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Marco's Comes To Pennsauken Country Club

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

Starting July 1, a new caterer will be open for business at The Pennsauken Country Club, bringing a familiar face back to town.

Executive Chef and General Manager Dean Marco has been in the hospitality industry for 25 years. His catering business was featured in 2010 by TLC's "Four Weddings" television program, winning first place for wedding reception cuisine and overall reception experience. Prior to that, Macro spent a decade in Pennsauken, serving as executive chef and general manager for Shannon's On the Green, the caterer and restaurant based at the Pennsauken Country Club in the early 90's. Marco sees his return to Pennsauken as somewhat of a homecoming.

"The timing was perfect to come back," explains Marco. "We're very dedicated to continue the great legacy of The Pennsauken Country Club."

Marco's at The Pennsauken Country Club serves lunch and dinner, offering an upscale menu that appeals to both golfers and walk-in guests. Known for its weekly specials, diners can look forward to all-you-can-eat Dungeness crab, and steakhouse weekends, featuring French onion soup, clams casino and a variety of steak cuts.

Plans are currently in the works to renovate the Country Club's banquet facilities, installing new carpet, a new dance floor and incorporating full-length tables for receptions and similar events. The goal: to continue to make memorable experiences.

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Pennsauken High School Celebrates Class of 2012

By Judith Kristen, AAP Columnist

Jun. 14, 2012. It was an utterly beautiful night. You couldn't have asked for more perfect weather. And, you couldn't have asked for a happier graduating class in the entire state of New Jersey. The energy was more than evident the moment you stepped onto the Pennsauken High School grounds.

Fifty years have gone by since the first PHS graduation, and the students from the Class of 2012 were well aware of the history of those who came before them, of their own personal legacy, and of the promise they were leaving to those who would follow in their footsteps.

Although the official ceremony was to take place at 6:30 that evening, parents, grandparents, friends, and family filled



Proud members of Pennsauken High School's Class of 2012, during their commencement ceremonies, held on June 14.

the Pennsauken High School Stadium seats long before 5:30 p.m. By starting time, every seat was taken and it was standing room only for an additional two hundred guests. But no one seemed to mind if they were seated or standing.

Sparkling Mylar balloons, banners of congratulations, hundreds of stunning flower bouquets, and wall to wall smiles said it all. This was graduation day!

This was it, the zenith of twelve years of education. From those sweet toothless grins in Kindergarten photos, through the stylish, fashion looks in their 2012 yearbook, here they now were in all of their graduation glory.

They made it. This was their night!

And the pride, joy, and hope within those stadium walls were quite a beautiful thing to behold.

Equally proud was Pennsauken School Superintendent Marilyn Martinez, who greeted each and every student as they started their walk toward the field. "I'm so

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2012 Best Mom and Dad Essay Contest Winners Named

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

A "kid-friendly" mom and a very creative dad were named the 2012 Best Mom and Dad in Pennsauken.

Sponsored by the Pennsauken Youth Action Committee, the essay contest enables children in grades three, four and

five in a Pennsauken public, parochial, or private school to submit a letter saying why they believe their Mom or Dad is the "Best." Letters were judged by a panel on originality, content and ability to express feelings and ideas.

Malachi Brown wrote about his mother, Antoinette Larmond, a woman who is "like a kid in an adult body." This unique characteristic enables Larmond to understand the problems of her chil-

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Malachi Brown nominated his mother Antoinette Larmond for the Best Mom in Pennsauken Essay Contest and won first place. Brown wrote that his mom "might be the only perfect person you'd meet in your lifetime."



Samantha Gaskin wrote about her father, Rocco, "the greatest dad in the world." Her essay entry won first place for the Best Dad in Pennsauken Essay Contest.

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Mayor John Kneib

I would like to give you my overview of the Township's current status, on what we've been able to recently accomplish in Pennsauken, and our direction moving forward. To do this, we need to understand what has transpired over the past four years from an economic standpoint.

The market crashes of 2008 and 2009 have had a significant impact on each one of us personally and throughout the Township as a whole. During this time, Pennsauken faced funding cuts from the state, ratable losses on property values and a mandated increase of our contributions to the state's pension fund. The economic loss to the

Township was in excess of \$4 million, and we continue to see additional adjustments from both the state and property ratable losses that our town will be responsible for.

During this period, Pennsauken's Township Committee and our Administration have reacted in a very fiscally responsible way, streamlining Township personnel, renegotiating both our union and municipal contracts, utilizing shared service opportunities, and successfully applying for a variety of grants. We continue to maintain our focus on our primary responsibility: to provide our fellow residents with the highest levels of services and public safety possible.

We also recognize that the Township must be doubly aggressive in our pursuit of new businesses, as well as taking

advantage of any new shared service opportunities that may arise. This approach, along with our understanding that change is inevitable and that Pennsauken must continue to adapt to this new economic environment, has helped bring \$50 million worth of business investments into our town within the last two years, creating numerous employment opportunities for our residents. In addition, we continue to partner with Camden County's Department of Economic Development, as well as our own B.I.G. Council, in order to help make Pennsauken as business-friendly as possible.

We have also successfully upgraded the Pennsauken Country Club, utilizing a grant from the Department of Environmental Protection that has made it one of the finest municipal-owned

courses in South Jersey. In fact, our Country Club has increased its membership by 20 percent over last year.

Finally, at the time of this writing, Pennsauken is at the threshold of finalizing substantial development projects that will have a tremendous impact for the Township. This positive approach to change has allowed the Township to maintain its financial credibility, which is reflected not only by our high bond rating, but also by the significant increase in new business development coming to Pennsauken. We are attracting additional interest from businesses outside of our borders that want to move to our town and be successful here.

Going forward, we recognize that the economic environment is still far from secure, and that we will be facing new situations that require sound financial

solutions. I truly believe that if we work together in a positive and informative way, Pennsauken Township will continue to thrive.

PENNSAUKEN JULY PUBLIC MEETINGS

Township Committee:
Agenda/Conference 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, July 11
Regular Business 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, July 25

Zoning Board of Adjustment
7 p.m. Zoning
Wednesday, July 11 and July 18

Planning Board:
6:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 10
and Tuesday, July 24

All meetings are held at the Pennsauken Municipal Building
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Pennsauken – SOLD IN 2 MONTHS!

This magnificent home is located on a quiet dead end street in the desirable Collins Tract section. This 3 bdrm, 1½ bath boasts hdwd flrs thruout. L/R w/cozy brick fireplace, DR. Sliding glass doors open from the large eat-in kitchen onto a deck and charming back yard. Beautifully landscaped yard w/8 X 10 shed. Master bdrm w/walk-in closet and direct access to bath. Basement has a finished area for entertaining and a workshop. This home is meticulously kept and only 10 years young! \$183,000



Pennsauken – Iron Rock

Meticulously kept 4bdrm, 2 and a half bath in the desirable Iron Rock section. Property backs up to wooded area beyond which is golf course. Property boasts 2 wood burning fireplaces, replacement windows, hardwood floors under carpet, some floors exposed in bedrooms, new hot water heater, newer heater and A/C, shed is 4 years old. \$249,900



Cherry Hill – Brand New Construction

Cherry Hill West. 3 bdrm, 2 ½ bath. 1700 SqFt + 900 SqFt unfinished basement; Master Bedroom with cathedral ceiling and master bath; Formal Living Room & Dining Room; Modern Eat-in Kitchen overlooks Family Room; full basement; vinyl siding; gas heat; central air. \$249,900



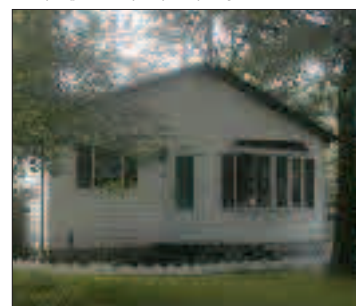
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Pennsauken Planter Project Returns, Food Drive Continues

To help make the streetscapes outside of Pennsauken businesses more appealing, and to encourage more foot traffic, the Business, Industry, and Government Council is announcing the return of the "Sowing the Seeds of Business" Planter Project. Made of concrete, these 30" tall planters make for a great accent outside of store fronts and open air eating areas.

