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Perth Amboy**Communications 101: Too Much Red Tape in High School Slows Down Process**

PERTH AMBOY - The Perth Amboy Board of Ed was concerned about the procedures regarding student information at the High School. William L. Librera, Ed. D. who is the President and CEO of West Hudson Associates-Professional Services Company was commissioned to review procedures currently in place at Perth Amboy High School to see how student information is stored.

Dr. Librera has been in the educational field as a social studies teacher in high school in 1968. He also has served as Superintendent and Principal of schools in New Jersey districts.

The Board of Ed had 16 questions concerning that they posed to Librera concerning streamlining student information. Librera interviewed 16 professional and support staff members from the Perth Amboy High School within a six and a half day time frame. This was to gather information to answer the questions posed by the Board of Education. The parameters he used were based on procedures used at Piscataway and Neptune districts

which are very similar to Perth Amboy.

As for the athletic parameters he used the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) requirements from the Chatham District. Those involved in the interview process included the Superintendent, High School Principal, Guidance Counselors and Guidance Secretaries and also members of the Information Technology Staff.

One of the most glaring problems that was mentioned were the new personnel that came into the High School. In the past three years most of the positions filled in the High School were Counselors that were previous Counselors in the Elementary Schools. Most of the experienced High School Counselors are no longer there. This has caused a disruption in how information is given to the new personnel. One of the weaknesses in the Perth Amboy Technology system is that there is too much documentation done through paperwork. This information can be stored electronically. Too much of this paperwork is going through too many hands.

By storing records electronically, it is easier for the correct personnel to quickly have access to student information. This is not to say that all handwritten documentation needs to be thrown out, because there is always a need for that form. Librera stated in his report.

The months of June, July, August and September are critical for registering all incoming students PK-12. There should be a central registration in place which would consist of all records and student transcripts. Librera's report stated.

Another weakness is the Absentee Policy in the School System. In the past year, only 11th and 12th grade students were eligible for summer school. Presently, there is no flexibility to allow for a student to make up excessive (18+) unexcused absences. This number of unexcused absences is mandated by the state. The student will not receive credit for those courses even if they were passing.

A full written copy of the 17 page report was made available to the public at the 9/6/12 Board of Ed Meeting.

South Amboy**Quiet Night at South Amboy Council Meeting**

By: Joseph L. Kuchie

SOUTH AMBOY - With only three people in attendance at South Amboy city hall last week, the South Amboy council held a relatively short and quiet meeting.

Resident Steven Davidoff did address a recent ticket he received in front of the Broadway Diner near Broadway and Augusta Street. He received a \$37 fine for parking within 50 feet of a stop sign while stopping for lunch.

"I'm a law-abiding citizen. I don't get tickets or speed or anything like that. If it was free and clear [of signage], there was no reason for the officer to give me a \$37 ticket," Davidoff said. "If it is not a legal spot, put a sign or something. To be having lunch at the diner and get a ticket is not the proper thing to do."

Davidoff left a letter in the mailboxes of each councilperson during the week, and brought the ticket with him as

he addressed them on Wednesday. President Joseph Connors acknowledged his letter and explained that it was discussed at last Monday's business meeting.

"We did receive your letter and it was in fact discussed at our latest business meeting," Connors said. "We are planning to amend the parking ordinance so instead of it being 50 feet we can lessen the footage. We will also consider painting the curb yellow so people know not to park there."

The council also passed a new parking ordinance that will affect 213 South Stevens Avenue. Entitled #11-2012, the ordinance will add handicapped parking "beginning 160 feet north from the curb line of the intersection of Bordentown Avenue and South Stevens Avenue and end 22 feet southerly thereof".

The next council meeting will be held Wednesday, September 19th at 7:00 PM.

Breast Cancer Awareness at Hy Tavern

PERTH AMBOY - Hy Tavern located on High and Commerce Streets in Perth Amboy hosted their second fund-raiser for breast cancer awareness on Saturday, September 8, 2012. The Pig Roast at Hy Tavern, raised funds which went to the Jewish Renaissance Foundation for Mammograms. Pictured are mother and daughter, Marie (Owner of Hy Tavern) and Chelsea Santos. Cancer has affected members of their family. That is why this cause is so dear to their hearts.

*Photos by Carolyn Maxwell

City of Perth Amboy Prayer Awareness March on Victory Bridge

PERTH AMBOY - The Perth Amboy Police Chaplain Corps. joined together with the Mayors of the Amboys and the families affected by loved ones who took their lives or the lives of others on the Victory Bridge. Msgr. John Gordon, the Commanding Officer of the Police Chaplain Corps is shown on the bridge comforting families affected by deaths on the Victory Bridge.

*photo by Paul W. Wang

Perth Amboy City Council Meeting - Tonight Wednesday 9-12-12 7 p.m.

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Democratic
Convention,
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**photos submitted*



Ana Mascenik with Barrack Obama's little sister, Maya



Leslie Dominguez-Rodriguez with the NJ State Contingent



Entertainment by Foo Fighters

Regatta
Weekend

PERTH AMBOY - This year, the Raritan Yacht Club will raise funds for We Care, Perth Amboy Coalition of Food Pantries. We Care represents six different food pantries in Perth Amboy.

The regatta weekend, September 22 and 23 will include two days of sailboat racing on Raritan Bay for PHRF racers, a Commodore Cup race on Saturday for cruising boats and new this year, racing for junior sailors on Sunday, expanding the participation to include all ages and many different types of boats. Participants in the regatta represent many yacht clubs in New Jersey. Both the Commodore's Cup beginning at 1 p.m. on Saturday and the Junior Regatta at 1 p.m. on Sunday will be visible from Water Street off of Lewis Street.

Car Show Perth Amboy, September 8 & 9, 2012
**Photos by Paul W. Wang*



Performers sang classic rock 'n roll and contemporary music



The classics are always popular



I can get a lot of chicks with that car!



Nice Engine!



Hey Barry! Is that your car? If so, nice ride.



BILLY DELGADO'S PLAN TRANSIT VILLAGE INITIATIVE

Billy Delgado's plan for calls for NJ Transit to invest \$50 million rehabilitating the Perth Amboy train station to make it an anchor for private sector development of a transit village that will create jobs and lower taxes.

The Transit Village program establishes partnerships among business and government to help them carry out local redevelopment objectives to create jobs while building new infrastructure & developing areas already connected by our mass transit network.

