explained that the potential for financial growth has never been higher. The process began in 2011 with the addition of Volpak and Bunzl to the Perth Amboy family, and will continue to grow behind the addition of those two major corporations.

"In Perth Amboy, we must think globally but act locally. We've always had a master plan, but never had a business plan," Diaz said. "There is still room to grow, and we have been involved in conversations with other businesses interested in coming here. We are becoming an asset to many."

Education and after-school programs have also taken a hit in the past, including a fire that
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South Amboy

Skilled Nursing Facility to be Built in South Amboy?



SOUTH AMBOY - Demolition at Venetian Site

Photo by Aaron Beers

SOUTH AMBOY - The City of South Amboy is expected to make an announcement this week in reference to Windsor Heath Care LLC as to the status of a state of the art Skilled Nursing Facility in South Amboy. The Plans call for it to be approximately 840,000 square feet with 4 stories which includes the ground floor. The facility, if built will offer 120 long term care beds and 60 Subacute beds. Subacute is a short term rehab. (Physical, Occupational, and Inpatient Rehab)

Preserving Perth Amboy's History "Time is of the Essence"



Councilman Bill Petrick



Anton J. Massopust

PERTH AMBOY - "There is risk involved in everything the government does. People worked hard and we should take on the risk and perhaps have people who signed on to work on the archeological digs to sign waivers." These words were spoken by Bill Petrick, Business Administrator Greg Fehrenbach spoke to several

insurance companies about the waivers and he said, "It's not even worth the paper that it's signed on."

Mr. Petrick remembered in the 1970's when a local science teacher would take students on digs all the time in the City. The main topic of the discussion held at the 1/9/2012
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Back on Track, The Board of
Education Meeting of Jan. 12, 2012

PERTH AMBOY The Board of Education meeting of Jan. 12, 2012 was alive with progress reports and improvements regarding the education of children. It apparent early on that the tone of the meeting had improved once the Board returned from its two-hour executive session to start the public meeting at nearly 8 p.m. A statement by President Samuel Lebreault was made that stricter adherence to Robert's Rules for meetings will occur. Some of the good news included:

Various donations were announced. Dr. Dulce Rodriguez spoke of a generous donation by the family of staff member Mary Howell so that students from Patten Elementary could visit the Camden Aquarium; Bill Carrey explained a donation of media equipment from the news division of WPIX-TV Channel 11 – as that station upgrades theirs, Shull School will receive the previous equipment. It is likely Channel 11 will visit the school, as this is the first middle school they have connected with. Shull could feasibly become a school dedicated to Communication and Arts, this thematic practice by school is being introduced. Thirdly, the Elk Lodge 784 has raised \$1,500 for teachers to utilize according to a wish list. Maria Bermudez and Edgardo Vasquez described a program in Brooklyn that they had gone to see in action: School of One. They requested a vote on piloting this in April, which passed. Innovative components of this program include wall-less classrooms of 80-100 students with 4-5 teachers in place, individualized learning schedules for each student daily and daily assessment for each student to determine their lesson content/activities for the next day. Students view their learning schedule at the beginning of each day and proceed accordingly. Such tailor made programs could allow students to leap ahead or receive more reinforcement, based on their needs.

A report by Mary Ann Tsoukalas, Food Service Manager, explained how our food program surpasses both state and federal guidelines and requirements and was given recognition this past September by Advocates for Children of NJ. The program will be used as a model by other schools.

Dr. Vivian Rodriguez gave updates on Quantum Learning, the Cambridge Company/assistance with creation of assessments, Instructional Realms training for administrators and Atlas Rubicon curriculum mapping software.



Board of Ed Member
Mark Carvajal

Mr. Jim Baio, IT Director, gave an impressive demo of new Access/Excel software recently developed by his team, informally titled SID – Schools Integrated Data – which provides real time data at a snap for nearly every conceivable piece of data related to attendance, discipline, grades and test scores for individual students, classes, grade levels, a particular school or the entire district at a glance.

Student Rep John Parrish reported that tutors are coming very soon in the areas of math, science and language arts. “The Learning Center is experiencing a lot of use; can you imagine when the tutors arrive?” Also, a dual-enrollment program is being worked on with Kean College.

Secretary Derek Jess reported that the district’s audit (6/30/11) received the best rating allowable by the State of NJ and the surplus of 12 million dollars will be added to next year’s budget.

Mr. Lebreault also acknowledged the passing of various staff’s family members and also that of Mr.LeRoy Nanton, who had been a “teacher’s teacher” and a moment of silence was held for all. The newly re-organized Parent/Teacher Organization at the high school was congratulated (see details forthcoming in the Guardian).

Under Old Business, Board Member Mark Carvajal discussed revamped policies soon going online. Ms. Roman asked for a follow up to the offer made by Wells Fargo Bank on financial responsibility workshops for young people – staff member Mrs. Morgan reported this had occurred and had been a fantastic workshop. Clarification was also given by Superintendent Dr. Janine Walker Caffrey regarding the addition of a Performing Arts Academy for music and theater, which is an improvement over the previous system which allowed only a very limited number of students to attend and students were miss-



Board of Ed President
Samuel Lebreault

ing too much regular instruction to attend (including travel time). The visual arts program is still available and research into working with a community college is underway so that students can earn some college credit for their portfolios.

Board Member Israel Varela asked if student teaching was still occurring? The response was that impact on learning through that program will be completed by the end of the month. No student teachers are in place yet for the year ‘12-‘13. Mr. Varela also sincerely thanked the various community groups that provided an abundance of holiday gifts during this past season. Board member Mark Carvajal remarked on a few final topics. First, he looks forward to the upcoming Board Retreat. He stated community input is critical for both planning to spend the \$39M and the 8th Grade Graduation. He concluded by acknowledging that the appointment process last week had not been “seamless” and regarding ball dropping, “We all dropped the ball.”

The public portion included statements ranging from “Where do teachers and staff turn when they feel bullied?” by Linda Nagy, Counselor. One parent asked when answers to questions previously asked at previous Board meetings (in this case, on some personnel matters) would be forthcoming? She was assured a report would be coming soon. One student asked for the guidelines on ROTC fundraising. Parent Donna Stewart advised of the next high school PTO meeting: Feb. 6, 2012 in the high school library. Teacher Lynn Audette expressed her concern of individualized curriculums in each school. Finally, Board Member Ken Puccio encouraged teachers to “keep on coming to express your concerns.”