Preordering begins in July and will continue through September so the planters can be purchased in bulk.

Pricing includes soil and seasonally appropriate plants. Each planter must be maintained by the purchasing businesses, which includes weeding and watering.

For more information on the planter project, e-mail BIGCouncilPennsauken@gmail.com.

Summer Food Drive

The B.I.G. Council has partnered with The Food Bank of South Jersey on a summer food collection drive.

Donation drop-offs are currently available at the following locations:

Auto Depot, 3429 Haddonfield Rd.

Kiddie Junction, 8992 Collins Ave.

McFarlan's Market, 27 S. Centre St.

MPWC, 6751 Westfield Ave.

Pinsetter Bar & Bowl, 7111 Maple Ave.

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SPA Fitness Center, 1585 Rt. 73 South

For a complete listing of businesses and for more information, visit The Business, Industry, and Government (BIG) Council of Pennsauken Township on Facebook.



Lydia Cipriani, director of marketing communications and special events for the Food Bank of South Jersey, speaks to B.I.G. Council members during the organization's meeting in June. The B.I.G. Council is sponsoring a summer food drive to help address a shortage in donations that occurs this time of year.

Meeting Recap

For the June meeting, the B.I.G. Council heard from Gary Finger, ombudsman, Division of Economic Development and Energy Policy, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities. Finger spoke of the financial incentives available to help companies become more energy efficient.

"There isn't one person in this room that couldn't benefit from the programs from the Office of Clean Energy. We have programs that are designed for energy efficiency for business operations, local government, schools and residents," explains Finger.

Finger spoke at length regarding several of the programs, including Direct Install, a program that allows small to

mid-sized commercial and industrial facilities to make energy-efficient upgrades by paying for up to 70 percent of the total installed cost; New Jersey SmartStart Buildings® Program, which provides significant financial incentives for new construction, renovations and upgrades that meet program criteria; as well as free energy benchmarking, a process for evaluating energy use performance of commercial, industrial and municipal buildings.

Organizations can learn more about these energy initiatives by contacting Pennsauken Township's Department of Economic Development at (856) 665-1000, Ext. 153, or visiting

www.cleanenergy.com.

Meetings to Resume in Fall

There will be no monthly meetings for Pennsauken's B.I.G. Council in July or August. Meetings will resume on Wednesday, Sep.12.

For more information on the Business Industry and Government Council, or to register for the meetings, contact Larry Cardwell or Terry Carr at Pennsauken Township at (856) 665-1000, Ext. 108 or Ext. 153 or send an e-mail to BigCouncilPennsauken@gmail.com. For membership information, contact Nancy Ellis at 856-220-6313 or e-mail nancywarrenellis@aol.com.



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World Famous Amelia Earhart Landed at Pennsauken's Central Airport



By Robert Fisher-Hughes,
AAP Columnist and
Amateur Historian

According to some reports, sometime later this year, a 75-year-old mystery may find its solution, and Pennsauken Township has a surprising connection to the central figure

LOOKING BACK IN HISTORY

in that mystery: Amelia Earhart.

The years of Amelia Earhart's career as a world-famous aviator coincide with the development, opening, and soaring operations at Central Airport in

Pennsauken. Given her extremely busy schedule of training, flying, racing, public appearances, and writing, Amelia Earhart was a remarkably frequent visitor at old Central Airport.

Perhaps Amelia Earhart's first visit actually came several months before Central Airport was officially opened.

In late April of 1929, W. Sanger Green, who had been hired to oversee the design and construction of the new airport, was given a commission to fly to Wilmington, Del. and bring back a special passenger who was being honored by the Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce: Amelia Earhart.

This visit came less than a year after Amelia had become the first woman to fly, as a passenger and crew-member, across the Atlantic Ocean. She had become world-famous virtually overnight as a result.

Central Airport was dedicated in September 1929. A host of famous aviators of the day participated in the ceremonies, and aerial exhibitions of all kinds were featured. Amelia Earhart

was not part of the program, however, perhaps because she was between air contests: the first Women's Air Derby from California to Cleveland, and the National Air Races, which had concluded in August and were followed by the Ford National Reliability Air Tour. However, the press coverage of the Central Airport dedication included the note that the 1929 Ford National Reliability Air Tour, including famous aviatrix Amelia Earhart, would land at Central Airport as a stop on that tour, on Oct. 5.

Shortly, however, Amelia Earhart would be coming to Central Airport far more regularly.

Central Airport had been developed

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Summer Fun From Pennsauken Parks and Recreation

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For Children

Summer Fun Camp—6 Hours, 7 Weeks

This is a program for children in kindergarten through grade six. They will enjoy weekly field trips and visits to the Pennsauken Municipal Pool. Camp is seven weeks from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. now through Aug. 10 at P.Y.A.A. Field on Elm Avenue. Cost is \$145 per week and includes materials.

Beading and Jewelry

Children ages 7-13 can learn the popular craft of beading and jewelry making. Make a bracelet, earrings or whatever you want. The program will be from 10 a.m. to noon on July 16 through July 20 at the Pennsauken Library Meeting Room. The fee is \$50 per week.

Bowling

This exciting camp will be at the amazing Pinsetters Bowling Center on Maple Avenue in Pennsauken. Basic bowling instruction will be provided by qualified instructors and skills competitions for prizes will be held the last day of the camp. The program runs from 10 a.m. to noon on July 9 through July 13 and is for kids ages 6-13. The fee is \$50 for the week and includes shoes and ball.

Boxing

Kids ages 7-16 can get in a regulation-size boxing ring at R & B Fitness this summer. Certified instructors from the facility off Haddonfield Road will introduce students to the basics of boxing and fitness. No previous experience is required. The camp will be offered from Aug. 6 to Aug. 10, 9 to 10:30 a.m. for ages 7-11 and 10:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. for ages 12-16. The fee is \$35 per child. Make checks payable to R & B Fitness, 2309 Haddonfield Road.

Fencing NEW!

The Fencing Academy of South Jersey is garnering interest for a beginner and intermediate fencing camp starting the week of August 6. Students will be trained in foil, saber, and epee. These one-hour classes would run once

a week for 10 weeks. The cost is \$200 and includes equipment. For more information, contact the Department of Parks and Recreation at (856) 665-1000 x151.

Ice Skating

The Pennsauken Learn-to-Ice-Skate camp will be held at the Philadelphia Flyers Skate Zone on River Road in Pennsauken. Children ages 2-17 will learn basic skating techniques for figure skating or hockey. The program is offered from 8:45 to 10 a.m. Aug. 13 through Aug. 17. Cost is \$35 per child. Skates are available for free if needed.

Karate

Pennsauken Township and Shaw's Karate Institute present summer karate in Shaw's Karate Gym, at 6704

Route 130 North, Pennsauken, next to the Pennsauken Police station. The objective of this camp is to use martial arts as a vehicle to build character, self-control, as well as, respect for others. Children will receive a white belt on the last day of class. This camp, for children ages 5-12, is from July 23 to July 27. Times are 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. for ages 5-7 and 11 a.m. to noon for ages 8-12. Cost is \$30 per child.