The Delgado proposal makes our transit hub safe, clean and accessible and revitalizes the downtown economy, creates good jobs and reduces property taxes.



Transit Villages reduce traffic congestion, benefit the environment and help create healthful, vibrant neighborhoods. In addition to housing and mixed-use development, the Delgado proposal promotes many uses, consistent with Complete Streets principles that encourage the safe accommodation of all users of streets and roads, including pedestrians and bicyclists.

The Transit Village designation would give us resources to fuel the opportunity to extend these benefits to Perth Amboy and encourage the use of public transportation in a ways that make sense in everybody's lives.

The Current Mayor failed to apply for it!

No action has been taken since 2009!

While a quarter of the train riders who boarded at Perth Amboy's rail station have disappeared and the unemployment rate more than doubled.

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Billy Delgado for Mayor

Jose Santos
City Council



Ana Mascenik
City Council

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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

Thinking Out Loud
My Suggestions to Candidates

Since I don't drive, I walk the streets of Perth Amboy a lot which causes me to make a lot of observations. One thing that always sticks out and that I have mentioned in previous editorials are the conditions of the City streets. At the risk of repeating myself, If I were Mayor I would not build anymore residential structures. Anything that is in place right now regarding residential buildings that is signed, sealed and delivered I would have no control over. I would not allow any developer to build any new properties unless they took on the cost of repairing the streets and sewer mains that they wanted to build on. I personally at this time am not in favor of mixed use buildings.

I went through Harbortown recently and when I saw those new structures going up it was rather disturbing. Harbortown is a little city unto itself and I see no recreation for the residents living there. I think that was part of the original plans, for there to be a recreation facility, a playground and if I'm not mistaken some stores for shopping. None of this ever came to be.

There are enough abandoned buildings in Perth Amboy that should be rehabilitated before new structures are built on empty lots. I rather see those empty lots become mini-parks or a recreation center for residents in those neighborhoods. My suggestion for those mini-parks would be to build a recreational center where residents can go for different activities that would be a part of those centers.

On the corner of East and New Brunswick Avenues there is an empty lot. For those of us who remember, there used to be a mixed use building consisting of a laundromat on the ground level and apartments

on top. That building was destroyed when a car hit it and caused a gas explosion. Fortunately, the building and surrounding area were evacuated so there were no serious injuries. That lot could be converted into a mini-park for those residents living in that area. Some would ask, "Who would be responsible for maintaining those parks?" Well, that all depends on what recreational activities would be in the park.

I notice that a lot of kids use the Jefferson Street Parking lot to go skateboarding although there are signs posted, "No skateboarding or roller-skating allowed." This park would suit that need. In the Avenel Skateboard Park they even have competitive contests based on age groups. The candidates need to think outside the box. There are a lot of possibilities for this town besides crowding people into small tight spaces.

I would continue to seek out more corporations that will get able to employ our residents who are out of work.

I don't care what the numbers said of the recent Census, Perth Amboy is way over the 50,000 plus mark in residents.

We also like to talk to our advertisers and there is one particular one who said that Amboy would be a prime target for a minor league baseball team. Hey, the Buffalo Bison's are leaving Buffalo. Who knows?

As far as the Celotex property is concerned, I still would like to see a dig there because something tells me that there might be important historic artifacts buried there. The property is large enough to build a High School.

In conclusion as I walk the streets, I see them rapidly deteriorating, and I just don't want to see them collapse.

C.M.

THE COMMUNITY VOICE



Love Our City

Is this the Business Administrator's City? No, he lives in East Brunswick.

Is this the Director Of Public Works City? No, he lives in Berkeley Heights.

Is this the city where Mayor Wilda Diaz lives? Yes and she should be ashamed.

Alan E. Silber
Perth Amboy



*Photo by Alan Silber

Chez Slavko
on the
Boardwalk

After enjoying a delightful afternoon taking in the Concerts by the Bay led by the indomitable Chris Pederson and his Garden State Symphonic Band it is a treat to devour the chili hotdogs at the Chez Slavko lunch truck at the boardwalk.

This also brings back happy memories of my misspent youth when I served as navigator on active duty in 1952 on Okinawa flying as a crew member on B-29 bombers over North Korea. We watched

movies in between missions. Among one of the technicians the name Slavko Vorkapich appeared. A crew member picked it up and addressed another crew member usually me - as "Slavko." The reply was "Vorkapich." This continues on a few missions. When a nine hour flight got boring a crew member would bark over the intercom, "Hey! Slavko! Where in blazes are you taking us? I have a date with Yoko, the belle of the town of Deregawa!" I was also the honorary mayor of that town. Anything to break the tension of those times!

As an old hotdog connoisseur I appreciate Slavko's hotdogs. I began my career at age

14. I was the hotdog boy for Monte Borak, of sainted memory, at Water's Stadium. I can still hear his sales pitch. "A loaf of bread a pound of meat, a gallon of mustard, a shovel of sauerkraut - all for a nickel, five cents! "Slavko's dogs are the closest in quality those of good, old Monte! May Slavko continue to exist and prosper. No matter where he may find himself. May the name of Slavko Vorkapich be honored and cherished, as it lifted-up our spirits in the service of our country in the long ago.

Thank you for your courtesies.
Very truly yours,
Peter Book/a.k.a. Pedro Libro

Old Hand And
Experience

We are the old timers. Young people say that we cling to traditional or conservative ideas. Some of the old timers may never have graduated from High School but they took three important subjects in elementary school. The three R's were reading, writing, and arithmetic. We need the newspaper and books and I'm not talking about comic books.

I call myself an older person but I have been given a new title. I am now a Senior Citizen.

Let me tell you a little bit about our organization. We have been around for a long time and we have a large membership. Our club is not a bunch of rookies. We have a good farm system and our numbers are increasing year

by year.

We may eat slower and drive slower but we are not driving and walking while talking on a cell phone or heads down on some kind of smart phone. Look around, they are everywhere. They drive while using these gadgets, walk and talk or heads down. They think nothing about crossing streets while using them and they will cross right in front of moving cars. Life is not like some program on T.V. This is the land of make believe. Real life doesn't work like that.

Evening News begins with, "Good Evening," and then proceeds to tell about these people getting killed or killing someone else. Are these young adults in our Senior Farm system? No! I'm sorry to say but they are still in the little leagues.

