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Dixon Rodriguez Incident

Case Concluded - Prosecutor's Investigation

News Release PERTH AMBOY - Mayor Wilda Diaz and Benjamin Ruiz, Chief of Police announce the release of the Middlesex County Prosecutor's investigation on the Dixon Rodriguez fatal incident on December 4, 2013.

"This has been a major concern for the entire community since the incident took place. I stand by my Police Department and thank them for their conduct and professionalism throughout this difficult process. I want thank the Prosecutor's Office and Prosecutor Andrew Carey for the investigation. My sincerest sympathies and prayers are with all the families and their loved ones," said Mayor Wild Diaz.

"This has been a tragedy for all involved, the families, the officers, and the community. Upon receiving this information, we are making it available to the public. Due process has taken its position," said Benjamin Ruiz, Chief of Po-

The statement below was provided in the letter from The Middlesex Prosecutor Andrew C. Carey on the conclusion of the investigation:

"This is to inform you that the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office has concluded its investigation concerning the use of the deadly force on December 4, 2013, by two members of the Perth Amboy Police Department. Pursuant to the applicable Attorney General Law Enforcement Directives, we have provided the relevant documents and media to the Division of Criminal Justice for final review by the Office of the Attorney General. Along with the providing the materials, I have also stated our recommendation and conclusion regarding the investigation, which is, in sum and substance as follows:

"Upon the review of the entire investigation conducted by the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office, the undisputed facts indicate that the use of deadly force by the two Perth Amboy Police Department patrol officers was justified under the law, and therefore, a grand jury investigation and/or review is not required."

Officers Cleared, But Still A Cloud of Doubt 4/23/14 City Council Meeting

Statements made at this meeting was before the press release above was made public. PERTH AMBOY - December 4, 2013 was the day that Dixon Rodriguez was fatally shot by Police Officers Rafael A. Puntiel and Gina Fontan. This was four and a half months ago and the memory of what happened that day is still on the minds of some residents who spoke at the meeting. One of them was resident David Caba.

A letter from the Middlesex County Prosecutor was sent on April 21, 2014 to Mayor Diaz and Police Chief Ruiz. The letter cleared the two officers of any wrong doings in the death of Dixon Rodriguez.

When Caba came up to speak, he stated that he is not a racist. "But if an African-American was shot, there would have been an answer in two weeks! The Prosecutor said the evidence supported what the Police said. There are good Police Officers here, but there is a cloud over their heads because of this. Put yourself (The Council) in the family's



Resident and Businessman David Caba listens to the Council proceedings along with several employees of Nelvi Bus Company *Photo by Carolyn Maxwell

place. We have no leaders here - starting at the top."

Lawyer Daniel Gonzalez said, "I doubted that the Dixon Rodriguez investigation was still ongoing. If that's the case, we should just say so. This way, the family and community can be at peace."

Council President Joel Pabon said, "I hoped the County can come out and make a statement on the case (Rodriguez)."

Daniel Gonzalez countered with, "The Prosecutor and Attorney General's Office are very responsive if we just call them."

Pabon said, "We have done this."

Mayor Diaz later remarked, "I am hoping to have a resolution of the Dixon Rodriguez soon."

(See Press Release above for information forwarded to the Mayor and Police Chief and their statements.)

Venetian Care & Rehabilitation Center Will Offer A New Approach To Short- And Long-Term Care In A Comfortable, Home-Like Setting



News Release 4/23/14 SOUTH AMBOY - Early this summer The Venetian Care & Rehabilitation Center opens in South Amboy's Waterfront Redevelopment Area, offering quality care with a person-directed focus for those making the transition from hospital to home and those seeking long-

"We are very excited to welcome residents and their families to our beautiful new community and to contribute to the rebirth of the South Amboy waterfront area at the same time," said Hyman Jacobs, founder and CEO of Windsor Healthcare Communities, leaders in the field of persondirected, quality short- and long-term care.

The home will accommodate 60 short-term residents and another 120 nursing home residents. It is within walking distance of downtown South Amboy, the train station and two parks on the waterfront promenade, with scenic views and lots of entertainment opportunities. The Venetian's immediate neighbors are the South Amboy YMCA and new townhomes to be built by Woodmont Properties.

"We designed this home with an emphasis on comfort and a home-like environment," said Michael Jacobs, vice president. "From the location we

chose, to the floor plan and the rooms, we've created an environment that will allow us to treat each person as a unique individual and tailor their care around their needs and preferences."

Batsheva Katz, vice president, noted that the surrounding community will enrich the lives of residents and guests, in keeping with the philosophy of person-directed care—that every stage of life should be just as important and vibrant as the others, filled with joy, connectedness, belonging and security. The Venetian was explicitly designed to offer features for person-directed care. For example, the 93,000 square foot care and rehabilitation center - which is built in an E shape - includes separate living spaces that form "neighborhoods" on each floor to create welcoming community areas filled with natural light, lounge seating.

In addition to its neighborhoods on each level, the Venetian offers many other community spaces, including multiple dining rooms, recreational areas, libraries and outdoor gardens. In the therapy garden, which replicates Windsor Healthcare's award winning therapy garden at Merwick

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Councilwoman Lisa Nanton

PERTH AMBOY - Resolution 206-4/14 Authorizing the sale of city property not needed for public use known as BLK.175, Lot 25 & 26 Commonly known as 457-459 New Brunswick Ave. on the tax maps.

Residents have often complained about information lacking when properties are listed on the agendas. Properties have been identified has only having a lot and a block number. Addresses and Ownership should also be attached when these properties are listed on Meeting agendas.

The one property that was identified in the resolution mentioned above has been vacant for a number of years.

Resident Stanley Sierakowski wanted to know if rent had been collected on this property in the meantime. He continued by saying, "It could be used for a commercial building with parking. It's an excellent location and I could see the property selling for between \$150,000 - \$200,000."

Business Administrator Greg Fehrenbach said, "The lot is 100 ft x 100 ft. An appraisal was done about two and half years ago. There are two interested buyers. One of the parties interested in the property offered \$180,000. For us to get another appraisal done, the cost will be around \$4,500. It's going up for auction, and we are under no obligation to take the bidder's price."

Former Council President Kenneth Balut suggested that the City should hire the same person who appraised the Seaman and General Cable Properties.

Sierakowski suggested that the Council table this resolution at the regular 4/23/14 meeting.

At the regular Council Meeting, all voted "Yes" to table the resolution except for Councilwoman Lisa Nanton.

City Attorney Mark Blunda was absent at both meetings, but another attorney from his firm was present.





Venetian

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Care and Rehabilitation Center in Plainsboro, short term rehabilitation residents transitioning from hospital to home after illness or surgery can do their physical therapy outside in the fresh air. The features allow residents to practice walking on different surfaces, getting in and out of a car and even reclaim their golf swing.

Two state of the art rehabilitation gyms and a full home kitchen will enable short-term guests recovering from an accident or surgery to undergo clinician-prescribed physical, occupational and speech therapy as comfortably and productively as possible in preparation for returning home in the shortest time possible.