Sports

The Ike Willis Sports Camps are sponsored by the Pennsauken Parks and Recreation Department and will be held from 9 a.m. to noon at Pennsauken Intermediate School on Park Avenue. Camps are open to all Pennsauken and Merchantville children ages 7-15. The dates for each pro-

gram are as follows: Tennis – July 9 to July 13; and Basketball – July 16 to July 20; and Baseball and Softball – July 23 to July 27. Cost is \$35 per week and each child receives a T-shirt at the end of each camp.

Theater

The annual and very popular Creative Theater Class returns again from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Aug. 6 to Aug. 10 at the Delair School on Derousse Avenue. Children, ages 7-15, will learn stage movement, vocal projection, character study and improvisational games. They will create their own story and perform it on video for friends and family on the last day of class. The cost is \$50 per week and is operated by the Pennsauken Youth Summer Theater Program.

Multi-Media Art Creations

Explore an array of mediums in this art class that includes clay, fiber, paper and found objects. We will pick a theme for the week upon which our works will be created. Individual expression will be highly encouraged. This class is all

from 10 a.m. to noon. The fee for this one week program is \$50.

For Adults

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Registration forms for summer programs are available at the Pennsauken Municipal Building, Route 130 and Merchantville Avenue, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. A program listing and downloadable registration form is available at the Township Web site: www.twp.pennsauken.nj.us. For more information, call the Department of Parks and Recreation at (856) 665-1000 Ext. 151 or send an e-mail to emartz@twp.pennsauken.nj.us.



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PHS Student of the Month Award Ceremony for May



Alexis Richards, PHS Student of the Month recipient, with a family member by her side, and Board of Education Member Mr. Carlos Paul Rodriguez.



PHS Student of the Month Jamie Diaz, seen here with her family, and Board of Education Member Mr. Michael Stargell.



Angelica Negron Belen, Student of the Month Recipient, with a family member proudly by her side, and Board of Education Member Mr. Bernie Kofcoet.



Board of Education Member Mr. Rick Brown with PHS Student of the Month Kimberly Nguyen and her family.



Tina Kem, PHS Student of the Month, seen here with her mother and Board of Education Member Mr. Matthew McDevitt.



Debbie Trieu, PHS Student of the Month Recipient, accompanied by her family, with Board of Education Member Dr. Allyson Meloni.

Middle School Students Raise Over \$1,000 For St. Jude's Hospital



Several Seventh and Eighth Grade students from the Howard M. Phifer Middle School participated in the Math-A-Thon, raising over a thousand dollars for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. All money raised goes directly towards the research and treatment of childhood cancer at St. Jude's. The students had fun and earned some neat prizes!

Longfellow Students of The Month Honored



The following are the Longfellow's Students of the Month for May. May's theme was, "Most Improved Student:" Jacob Saiguero, Ilan Ramirez, Elias Mateo, Milton Narvaez, Kenny You, Matthew Wallace, Lesley Liu, Jordan Granger, Jonathan Montes, and Maurice Newman. The honorees had lunch with Principal Lewis in recognition of their accomplishment. Congratulations to these outstanding young people!

Delair Students Participate in Field Day

Field Day for Delair School got off to an exciting start on Jun. 8.

Each class was divided into two teams for the events. The students traveled through 24 event stations, ranging from the Snow Cone Carry to the Big Feet Relay, provided by Physical Education Teacher Mr. Paris.

In the afternoon, all the students in Kindergarten through Second Grade had an opportunity to participate in classroom activities, while students from Grades Three and Four were involved in a kickball game challenge.

The PTA provided pretzels and water for all of the students.

Field Day is always a highlight of the school year!

Franklin School Raises Over \$2,600 In Fight Against Pediatric Cancer

Franklin School held its annual Alex's Lemonade Stand on Friday, Jun. 8, with over \$2,600 going to benefit pediatric cancer research.

Franklin School became involved with the foundation in 2007 after a student in Mr. Carr's computer class asked to write a hero report on Alex Scott, the founder of the Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation.

The week leading up to Alex's Lemonade Stand is known to Franklin students and staff as the "Alex's Lemonade Stand Extravaganza."

During the Extravaganza, students compete in something called the "Penny Wars." The object is to earn as many points as possible, and the "Penny Wars" end up raising a lot of money before the lemonade stand even starts!

The school hopes to continue to be involved with the Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation for many years to come.

Baldwin Pre K Students Visit Cooper River Park

Danielle DeFalco's PreK classes visited Cooper River Park for their final field trip of the school year. The students enjoyed the large slides, rock wall, swings, and monkey bars. Special thanks to our parents who chaperoned this trip.



SCHOOL REGISTRATION

The Pennsauken Board of Education has announced that they are now registering new students into the Pennsauken School District. Please contact your local school in person or call one of the following schools for information.

High School	662-8500	Phifer Middle School	662-8511
Intermediate School	662-8501	Carson Elementary	662-5751
Burling Elementary	662-1923	Delair Elementary	662-6164
Fine Elementary	662-8568	Franklin Elementary	662-6455
Longfellow Elementary	662-9037	Roosevelt Elementary	662-8141

PENNSAUKEN SCHOOL NEWS

For further information about the articles or events published in the Pennsauken School News section of "All Around Pennsauken"

Please contact Betty Slater, Editor

856-662-6455 x7100 bslater@pennsauken.net

Congratulations to the Class of 2012

The administration and faculty of Pennsauken High School are proud to announce the graduates of the Class of 2012:

Mazen Abou Harb El Halabi	Domonique Sharif Collins	Angel Gomez	!*Marissa Leshnov	Tatiana S. Paris	Anysa T. Smith
Shamil Agramonte	Aleta Brielle Colwell	Alan Gonzalez	Ryan Levito	Raven M. Parker	Eric Smith
Cynthia Albarracin	Arlan Conrad Jr.	Melissa Gonzalez	Siani Lewis	!Arvin M. Parungao	Nikkita Smith
Kevin Albino	Joseph Conteh	Christian Gray	Stephen Liquori	Troy Pearson	Nicholas Smyth
Michelle Almodovar	Shalisha Jaque Cook	Helen Green	Justin Little	Kenny Pena	Zachary Sneddon
Dayanara Almonte	Shanae Monique Cook	Shabar Green	Malcolm Long	Kevin Pena	Dany Son
Fatmata Alpha	Unika Corbett	!*Sydnee Keyanna Gross	Kristian D. Lopez	Amanda Perez	Lati A. Stafford
!*Alexis A. Ammons	Timothy Corcoran	Robin Macalindong	Ricardo D. Lopez	Lydia Ariana Perez	Dajené Steed
Anthony Anderson	Rocio Cortazar Chavez	Guerrero	Saidie Liddette Lopez	Mercelys Perez	Bathsheba Swain
Marissa Anderson	!Amanda Elisa Cortes	Olivia J. Haday	Edgar Lozano	Jayden Pham	Anthony Tas Sweet
Justin Anderson Copes	Manuel Carlos Cortez	Sashana Hall	!*Michael Lu	Jimmy Pham	Reet Taylor
Alexander Arroyo	Edwin Mark Cotto	Matthew Hall III	Angelo Lugo	Lily Thi Pham	Tiera Taylor
Richard Arthur	Jose Crespo	Tamira Harden	Elsie Macauley Coker	Michael Pham	Gabriel Tejada
Robert F. Astacio	Ronnie Cuevas	Tahrea Harvey	Ryan Anthony Madden	Anh Thu Phan	Joyce Thach
Tyler Atkisson	Marjorie Cupit	Mariah L. Hatter	Phung D. Mai	Franklin Picon	!Nancy Duong Thach
Zinia Augustus	Raven Lenora Nicole	Malaysia Denise Ajeé	Eduardo Malave Jr.	Anisa Pierce	Tyrik D. Thomas
Alfredo Aviles	Darcueil	Haulsey	Elizabeth Maldonado	Dennis Pitts	Anthony Richard Thompson
Taariq Ayers	Alexus Marie Datil	*Angela C. Hazzard	Jose Maldonado	John Pitts	Marques Caliph Thornton
Lindsay Baczewski	Ajee' Davis	Joshua A. Heath	!*Angela Sheri Mancao	Anthony Raymond	Ivelisse Torres
Angel Baez	*Amber Kristina Davis	Emeline Hernandez	Humberto Marquez	Salvatore Pizzo	Kayla Torres
Diamond Bailey	Brian Davis	Keith Felix Hernandez	Aja Abriana Martin	Engel A. Placencia	Miguel Torres
Krystal Bailey	Paige Chanté Davis	Nohely Hernandez	Antonio Enrique Martinez Jr.	Alex Polanco	Gary Trainer
Larquise Baird	Reginald Davis	!*Peter Hoang	Foday Massaquoi	Luis Polanco	Alvin Tran
Zaira Baker	Stefanie Davis	Love Hodge	Courtney Matos	Judah M. Pringle	Julie Tran
*Jessica Ball	Terrance Davis	Kyle R. Hohwald	Matthew James Mauer	Jose R. Quezada Jr.	Le Tran
Reena Balmores	Amanda DeFiore	Garrett Horsey	Reinard Kareem McCray	Maisune Abouharb Rafeh	Linda Tran
James Barton	Crystal Del Carpio	Aliah Hurlburt	Gregory McKenzie	Tiayanna Chané Randle	!*Debbie So Trieu
Montel Bass	Robert Densley Jr.	Cindy Huynh	Ariana Marie McKim	Madison Raymond	!Myles Jacob Truitt
Telvin Batchelor	Stephanie DiVito	*Robert Warren Ingram III	Jared McKinsey	Christopher Rennie	!Taylor D. Truitt
Erodis R. Batista	Jeison Diaz	Natasha Antoinette Irvin	Porscha McNeill	Christopher Reyes	Jay Tunstall
Isatu Bayoh	Julian Diaz-Smitherman	Aisha Jackson	Vanessa Medina	Josephine M. Reyes	Jordan R. Ursino
Marc Belardo	Dalena Dinh	James Jackson	Kenny Mejia Vasquez	Angie Rios	Franverluis Valdez
Javaughn Bennett	Thuy Doan	Mikal Jackson	Kirsaury Mercado	Angeliz M. Rivera Ortiz	Angelo Vallejo
Jasmine Bennis	Jhonatan Dominguez	Ronald Alan Jackson Jr.	Abria Miller	David Rivera	Christian Vargas
Christina Berrios	Martinez	Pablo Jacobo	Timothy Isaac Mireles	Miguel Rivera	Thalia Yanira Vasquez
Julio Berrios	Charles Joseph Doran	Kyle Travis Jenkins	Anthony Mixon Rowe	Venezia Rivera	Evelyn Alisha Vasquez
Patrick Bevins	Shayla Drummond	Sade Jenkins	Aleisha C. Morales	*Dominique Roberts	Juan Vazquez
Abu Beyallah	Andre Dudley	Terrance Khaalil Jenkins	Jimi Morales	Fronz Roberts	Samantha Mercedes Villarini
Ada Bisono	Flor Duran	Zakiyah A. Jihad	Priscilla Moran	DeAshia Robinson	Stephanie Vinas
Shaquille Boardley	Janet Dwomor	Alianna Jiminián Garcia	Jinette Morel	Lashawn Robinson	Steven Vinas
Ingilee Bolorin	Corey Eastman	Ahmed H. Johnson	Jesse Morell	Denzel Rodgers	Jessica Viteo
!Renee Bongala	Tyler Edelman	Anthony M. Johnson	Juliet Morgans Hazel	Joshua Rodgers	Richard Viviani
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*Nicholas Breen Jr.	Darryl Emory Jr.	!Claudine S. Jones	Christian Morquecho	Jonathan Javier Rodriguez	Vi Vu
Quinton Briggs	John Espinoza	Qabir Jones	Bilal Moss	Kayla Rodriguez	Cameron Wade
Koraan Bright	Victor Estrella	Rachel Jones	Marisa Moulton	Reynaldo Rodriguez	Ashley Waibel
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Carlington Britton	Joseph Michael Fabrizio	Cynthia M. Kalita	Monique Muse	Albert Rolle	Ciera Washington
Edwin J. Javier Brizuela	!*Kaitlyn K. Faraghan	Jennifer Kane	Azime Nail	Yannet Roman	Isha Nycole Washington
Alana Nicole Brown	Anthony Faulkner	Kinnie Kanneh	Rafael D. Navedo	Kaisha Ruiz	Meredith C. Watkins
Antoinette Brown	Janaè Felton	*Tina Kem	Vanessa C. Neal	Roberto Ruiz	Morgan Watkins
Taaj Brown	!*Yongyu Feng	April Kim	Jonathan Negron	Daniel Russell	!*Kristin Marie Weaver
Patrick Brust	Eddy Fernandez	Denny Kim	Hung Nguyen	Joseph M. Russo	Kalyn M. West
Paul Joseph Bucher	Jazmine Fernandez	Christopher Knight	Jimmy Nguyen	Anewdy Saldana	Tyrik West
*Nyasia Bui	Charles Finger IV	James Koehl	Marian Nguyen	Giancarlo Salguero	Shaheed White
Andre Burke	Kim Bershelle Finley	!*Holly Alicia Koehler	Navy Nguyen	Diony Sanchez	Amar Williams
Gerald R. Burns III	Zaire Fletcher	David Koh	Phi Nguyen	*Cory Sanders	Ameer J. Williams
Chaneil Butler	Olivia Forest	Kevin Korn	Stephanie Nguyen	!*Megan Sanders	Alonte B. Wilson
*Erin Diane Louciola	Lisa Foster	Katherine Lam	Thanhkim Nguyen	Francisco Sandoval	Rahmir Allen Wilson
Calderon	Marquis Fraction	Phuoc Lam	Tony Nguyen	Christina Ashley Santiago	Tajeé Wise
*Valynsia Ayaan	John Frangos	Fawzan Lari	Tatiana Nieves	Stephanie N. Santiago	Julian Wright
Campbell Scott	Edward Frias	Princess Lark	Carlie Nixon	Emily Scarfo	La'Shonda Wyles
Crystal A. Caraballo	Tihani Moné Fullard	Alexis Marie Lassiter	*Chinenye Obufor	Rachel Scheffler	Cruz A. Yambo
Jerome Jahmir Carmichael	Angelica M. Garcia	Jamere Lay	Pamela Ogando	Eric Scott	Amy Mariah Young
Jason W. Carr	Ashley Garcia	*Daniel Le	Cynthia Olmo	Tanasia Sease	Essence Young
Leon Carrasquillo	Cindy Garcia	!*Kim Le	Erik Ortiz	Antonio Serrano	JaQuille J. Young
Mark Cephas	Dimara Garcia	Tan D. Le	Stephany Ortiz	Tiffany Serrano	
*Linh Chieu	Eric Gardner	Tony H. Le	Lucky Otchere	*Kelsey Sharpe	
*Kanza Chowdhary	Khalil Jefier Gaymon	Daniel Leal	Joshua Pagan	Joshua Simmons	
Charles Chrisman	Anthony Gerhardt	Raldayne Ledford	*Crystal Pagan Perez	Joshua Simmons	! Top 20 in Class
Michael Clark	Emmanuel Vicente German	Christopher Pierre Leon	Darrell L. Parham	Dajon Singleton	* National Honor Society

Graduating Pennsauken High School Seniors Received Scholarships, Awards

By Marilyn Martinez, Superintendent

In an annual tradition, Pennsauken High School held its Senior Awards Night for the Class of 2012 on Tuesday, Jun. 12.