I have an idea that would

save a million people's lives in the United States. Cell phones, computers, smart phones are to be kept in your house but you can carry your cell phone and use only in case of emergency. I should get 100% O.K. from the old timers but the young people will say, "This guy is living in the past." My answer is, "You still don't understand and what danger or even death is, because you are still playing Little League Ball."

I hope and pray that many people can read this article and if you can, don't forget to thank a Teacher. Also be grateful to Mom and Dad for having books and newspapers in your house.

I have always said, "A house is not a home without a newspaper in it."

Thomas Francis Clark
Metuchen

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PERTH AMBOY - The Office of Emergency Management has designated Cooling Centers for the public in three Perth Amboy facilities due to high temperatures.

1. Alexander F. Jankowski Community Center located on 1 Olive Street; open M-F until 5 p.m.
2. Perth Amboy Public Library located on 196 Jefferson Street; open until 5 p.m.
3. Raritan Bay Area YMCA gymnasium located on 357 New Brunswick Avenue; open M-F 5:30 a.m. - 9:45 p.m.

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HIV Support

PERTH AMBOY — Raritan Bay Medical Center is sponsoring an HIV support group meeting on Monday, Sep. 17 at 6 p.m. Anyone diagnosed with or caring for someone infected with HIV is welcome to attend. Meetings are held at the hospital's Perth Amboy Division, New Brunswick Avenue.

To register or for more information, call (732) 324-5022.

Kearny Cottage Open

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

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Community Calendar

Perth Amboy	
WED. Sep 12	Municipal Court, 1:30 p.m., Court House, New Brunswick Ave. City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, High Street
THURS. Sep. 13	Municipal Court, 6 p.m., Court House, New Brunswick Ave.
MON. Sep 17	City Council, Caucus 4:30 p.m. City Hall, High Street
TUES. Sep 18	Municipal Court, 9 a.m. and 6 p.m., Court House, New Brunswick Ave.

South Amboy

MON Sep 17	City Council, Business, 6 p.m. City Hall, N. Broadway
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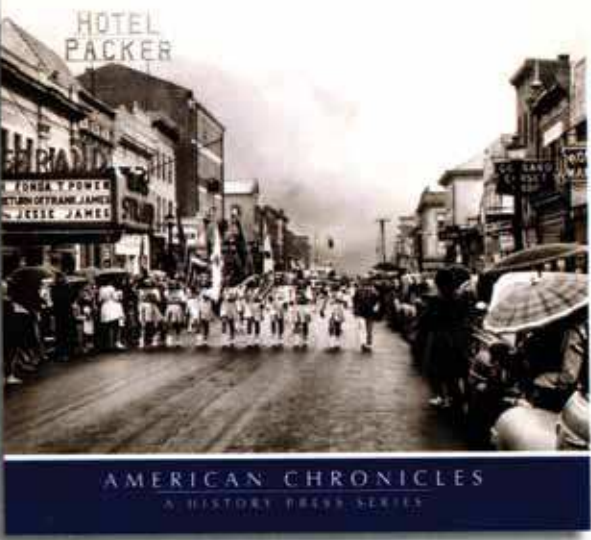


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Book Signing
PERTH AMBOY - Local author Katherine Massopust will have a book signing of her new book, “Stories From Perth Amboy” on Wednesday, September 26 at 7 p.m. at the Raritan Bay Coffee Company at the Historic Train Station.

Book Signing
PERTH AMBOY - There will be a book signing of local author Katherine Massopust who wrote “Stories From Perth Amboy” at the Kearny Cottage, 63 Catalpa Ave., at 2 p.m. on Sunday, September 23. For more info call 732-293-1090.

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Perth Amboy Mayoral Candidate Bob McCoy with Congressman Bob Menendez at a rock the vote fundraiser for Obama
**photo submitted by Kisha McCoy Ojeda*

The Leonard Sendelsky 3rd Annual Golf & Cocktail Reception

MANALAPAN - The Leonard Sendelsky Golf & Cocktail Reception will be at the Knob Hill Golf Club, 1 Shineckcock Dr., Manalapan, NJ on September 18: Patio Breakfast 9 a.m., Shotgun Tee off: 10 a.m., Cocktail Reception: 3 p.m. Each golfer will receive patio breakfast, greens fee, golf cart, golf shirt, on course refreshments and cocktail reception ticket. Early Bird Savings: Register before August 15 - Individual Golfer - \$180, Foursome \$720, Register after August 16: Individual Golfer \$205, Foursome \$800. For those guests only attending the Cocktail Reception - \$75. Register at www.rbaymca.org. For more info about the golf outing or the Y, please contact Yarelis at 732-442-3632. Come out and help support the Raritan Bay Area YMCA.

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**Perth Amboy
Receives \$1.7
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News Release
PERTH AMBOY— Mayor Wilda Diaz is pleased to announce \$1.7 million in funds for waterfront improvements to the areas affected by the March 2010 storm. “This has been long awaited. This area has been fenced off for over two years. Thanks to the State grant we are able to restore our waterfront storm damaged areas,” said Mayor Wilda Diaz. The New Jersey Departmental Environmental Protection, Coastal Protection Grant funded Perth Amboy for repairs to the walkway, bulkhead replacement, revetment and beach replenishment for Sadowksi Parkway and areas near the Raritan Yacht Club on Water Street and the Historic Ferry Slip on Front Street. Construction is expected to begin in October.

**Conversational
Italian**

PERTH AMBOY - Interested in learning to speak Italian? The Kearny Cottage Historical Society is offering Italian lessons on Wednesday evenings beginning on September 19 at 6 p.m. at the Kearny Cottage, 63 Catalpa Ave., Perth Amboy. \$60 for eight weeks. For more info call 732-293-1090.

**Just Us
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SAYREVILLE/SOUTH AMBOY - Come join us at Cruisin The Peterpank Diner With The Just Us Cruisers Car Club, DJ Richie, The Flash & Crew from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. starting Jun 01 (Clubs & Organizations) every Friday night until Sept. 21. In The Parking Lot Of The Peterpank Diner at 967 Route 9 North In Sayreville/South Amboy . This year we will make Donations To, The Camp Dill Foundation, Sayreville Brain Injured Children. We Welcome Everyone At Our Cruise Nights Classic Cars, Customs, Trucks & Custom Motorcycles, If You Drive It. You Can Bring It. For Info Call: Richie @ 732-525-0412. For Info The Night Of The Show Call The Diner @ 732-721-2850 Live DJ Music From The 50's,60's,70's,80's, Kids Games, Trophies Every Night & It's FREE Door Prizes, 50/50 ,Food, and More. Come And Enjoy A Great Night Of Fun...We Are A Member Of The Central NJ Car Club Association.Com.