The private and semi-private rooms at the Venetian offer plenty of space, comfort, sunlight and privacy. Each room has individual heating and cooling controls, flat-panel television and wireless Internet, which is also available in other spaces throughout the home.

From their rooms, people living and staying at the Venetian will have views of the South Amboy community, including the water, surrounding gardens, the scenic townhome neighborhood, and a recreation club.

CEO Jacobs complimented South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry, members of the South Amboy Planning Board and other municipal officials who have worked with the Windsor Healthcare team in creating the Venetian as part of the larger waterfront redevelopment project.

"We are very impressed with the professionalism and

business-friendly approach of Mayor Henry and the other South Amboy officials," said Mr. Jacobs. "Projects like this are complicated and require the commitment of the public and private sectors to work collaboratively to assure that the community they serve can thrive. Our compliments to the South Amboy officials."

About Windsor Healthcare: A family-owned company, Windsor Healthcare Communities provides clinically sophisticated sub-acute care, as well as comprehensive nursing care, in nine homes located throughout New Jersey, where we are leading the state in our adoption of a more enlightened philosophy of "life after adulthood." At Windsor Healthcare communities, we honor people first, value relationships, and treat our Elders and employee care partners like family. This family commitment is our measure for outstanding, quality care. In our communities, we strive to do things as we would do them

Windsor Healthcare Communities include Abingdon Care & Rehabilitation Center in Green Brook, Ashbrook in Scotch Plains, Buckingham in Norwood, Canterbury in Cedar Grove, Cornell Hall in Union, Llanfair House in Wayne, Windsor Gardens in East Orange, Merwick in Plainsboro and the Venetian in South Amboy.

Please visit www.windsorhealthcare.org for more information.

For more information contact:Becky Taylor, Windsor Healthcare, (609) 240-6886 or becky@btaylorpa.

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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

Sometimes You Have to Take it into Your Own Hands - And She Did! Congratulations Stephanie!



The United Messengers of Peace - August 2013
*File Photo by Katherine Massopust

Stephanie is a High School student who would make any parent proud. And she did! It's not often that you find someone so young who is not afraid to speak her mind.

Stephanie will give you the proper recognition if she feels you have done something constructive to help students reach their potential.

But God help you if she feels that you are only doing something to promote your own agenda and using students as a stepping stone for that purpose.

Anyone who has attended the Perth Amboy Board of Education Meeting knows that Stephanie pulls no punches.

Her parents are always present at the Board of Education meetings to lend their support. Stephanie is also the founder of the United Messengers of Peace.

The United Messengers of Peace is a Community Group formed mainly by students with support of their parents and other members of the community.

Some of the members of the group are members of the Honor's Program.

When the program was faced with redefinition/elimination in the Perth Amboy Public School System, the students banded together to finally have that program reinstated. Stephanie led the charge.



Stephanie Rodriguez

She also fought to make others aware how difficult it was for physically handicapped students to attend regular classes.

I received a message from Stephanie's mother to let me know that Stephanie will be attending Colonia High School in September. This is quite an achievement for Stephanie since Colonia High School was a Silver Ranked School Nationwide for 2013.

I'm sure that Stephanie would have preferred to stay at Perth Amboy High School where she had a kinship with her fellow students, especially her Honor's Students Classmates. But she knew in her heart that she had to attend a school that would allow her to achieve her highest aspirations.

Congratulations, Stephanie! *C.M.*

THE COMMUNITY VOICE

Henry Running For Re-election

Press Release

South Amboy Mayor Fred A. Henry recently filed his petition to run for re-election. However, he did so for the first

time in 22 years without the endorsement of the South Amboy Democratic Committee. At the March 15th screening of candidates the committee, with the backing of Chairman John T. O'Leary, chose John O'Connell as its candidate for mayor. After being totally shocked and disappointed by this outcome, and after consid-

ering his options, Democratic Mayor Henry filed his petition to run against O'Connell in the June primary under Line B and with the party line of "Democrats for South Amboy."

Fred A. Henry, Mayor of the City of South Amboy

A Flawed Messenger

Regarding David Szilagyi's February 26,2014 letter to the Amboy Guardian. Statement from the Proprietary House on Dissolution of M.O.P.A. I found it disingenuous of Mr. Szilagyi to criticize Mr. Ward on the subject of money. Mr. Szilagyi's 16-year career as Perth Amboy Councilman coincided with the 18-year reign of Mayor Joe Vas.

Did Mr. Szilagyi ever write a letter about the huge cost overruns of the Safety Complex, some of which are still being litigated and potentially will cost Perth Amboy millions more?

Did Mr. Szilagyi ever write a letter when his running mate Joe Vas, who lives down the street from his house, received home improvements, worth \$25,000, free of charge from a city vendor?

Did Mr. Szilagyi ever write a letter about the \$58,000 in false invoices Imperial Construction submitted to pay for the catering cost of the false 2008 grand opening of the Safety Complex. The false grand opening took place just weeks before the election that ended Mayor Vas' and Councilman Szilagyi's long reign.

Did Mr. Szilagyi ever write a letter telling the residents of Perth Ambyo that he served on the Insurance Commission and that Gartland's Federal Hill Risk Management Insurance Company was stealing millions from the BOE and from the City? Did the fact that Councilman Szilagyi received donations for his political campaign from Gartland's insurance companies warrant a Szilagyi letter?

Perhaps Mr. Szilagyi should gaze at himself in the History Mirror before questioning the good name of Tom Ward, a long time volunteer of projects like the 911 monuments, the murals in City Hall and a long time member of the Board of Adjustments.

Mr. Szilagyi, after 16 years as a Councilman, you left this City broke and traumatized by corruption. Tax dollars were wasted, misused and stolen. While not all your fault, this happened on your watch: that is your legacy. That's a record that makes you unfit to now become a crusader in pointing out alleged wrong doings of others.

Ken Balut

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SOUTH AMBOY - Please take notice that the City Council will hold a Budget Work Session Meeting on April 30, 2014, at 5:30 P.M. at City Hall, 140 North Broadway, South Amboy, NJ, 08879. This meeting is open to the public and formal action may be taken. Kathleen Vigilante, Municipal Clerk

HIV Support

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

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

Volunteer Firefighters Needed

PERTH AMBOY - The Perth Amboy Fire Department: Volunteer Division needs mem-Accepting men and women ages 18 years or older. Volunteers must be a Perth Amboy resident. For more information please contact 732-442-3430 or 732-324-3505.

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

Monthly Book Club

SEWAREN - There will be a monthly book club at the Sewaren Library, 546 West Ave, Sewaren. For more info call 732-634-7571 or email sewarenlibrary@gmail.com. We are looking for adults to join a book club starting in November. Please fill out the attached form if you are interested in joining us. Day and time will be determined by interest. The first Book will be Defending Jacob by William Landay.