The Pennsauken High School auditorium was filled with family members who came together to honor an exceptional group of seniors at the Awards Night, where over 200 awards were presented to deserving students.

The awards were made possible by the generosity of local individuals and organizations.

Students were recognized for their excellence as scholars, athletes, musicians, scientists, artists, and leaders. They were also honored for exhibiting exceptional character and service to their community.

Parents, teachers, administrators, and members of the Board of Education are extremely proud of the accomplishments of the honored students.

Listed below are some of the more prominent awards:

- Apache Band Booster Association — Christopher Knight, \$200
- Apache Band Booster Association — Judah Pringle, \$200
- Roosevelt Elementary School — Debbie Trieu, \$200
- GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Merchantville — Stephanie DiVito, \$200
- Carson Elementary School — Kanza Chowdhary, \$200
- Carson Elementary School — Kaitlyn Faraghan, \$200
- Carson Elementary School — Christopher Knight, \$200
- Speech and Drama Scholarship — Angelo Lugo, \$200
- Pennsauken High School Leo Club —

- Michael Lu, \$200
- Pennsauken High School Leo Club — Yongyu Feng, \$200
- Pennsauken Youth Athletic Activities — Quinton Briggs, \$200
- Pennsauken Youth Athletic Activities — Alana Brown, \$200
- Pennsauken Soccer Boosters — Kurt Klaus Soccer Scholarship — Timothy Corcoran, \$200
- Pennsauken Soccer Boosters — Kurt Klaus Soccer Scholarship — Erin Calderon, \$200
- Thomas J. Soto Memorial Scholarship — Wyndam Sports Group — Sydnee Gross, \$250
- The Camden County Bar Association — Jordan Ursino, \$250
- Raymond F. Wiggins Jazz Scholarship — Christopher Knight, \$250
- Raymond F. Wiggins Jazz Scholarship — Darryl Emory, \$250
- Pennsauken Intermediate PTA — in honor of Dr. Jean Costello — Yonyu Feng, \$250
- Pennsauken Intermediate PTA — in honor of Dr. James Chapman — Michael Lu, \$250
- Robert D. Orr Award — Valynsia Campbell Scott, \$250
- Pennsauken High School PTA — Yongyu Feng, \$250
- Pennsauken High School PTA — Jessica Ball, \$250
- Pennsauken High School PTA — Jordan Ursino, \$250
- Pennsauken High School PTA — Valynsia Campbell Scott, \$250
- Bernard Kirshtein Scholarship — Claudine Jones, \$250
- Pennsauken High School Class of 1965 Scholarship — Megan Sanders, \$250
- The Evening Membership Department of the Woman's Club of Merchantville Memorial Fund Award — Kristin Weaver, \$300
- The Evening Membership Department of the Woman's Club of Merchantville Memorial Fund Award — Holly Koehler, \$300
- The Pennsauken Lions Club — Jordan Ursino, \$300

- Howard M. Phifer Middle School — Charles Chrisman, \$300
- Howard M. Phifer Middle School — Juliet Morgans-Hazel, \$300
- First Congressional District Scholarship — Kanza Chowdhary, \$300
- Merchantville School PTA Award — Amber Davis, \$350
- Benjamin Franklin PTA — Tina Kem, \$400 —
- Benjamin Franklin PTA — Marissa Leshnov, \$400
- Benjamin Franklin PTA — Kristen Weaver, \$400
- Benjamin Franklin PTA — Crystal Pagan-Perez, \$400
- Eleanor M. Coe Longfellow Award — Megan Sanders, \$400
- Eleanor M. Coe Longfellow Award — Kelsey Sharpe, \$400
- Apache Band Booster Association — Henkel Award — Ronald Jackson, \$500
- Apache Band Booster Association — Henkel Award — Jaquari Judge, \$500
- Charles Hosier Athletic Achievement Scholarship — Justin Anderson Copes, \$500
- Democratic Club of Pennsauken — Tina Kem, \$500
- Apache Band-in memory of Rendle Willgoos — Emily Scarfo, \$500
- Apache Band-in memory of Rendle Willgoos — Megan Sanders, \$500
- William C. Davis Memorial Award — Amber Davis, \$500
- Walter V. Kurkian Memorial Award — Janet Dwomor, \$500
- Rocco J. Maroccio Memorial Award — Kelsey Sharpe, \$500
- Frank Gail Memorial Award — Linh Chieu, \$500
- Robert R. Nicholson Award — Kim Le, \$500
- Tom Roan Memorial Scholarship — Charles Chrisman, \$500
- Helen C. Powers Memorial Scholarship — Kaitlyn Faraghan, \$500
- Pennsauken All Sports Booster Club Scholarship-Fall — Robert Ingram, \$500
- Pennsauken All Sports Booster Club

- Scholarship-Fall — Sydnee Gross, \$500
- Pennsauken All Sports Booster Club Scholarship-Spring — Marissa Leshnov, \$500
- Pennsauken All Sports Booster Club Scholarship-Spring — Kyle Johnston, \$500
- Pennsauken Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1270 Award — Ryan Madden, \$500
- James David Hutton Memorial Scholarship Award — Sydnee Gross, \$500
- William T. Clarke Scholarship Award — Fawzan Lari, \$500
- Opportunity Scholarship-in honor of Hilda & Hughie Stone — Kim Le, \$500
- Albert H. Stone Memorial Scholarship — Arvin Parungao, \$500
- Robert "Ike" Willis Memorial Award — Performing/Visual Arts — Renee Bongala, \$500
- Robert "Ike" Willis Memorial Award — Health & Physical Ed. — Dominique Roberts, \$500
- Robert "Ike" Willis Memorial Award — LA/World Language — Angela Mancao, \$500
- Robert "Ike" Willis Memorial Award — Mathematics — Shaquille Boardley, \$500
- Robert "Ike" Willis Memorial Award — Career-Technical Ed. — Christian Gray, \$500
- Robert "Ike" Willis Memorial Award — Science — Yongyu Feng, \$500
- Robert "Ike" Willis Memorial Award — Social Studies — Stephanie DiVito, \$500
- Robert "Ike" Willis Memorial Award — Special Education — Jared McKinsey, \$500
- Pennsauken High School Renaissance Program — Jessica Ball, \$500
- Pennsauken High School Renaissance Program — Linh Chieu, \$500
- Pennsauken High School Renaissance Program — Christopher Knight, \$500
- Pennsauken High School Renaissance Program — Michael Lu, \$500
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- Pennsauken High School Renaissance Program — Renee Bongala, \$500
- Pennsauken High School Renaissance Program — Jaquari Judge, \$500
- Merchantville Masonic Lodge #119 — Holly Koehler, \$500
- Pepsi Cola Company Award — Holly Koehler, \$500