Hy Tavern Pig Roast for Breast Cancer Awareness - Perth Amboy - September 8, 2012
**photos by Carolyn Maxwell*



Showing support at Hy Tavern Pig Roast Fundraiser for Breast Cancer

**Vote By Mail
Assistance
Training**

PERTH AMBOY - There will be a training session on vote by mail apps/ballots on Monday, September 17 at 6:30 p.m. at the Dems HQ, 144 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy. Anyone who will be assisting voters with this process should attend this training with the County Clerk, Elaine. RSVP by text to 732-423-9880 or call 732-826-7876.

**Friends of the
Sayreville Public
Library Meeting**

SAYREVILLE - The Friends of the Sayreville Public Library will hold their monthly meeting on Saturday, September 15, 2012 at 9:30AM in the Library Conference Room. The group will be organizing donated books for their sale at Sayreville Day on Sunday, September 16. Donations are being taken by the group of children's books. For further information contact Elaine at 732-727-0192.

Knitting Circle
SOUTH AMBOY - There will be a Knitting Circle on the first and third Tuesday each month at 6 p.m. at the Dowdell Library, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. For more info call 732-721-6060.

**Accepting
Registrations**

PERTH AMBOY - Assumption Catholic School is accepting registrations. Consider a Catholic Education for your child at Assumption Catholic School that next year will celebrate a milestone - 50 years of excellence in education! Our school has an Open Enrollment Policy accepting applicants at any time. ACS summer office hours are from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday through Thursday. We have openings for the 2012-2013 school year in grades: Pre-K (age 4), K,1,2,3,4,7 & 8. Visit us at www.assumptioncatholicsschool.net or call the school at 732-826-8721. Our Principal will give you a tour and answer any questions.

50+ Art Show
PERTH AMBOY - Looking for artists for an upcoming event in October at the Kearny Cottage. There will be an art display from local artists 50+ years to have their work on display at the Kearny Cottage, 63 Catalpa Ave., Perth Amboy. For more info call Paul at 732-293-1090

**Middlesex
County Senior
Health &
Fitness Walk**

EDISON - There will be the Middlesex County Senior Health & Fitness Walk on September 19 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Roosevelt Park. There will be health screenings, wellness info, entertainment, warm-up exercises, boxed lunches, T-shirts, giveaways and raffles. Registration is required. Contact your local Senior Center or call the Middlesex County Office of Aging & Disabled Services. 732-745-3295.

**Dunk A
South Amboy
Politician And
Help The
Library**

SOUTH AMBOY - Dunk some of the well-known personalities of South Amboy and help the Dowdell Library at the same time. A dunking booth in front of City Hall will feature former South Amboy Mayor John O'Leary, City Councilman Mickey Gross, South Amboy High School teacher and coach Tony Gon-salves, and drum major for the illustrious Colonel D.B. Kelly Pipes & Drums of the AOH of South Amboy, George Fuller. The booth sponsored by the Dowdell Library Foundation and Assemblyman John S. Wisniewski, will be part of the Arts Festival and Street Fair held on Sunday, September 23 from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm on Broadway, South Amboy. All funds raised will be used to purchase new computers for the Sadie Pope Dowdell Public Library of South Amboy.

Backpack Distribution St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry Perth Amboy

* Photos submitted



Atlantic City Bus Trip

PERTH AMBOY - Bus trip to Bally's Hotels and Casinos from St. Peter's Episcopal Church Parish House, 183 Rector St., Perth Amboy on Sunday, October 14. Bus leaves at 12 Noon. Tickets are \$27 p.p. Sponsored by St. Peter's Mother's Guild. Tickets can be purchased by calling Ann at 732-442-8875. Enjoy a day of fun with your friends.

Paella Party

PERTH AMBOY - St. Peter's Episcopal Church presents A Paella Party catered by: Little Spain Restaurant. Come enjoy an afternoon of good food, music & entertainment by a Flamenco dancer. September 30 from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at The Boyd House Lawn, 222 Rector St., Perth Amboy. Price \$20 adults, \$15 children, (under 12 free). Contact Elaine 732-738-4138 or Betty 848-203-4642 for more info.

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Art Reception

THURSDAY, Sept. 20th - 7 p.m. - Art Reception for Hearts of Nature by Noelle Jimenez Zaleski, at Raritan Bay Coffee, inside the Perth Amboy train station, 233 Smith St., Perth Amboy NJ. Noelle is a nationally recognized nature photographer. You will be amazed by her stunning slide show and photo exhibit which runs through October. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Fundraiser for Miguel Morales

PERTH AMBOY- Miguel Morales Fundraiser, Friday, September 14, 6 p.m. at the Armory Restaurant., Front Street, Perth Amboy.

Annual Golden Rule Tea

SAYREVILLE/SOUTH AMBOY - The Annual Golden Rule Tea will be held on Sunday, September 16th at Trinity United Methodist Church, 815 Bordentown Ave, Sayreville/ South Amboy from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. The Tea will include a fashion show from the Titanic era as well as a display of Titanic memorabilia. Various teas will be served together with homemade sandwiches and desserts. Tickets are \$15. Reservations are a must. Call 732-727-1935 or the Golden Rule Preschool at 732-721-3887 for further info and reservations.

Sunday Luncheon & Lecture

Featuring Artist Francis McGinley

NEW BRUNSWICK - On Sunday, September 16, the Raritan-Millstone Heritage Alliance will welcome Frank McGinley to their Sunday Luncheon and Lecture Series. A celebrated author and artist from central New Jersey, Mr. McGinley will show several of the one hundred original paintings from his new book, "Let Us Never Forget, an Illustrated History of World War II and the Holocaust." Copies of the book will be available for sale \$35 at the book signing following the luncheon. The event begins at 1 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, 2 Albany St., New Brunswick. To register, please mail your \$35 check, payable to Raritan-Millstone Heritage Alliance and marked, "September Luncheon," to Mrs. Elyce Jennings, 851 River Rd., Piscataway, NJ 08854-5550 or call 732-463-0767.