Community Calendar

Perth Amboy

MON. May 12

THURS. May 1 Historic Preservation Commission, 7 p.m.

City Hall, High St. Board of Education, 6 p.m.

WED. May 7 PAHS, Eagle Ave.

> City Council, Caucus, 4:30 p.m. City Hall, High St.

TUES. May 13 Library Board of Trustees, 5 p.m.

City Hall, High St.

UEZ, 6 p.m.

City Hall, High St.

BID, 7 p.m.

City Hall, High St. WED. May 14 City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, High St.

South Amboy

WED. May. 7 City Council, Business, 6 p.m.

City Hall, N. Broadway

MON. May. 19 Board of Education, Business / Public, 6 p.m.

SA Middle/High School, Harold Hoffman Pl.

WED. May. 21 City Council, Regular, 7 p.m.

City Hall, N. Broadway



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Master of Ceremonies Dorothy Carty Daniel



Businessman Leon (R) with his sister, Sherese Wright



Lizzette Martinez accepts for her mom, Ana Mercedes Cruz



Pastor Bernadette Falcon Lopez and Pastor Raul



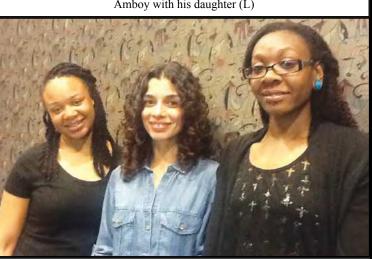
Mayor's Aide, Irving Lozada



Dr. Jorge Gonzalez Gomez (R) - Adm. of Alemeda Care Center, Perth Amboy with his daughter (L)



Suzanne Russell accepts for her late father, Harry Russell



Abundant Life Worship Singers Performed a Musical Selection

PERTH AMBOY - The event was sponsored by the Kearny Cottage Historical Society and chaired by Dorothy Carty Daniel. The program which took place at the Perth Amboy YMCA recognized those who paved the way and contributed to Perth Amboy's history. It also showcased those in the community who helped those in need everyday and in emergency circumstances.



Carolyn Maxwell accepts for her late father, Rockwell Maxwell



A large audience attended the program

Zumba Fundraiser 4/5/14

*Photos by Joe Bayona



Raquel Gonzalez, Roxana Troche, Yolanda Flores, and Barry Rosengarten.



Bert Baron of WCTC radio addresses the crowd



Bienvenida Valentin leads the group



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Tyrone Fashaw "still got it"



More than 50 participants enjoy the Zumba workout

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Join us for a day of camaraderie as we put teams on projects to beautify and improve our playground and facility for the upcoming seasons. Bring your family, friends, and co-workers.

The RARITAN BAY AREA YMCA has partnered with Jersey Cares for a day of service!

Projects may include:

- painting a wall mural
- painting picnic tables and line games in the playground
- painting colorful canvas murals for the facility
- planting or maintaining landscaping and flower beds
- create no-sew fleece blankets

- resurfacing benches
- spreading mulch
- assembling planters
- and more

The goal is to provide volunteer service opportunities to the RARITAN BAY AREA YMCA family and Perth Amboy community so we can continue to make a positive impact in the community that supports and surrounds the Y.

This event will be a fantastic way to earn volunteer service hours, get involved, make a difference, and have a good time.

Make a friend and bring a friend at Spring into Service 2014!

All participants must be 12 years of age and over and must agree to and sign a waiver to be placed on a project. If you are under 18 years of age, a parent or legal guardian must sign a youth waiver as a condition of assignment to a project.

If you are interested in volunteering at our Spring Into Service Day 2014, we encourage you to register in advance by contacting us at 732.442.3632 or email Sholonda Chipepo at schipepo@rbaymca.org for more information. Volunteers are welcome to register onsite on the day of the event.

Mother Goose

SOUTH AMBOY - Mother Goose from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Mondays at the Dowdell Library of South Amboy, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. For more info call 732-721-6060.

Tricky Tray

SAYREVILLE - The Music Association for the Visually Impaired Students (MAVIS) of New Jersey will hold a Tricky Tray Auction on Friday, May 16 at Monsignor Dalton Hall at 42 Main St., Sayreville. Doors will open at 6 p.m. Drawings will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. MAVIS is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing free musical instruments and subsidized music lessons for youth and adults with visual impairments living in New Jersey.

This event will feature prizes including electronics, gift certificates, patio furniture and grill, HD television, premium designer handbags, jewelry, and hundreds of gift baskets.

Admission is \$10 and patrons must be 18 years old to be admitted. Complimentary cake and coffee will be avail-

For more information or to purchase tickets, please call 732-254-4795.

Sister Rebecca Piatek, C.S.S.F 50th Anniversary of Consecrated Life

Info and Photos Submitted by: Tommy Hudanish

Perth Amboy - Whether they are teachers, nurses, catechists or administrators, the religious sisters who serve the Perth Amboy Catholic Schools do it each day with faith and dedication.

In honor of celebrating fifty years of consecrated life, Sr. Mary Rebecca Piatek, Principal St. Stephen's Campus of Perth Amboy, was presented a Joint Legislative Resolution by New Jersey Assemblyman John Wisniewski on Wednesday morning, April 16th.

The resolution recognized Sr. Rebecca, for her dedication to her vocation through her "extraordinary understanding of and affection for people" and the "standard of excellence toward which



others who serve humanity with compassion and love".

During the presentation, New Jersey Assemblyman John Wisniewski shared a commonality with Sr. Rebecca, both being originally from Sayreville.

"It was a humble surprise to receive such a recognition presented by Assemblyman Wisniewski. I thank every-



one for their prayers and support", said Sr. Rebecca. The resolution was presented during the Morning Prayer assembly, in front of the student body and staff who were able to share in her recognition by New Jersey Assemblyman John Wisniewski.

Presentation to Our Lady of Fatima Basketball Team *Photo by Carolyn Maxwell



PERTH AMBOY - Council President Joel Pabon (Front Row Right) along with the Human Resources Director Kenny Ortiz (2nd from Left) honor Our Lady of Fatima Basketball Players on winning the Catholic Youth Organization State Championship. A Proclamation was presented to them from Mayor Diaz and the Council on this achievement. Also present were the Coaches.



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Sacred Heart Students Recognized As NJ State Grade-Level Winners

*Photo Submitted



SOUTH AMBOY - Students from kindergarten through eighth grade in Sacred Heart School, South Amboy, participated in the Zaner-Bloser Annual National Handwriting Contest. One student from each grade was selected as a school grade level winner. Those entries were submitted to Zaner-Bloser and were included with over 300,000 other student entries.

Three students from Sacred Heart School, Susan Sagliocco grade eight, Ishan Sharma grade seven and Marceline Zimny kindergarten, were chosen as State Grade-Level winners. Sister Carol Wilson coordinated the program and presented each of the students with their awards at a school assembly. Each winning student received a certificate and an engraved State Grade-Level Winner medallion. Their teachers, Mrs. Darcy Brew and Mrs. Karen Abel, received an engraved glas award. Sacred Heart School received a \$200 Zaner-Bloser gift certificate.