By Tracy Jordan

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Czech

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PERTH AMBOY - You are invited to a Czech Experience on Tuesday, January 24 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Raritan Bay Coffee Company, 233 Smith St., Perth Amboy. Inside the Historic Train Station NY Side. Free Parking after 6 p.m. Visit the Darling of Central Europe - The Czech Republic presented by Paul Kosar, Director of the National Czech Tourism Authority. Presentation, Film and Q&A period. The Event is FREE however seating is limited. RSVP to Raritan-BayCoffee@gmail.com. We will send a confirmation. For more info call 732-343-1717. Don't miss this trip to Europe from your chair.

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State of the City

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Greg, Mayor Wilda Diaz, Samantha and Greg Jr. - a family portrait after the State of the City Address

photo by Bob Ned

completely destroyed the center on Brighton Avenue for after school programs and the deterioration of the Public Library roof. Diaz went over the plans for each building and the exciting changes residents should expect in 2012.

"We are set to begin step one of a \$10 million dollar project on the Perth Amboy Public Library, which will first get a new roof followed by ceilings and windows," Diaz said. "We have also started construction

on a new, 3200 square foot Brighton Avenue building that will be multi-functional for after school programs. We need to educate our residents and need a well designed building for education."

Diaz also urged both the residents of Perth Amboy and her staff to continue the transparency and honesty that has gone on since becoming Mayor. She noted that there will be more one on one meetings with her staff and residents in

2012, and there will be more places to go for information about the city.

"With few, we have achieved much. I appreciate the transparency and honesty I have gotten in my term so far," Diaz said. "There will be more availability with myself and my staff with one on one meetings starting in February, and there is now an official Mayor Diaz Facebook page with information about Perth Amboy. I'm here to listen to you."

Diaz finished her address by thanking the residents and everyone who contributed to her staff in 2011. She urged everyone to continue to work together and do the best job possible to support the city of Perth Amboy.

"Doing what's best is unpopular, but my heart still works for Perth Amboy," Diaz said. "We have to do what's best for our city, and work together for the future."

By Jospeh L. Kuchie

Eagleswood and Thomas Mundy Peterson Archeological Digs

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Caucus had to do specifically with the Thomas Mundy Peterson Site located on Commerce Street. Council Kenneth Balut said that the Thomas Mundy Peterson Site plus the Eagleswood Site located on the intersection of Convery Blvd. and Smith St. are private properties. He wanted to table the discussion about the digs (specifically the insurance issues) until he could meet with the State and County elected officials and also Monmouth University. He has already made phone calls to our Assembly and Senate representatives to get funding for these projects.

At the regular Council Meeting of 1/11/2012 a Mr. Gordon Bond was especially interested in the Thomas Mundy Peterson property. "It is now an empty lot but we can do an archeological investigation to uncover any important artifacts. There is a possibility that an individual will extend their insurance to cover the dig but we need support of the Council and the City. We may have need to use heavy equipment that may take 1 to 3 days if excavation goes through it could take 1 to 2 months tops."

An resident of the Landings was concerned about the contaminants on the Peterson

Property and if contaminants are found the City may find themselves liable. Councilman Bill Petrick spotted Historian Anton J. Massopust in the audience and asked if he would like to make a statement regarding either properties.

Mr. Massopust who has been involved for years with archeological digs in Perth Amboy said, "I doubt very much if there are contaminants at the Eagleswood Site. The area where the excavation will take place at Eagleswood was capped by cement slab by the Pardee Company long before the Philip Carey Company operated in the area. As far as the Thomas Mundy Peterson Site - that has always been residential so you don't have to worry in regards to that area."

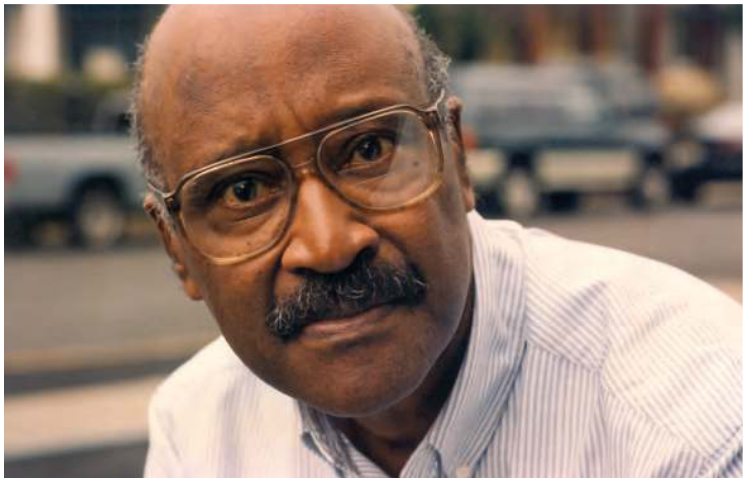
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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

Reflections on Mr. Leroy Nanton



This week on January 10, 2012 Perth Amboy lost a Pillar of the Community. The Staff of the Amboy Guardian extends its heartfelt sympathy to his family, friends and all of those in the community whose heart Mr. Nanton touched. I remember when I would go to St. Peter’s Church occasionally and Mr. Nanton would be there as a lay reader. Every time I would hear him speak in that capacity it would be if as I was looking at a preacher. He had that much of a presence to me.

C.M.

I met Leroy Nanton at my Christening. Although I don’t remember I was reminded of this by his son, Dennis who gave me a photo of my parents (Anton and Marcella Massopust) and myself as a baby (1 month old). I always remember him as I was growing up coming by and his smile. I always laugh when I came back from graduate school and was driving my car and I saw Leroy walking on McClellan St. He looked at me and said, “You’re driving?” I answered “Yes, I am.” and Mr. Nanton replied, “Damn! I’m getting old!” Leroy did attend my wedding and he was always a gentle soul with a smile. He will be missed.

K.A.M.

Losing a friend is never easy no matter what other roles the person played in your life. It never matters you how you feel at the time he/she will still be your friend. Leroy Nanton was a part of my life. He was always a friend of the family but I really got to know him in my later years when Mr. Nanton took my night school photography class. Leroy always enjoyed photography and was a regular student in my class for many years. He taught science in Shull School and was he was a very active member in his community and also in St. Peter’s Episcopal Church. I always remember him working the booths at St. Peter’s Carnivals. He was loved by many and his gentle smile touched so many people. The Lord must have needed a special science teacher and he sure got the best. He will be missed by many including his students and fellow teachers. This was apparent at his wake. He was a person of many levels, very private and soft spoken. He may be gone but his memories remain in our hearts. His smile and his face will never fade. He would always leave my photography class on a pleasant note, with his usual parting words, “Good night, young professor.” and I would reply, “Good night, young man.” and I say now to my friend Leroy, “Good night, young man.”

P.W.W.