ADOPT-A-BEACH

INTERNATIONAL COASTAL CLEANUP DAY
Sat., September 15th @ 10 a.m.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

The **City of Perth Amboy and NJ Clean Communities** are proud to announce our International Coastal Cleanup Day, also known as "Adopt-a-Beach Day". Participants will beautify the Perth Amboy waterfront and surrounding recreation/park areas along with many other communities. We will also be joined by Matt Leahy, the Coast Guard Auxiliary for a short film and education on the effects of litter on our marine life.

"Meet new friends who care about the environment as you do. The success of the clean-up depends on volunteerism of the community," said Mayor Wilda Diaz.

WE NEED YOU!!

- Local Business owners -- get involved in the community, extend a helping hand and notify your employees and come as a group.
- Students and children of all ages-- Children/teens under the age of 15 are expected to be accompanied by an adult or group leader.
- Groups, individuals and families -- This is a great opportunity to team build and to serve the community.

WHEN: Saturday, September 15, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
WHERE: Sadowski and High Streets, Waterfront & Recreation/Park Areas

REGISTRATION: Fill out the attached form below entirely to participate. **Lunch will also be provided after the clean-up.**

All ages welcome to participate. Please be reminded that children under the age of 15 are expected to be accompanied by an adult or group leader. For additional information, please call: 732-826-2010 ext. 4204. Please send the completed registration form via email to: gbarcheski@prethamboynj.org or fax 732-826-1188.

(Organization) Name _____ Group _____ Individual _____ Family _____

Number of adults _____ Number of children under 12 _____ Number of youth 12-18 yrs. _____

Contact telephone for this groups _____ Contact Person _____

E-mail _____ Today's Date: _____



Artfest & Street Fair

SOUTH AMBOY - The City of South Amboy Artfest & Street Fair will be on Sunday, Sept. 23 11a.m. until 4 p.m. Rain Date: Sunday Sept. 30. Crafters, artists, food vendors. Free Hands on activities. Free Entertainment on Broadway! Free admission and parking. For vendor info call 732-316-8213.

Janice Garbolino Memorial 5K Walk/Run

SOUTH AMBOY - Cancer. The Big 'C' - call it what you will. Years ago it seemed like a death sentence but today with the work being done the Lance Armstrong Foundation, more people are fighting the battle and winning, going on to live happy, healthy and productive lives.

It is the focus on the living that brought the YMCA and the Lance Armstrong Foundation together, united in a common purpose — to ensure that cancer survivors and their families receive the help and support they need to thrive.

Each year 400+ walkers and runners participate in the annual Janice Garbolino Memorial 5K event, walking or running in memory of Janice Garbolino, the former Health & Wellness Director of the Metuchen Branch YMCA, who lost her battle with breast cancer in 2002.

Janice would be pleased and proud of the work the YMCA is undertaking with the Lance Armstrong Foundation in her memory.

NEW THIS YEAR: The Y is asking participants to get involved by not only walking or running in memory or in honor of a loved one, but by raising funds in support of the program. Participants can simply and easily establish a personal fundraising page and set a personal or team fundraising goal by visiting the YMCA's website (www.ymcaofmewsa.org) and clicking on the Garbolino 5K Event link.

EVENT DETAILS: The event will take place at Roosevelt Park in Edison NJ on Saturday, morning September 22nd. Registration will be accepted in advance at the branches of the YMCA of Metuchen, Edison, Woodbridge & South Amboy and online through midnight on Thursday, September 20th. After September 20th, participants can register the morning of the event, from 7:30 AM until 8:15 AM at Lakeview School in Roosevelt Park (the location of the start and finish of the 5K).

Public Notice

PERTH AMBOY - The Housing Authority of the City of Perth Amboy is no longer accepting new applications for senior/disabled housing effective Tuesday, September 4, 2012. New applications will only be accepted for the public housing program from Perth Amboy residents displaced by a natural disaster. Contact (732) 826-3110 for further information or questions.

Meet 'N Greet

PERTH AMBOY - Anyone business owner interested in being one of the sponsors to promote your business at a bi-monthly Meet 'N Greet at the Barge Restaurant, 201 Front Street, Perth Amboy please call Milton Paris, President of Getting Ahead in Business: 732-306-0040. Limited Free Advertising in Newspaper plus Constant Contact. Free buffet. Reserve your space now. Limited spacing.

Free Personal Growth & Leadership Development Class

PERTH AMBOY - During the month of October Leo Sierra, a leadership development consultant is hosting two free study groups that will meet once a week for 5 straight weeks. The first class is called "The 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership" which is based on one of John C. Maxwell best sellers and is about learning the proven laws that will increase your leadership ability and allow you to produce better results. The second class is called "The 15 Laws of Growth" based on the upcoming new book by John Maxwell to be released during the month of October and is about learning the key ingredients for personal growth & allow you to reach your potential. These two groups are Free of charge and are open only to serious individuals that are looking for growth opportunities. For any questions or to register for the class you can email Leo Sierra at leopoldo_sierra@hotmail.com or check his website at www.leosierra.info Class Schedule: The 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership (Every Tuesday at 7 p.m. October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30). The 15 Laws of Personal Growth (Every Thursday at 7 p.m. October 4, 11, 18, 25, Nov 1). Location: 189 Fayette Street, Perth Amboy.

Women's Health & Wellness Fair

SOUTH AMBOY - The Y celebrates Women's Health & Fitness in September as a way to promote the importance and value of women maintaining a healthy lifestyle. The South Amboy Branch YMCA will be hosting a Women's Health & Wellness Fair on Tuesday, September 25th from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. to engage women in healthful activities together. Women throughout the community are invited to participate in the scheduled events that will take place at the South Amboy Y, located at 200 John T. O'Leary Blvd, South Amboy.

Scheduled activities for the morning include Zumba Toning, Cycling, and Tai Chi classes, blood pressure screenings from Raritan Bay Medical Center, free flu shots by Dr. Ofori-Behome of Adom Family Medicine, dark chocolate giveaways, and more!. Please visit our website for a complete schedule of activities for the day: www.ymcaofmewsa.org.

All women in the community are invited to join us and celebrate at the South Amboy Y's Women's Health & Wellness Fair. For more information, please call the Y's Welcome Desk at 732-553-9622.