The NJ State Grade-Level winners are now eligible to compete for a Grand National Champion title. The handwriting debate has been receiving a great deal of attention. Research is showing that promoting legible handwriting helps develop early literacy skills. Through its participation in the Zaner-Bloser Annual National Handwriting Contest, Sacred Heart School makes a statement advocating the importance of handwriting instruction.

Advisory: Middlesex County Sheriff's Office to Hold Sheriff's Civilian Academy This Fall

News Release 4/23/14
NEW BRUNSWICK- Middlesex County Sheriff Mildred S. Scott announced today that the Sheriff's Office will holding an eight week Sheriff's Civilian Academy for residents of Middlesex County beginning this September. The program will be held at the Middlesex County Police Training Center at North Patrol Road in Edison. Applications are being accepted now.

The Sheriffs Civilian Academy is an eight week program designed to educate Middlesex County residents on the various functions and duties of the Sheriff's Office. The first session will take place on Thursday, September 4, 2014 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Classes will continue weekly on

Thursdays with one Saturday class culminating with a graduation ceremony on Thursday, October 23, 2014.

Each session will highlight functions of the Sheriff's Office including: Defensive Tactics, K-9, Transportation, SWAT, Courts, Civil Process and Foreclosures among others. Participants will also tour the Middlesex County Sheriff's Office and the Main Courthouse located in New Brunswick.

According to Sheriff Scott, "The Sheriff's Civilian Academy is a wonderful way for us to reach out to the residents of Middlesex County. It is part of our mission to protect and serve the public. Our goal is to give the Academy participants a better understanding of the role of the Sheriff's Office

that they can take back into their communities. "

Participation will require submission of an academy application no later than June 30, 2014. The application will be used to determine suitability for the program. Applicants must be at least 18 years old, reside within the county of Middlesex, have no felony convictions, not be wanted for any crime and submit to a limited background check.

For more information on the Sheriff's Civilian Academy, Sheriffs Officer Frank Sautner (Academy Coordinator) at (732) 745-5909 or emailfrank.sautner@ co.middlesex.nj.us

For more information on the Middlesex County Sheriff's Office, please call (732) 745-3382



Vendors Wanted

PERTH AMBOY- Vendors Wanted for the Annual Flea Market at Samuel E. Shull School, 380 Hall Ave, on June 8th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Rain or Shine. Tables \$10 we supply. You can contact Ms. Kucaba at 732-376-6062 or evakucaba@paps.net

Email The Amboy Guardian AmboyGuardian@gmail.com

Free Blood Pressure Screenings

PERTH AMBOY - Raritan Bay Medical Center is providing free blood pressure screenings Tuesday, May 6, 9 to 11 a.m., at Raritan Bay Area YMCA, 357 New Brunswick Ave., Lower Level, Perth Amboy, NJ. High blood pressure is associated with stroke, heart failure, heart attack and other life threatening conditions. Take advantage of this free screening to know your pressure levels and basic steps to regulate and maintain healthy blood pressure levels.

Good Friday and Easter Events in Perth Amboy and Fords *Photos by Joe Bayona, Paul W. Wang, Katherine Massopust, Eric Salvary, Anton Massopust III and Submitted by OLP



Good Friday St. Demetrios



Eggs, eggs, everywhere!



Collecting eggs at the hunt at Ukrainian Church



Mrs. Andrea Horniacek's PreK 3 class had a great time at the



Rev. Fr. Angelo J. Michaels blesses the congregation



The Easter Bunny passes out candy and treats to the children



Posing with the Easter Bunny



Stations of the Cross on First Street



Good Friday Services at the Cathedral International



Easter Egg Project at Our Lady of Peace, Fords



Maribel Joven (Ms. Latina Galaxy 2014), Nadya Almeyda Miss Caribbean (Belleza Latina 2014), and Marisol Joven (Ms. New Jersey Belleza Latina 2014).



Trophy's are handed out to winners in the girl's division



A crowd for the Easter Pageant at the YMCA



Council President Joel Pabon and Mayor Diaz handed out awards to the Winners



Celebrating Good Friday



Egg hunt at Ukrainian Assumption Church



Local churches join together for the portrayal of a Living Stations of the Cross on Good Friday



Rev. Ivan Turyk blesses food with help from Anton Massopust III



She's Daddy's Little Girl and Full of Joy Yeah! It's Spring, Daddy!



Three young ladies in their Easter best

Happy Mother's Day!



Tree Seedling Giveaway

PERTH AMBOY - There will be a tree seedling giveaway, available to all Perth Amboy Residents Saturday May 3 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the Department of Public Works, 599 Fayette St., Perth Amboy. Thanks to the NJ Dept. of Environmental Protection and their Sandy Tree Recovery Campaign, Perth Amboy will be giving away 500 trees (between 2-4 feet tall) to residents to plant on their properties in an effort to replace trees damaged by Superstorm Sandy. First Come First Served. Request a tree in advance or for more info call Andrew Toth: 732-826-0290 ext. 4046.



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Karate Lessons

PERTH AMBOY - The Morales Martial Arts Academy in conjunction with the City of Perth Amboy Office of Recreation is offering Spring Karate lessons starting Tuesday, April 22nd on Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays; 6:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. (ages 5-9); 7:45 p.m. -9 p.m. (ages 10-older) at the Robert N. Wilentz School, 51 1st Street, Perth Amboy. \$35 Money Order per participant. Registration Required. Registration for the Karate Program can be completed at the Alexander F. Jankowski Community Center, 1 Olive St., Perth Amboy. For more info call 732-826-1690 xt. 4305 or email: recleader@perthamboynj.org.



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Proclamation Ceremony PERTH AMBOY - The JR will hold its Proclamation Co

PERTH AMBOY - The JRF will hold its Proclamation Ceremony on Thursday, May 1st at City Hall Circle, Perth Amboy from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Home Repair & Advocacy Program

PERTH AMBOY - Attention: Seniors and People with Disabilities. If your home still has damage from Superstorm Sandy, help is available. The Home Repair and Advocacy Program can help you: Replace interior wall boards, remediate mold, restore heating and cooling systems, fix electrical, patch roofs, cut or remove trees, dispose of debris, refurbish major home appliances. Eligible households can receive up to \$5,000 in assistance. Home Repair Coordinators will be assigned to individuals who apply. Call 1-877-222-3737 to apply or visit your local Area Agency on Aging or Call 732-390- 7074. This program is sponsored by the NJ Department of Human Services with \$8.2 million in federal Social Services Block Grant funds.

Spring Tea

SAYRÉVILLE - Golden Rule Christian Center of Trinity United Methodist Church, 815 Bordentown Ave. will be holdings its sixth annual Spring Tea on Sunday, May 18 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. All monies raised will help defray costs for the new playground for the pre-school.