THE COMMUNITY VOICE

Board of Ed Online

Good Morning, I am sending this memo out to inform you the Perth Amboy School Board meetings are now available online on our web site. Since the board has been in office we have made tremendous improvements in transparency in an effort to keep the public apprised of all school board issues. The board’s top priority has been to allow as much access to the

public on all school board issues as possible. Below is a short list of website additions we have made to this date. -The Bill list is available on the web site for your review. -The bid posting is available on the web site for your review. -The role of a board member is on the web site so the public is aware of our duties and responsibilities. -Online streaming of all board meetings and events is available on the web site should you be unable to attend a meeting or watch it on channel 34 you can view the meeting on line.

There will be future links added to the website in order to increase transparency within the district. Please feel free to visit our web site at anytime. I encourage you to respond to this email or visit us at a board meeting with any comments regarding the website. Participation and attendance at board meeting is encouraged. Next board meeting date is 1/12/12 at the Perth Amboy High School at 7PM Thank you for your continued support

Mark Carvajal

The Key to the City

Your mention of the passing of Bill George and Richard Piatkowski brought tears to my eyes, and fond memories of the two great gentlemen. They were like my much younger brothers. Bill George was a graduate of Monmouth College, now Monmouth University of which my daughter, Beatrice Rogers is Assistant Vice President. After I read your editorial A Mixed Bag, I tuned in to the TV Movie Channel 43 to view a 1950 movie, Key to the City with Clark Gable as mayor of San Francisco and Loretta

Young as mayor of an East Coast City such as Perth Amboy. They meet at a Mayor’s Convention in San Francisco. I am especially fond of this West Coast City because it was the last and first mainland city I saw on a couple of combat tours of duty and numerous civilian flights. I also visited former Perth Amboy residents who lived there. I call Perth Amboy San Francisco East because of the many similarities. Loretta Young reminds me very much of our own Mayor Wilda Diaz who with her many talents could well play an updated version in that role. Wilda has done a remarkable job in restoring much of the

City from the mess she inherited from the former mayor who is now a guest of Uncle Sam in Ohio. The ladies do a better job in whatever they attempt to do. They tend to clean up messes that the more corruptible males make. In this upcoming election I shall whole heartedly support Wondrous Wilda! Thank you for your courtesies, Very truly yours, Peter Book/a.k.a. Pedro Libro



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OLV Senior Group February Meeting

SAYREVILLE - The OLV Senior Group will hold their January Meeting on Friday, February 3, 2012 at 1 p.m. Monsignor Dalton Hall on Main Street in Sayreville. After a brief business meeting, Sue Ralph, from Manna House, will be our speaker.. Don’t forget to wear your favorite Valentine attire. We are still collecting dues for this year. Dues for this year will be \$10.00 a person for the year – September to June. Our meeting dates are: March 2,

Apr. 12, May 4, and June 1. All meetings are held on Friday afternoon at 1PM except the April meeting which will be held on Thursday, April 12. Food donations to St. Vincent de Paul are always gladly accepted. Our group invites any senior who is 55 years and older to join our group. You do not need to be a member of OLV. Any questions please contact Teri at 732-727-7639.

OLV Seniors Trip to American Music Theater

Featuring Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons

SAYREVILLE - The OLV Seniors are sponsoring a bus trip to the American Music Theater in Lancaster, Pennsylvania to see Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons. The date of the trip is Thursday, May 17, 2012. The price of the trip is \$150.00 which includes: the price of the show

ticket, bus transportation, bus gratuity, dinner at Shady Maple, and snacks on the bus. The bus will leave OLV lower parking lot at 2 p.m. and return approximately at 12:30 a.m. For further information or to make a reservation, please contact Teri at (732) 727-7639.

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Kidz Wii Club

SOUTH AMBOY - The Kidz Wii Club will meet every Friday at 3:30 p.m. at the Sadie Pope Dowdell Library, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza,South Amboy. For more info call 732-721-6060.

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.

Tea Room Open

PERTH AMBOY — The Tea Room at the historic Proprietary House, Kearny Avenue, is open on Wednesdays from 1 to 4 p.m.

For \$7 per person, visitors can enjoy assorted teas and delicious homemade desserts served by hostesses Helen, Dorothy and Kathy. Take a tour of the only remaining Royal Governor’s Mansion in the U.S.

The Proprietary House, which was built between 1762 and 1764, and is on the State and National Registers of Historic Places, is owned by the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), Division of Parks & Forestry.

For more information or group reservations, call (732) 826-5527.

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. The Kearny Cottage needs your help. Anyone interested in joining the Kearny Cottage Historical Society please contact 732-675-8826.

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Community Calendar

Perth Amboy

TODAY. Jan. 18 Municipal Court, 1:30 p.m., Court House, New Brunswick Ave.
THURS. Jan. 19 Municipal Court, 6 p.m., Court House, New Brunswick Ave.
TUES. Jan. 24 Municipal Court, 9 a.m. and 6 p.m., Court House, New Brunswick Ave.
WED. Jan. 25 Municipal Court, 1:30 p.m., Court House, New Brunswick Ave.
THURS Jan 26 Historic Preservation Commission City Hall, High St.

South Amboy

TODAY. Jan 18 City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, N. Broadway

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The Chakras:
Awaken the
Hidden
Energy Within

PERTH AMBOY - RBMC'S Division of Integrative Medicine is offering The Chakras: Awaken the Hidden Energy Within educational sessions, Wednesdays, Jan 18 through Feb 29, 7 to 9:30 p.m., at the Raritan Bay Area YMCA, 365 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy. Chakra work benefits body, mind and spirit and leads to a greater sense of harmony and inner balance. Energy Medicine Practitioners Denise Reisert and Robin Matteo, will teach participants how to evaluate their own body energy and awaken hidden energy. Cost is \$165 for all five sessions. Individual classes are \$50. For more information and to register, call 1-800-362-8677.

Resource Fair

PISCATAWAY - On Thursday, January 19, a Resource Fair for New Jersey National Guard Child Youth Program will take place at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Care Center, located at 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway, NJ from 6:00pm - 8:30pm. (Snow Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2012). This is a partnership between Community Child Care Solutions (CCCS), 103 Center Street, Perth Amboy NJ and the New Jersey National Guard Child and Youth Program, in which State Youth Coordinators Amanda Balas and Nicole Morgan-Lewis are actively working. For more information, please contact Ms. Lopez at 732-324-4357 x122 or nlopez@communitychildcaresolutions.org.

Pedestrian Hit

PERTH AMBOY - At approximately 9:16 pm on Saturday, 14 January 2012, Police responded to the area of Pfeiffer Blvd and Columbus Drive on a reported pedestrian struck.

Police Officer David Formeza the first officer on scene immediately radioed for medics after checking the victim, Gabino Jerez-Batista, age 63 a resident of the City of Perth Amboy. Mr. Batista succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced by Dr. Vance of the Raritan Bay Medical Center - Perth Amboy Division at 9:30 pm.