Sciortino's Supports South Amboy YMCA At Proceeds Day Fundraiser

SOUTH AMBOY — Sciortino's Harbor Lights and the South Amboy Branch YMCA are excited to announce "Proceeds Day" benefitting the Y's "Strong Kids" Program. Proceeds Day will be held at Sciortino's on Thursday, September 13th from 11:30am - 11:30pm. Sciortino's has generously offered to donate 15% of all bills, dine-in only, to the Y's scholarship program when a Proceeds Day flyer is presented. The restaurant is located at 132 South Broadway in South Amboy.

As a special treat, all families who attend Proceeds Day will be entered into a raffle to win their choice of one of the following fabulous prizes: One FREE Month of School Age After Care (October 2012), One FREE Week of Camp SAY (Summer 2013), or One FREE Session of Swim Lessons (November-December 2012). In the excitement of "Back to School", why not take a night to relax and have a family dinner at Sciortino's?

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Open Jam Report



*Photos submitted

By Eddy Gonzalez

PERTH AMBOY - This summer I must say was the best open air open jam yet. A new group of musicians and singers came to the jam younger to and rocked it.

I've never seen such dedication. They never missed one jam not to mention this year three other open mics started. They went to all and a practice day so 5 out of 7 days these kids were jamming and doing it well. I've played guitar in bars and clubs for a long time and the skills they have are amazing.

They all have talent and a great future. It was a honor to meet and play with them and look forward to season 3 of the Open Air Open Jam.

I must give special thanks to the backbone of it all and great friend George Bonilla

also Barry Rosengarten for his support and letting us host the Open Jam on his property and all the guests who came to the jam.

These open mic nights are important to everyone. It's an outlet and entertainment. It is a place to show the results of hours of practice and motivate more practice it is a place to gain confidence self worth it is a place that inspires and creates desire and passion, something that a lot of today's youth have lost.

George and myself (a.k.a. The Commission) are planning a music festival for next season were more of Perth Amboy's talent can perform so stay tuned to the Amboy Gardian where you heard it first for updates, start practicing!

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Amboy Spotlight: The Barge Restaurant

The Barge Celebrates it's 83rd Anniversary

By: Katherine Massopust
PERTH AMBOY - Over 83 years old, with its beginnings in 1929 the Barge is a modern day landmark in Perth Amboy. The menu has never changed over the past 40 years and fresh seafood, prime meats and Maine lobster have remained a staple.

Back in 1925 through 1950 the Barge was a floating restaurant and used to be known as Brownie's Barge. It served the catch of the day. In 1951 a fire destroyed Brownie's Barge so the restaurant was rebuilt on the shore near where it was docked. Over the years the Barge went through several different owners.

Presently, the Barge is owned by Alex Vosinas and his father-in-law, George Nickolas. Alex was born in Sparta, Greece and came to the United States at age 7 in 1969 and lived in Perth Amboy until 1996 when he moved to Metuchen. George Nickolas was also born in Sparta, Greece but moved to a waterfront town in Athens to become a mechanic to work on the cruise ships. In 1956 (George was 18), his uncle who lived in Perth Amboy and owned Coney Island Restaurant sponsored his father, George, and two other siblings to come to the United States.

George worked as a dishwasher in Coney Island until the cook retired so George's uncle trained him as a cook. George and his brother later bought Tom and Maria's Restaurant in Edison and in 1981 they bought the Barge which he now owns with Alex Vosinas, his son-in-law. Married 50 years to his wife Dolores, George has two children, daughter Callie Ann (married to Alex) and son, Christopher.

When he was a young man, Alex worked as a busboy in the Barge. Alex's father, George worked as a cook at the Barge for 40 years while his mother, Stella worked at Amboy Knits. While in high school, Alex learned to be a cook at the Barge. Alex graduated Perth Amboy High School in 1980 and then eventually owned the Barge in 1993 when he bought one of the partners out.

Presently, at the Barge, Alex serves as cook, host and maître'd. Alex feels it is an honor to be associated with a business that has been established for over 87 years. "Tradition keeps going on. Customers keep coming back and they love what we have to offer."

What makes a successfully restaurant? Alex answers, "Three things: 1) Price, 2)

Food, 3.) Prompt Service. A successful business takes a lot of hard work, long hours and an excellent staff." Alex is proud to state, "We have staff members who have worked here for over 40 years. The average time someone stays is 10 years. We believe in taking care of our staff as we take care of our repeat customers. The staff is dedicated to their work and to the success of the restaurant."

The menu offers a variety of seafood as well as other dishes. Some of the menu items include Broiled Fresh Flounder at \$11.95, Broiled Salmon at \$11.95, Broiled Red Snapper at \$11.95 all served with potato and salad to name a few. The Barge features Early Bird Specials (before 4 p.m.).

The interior of the Barge Restaurant is decorated with murals from local artist Tom Ward. The Barge sells Ward's paintings as well. There are some paintings from local artist Francis McGinley in the bar which were gifts from the artist. The Barge also is decorated in nautical decor to reflect the atmosphere of the Waterfront. Alex had the front patio constructed outside for outdoor dining in 1994, which the Barge has live entertainment and a great waterfront view. He also had the upstairs apartment (where the former owners lived) converted to a dining hall for parties in 1997.

The Barge has hosted a variety of clubs in Perth Amboy including the Women's Club, The Royal Garden Club, Kiwanis Club, Lion's Club, etc. all have had their meetings and eaten at the Barge for lunch at Club rates. The Barge hosts over 100 parties a year including baby showers, bridal showers, birthday parties, reunions, corporate parties, retirement parties, etc. The Barge caters on and off the premises for any occasion with an assortment of menus to choose from.

Alex Vosinas has taken part of Op Sail 2000, the annual Raritan Yacht Club's Sail to Fight Juvenile Diabetes, Muscular Dystrophy Association events, and the Louise Simon Foundation for Cancer. He is a supporter of Perth Amboy's Concert's By the Bay and the Proprietary House Association. He is an Elected Member of the Board of Trustees at St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church in Perth Amboy. He and his wife, Callie have two children: George and Nickolas.

What does Alex cook at home? "I make whatever my wife and kids want - mostly

lobster and shrimp."