- Pepsi Cola Company Award — Joshua Rodgers, \$500
- Jain Sangh, Inc. (Jain Temple-Pennsauken) — Kinnie Kanneh, \$500
- Merchantville School PTA Award — Claudine Jones, \$650
- Pennsauken Zone PTA Awards — Angela Mancao, \$750
- Pennsauken Zone PTA Awards — Megan Sanders, \$750
- Pennsauken Zone PTA Awards — Alexis Ammons, \$750
- Pennsauken Lions Club — Michael Lu, \$750
- Pennsauken Lions Club — Yongyu Feng, \$750
- Cooperative Education/School to Work Student of the Year — Quinton Briggs, \$1,000
- Pennsauken All Sports Booster Club Scholar/Athlete Scholarship — Alexis Ammons, \$1,000
- Pennsauken All Sports Booster Club Scholar/Athlete Scholarship — Shaquille Boardley, \$1,000 —
- George E. Norcross, III — Amanda Cortes, \$1,000
- American Legion of Camden County — Linh Chieu, \$1,000
- American Legion of Camden County — Peter Hoang, \$1,000
- Whitesell Construction Company — Angie Rios, \$1,500
- David Griggs Memorial Scholarship Award — Justin Anderson Copes, \$1,500
- 2012 Brian Matera Scholarship Award — Shaquille Boardley, \$1,500
- Ann Dillon Memorial Fund Scholarship — Angela Mancao, \$1,100
- Robert "Ike" Willis Memorial Scholarship — Alexis Ammons, \$2,000
- Robert "Ike" Willis Memorial Scholarship — Daniel Le, \$2,000
- William H. Kile Humanitarian Scholarship — Charles Chrisman, \$2,000
- George and Carol Norcross Scholarship — Shaquille Boardley, \$2,500
- The ZB Foundation Established by Mr. Abdul Majid — Sydnee Gross, \$2,500
- The ZB Foundation Established by Mr. Abdul Majid — Kim Le, \$2,500
- The ZB Foundation Established by Mr. Abdul Majid — Debbie Trieu, \$2,500
- National Achievement Scholarship Program — Marissa Leshnov, \$2,500
- New Jersey State Elks Association — Charles Chrisman, \$3,000 —
- The Asian American Women's Coalition Scholarship — Yongyu Feng, \$5,000



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Boys Scouts Recognize Adult Volunteers, District Award Winner and its newest Eagle

The first few days of May were quite busy for our local Scouts. On May 4, adult Scout leaders attended the annual White Horse Volunteer Recognition Dinner. Five Scout volunteers from Pennsauken and Merchantville were honored that night.

Kimberly Trost of Pennsauken was awarded the District Award of Merit, the highest honor an adult leader can get from the Boy Scouts of America on a district level. She was honored for her years of service to Cub Scout Pack 116, Boy Scout Troops 7 and 118, as well as her service as chairman of the district wide Cub-O-Ree campout. Trost also volunteers at the Council's Centennial Campout and its annual Harvest Fest.

Annette Marinelli, Linda Schpok, and Jim Hughes were awarded the Outstanding Unit Volunteer Award. Each year the Cub Scout Packs and Boy Scout Troops submit those volunteers who have significantly helped the Pack or Troop. Annette Marinelli has been a volunteer with Pack 116 ever since her son Anthony Jr. joined as a Cub Scout at age six. She became a den leader for him the following year, and has served in that role for the past three years. Now, her second son, Giovanni,



Pennsauken Mayor John Kneib recognizes Matthew Trost, Pennsauken's newest Eagle Scout, with a proclamation.

has joined the pack and she is doing double duty as an active Tiger cub parent.

Linda Schpok received the Outstanding Volunteer Award for the second year in a row. She is the Popcorn "Kernel" for both Pack 116 and Troop 118. A seasoned Girl Scout Cookie coordinator, she managed the Scout's popcorn selling efforts in Pennsauken and Merchantville for the past two years. Linda's son graduated from the Pack to Boy Scouts last year, but when she saw a need in the Pack for a second Tiger Cub Leader, she volunteered for that as well. She has been a great asset in all aspects of the Pack.

Jim Hughes with Troop 118 joined the Troop Committee when his son

Nathan joined in 2011. He has volunteered as the Troop Quartermaster, the person in charge of organizing and keeping track of Troop equipment and supplies. A bigger task now that Troop 7 and Troop 118 have merged, Jim coordinated the effort to blend the supplies and make sure the Troop is prepared for upcoming camping trips. He also makes sure that the equipment is properly cleaned and returned after those trips.

Mary Anne McFarland, dinner chairman, was recognized for her years of service to the White Horse District. She was surprised with a "Dinner Diva" award, and a more serious "Prepared for Life" statue from the District Chairman.

Newest Eagle Scout Receives Proclamation

Matthew Trost is the Troop's newest Eagle Scout. His Court of Honor was held on May 5. Pennsauken Mayor John Kneib came and presented Matthew with a Township Proclamation. To become an Eagle Scout, Trost had to hold three leadership positions within the troop with terms of six months each, earn 21 merit badges and complete a leadership/service project. Trost's project was the restoration of the Jordantown

Lawns Cemetery on Haddonfield Rd.

Summer Scouting

The Cub Scout Pack is preparing for summertime activities and summer day camp at Pine Hill in Berlin. The Troop will also be going to Camp Roosevelt in Elmer in July for a week long camping experience, and will work on Merit Badges and other skills.

The Pack is open to all boys Kindergarten to grade 5 and the Troop is open to all boys ages 11-18. If you would be interested in having your son participate in scouting, contact Committee Chairman Mary Anne McFarland at 856-313-7751 or e-mail cubpack116@comcast.net for Cub Scout and troop118. scouts@comcast.net for Boy Scouts.

New Community Garden Starting To Grow

The first year of the Pennsauken Community Garden is off to a great start. Located behind the Pennsauken Free Public Library, the organic garden already has nineteen 6' x 8' plots. Membership is \$10 per year and is open to all Pennsauken residents.

The next meeting of the group is Saturday, Jul. 7 at 9 a.m. at the garden. On Wednesday, Jul. 18 at 7:00 p.m., we will have a pot luck supper and ceremonial planting of seeds for fall crops. Bring a dish and join us as we thank those who helped us get things rolling. The rain date is Thursday, Jul. 19. For more info, call Diane at 856-495-2474.

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GRAYMATTERS A Beach Story: My Heart Grew Up in Sea Isle

By Judith Kristen
AAP Columnist

I'm not the beach bum I was when I was a kid... but I have a backlog of memories of those days that's warmer than the noonday sun.

In the 1950s and early 60s, before that

infamous 1962 'Nor-Easter' took out most of the coastline, I was sent down to my Aunt Anna and Uncle John Turner's home for the entire summer. It was a lovely year-round cottage in-between the bay and the ocean on a lovely part of Sea Isle called Townsends

Inlet. It was heaven.

Those happy childhood days stayed with me, so much so that I wrote two books about them, not in a sterile way, but reaching out to children with "Mookie Goes Down the Shore" and touching the hearts of a few genera-

tions with one of my favorite books called, "The Light and Dark Side of Seventeen," based on shore life back in 1959, when a "Jersey Girl" was far different than the ones we see portrayed on television these days.

In those beautiful summers, I woke up to the happy sounds of seagulls, and soft chiffon curtains blowing in a cool, ocean breeze while the delicious aroma of sizzling bacon called me toward the kitchen. The Turner household was barely 900 square feet but it held enough love and happiness to fill the ocean that surrounded it.

Aunt Anna taught me how to swim, how to make her famous deviled clams, how to scale fish, and how to make the perfect strawberry shortcake. Uncle John took me deep sea fishing, we went clamming and crabbing, he taught me how to operate a motorboat, and taught me how to hook a minnow. YUCK!!!

The Turners never had children of their own, but they were as devoted to me as if I belonged to them. I recall my Aunt and Uncle standing on John's Pier to watch my debut on water skis back in 1958. I lasted all of thirty seconds, but I got a round of applause just the same and it made me feel confident enough to get back up and try it again. I watched them smile and wave at me as I made it all the way across the bay that time. Apparently a little applause goes a long way.