He was observed just prior to the accident in the center of the roadway where he was nearly hit by another vehicle just prior to being hit by a 1995 Ford Thunderbird driven by Norman Menkin, age 72 of Edison, New Jersey which was traveling West bound in the right lane on Pfeiffer Blvd. The case is being investigated by Detective Stephen Petrosino of the Perth Amboy Police Department anyone with information is asked to call 732-324-3832. No charges have been filed at this time

Childbirth
Education /
Lamaze Class

PERTH AMBOY - RBMC is sponsoring a one day Childbirth Education / Lamaze Class Saturday, January 21, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The class is designed to help expectant parents better understand the childbearing process. A registered nurse with special training in labor, delivery and childcare techniques will facilitate the class. It will be held in Centennial Hall, 530 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy. The fee for the course is \$125 per couple. Registration required, call 1-800-362-8677.



South Amboy
St. Patrick's
Day Parade

SOUTH AMBOY - Mark your calendars for two upcoming South Amboy St. Patrick's Day parade fundraisers.

Tip-A-Pint afternoon at the Landmark (note new date) will be held on Sunday February 19th from 3-7PM, and Tip-A-Pint Night is happening on Thursday, March 8th at the Munck-ee Bar in South Amboy. Cost for each event is \$20 and includes food, beer, wine, soda, and a special performance from the Col. D.B. Kelly Pipes and Drums. Admission can be paid at the door, no advance sales. All proceeds go to fund the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade.

This year's parade steps off at 2 p.m. on Saturday March 10th with a rain date of March 24th. Along with numerous marching bands, there will be floats and thousands of marchers. As in years past, the parade promises fun and excitement for all ages, celebrating South Amboy's rich Irish heritage, and of course everyone's favorite holiday, St. Patrick's Day! If you have a group interested in being a part of this great tradition or for additional information, please visit the South Amboy St. Patrick's Day Parade website at southamboyparade.com or you can contact the parade committee chairperson, Betty Sturgis at 732-261-7350 or rbsturgis@optonline.net.

Storytime with
Mia

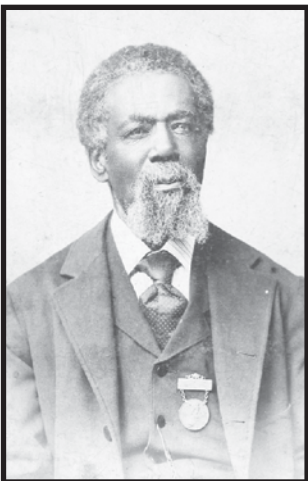
SEWAREN - Storytime with Mia is a fun, free event for children ages 3-7 and their accompanying adult & siblings. Families get to enjoy story, snack, games, crafts and more on the 2nd Saturday of every month at 10 a.m. from October through March. The 2012 dates are: 2/11 & 3/10. This event is free but requires a sign up by calling the library at 732-634-7571 or emailing sewarenlibrary@gmail.com. The Sewaren Library welcomes patrons from all towns, not just Sewaren and has a large variety of free events every month. Check out our website at <http://sewarenlibrarynj.com/Sewaren> Library, 546 West Ave, in the Sewaren section of Woodbridge Township.

A New Food
Network Series Is
Looking for Food
Entrepreneurs

PERTH AMBOY - A new Food Network series is looking for FOOD ENTREPRENEURS, specifically, people who have left their previous career to start a new restaurant (or similar business). Must have little-to-no prior professional culinary experience. Must be planning to open a brick-and-mortar space where there will be walk-in customers (restaurant, bakery, sandwich shop, etc.) Must be aiming to open between now and autumn 2012. Those chosen will receive culinary & business coaching from Bobby Flay (a chef, restaurateur, and fixture on the Food Network) as well as invaluable national publicity.

Those interested that fit the guidelines, please email the following to foodtvshow@gmail.com: Outline your timeline, budget, menu, team, and especially what's at stake for you in this endeavor (why you are doing it and what risks, financial as well as personal, you are taking). The Food Network is highly interested in the "human interest" angle of your story.

There is also a Twitter account and a Facebook page for more information. The Food Network will be accepting stories through February and is casting nationally. Please also email us at the New Jersey Small Business Development Center at TCNJ to director@sbdcnj.com, and let us know you are submitting your entry. NJ Small Business Development Center at The College of New Jersey Proudly Serving the Mercer & Middlesex Small Business Community.



Thomas Mundy
Peterson

Author
Gordon Bond
at the Ferry
Slip Museum

PERTH AMBOY - Author Gordon Bond will be at the Ferry Slip Museum on Sunday, January 29 at 2 p.m. "To Cast a Freedman's Vote": How a Handyman from Perth Amboy Made Civil Rights History. On March 31, 1870, Perth Amboy resident Thomas Mundy Peterson dropped a ballot into a box. It was a simple action that took, perhaps, all of a second or two. Yet, in that moment, Peterson made history as the first African American to vote under the 15th Amendment to the United States Constitution.

Many factors had conspired to make that moment possible, from the bloody Civil War to surprisingly progressive local attitudes. "To Cast a Freedman's Vote": How a Handyman from Perth Amboy Made Civil Rights History is a new presentation by historian, author and lecturer

Gordon Bond. It explores who this man was, how he came to cast his historic vote and what happened afterward. This talk summarizes the work done by himself and other NJ historians to

tell Peterson's story. It is a study in race relations that resonates with us even today. Gordon Bond is the ePublisher of Garden State Legacy, a free online quarterly magazine dedicated to New Jersey history. Its website, www.GardenStateLegacy.com, includes many free resources for the history and historic preservation communities. He is also the author of the book, "James Parker: A Printer on the Eve of Revolution" and is working with The History Press

on a book tentatively titled, "North Jersey Footnotes: Tangential Tales and Hidden History," due out in the Spring of 2012. He is a proud native of the Garden State and presently lives with his wife, Stephanie Hoagland, and their two cats, Daisy and Onslow, in Union Township.

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Poetry Reading at Raritan Bay Coffee Company, January 13, 2012

photos by Caroline Pozyski.



Don Krone of Perth Amboy reads some of his original work.



Charles Lobaito reading from his recent book, *The Distance Between Hopes and Dreams*.

PERTH AMBOY - This was a poetry reading/open mic acknowledging the spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King attended by 14 people on Fri. Jan. 13th at Raritan Bay Coffee Company -A moment of silence was held for Dr. King. Featured poet was Charles Lobaito of South Amboy. Three other people recited poems, then there was a group discussion of what Dr. King might think about today's current situation in our country. *By Tracy Jordan*

Jewish Renaissance Foundation Receives \$50,000 Donation from Wells Fargo January 12, 2012 *photos by Paul W. Wang*



Wells Fargo Bank Donates \$50,000 to the Jewish Renaissance Foundation. Dr. Alan Goldsmith accepts the Check with his staff and Mayor Diaz (L).