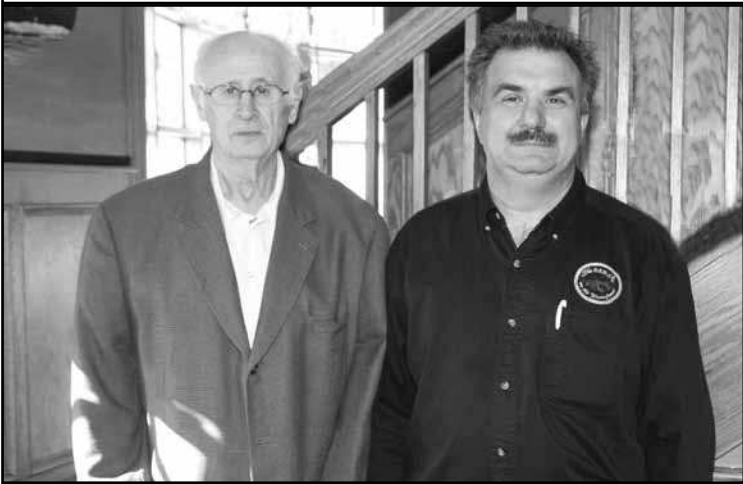
Alex Vosinas supports practically all of the City events as well as many charities. "And anything else I'm called upon," he states. Alex Vosinas has won Entrepreneur of the Year on October 18, 2001 by the Perth Amboy Chamber of Commerce, and an Award from Veteran's Voice in 2007, and both Alex Vosinas and George Nickolas won Businessmen of the Year from P.A.M.A. on April 12, 2011 and for their award received a Citation from Perth Amboy Mayor Wilda Diaz, New Jersey Senator Joe Vitale and Assemblyman John Wisniewski. The Barge also won for Best Entree in The 2nd Annual Taste of Perth Amboy in 2011 and the Barge will be participating in the 3rd Annual Taste of Perth Amboy, October 2, 2012.

When asked the future of the Barge, "I want to keep the restaurant running and make improvements every day."

To celebrate the Barge's Anniversary there will be daily specials. For the month of September there will be a Lobster Festival Monday thru Thursday - two 1lb Maine lobsters with Mussels Fra Diavolo, salad with coffee or hot tea for \$28.95. No Coupons apply. Cannot be combined with any other offer. Please check the Barge's website www.thebarge.com



Exterior of the Barge Restaurant



Barge Owners George Nickolas and Alex Vosinas

for more details on upcoming events. There also was a Meet 'N Greet at the Barge for businesses to network on Tuesday, August 28, 2012 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. "The Meet 'N Greet was so popular in August that we had to cut people off early." By popular demand, the next Meet 'N Greet will be on Wednesday, November 14,

2012 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. For more info call Milton at 732-306-0040.

When asked the secret of his success, Alex Vosinas answers, "The customers are my bosses. Believe me, it's not about the business. It's all about you. Special request is our specialty. Without customers, you are nobody."

Local Singer/Songwriter's Music Video Wins Award At World Music & Film Festival

Project Filmed Entirely In Perth Amboy, Emerges With Best Rock Music Video Honors

News Release

WASHINGTON D.C. - Singer-songwriter and Perth Amboy resident, Jeff Saxon, took home the Best Rock Music Video award at The World Music And Independent Film Festival, recently held in Washington, D.C. The international music and film festival presented the honor for Saxon's moody and politically-pertinent anthem, "High Time For A Hero". The winners were announced August 25th at a black-tie luncheon held in the Presidential Ballroom of the Capital Hilton Hotel, capping off a week of screenings, panels and events. Saxon also performed an acoustic guitar and vocal rendition of the song shortly after receiving his trophy at the ceremony. "I'm incredibly thankful, honored and excited just to have been nominated for this award, but winning was truly the icing on the cake.", Saxon stated. The 3rd annual music and film fes-

tival drew hundreds of film and video submissions from 32 countries.

The video, directed by Christina Eliopoulos, was filmed entirely in Perth Amboy, New Jersey, during a two day shoot in the spring of 2011, offers a symbolic look at a slice of America in the form of a small to medium size urban city; in this case, Perth Amboy. Eliopoulos explains: "The video sets out to capture the hopeful spirits that live in a town where help is obviously needed...where struggles beset us, but hope keeps people looking ahead and moving forward." This was Eliopoulos's first music video project, but the NJ-based director also won the New Jersey Film Festival's Best Documentary honors in 2009 for "Greetings From Asbury Park: The Movie". Eliopoulos and director of photography, Edouard Nammour, implemented some astute and powerful symbolism to get the hope-over-despair message



Jeff Saxon holding his award *photo submitted

in across. Several young ballet dancers from The Joffrey Ballet and Alvin Ailey ballet troupes are featured in the video.

"High Time For A Hero" was also nominated for Best Music Video honors at The Toronto Independent Film Festival, which takes place this month.

The audio single, "High Time For A Hero", is available on iTunes and the video can be viewed on YouTube.

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. New books have arrived! Mystery, Classics, Popular Authors! Book Dealers Welcome. For more info call 732-826-2600. There are also books for sale at Raritan Bay Coffee Company (at the Historic Train Station)

Our Lady of Victories Oktoberfest

SAYREVILLE - Our Lady of Victories Parish will hold a parish Oktoberfest on Saturday, September 29 from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. in Monsignor Dalton Hall. Bernie's Orchestra will provide entertaining German music. The Bayern Verein dancers will entertain throughout the evening. A delicious German dinner will be served along with mouth-watering German desserts. German beer, wine, soda, and water will be available all evening. The ticket price is \$35 and can be purchased by calling either Teri at (732) 727-7639 or Joe at (732) 257-4351. Tables of ten can be reserved for the event. Tickets will also be available after all Masses starting on August 19.

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.

Record Collection

PARILIN - The Friends of the Sayreville Public Library will continue its program of record donations. The records must be either 45's or 33 1/3. We do not accept 78's. Please contact Teri at 732-727-7639 for further information or if you have large record donations.

Zumba Class

PERTH AMBOY - Here is what you have been waiting for... we have started a brand new Zumba class every Monday at 7 p.m. and will be taught by one of the best Zumba instructors in our area. So, we invite you and all your friends to come work-out with us every Monday night. There is no better way to start of the week than burning some calories, losing weight and eliminating stress while having fun! Admission: \$5 per person. Address: 189 Fayette St., Perth Amboy (Entrance by the Administration building). For questions call: (732) 709-0129

Elvis Tribute Show

PORT READING - There will be an Elvis Tribute Show starring Rick Alviti on Saturday, October 27 at St. Anthony of Padua, 436 Port Reading Ave., Port Reading. Doors open at 6 p.m. Show at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$45 pp. Includes: show, hot buffet, dessert, coffee, tea & soda. B.Y.O.B. Seats are limited. First Come First Served. For more info or tickets call Francine at 732-881-3619.