Trips to the ice cream parlor called Van Sants consisted of 10 cent cones, 12 cents with jimmies; and a place called

The Charcoal House, that made the best hamburgers I ever had in my life for a whopping 15 cents.

We'd walk, not drive, to the boardwalk in Sea Isle and sit and watch the ocean, go for a ride on the carousel, or enjoy some cotton candy that you were allowed to spin for yourself. But most of all, we enjoyed each other's company. That little four-mile trek to and from Sea Isle held some of the most meaningful conversations I ever had in my life.

I didn't grow up down the shore... but my heart did.

Now Andrew and I make a yearly pilgrimage back to Townsends Inlet. It is no longer a simple little hamlet sparsely dotted by a hundred charming cottages. Now, from bay front to oceanfront, huge condos line every inch of possible space and cars hustle and bustle as quickly as they do along Crescent Boulevard.

But still, if you sit on John's Pier, and look out toward the Coast Guard Station, a few of those old houses from my childhood remain. And while you're up there, you can still see moms and dads, grandmoms and grandpas, and yes, even a few precious favorite aunts and uncles watching the youngsters learning to swim, row a boat, and taking their first thirty-second lesson on water skis.

I always smile and wave... oh, yes... and applaud.

See you next month.

~Judy

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WAGSWORLD Hope for the Younger Generation: Observations At The Flea Market

By Bob Wagner, AAP Columnist

There is hope for the younger generation! On a recent foray to the yearly Ocean Grove town wide flea market and yard sale, I wandered the streets with my granddaughters Hannah and Emily. We were supposed to practice selling, getting new ideas for our upcoming family yard sale. We promised each other to practice self control, and only buy something we really, really needed. I suggested, in my most

grandfatherly voice, that we only look for one good item, and preferably one that there is little chance of finding. Like my tuba.

The girls smiled knowingly, and refrained from busting my bubble. Mere minutes into our search, I found and bought an old bugle. Just like the one I had growing up. Actually, as Emily so sharply pointed out, just like the other two in my garage. She is, of course, wrong. There are four bugles in my garage, and they are hardly alike.

Except for the two that are identical.

The practical Hannah made very minor purchases of doll clothes. Emily, however, found more musical instruments to torture me with. As I pawed through stacks of interesting old musical "stuff," I found a fife. And it was marked \$2.00. Emily can play a fife. And it was only two bucks! She turned it over twice, played a few notes, then put it down.

"I already have a fife," she said. "You gave it to me last month." And that was it. My mind boggled. You already have one. So what! Is it the same color? The same tone? It's a bargain! A steal, even. And it's so small. It hardly takes up any room at all. Certainly not like a tuba. That one find will push my wife's wedding vows to the limit. The vow where she promises not to kill me for bringing really stupid stuff home.

But I digress. Emily, unmoved by my pleading, has moved on. She may not have the makeup to become a "collector." She just might build a life where having one of something is enough. There just might be hope for the younger generation after all. Perhaps Nana's prayers have been answered.

The beautiful sunny day progressed. I found no tuba. I did find a trombone, and it was a doozy! But it had no mouthpiece. After an initial rejection, when I raced back an hour later, it was gone.

Emily did buy a portable piano. It

was a great bargain at five bucks. And it's small, all rolled up, and takes up hardly any space at all.

Later that night, back at Aunt Christine's house, Em discovered she

could coax four notes out of the bugle, much to the dismay of the gathered relatives. I was the only one amused. If she can blow a bugle, could a tuba not be far behind? Wish me luck.

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Amelia Earhart Landed at Pennsauken's Central Airport

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by two brothers of the wealthy Ludington family of the Main Line, to serve a new airline they were preparing to put into service. This new airline, first called the New York-Philadelphia-Washington Air Transport and later Ludington Lines, was intended to test the airline as a common mode of transportation. Therefore, it had to be cheap, safe, comfortable, frequent and reliable.

To work economically, the new airline would have to attract a broader spectrum of the passenger market. Among the most important targets of the new airline would have to be women, who rarely flew and who could influence family flying if they were won over to the new world of aviation. Who better to reach women as potential passengers than Amelia Earhart?

Amelia Earhart had already been hard at work on convincing American women that flying was safe and fun. She had been trying to recruit women

both as pilots and also as passengers for another new airline called TAT. At the struggling TAT, she had also worked with two of the executives of the new airline founded by the Ludingtons, Eugene Vidal and Paul Collins.

In 1930, Amelia Earhart became vice president of Public Relations for the New York-Philadelphia-Washington Air Transport. Her duties included dealing with the press on the release of news about the new airline, and also handling customer complaints. According to Susan Butler's biography of Earhart, "East to the Dawn," this even included flying the airline's route at least every other day. While not every flight of Ludington's "every hour on the hour" schedule from New York to Washington necessarily stopped in Camden, Vice President Amelia Earhart became a frequent visitor to Central Airport from autumn of 1930 to spring of 1931. After March 1931 she became focused

on publicity projects for the airline, writing articles and giving speeches to promote flying, especially among young women.

Amelia Earhart undertook another first during 1931, when she became the first woman to fly an autogiro, a sort of predecessor of the helicopter, but with wings like an airplane. It must be admitted that she never fully mastered the different flying properties of the autogiro, however, and she crashed them three times. One of those three crashes happened, without injury, at Central Airport.

Another project also took precedence. In May, 1932, Amelia Earhart became the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean, taking off from Newfoundland and landing in Ireland.

The acclaim of this truly pioneering flight resulted in another well-documented visit to Pennsauken's Central Airport by the "Lady Lindy." On Oct. 5, 1932, Amelia Earhart arrived at Central Airport on her way to

Philadelphia, where she was awarded the Gimbel Award as one of the outstanding women of the nation. There is a striking news photograph of Amelia sitting in an open touring car, surrounded by a crowd of admirers, the Central Airport terminal building with its neon sign providing a backdrop. This scene was only the start of a processional parade from Central Airport through Camden and over the bridge to Philadelphia. The report in the Courier Post remarked, "As vice president of Ludington Lines, she used to fly to Camden (i.e. Pennsauken) almost daily, unnoticed, but a thousand eyes scanned the horizon yesterday afternoon for her arrival."

Five years later, on her second attempt to fly around the world, at Howland Island in the Pacific, eyes again scanned the sky for Amelia Earhart's arrival. It never came. Seventy-five years later, people are still waiting for Amelia Earhart, and Pennsauken Township remembers.

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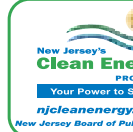
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Fond Summer Memories at the Pennsauken Pool

By Patricia McHugh, AAP Contributor

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mixing and mingling with kids from other schools in Pennsauken.

Of course, we all walked to the pool regardless of where we lived. It never entered into our minds that it was too far for us to go for a swim. Whether you lived across Route 130 or down off Browning Road. If it was in the Township, you were off and running. Getting there was half the fun. You

might leave your house alone or with a friend, but by the time you arrived on River Road, you would have become part of a migration with towels and pool tickets that laughed and talked all the way to an afternoon of fun.

Rules were strictly enforced by a member of the older generation whom we respected as manager and had the responsibility of keeping us all in line, while at the same time permitting us to enjoy ourselves.

Promptly at three o'clock, a buzzer would sound. We knew it was now time for the adult swim, and all the kids had to get out of the water. We would head over to the refreshment stand, which sold pretzels for a penny. If you had any money, you bought something to share with you friend, even if it meant breaking the pretzel in two.

In all my days at the pool I never saw any fighting or heard anyone question the authority of the life guards or pool manager. Perhaps my memory is a bit cloudy after all these years, but those hazy crazy days of summer growing up in this Township are the best.