2012 South Amboy St. Patrick's Day Parade Grand Marshals' Night

SOUTH AMBOY - The 2012 South Amboy St. Patrick's Day Parade Grand Marshals' Night will be held on Friday Feb 3rd from 7-10 PM, at St. Mary's Hall, Stevens Ave. and Second Street, South Amboy. Advance tickets can be purchased at South Amboy Foodtown, Main Street Liquors, and the AOH Hall on Stevens Avenue in South Amboy. Cost for advance tickets is \$25 per person. Tickets are also available at the door for \$30. Cost includes beer, wine, soda, and food with a performance by the award-winning Col. DB Kelly Pipes and Drums.

The 2012 parade committee has selected Rob McQuade as the parade Grand Marshal. A longtime area resident, son of Mary and John McQuade, Rob grew up in Parlin and is a graduate of St. Mary's Elementary School, St. Mary's High School, (now Cardinal McCarrick) and Rutgers University. When his wife Donna was pregnant with the second of their two sons, Rob suffered a broken neck which has left him a quadriplegic. That has not stopped him from living a rich and fulfilling life. He is an inspiration to his family and everyone he meets. An active member of the Old Bridge chapter of the Friendly Sons of Shillelagh, Rob has been a loyal spectator of the South Amboy St. Patrick's Day Parade for many years. This year's parade committee is pleased and honored to have him serve as the 2012 Grand Marshal.

Ed O'Connor, a lifetime South Amboy, son of Alfie and Maureen O'Connor, will serve as Deputy Grand Marshal. He is also a graduate of St. Mary's Elementary and High Schools, a graduate of Montclair State College, and is Commissioner of the South Amboy Housing Authority. Ed and his wife Anna Mae are the proud parents of three fine sons, Daniel, Luke and Jack. Ed is a past president of the Ancient Order

of Hibernians. He is a member of the St. Mary's / Cardinal McCarrick Hall of Fame committee and he has coached for St. Mary's CYO and South Amboy Recreation programs. He is a dedicated member of the community and the parade committee is proud to have him as their Deputy Grand Marshal.

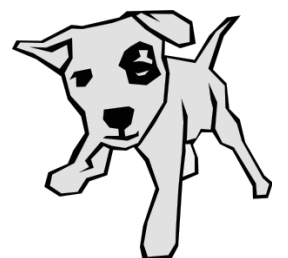
Owner of Main Liquors in South Amboy, Harshey Patel has been named the 2012 Honorary Grand Marshal. Son of Harivadan and Ranjan Patel, he and his brother Sandeep were born and raised in Bombay, India. From there, Harshey moved to Parlin, NJ. He opened Main Liquors twenty-one years ago. He is a member of the Asian American Retailer Association and a longstanding contributor to the South Amboy community. Harshey currently resides in Westfield with his wife, Rita and two sons, Arjun and Parth. The parade committee is pleased and excited to have Harshey serve as Honorary Grand Marshal.

This year's South Amboy Saint Patrick's Day Parade steps off at 2PM on Saturday March 10th with a rain date scheduled for March 24th. Along with numerous marching bands, there will be floats and thousands of marchers. As in years past, the parade promises fun and excitement for all ages, celebrating South Amboy's rich Irish heritage, and of course St. Patrick's Day! If you have a group interested in being a part of this great tradition or for additional information, please visits the South Amboy St. Patrick's Day Parade website at southamboyparade.com or you can contact the parade committee chairperson, Betty Sturgis at 732-261-7350 or rbsturgis@optonline.net.

press release

Cathedral International Hosts Career Development Boot Camp

PERTH AMBOY The Career Development Boot Camp will be held on Saturday, January 28 from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., at the Donald Hilliard Jr. Affairs Complex on 205 Smith Street, Perth Amboy, NJ. Along with roundtable discussions, there will also be a Q&A panel of experts from various industries sharing their experiences and providing advice to job seekers. The Cathedral International is a church in action and a church that cares for the community. Helping to Provide Career Assistance, Résumé Help, and Interviewing Tips for Unemployed



Perth Amboy Happy Home Shelter in Need of Volunteers, Donations & Fosters

PERTH AMBOY - The Happy Home Shelter (Not affiliated with the Perth Amboy City Shelter) is a 501C-3 Non-Profit Organization and is in need of volunteers, donations and fosters. Please donate PET SUPPLIES, FOOD, CHECKS or GIFT CARDS. SEND to: 362 State Street, Perth Amboy, NJ 08861 or DROP OFF DONATIONS at PetSmart on Adoption Days. ADOPT precious KITTIES & DOGGIES @ Woodbridge PetsSmart on Sundays 12-5pm. OPEN YOUR HEART to a homeless animal and SAVE A LIFE! Make a Difference! HOST A PET FOOD DRIVE For more information, email vmoralespps@yahoo.com or call 1-732-486-6382 or 732-277-7650 or 732-826-1124 or email PAHHS2010@aol.com. Visit and LIKE our FACEBOOK page @ Perth Amboy Happy Home Shelter. Perth Amboy happy home shelter needs a lot of help for the animals. Perth Amboy's animals are suffering. Help us raise the money to rescue, spay and neuter more kitties so they don't suffer on the streets and have a chance to be adopted. Adopt, spay, neuter, love...

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Correction
Tribute to
Roberto
Clemente

PERTH AMBOY - In the January 11, 2012 issue of the Amboy Guardian the identity of the owner of the Picture Gallery Framing Shop in Perth Amboy was incorctly named. It should have read: Robert Roman not Robert Rodriguez. The original information was submitted to the Guardian with the incorrect name.

Mechanicsville
Hose Co. No. 1
Comedy Night
2012

SOUTH AMBOY - There will be a Comedy Night on Saturday, January 28 at Memorial Hall of Sacred Heart Church, Main Street, South Amboy from 7 p.m. to 11p.m. \$40 per person. Includes: Buffet, Beverages (Soda- Beer-Wine) and Entertainment (2 Comedians plus DJ) For tickets and info Call (908) 296-4254. Seating is Limited.

“Is Weight
Loss Surgery
Right For
Me?”

OLD BRIDGE - Raritan Bay Medical Center is sponsoring a “Is Weight Loss Surgery Right For Me?” seminar Wednesday, January 25, 7 to 8 p.m. at its Old Bridge location. The informative event will focus on weight loss surgery including discussion on Roux-En-Y Gastric Bypass, Adjustable Gastric Banding, and Gastric Sleeve; Dr. Ayotunde Adeyeri will lead discussions on the concerns surrounding weight loss surgery as well as its successes. Family and friends are welcome. The meeting will be held in Auxiliary Hall B & C located on the lower level of the Medical Arts Building, adjacent to the hospital on Ferry Rd. between Routes 9 & 18. For more information, call 1.855.TIME.4.ME (1-855-846-3463).