Garden Club By The Bay

Photo Contest

PERTH AMBOY - We will be having a photo contest with three categories: Public Gardens of Perth Amboy, Private Gardens of Perth Amboy, Out of the box (Get creative with a garden image!). There will be prizes awarded and the winners will be on the cover of our 2013 calendar. The Garden Club will be selling the calendars for a fundraiser. ANY Perth Amboy resident can enter, including our members that live in Perth Amboy. *All images must be taken in Perth Amboy. RULES: Anyone can enter, including our club members. All images must be taken in Perth Amboy. Deadline will be September 15th. You may submit up to three images. One per category. Images may be emailed to royalgc@yahoo.com. Please include your name, address and telephone number with each submission. If you have any questions please email me, Noelle Zaleski at royalgc@yahoo.com.

Senior Scene

Happenings

Perth Amboy

TODAY, Sep. 12 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., Sep. 13 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
Ukrainian Assumption Seniors, 12 Noon Church basement, Alta Vista Place
MON., Sep. 17 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.
TUES., Sep. 18 Holy Spirit Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Church Hall, Brace Ave.
• Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.
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LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY - Circa late 1960's Police display a Mobile Field Unit to a Pedestrian.
*Photo courtesy of Perth Amboy Free Public Library
This photo was restored under a grant for the Kearny Cottage Archiving project by the Middlesex Cultural and Heritage Commission

Prayer To The Blessed Virgin

(Never known to fail)
O Most Beautiful Flower of Mt. Carmel, Fruitful Vine, Splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my Mother. O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in my necessity (make request). There are none that can withstand your power. O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 times). Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands (3 times). **K.M.**
Say this prayer for 3 consecutive days. You must publish it, and it will be granted to you.

Prayer To St. Jude

To be said when problems arise or when one seems to be deprived of all visible help, or for cases almost despaired of.
Most holy Apostle, St. Jude, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the name of the traitor who delivered our beloved Father into the hands of His enemies has caused you to be forgotten by many, but the Church honors and invokes you universally, as the patron and invokes you universally, as the patron of hopeless cases, of things almost despaired of. Pray for me, I am so helpless and alone. Make use I implore you, of that particular privilege given to you, to bring visible and speedy help where help is almost despaired of. Come to my assistance in this great need that I may receive the consolation and help of heaven in all my necessities, tribulations and sufferings, particularly (Here make your request) and that I may praise God with you and all the elect forever. I promise, O blessed St. Jude, to be ever mindful of this great favor, to always honor you as my special and powerful patron, and to gratefully encourage devotion to you. Amen. **G.F.B.**

Art Lessons
PERTH AMBOY - Have you always dreamed of becoming an artist? Well here is your chance to learn from one of Perth Amboy's greatest artists. People of all ages are welcome to join, classes for beginners to experienced artists. Come check it out at the Picture Gallery, 397 Smith St., Perth Amboy. Contact Robert Roman at Cell: 732-977-3203 or at the Shop: 732-486-8590.

Eighteen Pence

PERTH AMBOY - What does Pontiac's Rebellion, New Jersey's first printer, a NJ delegate to the Continental Congress, a mistaken Loyalist, a sage leaf, and the guy paid to keep the NJ Assembly's lights on all have in common? They're all part of the fascinating history behind a piece of colonial paper money! Gordon Bond returns with a new presentation at The Perth Amboy Ferry Slip Museum Sunday, September 16 at 2 p.m. 300 Front St at the foot of Smith Street, Perth Amboy. Info: Kathleen DePow 732-442-5425. Join us for a fascinating talk and dessert sponsored by Vopak Terminals.

1st Annual Bras for a Cause

PERTH AMBOY - The Women's Council of Realtors Middlesex County Chapter Presents the 1st Annual Bras for a Cause on Friday, September 21 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Seabra's Armory At The Waterfront, Perth Amboy. The Middlesex County Chapter of Women's Council of Realtors is proud to partner with the American Cancer Society to pursue a cure for cancer. Cancer affects and touches the lives of everyone, each week in Middlesex County a staggering 75 people are diagnosed with cancer and 26 people lose their battle. Together we can make a difference helping our families and friends who are affected by this terrible disease.

What is Bras For A Cause? Local sponsors, both individuals and companies, decorate bras in various themes to be modeled during a live Auction by enthusiastic volunteer male models. Themes range from representing their business to holidays, hobbies, jokes, special tributes; imaginations run wide and deep from elegant to bizarre and everything in between! This is truly a one-of-a-kind event that people will be talking about for months.

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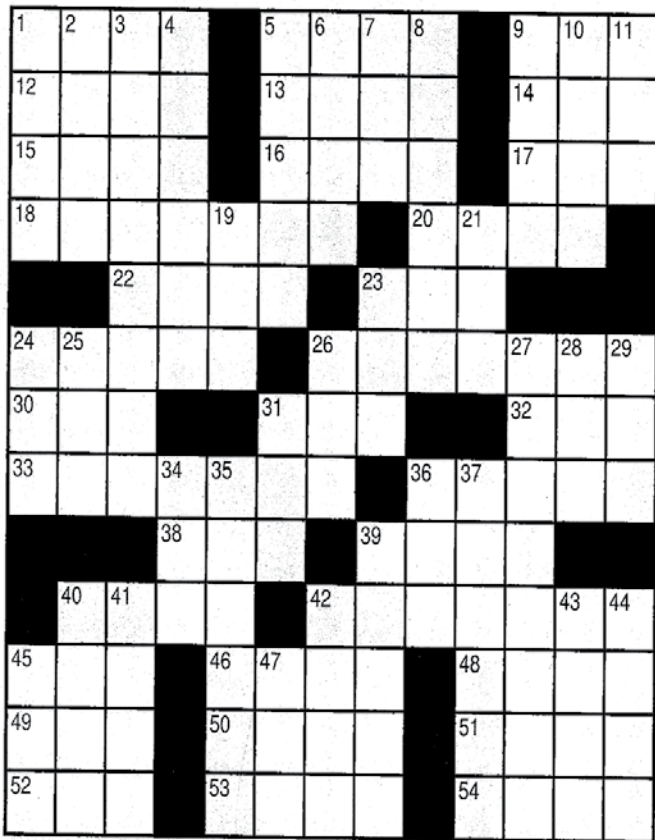
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