The program will feature a fashion show of Victoria era fashions. The tea will include tea sandwiches, homemade desserts, sweets and of course, tea. Reservations are a must. Tickets are \$15. Please call Nancy at 732-727-1935 for reservations.

90's Birthday Bash Celebration & Luncheon

EDISON - The Middlesex County Office Of Aging & Disabled Services Cordially Invites Seniors, 90 And Over, To A Celebration Of Life In Their Honor...Thursday, May 1 ST, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Edison Senior Center, 2963 Woodbridge Ave, Edison. RSVP For You & A Guest By April 7th (732)745-4267. Sponsored By The Middlesex County Office Of Aging & Disabled Services. Hosted By The Edison Township Senior Center.





History on a Painted Wall Copa de Oro's Treasure

By: Vilma Novak PERTH AMBOY - 7

PERTH AMBOY - There was a meeting I had at the Copa de Oro a couple of years ago. I had attended meetings there before but this time the atmosphere was different because, unlike before, each wall had painted on it a mural illustrating different epochs in Mexican history. The visual impact was stunning; I was intrigued but distracted by the business at hand.

Earlier this year Carolyn Maxwell asked me to write a little about the murals; I was delighted because the impact of the images on the Copa's walls never left me; I welcomed the opportunity to revisit them and arranged to meet Reyes Ortega, the proprietor, there. Upon entering Copa de Oro for our meeting I felt like I was entering an elaborately painted cave. Even in the daytime the Copa is dark but the bright primary colors of the murals illuminated the tavern's interior.

I asked Mr. Ortega how it came to pass that the walls became so adorned. He told me that the artist, Juan Camana, was a patron and offered to paint the story of Mexico on the sheetrock walls of the barroom; Mr. Ortega agreed to go forward with the artist's vision.

The artist began the Mexican story on the left-side wall showing an image of an eagle on a cactus devouring a snake. This is what Aztecs believed they would see where they were destined to build a great city; the image appeared to them at what became Mexico City, a city built on a lake and between two volcanos.

The right-side mural shows an Aztec Goddess who predicted the arrival of an allconsuming invading force that would end Aztec rule. The Spanish Conquistadores were the fulfillment of that proph-



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Further along the right-side wall is an image of Jose Maria Morelos, revolutionary priest and father of the Mexican Constitution. Morelos assumed leadership of the Mexican independence movement from Miguel Hidalgo after the 1810 rebellion and Hidalgo's execution. Spanish royalist forces eventually caught up with Morelos, they shot and killed him.

The murals continue along the back of the barroom through a hallway and into the rear meeting room, every inch of the painted walls tells of the Mexican struggle for independence. A story the artist began with the Aztecs, continued with Morelos to Maximillian, Poncho Villa and Zapata through Zaragoza and Juarez.

Mr. Ortega said the murals are an important tool used to teach his children and grand-children where their parents came from and to learn something good from it.

During this Cinco de Mayo festival we acknowledge the rich heritage of our Mexican brothers and sisters, urge all to enjoy the festivities and to see for yourselves one of Perth Amboy's hidden treasures, the historic murals on the walls of the Copa de Oro 306 Smith Street, Perth Amboy.

Vendors Wanted SAYREVILLE - looking for vendors for the annual Flea Golf Outing Date Changed

SAYREVILLE - looking for vendors for the annual Flea Market at the First Presbyterian Church of Sayreville. The Flea Market will be held on June 7th. The time is 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. We are located at 172 Main Street, Sayrevilledirectly across from the Borough Hall. Spaces are available for \$15 for one space, \$25.00 for two. A limited amount of tables will be available for \$5 extra. For information please leave a message on the church answering machine at 732-257-6353 or e-mail us at churchoffice172@optimum.

OLD BRIDGE - Sponsored By The South Amboy Fire Department 125th Anniversary Committee. MONDAY - JUNE 9TH at the Glenwood Country Club - Old Bridge. \$125 Per Golfer. \$30 For Non Golfers At the 19th Hole 7:30 a.m. Registration - 9 a.m. Shotgun Start. Register By April 22nd. Visit Us On Facebook For Ongoing Info, Please Contact Mike Toth @ 908-930-3497 Or Mtoth1@Optonline.Net









Owner Reyes Ortega stands in front of one of the Murals in Copa de Oro that was painted by artist Juan Camana *Photos by Vilma Novak

Xbox Galaxy

SOUTH AMBOY- Xbox Galaxy at 3 p.m. on Mondays at the Dowdell Library of South Amboy, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. For more info call 732-721-6060.

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 732-72 1-6060.

E-Book Classes

SOUTH AMBOY - There are free E-Book Classes on Thursdays from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Dowdell Library, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. For more info call 732-721-6060.

*Photos by Katherine Massopust





Art Teacher Marcella Massopust with former student Joseph Cordava and his Aunt Ana Maria Zevallos



A guest, Barry Rosengarten, Rozalia Czaban, Joe Britton



RBMC CEO & Pres. Mike D'Agnes



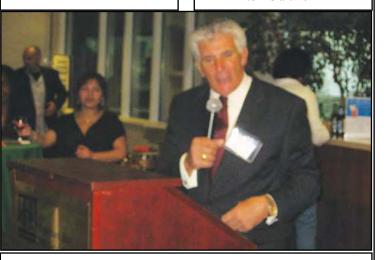
The Band entertained the patrons



Honoree Carol Rebovich with Zoe & Dimitra



Cabbar Komek standing next to his artwork



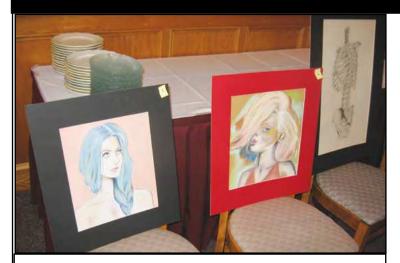
Russ Azzarello, chairman of the RBMC Foundation Board of Directors



Honoree Carol Rebovich poses next to her portrait

Women's Club Art Show - The Barge - Perth Amboy 4/14/14

*Photos by Katherine Massopust



PAHS Art Student's work



Marcella Massopust, Art Teacher Brooke Napoli and Eva Schlachter

Sports and More Sale

PERTH AMBOY - Raritan Bay Medical Center's Perth Amboy Auxiliary is sponsoring a Sports and More Sale offering sports shirts, blankets and pro sports items Friday, May 2, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Perth Amboy location, 530 New Brunswick Ave. in Raritan Rooms C & D.

Reese Jewelry Sale

OLD BRIDGE - Raritan Bay Medical Center's Old Bridge Auxiliary is sponsoring a Reese Jewelry Sale offering a great selection of earrings, necklaces and bracelets Friday, May 2, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the medical center's Old Bridge location, Medical Arts Building, 3 Hospital Plaza in Auxiliary Hall B & C.