Tribute to Roberto Clemente January 13, 2012

photos by Bob Ned



Businessman Robert Roman from the Picture Gallery Framing Shop in Perth Amboy with a restored picture of Roberto Clemente



Roberto Clemente Jr. (L) with Robert Roman (R)



Robert Roman, Mayor Diaz, Roberto Clemente Jr., and Lizette Martinez



Roberto Clemente Jr. Speaks at the reception at Olive St.

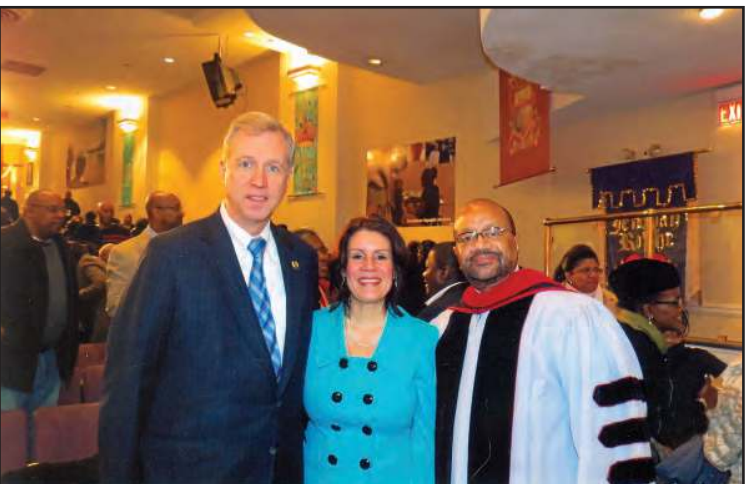
Perth Amboy Volunteer Fire Department Spaghetti Dinner at the
Knights of Columbus January 14, 2012 a Huge Success

photos by Paul W. Wang



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Services at the Cathedral International, Monday, January 16, 2012

photos by Bob Ned



Dr. Martin Luther King Service

PERTH AMBOY - The Cathedral International of Perth Amboy held a celebration of the Life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Participating in the service was the Perth Amboy High School Chorale performing a musical tribute. The Cathedral Choir/Gospel Warriors also participated with a ministry of music. An Oratorical Tribute was given by the NJ Orators and the Imani Dancers performed a tribute to Dr. King in a dance form. The Rev. Dr. Donald Hilliard, Jr. gave the homily and everyone in attendance sang “We Shall Overcome.” which is a Negro Spiritual.



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- Scholarships for Youth Membership
- Community Access Week
- Prevention Program for Youth
- More than 1,300 youth members engaged in healthy activities
- Constructed New Community Playground
- New Integrated Medicine Services (partnership with Raritan Bay Medical Center)
- Free Pool Use for Perth Amboy High School Swim Team (partnership with Bd. Of Ed.)
- Middle School Students free every Friday (partnership with Bd. Of Ed.)
- Subsidized Afterschool Programs (partnership with Bd. Of Ed.)
- Hosting of GED Program (partnership with Middlesex County College & DOL)
- Family Counseling
- Alianza Partnership for families Special Needs
- More than 100 City activities/events in 2011 including SWAT training, Fire Department Water Rescue training, recreation and administration programs
- Free or Reduced Memberships for Active Duty Military and Family, Clergy, Disabled Vets, Active Older Adults, All Perth Amboy Residents, Perth Amboy Police Personnel & Perth Amboy City Personnel (at the request of the City)
- Active Older Adult Programs including Silver Sneakers
- Climbing Wall and Volunteers for City & School events
- Counselor in Training Youth Employment Program
- Alternative Physical Education
- \$1 million to the City for the opportunity to serve the community
- Food & Clothing Drive
- A leading employer of Perth Amboy Teenagers
- Use of YMCA property on Jefferson Street for parking has assisted the City to generate thousands of dollars
- Church/Civic Group Programs including Girl Scouts, St. Peter's, St. Stephens, La Asuncion, Our Lady of Fatima, Grace Fellowship, Faith Fellowship, Vida Church, Living Rivers Church, Renovation House, Triple Threat Ministries, Jewish Renaissance Foundation, The Boys & Girls Club, DYFS, Local Banks, Harbortown Homeowners Association, Heroes & Cool Kids, Friends of the Library, NJ & NY Blood Banks, Rutgers, UTI & Tropical Cheese Industries
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Book Review: Let the Breeze Blow *by Eralides E. Cabrera*

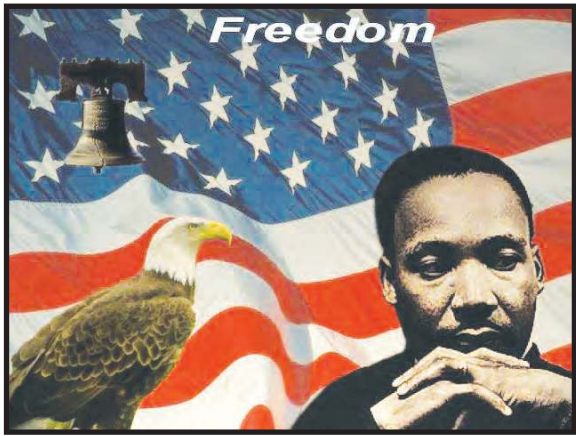
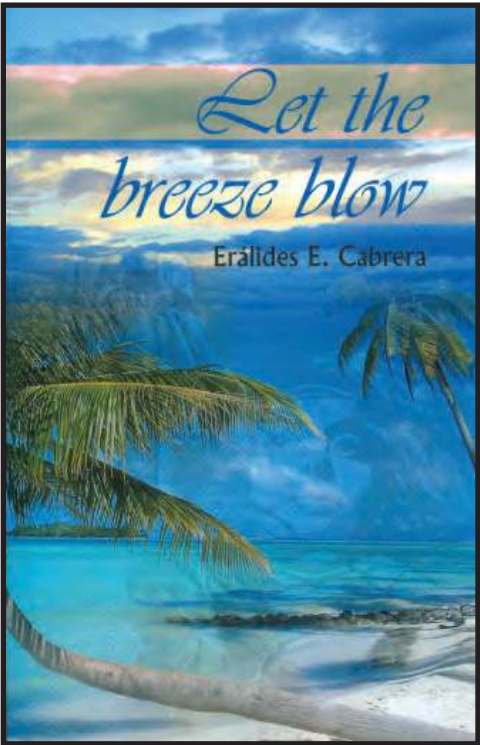
262 Pages: Don't let the title fool you. This book which is a very fast read takes you from the fast, but calm city of Miami Florida where Businessman Carlos Garcia leads an idyllic life with his family to Mexico and the devastation of the Mexican Cartels. Castro's Cuba is continuously mentioned throughout the book as both Carlos and his wife, Lucia were born there, but came to the United States as youngsters. Although Carlos loves his family dearly his wife Lucia (who is 10 years younger than him). It is his their only child Alicia who is the cause of friction between them. Alicia who is at the age of 17 longs to visit the childhood homes in Cuba where her parents lived. Alicia has gone so far as to inquire on her own as how to go there. She looked on the internet

and at various agencies about travel to Cuba. While her mother Lucia can understand her daughter's desire to go, Carlos (her dad) vehemently is opposed to ever setting foot in Cuba while Castro is still in power. Carlos has a close friendship with an elderly man named Pena, who also escaped from Castro's Cuba. Carlos eventually caves into his wife & daughter's request and arranged for them to take the trip. The big mistake Carlos Garcia makes is entrusting the travel arrangements to someone who was recommended by his friend Pena. Carlos Garcia, although a shrewd Businessman for some reason takes liberties when it comes to his family's safety. Why he would allow someone of a suspicious background and who he barely knows to

look after his family is a puzzlement. This left me with a suspicion that maybe he had arranged their kidnapping (which I thought would be a twist at the end of the story). With the theme of Garcia hating Castro's Cuba throughout the book, the irony is that his wife and daughter never make it to Cuba. Cardona who arranged this trip is the suspicious gentleman who told Carlos that it would be best if Carlos' wife and daughter traveled through Mexico first on their way to Cuba. Carlos thought this was odd but he ultimately caved in. That was a big mistake and no sooner had Lucia and Alicia stepped off the plane in Mexico their lives were in constant danger. Carlos Garcia may be the shrewd Businessman, but his wife Lucia is the strong one here. Although she was in-

troduced as someone who is needy and pampered by her husband, in an emergency situation I think after reading this book she is the one you want standing in your corner. I only wish the author had flushed out Carlos Garcia and his wife's Cuban background more. I can see another novel coming from Mr. Cabrera soon. I hope it deals with what made Carlos Garcia so hardened about Cuba and Carlos' wife Lucia sacrificing to go to visit again to satisfy her daughter's wishes. Are you listening Mr.

Cabrera?
By Carolyn Maxwell



TOLERANCE

- To be able to forgive
- Open to other people's beliefs
- Letting people be who they are
- Eager to "lend a hand" to help a person in need
- Realizing that you are not always right
- Accepting another person's point of view
- Never degrading a Human Being
- Caring for each other
- Evolving into a messenger of love

Dioris Arlequin

About the Author



Eralides E. Cabrera

Attorney/Author Eralides E. Cabrera was born in Cuba and immigrated to the United States as a child. He graduated from Fordham University and Brooklyn Law School and is a practicing attorney in New Jersey. He has offices in Perth Amboy and Elizabeth. He has written books dealing with love stories, fiction and mystories. To obtain more information about his books call 1-800-839-8640.

Opposite Ends Art Exhibit

PERTH AMBOY— Mayor Wilda Diaz and the Office of Recreation announce the Opposite Ends Art Exhibit beginning January 24 to February 24. An opening reception will be held on Thursday, January 26th from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Opposite ends is an exhibit inspired by the music and folklore of the two opposite ends of Europe - Portugal and Ukraine. It is an explanation of emotion and expression evoked by poetry, dance and tradition created by two distinct artist. The art exhibit will feature the art work of Dianna S.M. Shmerykowsky entitled a Series of Ukrainian Dances and Vivianna Acuna-Francisco entitled "Saudade" and the Art of Fado. The Perth Amboy Art Gallery Center for the Arts is located on 339 Reade Street. For gallery hours or for additional information please contact Lis Mery Ramirez at 732-826-0290 ext. 4325. For additional information about the City of Perth Amboy, please visit: www.ci.perthamboy.nj.us.

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Sayreville Recreation

SAYREVILLE- The Sayreville Recreation Department will continue offering Zumba, A fitness class that fuses hypnotic musical Latin rhythms and tantalizing moves to create a dynamic workout system designed to be fun and easy to do, on Tuesdays at 7:40pm. The Yoga classes at 6:30pm will also continue. These classes are located in the Samsel School on 298 Ernston Road in Parlin. Registration starts 1/3/12 Classes will start 1/17/12. For more information please contact Denise @ 732-525-9536 or zumbasayreville@gmail.com

Orientation & Registration

For the Multicultural Grand Cotillion,

Scholarship Society Inc

PERTH AMBOY - The Cotillion will be on Sunday May 20, 2012 from 3 p.m. to 7 pm at the Renaissance Woodbridge Hotel, 515 US Highway One South, Iselin. Registration for the Cotillion will be on Saturday's January 21, 2012 at the Raritan Bay Area YMCA, 365 New Brunswick Ave, Perth Amboy from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. For children/teens ages 5yrs to 17 years - Male and Female. For more information contact Mrs. Barbara Walker at 732-277-9576.

Book Sale

PERTH AMBOY - There is an ongoing book sale at the Perth Amboy Free Public Library, 196 Jefferson St., Perth Amboy. Fill a bag for \$5. Book Dealers Welcome. For more info call 732-826-2600.

Tot Time & Storytime

SOUTH AMBOY - There will be Tot Time - (Ages 0-2) on Mondays at 11:30 a.m. and Storytime (Ages 3-5) on Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m. and Fridays Ages (Ages 6+) at 3:30 p.m. at the Sadie Pope Dowdell Library, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza South Amboy. For more info call 732-721-6060.

Kid's Bingo

SEWAREN - The Sewaren Free Public Library welcomes kids in grades K-5 and their accompanying adults & siblings for a fun night of BINGO! This event will be on the 1st Friday of every month at 7 p.m. from October through May. The remaining dates are 2/3, 3/2, 4/6 & 5/4. Come one, come all, but sign up is required every time. For more info or to register call 732-634-7571. Sewaren Library welcomes patrons from all towns, not just Sewaren. The Sewaren Free Public Library is located at 546 West Ave., Sewaren.

Open Mic

PERTH AMBOY - There will be an Poetry and Music Open Mic Night every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Perth Amboy Gallery for the Arts, 339 Reade St., Perth Amboy. Come show off your talent. For more information contact 732-826-1690 ext. 4325.

HIV Support

PERTH AMBOY — Raritan Bay Medical Center is sponsoring an HIV support group meeting on Monday, Jan 23 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.