Silver Lady Jewelry Sale PERTH AMBOY - Raritan

PERTH AMBOY - Raritan Bay Medical Center's Perth Amboy Auxiliary is sponsoring the Silver Lady Jewelry Sale offering a great selection of earrings, necklaces and bracelets. Wednesday, May 7, 3 to 8p.m., at the medical center's Perth Amboy location, 530 New Brunswick Ave. in Raritan Rooms C& D.

We Keep You Moving PERTH AMBOY - The Hu-

PERTH AMBOY - The Human Motion Institute at Raritan Bay Medical Center is sponsoring a free "We Keep You Moving" Total Joint Replacement Education session Friday, May 2, 9 a.m. to 12 noon, at the medical center's Perth Amboy location, 530 New Brunswick Ave. Session will be presented by clinical specialists. Registration required, call 732.535.4746.

Tai Chi Class

Bay Medical Center's Division of Integrative Medicine is providing Wellness Through Tai Chi Class Mondays, May 5 to May 26, 7:30 p.m. at the Raritan Bay Area YMCA, 357 New Brunswick Ave., Lower Level, Perth Amboy, NJ. Tai Chi is practiced as a complete system of therapeutic movements. The class includes meditation and emphasizes a calm mind and spirit and deep, slow even breathing, relaxation correct posture stability and balance. Cost for 4 classes is \$40 and 8 classes for \$60. To register or for more information, call 732-442-3700, ext.5861 or email integrativemedicine@rbmc.org.

Glimpses of Reality - Perth Amboy Gallery - 4/24/14

*Photos by Eric Salvary



PERTH AMBOY - An open reception for Glimpses of Reality was held at the Perth Amboy Gallery for the Arts, 393 Reade St. The exhibition will run until May 9, 2014. Ten artists are exhibiting their work. This one of many events that the Gallery holds throughout the season on different subject matters. Besides paintings, the Gallery exhibits sculptures, photographs and other art work. For more info call 732-826-1690 ext. 4325. Free an









Emergency Preparedness Drill

open to the public.

Simulated Bus Crash Exercise PERTH AMBOY - The practice drill includes the participation public safety personnel, school staff and about 20 performing art students of the PAHS that will serve as the injured victims of a motor vehicle accident. The objective of the exercise is to test the response of the local emergency personnel in the event of an actual emergency.

The simulated scenario for the exercise is as follows:

There was a motor vehicle accident on Pfeiffer Blvd involving a Perth Amboy Public School District School Bus with students aboard. This crash resulted in injured students, as well as significant damage to the school bus with possible fuel spill and fire threats. PAPD and PAFD were called and notified of the incident.

The Perth Amboy Police Department, under the direction of Captain Lawrence Cattano, took command of the scene collaborating with personnel from the Fire Department along with medical personnel from RBMC. The Superintendent of Schools was immediately contacted, as well as James J. Flynn Elementary School. The students were treated in a temporary triage and transported to Raritan Bay Medical Center as needed.

The coordinating parties include: The Perth Amboy Public School District (security and transportation departments), PAPD, PAFD OEM and the RBMC Emergency Medical Services.

Emergency Preparedness Drill - Simulated Bus Crash Flynn School Parking lot, Chamberlain Ave., Perth Amboy - 4/16/14 *Photos by Eric Salvary



Situation: Collision between a Car and a School Bus



First Aid Responders prepare victim for transport



Victim is being attended to



A demonstration of the Jaws of Life



County of Middlesex EMS Task Force Vehicle



Fashion Show

PERTH AMBOY - Historic St. Peter's Episcopal Church, celebrating 329 years of Ministry is hosting their 9th annual "Fashions by the Bay" Fashion Show. This fundraising event will help raise money to benefit the church and many community outreach programs that they sponsor. The show will be held at the Raritan Yacht Club on Thursday, May 22. To purchase tickets call 732-826-1594.

Family Fun Night SOUTH AMBOY - The South

SOUTH AMBOY - The South Amboy Youth Athletic Association (SAYAA) is planning a trip to see the Somerset Patriots. Tickets on sale now \$10 each. Game - Wednesday, June 11. Time - 7 p.m. at TD ballpark in Somerset. Contact Valerie @ 732-254-2808 to order tickets or for more information visit website www.league line-up.com/sayaa

All You Can Eat Filet Mignon Dinner

SOUTH AMBOY - The Rotary Club of Sayreville, South Amboy, and Old Bridge is hosting its 6th Annual Ultimate Beefsteak on Friday, May 30th. Proceeds from this all you can eat filet mignon dinner will benefit area food banks. The event takes place Sacred Heart Memorial Hall, located at Main Street and Washington Ave. in South Amboy. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m., and is once again catered by "Real Housewives of New Jersey's The Brownstone. The menu includes cold antipasto, sliced beef tenderloin, penne in tomato basil sauce, French fries, dessert, and hot and cold beverages. Cost is \$40 pp. A DJ will be on hand for your listening and dancing pleasure. For more information, or to purchase tickets call Glenn at (732)921-1468, or Jeff at (732)921-1466. Tickets may also be purchased at Pride Landscape Supply, 350 Ernston Rd., Parlin. Space is limited so reserve now.

Morgan Lions Club 60th Anniv. Charter Night

MORGAN – The Morgan Lions Club has planned a gala celebration for their 60th Anniversary in Lionism. A Dinner-Dance will be held on Sunday, May 4, 2014 at the VFW, Jernee Mill Road, Sayreville from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. \$45 pp.

Pierogi Sale

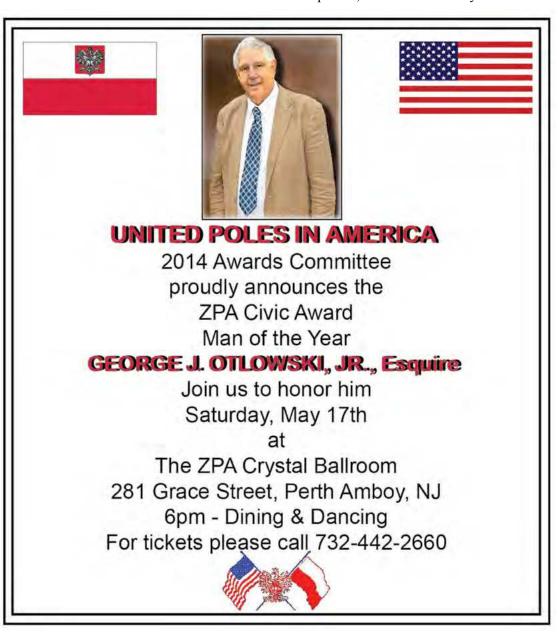
PERTH AMBOY - St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church, Perth Amboy is having a pierogi sale. Call 732-826-7067 between 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. from April 28 to May 2 to place your order. Orders can be picked up on May 6 and May 7 at 404 Division St., Perth Amboy. All gourmet items are handmade. Potato pierogi's are \$7.