Edison

AARP #3446

EDISON - Edison AARP Chapter 3446 will meet on Monday, January 16. 1 p.m. at the American Legion Hall, 167 Brower Avenue, Edison. A program of Celtic music will be presented by guitarist Edward Saulz. On Feb. 15 a trip to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse to see "Wally's Cafe" is planned. Call Angie at 732-738-0759 for reservations. Deposits for a package tour on April 25-26 to the Lancaster, PA area to see Jonah and 9/5 The Musical, plus Rockvale Outlets with accommodations at the Fulton Steamboat Inn are now being taken. Call Bob at 732-885-1789 for more information. All trips are open to non-members. Canned food for MCFOOD and misc. items for the veterans home will be collected at the meeting.

Senior Scene

Happenings

Perth Amboy

TODAY, Jan. 18 Simpson Seniors, 10 a.m., Williamson Hall, High St.
• Holy Rosary Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Auditorium, Florida Grove Rd.
• St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.
• Holy Trinity Seniors, 1 p.m., Church Hall, Lawrie & Johnstone Sts.
THURS., Jan 19 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
MON., Jan 23 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.
TUES., Jan 24 Holy Spirit Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Church Hall, Brace Ave.
• Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.
WED. Jan 25 Simpson Seniors, 10 a.m., Williamson Hall, High St.
• Holy Rosary Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Auditorium, Florida Grove Rd.
• St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.
THURS., Jan 26 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.

South Amboy

TODAY, Jan 18 South Amboy Seniors, noon, YMCA building, John T. O'Leary Boulevard.
MON., Jan 23 St. Mary's Seniors, noon, Senior Resource Center, S. Stevens Ave.

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LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY - Farmer's Market 1969 located on upper Smith Street past the Train Station. Fresh Farmed goods including eggs, vegetables and poultry were sold.

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A.A.R.P.
Meeting

SAYREVILLE - The Sayreville Chapter #4853 of A.A.R.P. Meetings are held at the Sayreville Senior Center (Main St.) on the 3rd Thursday of each month starting at 12 NOON. There are different informative speakers at each meeting. Food and coffee are offered at reasonable prices. Membership is \$5 per year. New members are welcomed at every meeting. Come and make some new friends.

Songwriting
Class

WOODBIDGE - There will be a songwriting class in the Barron Art's Center, Rahway Ave., Woodbridge taught by Veteran Music Instructor and Recording Artist Jeff Saxon. The Class starts on Saturday, March 10 and will run for 6 consecutive Saturday afternoons. The class is appropriate for songwriters of all levels as well as those who simply are curious how songs are written. Saxon has taught songwriting classes at music schools, colleges and universities from coast to coast. His video of his latest single, "High Time for a Hero" is a finalist in the 2012 NJ Film Festival for best music video. Class cost is \$120 which includes a 35 page songwriting booklet written by the instructor. For more info and the class registration form email Mr. Saxon at info@jeff-saxonmusic.com or call the Barron Arts Center at 732-634-0413. or email Barron-Arts@twp.woodbridge.nj.us

Veteran's
Memorial
Application

PERTH AMBOY - "HONORING YESTERDAY'S AND TODAY'S VETERANS WHO SERVED OUR COUNTRY." Any eligible veteran honoree that is not included on the memorial on Sadowski Parkway at this time, may request to have their name placed on the memorial by filling out the form available at City Hall or can be downloaded on the City of Perth Amboy's Website and submitting it to the City Clerk's office along with a copy of Form DD214. SUBMISSION DEADLINE OF ELIGIBLE VETERAN is MARCH 31, 2012. For more information call 732-826-0290.

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13 Citrus drink

14 Farmland

feature (2

wds.)

17 Trigger's tidbit

18 Fa's follower

19 Lamarr of films

21 "___ Her

Standing

There" (2

wds.)

24 Romantic

feeling

25 Baldwin of

"The Aviator"

28 High school

diploma

substitute

(abbr.)

30 "Away ___

Manger" (2

wds.)

31 Extra tire

32 Aries

33 Pregrown lawn

34 Unruly groups

35 Mr. Griffin

36 Singer

McEntire

38 Low grades

39 Function

41 "Don't ___ wet

blanket!" (2

wds.)

42 Sport involving

barbells

49 Aged

50 List shortener

(2 wds.)

51 "Peter Pan"

pirate

52 Green-lights

53 Dr. Ruth's

expertise

54 Ten-percenter

(abbr.)

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1 Crone

2 Mar. follower

3 British

beverage

4 Candidate, for

short

5 Flock members

6 Bill

7 Singer "King"

Cole

8 Bustle

9 ___ capita

11 ___ Janeiro (2

wds.)

12 Converged

15 Aye's opposite

16 Gore et al.

19 Medal of ___

20 Escape

22 Share the same

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23 Has on

24 Fleur-de-___

25 GI's address

(abbr.)

26 Sci. workplace

27 Sounds of

hesitation

29 Drivers license

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31 Shatters

35 Butcher's stock

37 Hide tiny

microphones

38 "ABC"

followers

40 Kitchen

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42 Pursue

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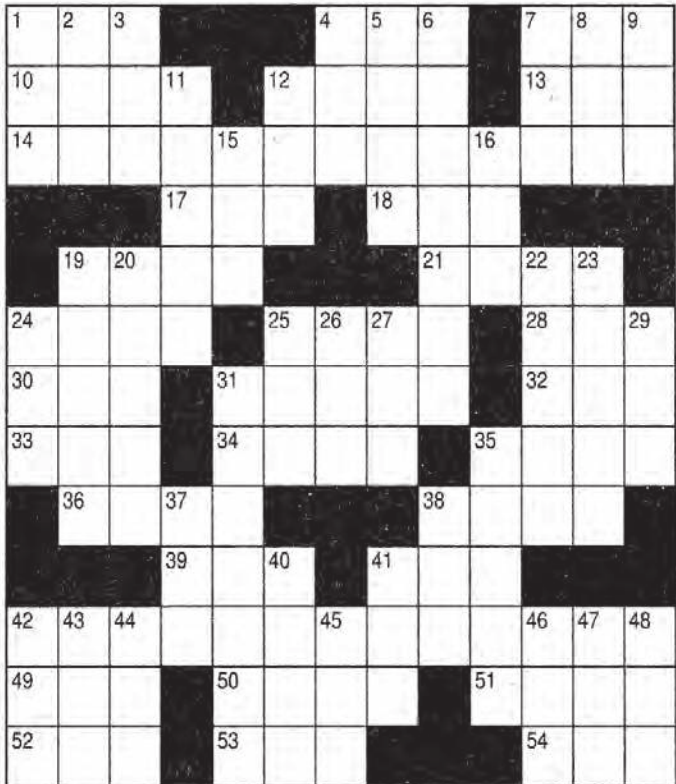
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