Play TripSOUTH AMBOY - The South

SOUTH AMBOY - The South Amboy Seniors are planning a trip to Hunterdon Playhouse on June 17, 2014, for a dinner and show (Better with a Band) a summer musical. Cost is \$82. Bus is leaving from the South Amboy Senior building on Stevens Avenue at 9:00 am. If interested call Mary Ann at 732-721-3894.

3rd Annual "Little Lisie" Benefit

SOUTH AMBOY - South Amboy Elks #784 3rd Annual "Little Lisie" Benefit 601 Washington Ave, South Amboy, Friday, May 2nd @ 7 p.m. Motorcycle Club of South Amboy Elks will sponsor a fundraising event for our precious "Poster Child", Alise Strawhand, who suffered brain damage at an earlier age. Please come out and show your support to "Little Lisie". and her family. All are welcome!!! Featuring: Live Music, Refreshments, etc. Donations are welcome. Donations may also be sent to: South Amboy Elks MC, 601 Washington Ave., South Amboy, N.J. 08879.



Free Adult ESL Classes

PERTH AMBOY - Register now for The JRF ESL Program. This program will help individuals 18 years or older to speak English with more confidence & ease. Class Instruction, materials, and Individualized Tutoring will be provided. FREE Adult ESL Classes. Tuesdays- Basic Level from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursdays-Intermediate Level from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., at the JRF, 149 Kearny Ave. Perth Amboy, (Proprietary House). Space is limited and will be taken on a first come, first serve basis. For more information please call: 732-638-5063.

Perth Amboy Catholic Schools Reunion

PERTH AMBOY - Perth Amboy Catholic Schools will be holding its first Alumni Reunion on Saturday May 17, 2014. A special Alumni Mass will be held at 4:30 p.m. at the Most Holy Rosary Church on 625 Florida Grove Road, Perth Amboy. Immediately following the Mass, a Cocktail Reunion Reception will be held downstairs from the church in the Msgr. Gambino Hall from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

For ticket information, please contact Karen Ninehan at 732-266-8706 or email ks9n@msn. com. Please RSVP before April 25th.

The graduating classes of 1988 through 2007 will be honored. A splendid time is guaranteed for all!

Cigar Night PERTH AMBOY - Cigar

PERTH AMBOY - Cigar Night Fundraising for the 2014 Fireworks Extravaganza Thursday, May 8th from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Cornucopia Princess (dockside). \$100 per person (includes: Buffet dinner, open bar and cigars). For more info contact Irving Lozada at (732) 826-7121 or via email at ilozada@perthamboynj.org

Our Lady of Peace School Open House

FORDS - Monday, April 28th & Wednesday, April 30th from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Visit our recently updated classrooms and technology center. Come experience the magic!! Amboy Ave, Fords (GPS address 630 Amboy Ave, Edison, NJ) For mroe info Call #732-738-7464 with questions....

Come See your future at Our Lady of Peace School.... Before and aftercare available. Early Childhood EducationPrek3 & Prek4 available thru 8th grade. Full size gym and cafeteria. Monthly First Friday Masses...Religion for all grades. Spanish, Art, Music, Computers. Advanced Math and Language Arts for Middle School Grades. Sports Programs ...including basketball, bowling, cheerleading, softball, and track! Our Lady of Peace School...serving the children of Woodbridge and the Surrounding Communities for 80 Years!!!

Atlantic City Casino Trip

PARLIN - OLV Knights of Columbus are hosting an AC bus trip to Resorts Casino on Sunday May 4th. The bus will depart The Knights Council Home located at 775 Washington Rd., Parlin directly across from the Parlin post office at 10 am and return at 8 p.m. The cost is \$ 35 PP and includes transportation to and from casino, \$ 25 back in slot play, a light breakfast in the Councils Keegans Pub, and snacks and beverages on the bus. Please R.S.V.P if you are interested by April 24 to Charlie @ 201-320-3077 or Katie @ 732-553-1898.

Trip to Ocean City MD

SAYREVILLE - The Sayreville Seniors Thursday Club presents a 4 day/3 night trip to Ocean City, MD on May 12 - 15, 2014. There is a \$50 pp deposit due with reservation. Non-members welcome. Price: \$409 pp double occupancy; single supplement: \$85 additional. For further info and reservations contact: Jack & Ann Floersch 732-254-7263.Note: Festive Holidays recommends trip cancellation insurance for cancellation due to medical or legal reasons. Insurance payment should be submitted directly to insurance company.

Wisniewski Joins Betty Dubinin to Mark **Anniversary of Sara's Law**

Emergency Contact Registry Was Created by Wisniewski Legislation Named after Dubinin's Daughter Sara

News Release 4/11/14 SAYREVILLE - Assembly Deputy Speaker John S. Wisniewski (D-Middlesex) and Sayreville resident Betty Dubinin are marking the anniversary of New Jersey's Sara's Law with a call for the state's residents to participate in the next-of-kin registry created under the law. The law, which established a next-of-kin registry within the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission, was signed by Governor Christie on April 6, 2011.

Sara's Law was named in memory of Sara Dubinin, a 19 year old from Sayreville who was killed in a car accident. The tragedy was compounded by the delay in notifying her family. By the time her mother Betty was told of the accident, Sara was already in a coma and she never regained consciousness.

Betty Dubinin shared her experience with Assemblyman Wisniewski and, working together with legislative colleagues, Wisniewski drafted the legislation that has become known as Sara's The bill created a next-of-kin database at the MVC so that families can be promptly notified when a loved one is in jeopardy.

The MVC database is accessible online and allows New Jersey drivers and those with a non-driver identification card to voluntarily log in and designate two people as emergency contacts in the event of an accident. The information provided by program participants will only be available to law enforcement officers for use during a serious motor vehicle accident and will allow timely notice to those designated in the MVC database.

"Designating a family

the Sandy aid package Pallone

"These grants help to lessen

the financial hit that our lo-

cal governments still face as

communities across the state

continue to recover from San-

dy," said Congressman Pal-

lone. "And as we continue

to rebuild, we have a unique

opportunity to improve our

public infrastructure so it is

stronger and can withstand fu-

ture storms. I am grateful that

FEMA recognizes the impor-

tance of these ongoing efforts

\$1,592,903.71 in federal fund-

ing to Long Branch for con-

tractors to make repairs to two

of the city's parks that were

damaged as a result of Su-

perstorm Sandy. The funding

announced today will cover

the costs for repairs to the

Manahassett Park, including

replacing fences, removing

and replacing 36,347 square

yards of synthetic Field Turf

at the soccer and baseball

fields, replacing 1,500 square

feet of artificial turf at the put-

ting green, and replacing 245

square yards of wood mulch at

the playground. Additionally,

the funding will also cover re-

pairs to Jackson Park, includ-

ing placing 58 cubic yards of

crushed stone in the parking

lot and replacing fences and

This allocation provides

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fought for in Congress.

member, trusted friend or loved one to be an emergency contact will help ensure that, in the event of a life-threatening situation, someone could be notified and be at the person's bedside within minutes rather than hours," explained Wisniewski. "Sara's Law offers the opportunity for all of us to avoid the ordeal her family endured and will stand as a lasting tribute to the memory of Sara Dubinin."

"The loss of a child is an experience no parent should ever endure," added Betty Dubinin. "My hope is that Sara's Law helps others by allowing them to be present for their loved ones when they are needed the most."

Those wishing to register emergency contact information in the registry can do so via the MVC web site athttp://www.nj.gov/mvc.

Economic Forum

EDISON - By popular demand the Edison Chamber of Commerce conducts an Annual Economic Forum in partnership with Michael Cangemi LLC. The purpose is to bring the business community together with knowledgeable experts to discuss various topics related to the current economic conditions and trends, and specific timely and relevant business issues.

is on Thursday, May 8, 2014. The keynote speaker will be Melanie Willoughby, Acting President, NJBIA. Economic Forum VI will focus on the volatile and fragile economy, credit, regulatory and taxes updates. Topics will include growing the economy by educating the workforce, creating jobs and investing in real estate. This year's new component on technology developments and risks will provide business leaders awareness of the expanding digital economy. The start time is 8 a.m., continental breakfast is included. The location is the Pines Manor, Edison. Advance online registration is recommended.

The event sponsors are Investors Bank, EisnerAmper LLP, AB Bernstein Global Wealth Management, Wilentz Goldman & Spitzer PA, JFK Medical Center, NJBIA, Edison Chamber of Commerce, The Star Ledger, NJBIZ, Radio Station WCTC, and NJ.com.

"This isn't freedom. This is fear." - Steve Rogers, Captain America

By: Anton Massopust III

Movie Review: Captain America

A veil of intrigue and deception is cast over the star spangled hero as the past and present collide in Captain America: The Winter Soldier. This is the second stand alone Captain America film, and the first set in the modern era. Steve Rogers is trying to adjust to a modern world, to the change in the geopolitical climate and to the digital world we all take for granted. SHIELD's plan is to launch three heli-carriers with heavy weapons in an effort to eliminate threats before they fully develop. Sadly an evil cancer grows within SHIELD and when Nick Fury discovers it, he is targeted by the Winter Soldier, an assassin who is thought by many to be mere legend. When Captain America faces off against the Winter Soldier, he finds a challenge that may too much even for him. When Captain America is told to trust no one, and fails to cooperate with an investigation, he is branded an enemy of SHIELD and must go underground with the help of Black Widow and a new aly, Sam Wilson, Wilson, with the aid of a prototype flying suit (not to be confused with Tony Stark's Iron Man suit) becomes the Falcon. Together they try to uncover the group that has infiltrated SHIELD and stop an old enemy not only from destroying SHIELD but from killing millions as well. Is this a non-stop thrill ride? You bet. It's a political thriller with superheroes, its James Bond with a mask crossed with Watergate, thanks in no small part to the casting of Robert Redford as Alexander Pearce, a high ranking member of SHIELD. The star of political thrillers such as All the Presidents Men lends a weight and seriousness to what could have turned into another special effects laden summer blockbuster. The acting is first rate, the action is intense and the plot is as timely as ever with the recent revelations about political spying. My verdict: trust no one, gather your allies and take them with you to see Captain America: The Winter Soldier. As always stay thru the credits for not one but two special scenes.

Pallone Announces \$1.5 Million for Repairs to **Long Branch Parks**

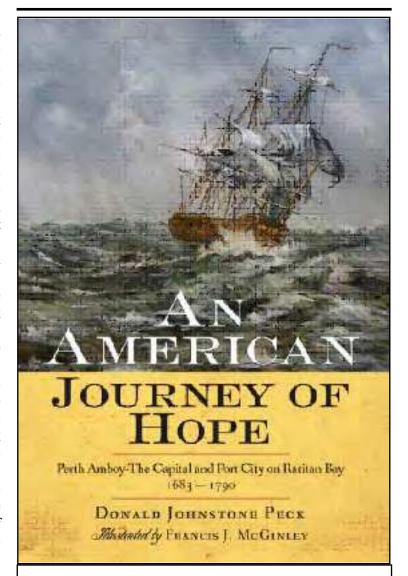
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WOODBRIDGE - The next meeting of The Robert E Lee Civil War Roundtable of Central New Jersey will be held at The Woodbridge Public Library on May 5th,2014 at 7:00 P.M. This month's speaker is John Quarstein and his topic will be "The Battle of Mobile Bay". At the June 2nd meeting of the Roundtable the guest speaker will be Bob Costello, well known in the area for his portrayal of Abraham Lincoln, and his topic will be "The Lincoln-McClellan Debate". The meeting is open to the public.

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Saint Rita, advocate of the impossible, pray for us.

Saint Rita, advocate of the helpless, pray for us.

Recite the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be three times each.

K.M. & C.M.

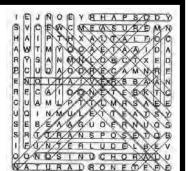
St. Jude Novena

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

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Answers From Puzzle On Page 19



Prayer to St. Anthony

O Holy St. Anthony, gentlest of Saints, your love for God and charity for His creatures made you worthy, when on earth, to posses miraculous powers.

Miracles waited on your words, which you were ever ready to speak for those in trouble or anxiety. Encouraged by this thought, I implore you to obtain for me (request). The answer to my prayer may require a miracle. Even so, you are the Saint of Miracles.

O gentle and loving St. Anthony, whose heart was full of human sympathy, whisper my petition into the ears of Sweet Infant Jesus who loved to be folded in your arms, and the gratitude of my heart will ever be yours. Amen. Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory be.

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Senior Scene

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 Presbyterian Center, Market St.

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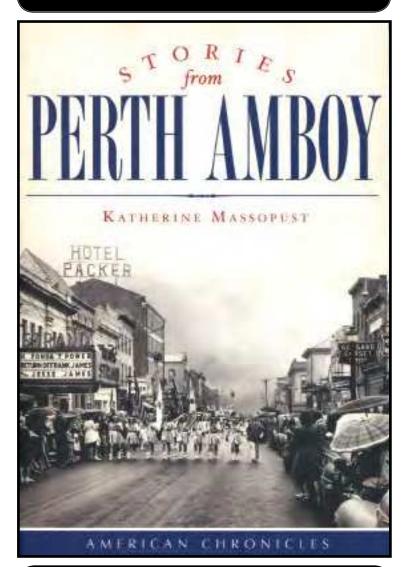
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Your goodness is turned upon every living thing and Your grace flows to all Your creatures. From our souls to theirs goodness flows, touching each of us with the reflection of Your love. Grant to our special animal companions long and healthy lives. Give them good relationships with us, and if You see fit to take them from us, help us to understand that they are not gone from us, but only drawing closer to You. Grant our prayer through the intercession of good St. Francis of Assisi, who honored You through all Your creatures. Give him the power to watch over our animal friends until they are safely with You in eternity, where we someday hope to join them in giving You honor forever. Amen.

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