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By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

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"Day Trips" from New Jersey: "Getaway Ideas for the Local Traveler," (Globe Pequot Press) is an informative guide packed with hundreds of exciting things for locals and vacationers to see and discover within a two-hour drive from many top New Jersey and Tri-State area destinations.

All Around Pennsauken reached out to Stephanie Murphy-Lupo, the author of "Day Trips" from New Jersey," for some ideas from her book specifically for Pennsauken and Merchantville residents. Here are her

suggestions, including some great ones right in our backyard:

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The Garden State Discovery Museum. 2040 Springdale Road, Cherry Hill; (856) 424-1233; www.discoverymuseum.com. This is a national model for hands-on children's activities; and if the kids are happy, the grownups will be smiling as well. Parents magazine ranks the site among the top 50 children's museums in the United States. Activities are tailored to ages, from infants through age 10. More than 20 interactive areas encourage children to explore their interests.

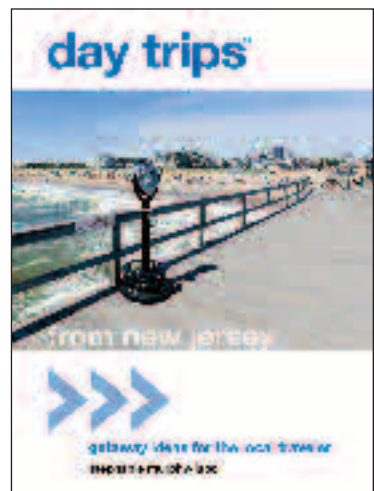
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Air Victory Museum. 68 Stacy Haines Road, Lumberton; (609) 267-4488; www.airvictorymuseum.org. This would make for a super Father's Day outing on June 15, or the 3rd Annual

Living History Day on June 21. On July 18, there's Family Night at the Museum. Its displays include aircraft, most of them on loan from the National Naval Aviation Museum in Pensacola, Florida; engines, uniforms and artifacts. The latter includes excavated relics from Freeman Field, Indiana, where captured Axis aircraft were tested, and a wind tunnel built in the early 1900s and supervised by the Wright Brothers. Need to do research for a school paper? The museum's library has more than 3,000 volumes and scads of videos.

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By Fire Chief Joseph V. Palumbo, Sr.,
Pennsauken Fire Department

Service to one's community is a cornerstone of the history of the United States. In Pennsauken, service to the fire department is rooted in neighborhood civic groups, recognizing the need

for the suppression of fires shortly after the start of the Twentieth Century. As you enjoy the Independence Day holiday, please take a moment to reflect on the men and women, fathers and sons, brothers, cousins, and neighbors that have chosen to serve their community

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Then and now: Pennsauken residents serving their community in the Pennsauken Fire Department



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FF Norman Figueroa, III, 7/18
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FF Jean Fabrizio, 7/19
Captain Kim Figueroa, 7/22

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FF Joseph Wittenberg, 4 years

JULY CALENDAR

Atlantic League All-Star Game

The 2012 Atlantic League All-Star Game is held at Campbell's Field, 401 N. Delaware Avenue, Camden, on Wednesday, July 11 at 7:05 p.m. Camden County residents receive a free child's ticket with each purchase of a \$10 adult ticket. There is also a special \$5 ticket offer for all Camden County seniors. All tickets are located in the 200 Level and must be ordered in advance. To purchase tickets, contact Mike Barone at 856-583-0043.

Merchantville Car and Bike Show

Merchantville hosts its 14th annual car and bike show, Saturday, July 14 from 12 p.m. to 9 p.m. Featuring over 800 cars, trucks, motorcycles, vintage bicycles, and more. Various family-oriented activities will be available throughout the late afternoon and evening. Rain date is July 21. For more information, or to learn about the new Most Patriotic award category, visit

merchantvillecarshow.net.

Family Fun

Merchantville Masonic Lodge, 6926 Park Ave., Pennsauken is hosting an afternoon of peaches, picnics and games, Saturday, July 21 from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. Sponsored by the Athene Chapter, O.E.S. of New Jersey. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children under 12 years of age. For more information, contact Eva at 856-662-2118.

Health Fair

Iglesia La Familia, 1706 Merchantville Ave., Pennsauken, is hosting a health fair, Friday, July 27 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This free event features blood pressure, blood sugar and cholesterol screenings, courtesy of Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey; informational tables from Cooper Hospital; kid-friendly entertainment; and more. For information, call Becky at 856-317-0095.

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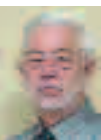
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PUBLICWORKS Let's Focus On Keeping Pennsauken Litter Free



By Bernie Kofaet, Public Works Superintendent

Thank you to everyone who came out on May 19 to help clean up Heritage Park and Tippin's Pond. Over 2.55 tons of debris and 20 bags of recyclable materials were removed. The effort is most noticeable along River Rd. Storm water drains along River Rd. that drain into the pond were cleared of accumulated trash and other debris. This will certainly improve the water quality of the pond.

Let's talk about litter

With the completed cleanup of Tippin's Pond, it brings to mind that there is still more to do to help keep Pennsauken trash free. And it starts with something as simple as dealing with litter.

What is litter? For the purpose of this article, litter is scattered trash, pieces of trash that have been carelessly left on the ground, especially in a public place or outdoors. We've all seen it. We've all at one time or another would admit to being guilty of littering.

In 2009, a survey conducted by Keep America Beautiful found some interesting facts. Littering is a matter of personal choice. No one is forced to litter. The choice to drop that candy wrapper on the ground is a personal decision.

Likewise, the choice to properly dispose of the wrapper is also a personal choice.

Litter begets litter. The survey found that people were more likely to litter into an environment that was already littered. A community that is clean discouraged littering and improved the overall quality of life of the community.

Transition points, entrances to businesses, transportation, and other places where items must be discarded before entering, generate tremendous amount of litter. Think about this in your daily life. How often have you found yourself going into a store, a business or office and had to dispose of a soda bottle, a chip bag, or a candy wrapper and just dropped it on the ground?

In an effort to reduce litter in Pennsauken, there are trash containers placed in the Westfield Ave., Marlton Pike, and Maple Ave. business districts. These containers are monitored and emptied twice a week. Containers have

also been placed at the entrance to the Library and Municipal building.

During the last three years, trash and combination trash/recycling containers have been placed at all snack stands at the various youth athletic facilities, as well as various parks and playgrounds throughout the Township.

The greatest difference can only be made with each one of us changing our behavior.

Around the house, make sure your trash can lids are secure, so animals won't get into them and scatter trash. Whether you cut your own grass or have it cut by someone, don't blow the clippings into the street. The clippings are just another form of litter. If someone leaves litter in front of your house, pick it up as soon as possible. Remember, litter begets litter.

Keep a litter bag in your car. Don't throw trash out the windows.

One of the best things you can do is to set an example for your children. If they see you making responsible decisions and properly disposing of litter, they are more likely to do the same. Good habits learned young will stay with them for a lifetime.

If you go to your child's ball game, use the trash and recyclable containers provided. Take the lead and set the example. It will become contagious. Others will follow.

Our businesses also have a role in reducing litter. Just as homeowners have responsibility to maintain their property, you too have an obligation to maintain your business. Pick up the litter in front of your store. Sweep the curb. Pull the weeds. Keeping your property clean and attractive just makes good business sense. People are more likely to patronize a clean, friendly, inviting business than one that has trash in front of it.

Whether your business has one vehicle or a fleet of hundreds, remember to keep all cargo secure. Cover all open loads to prevent them from accidentally falling onto the roadway. Keep your vehicles properly maintained. We've all seen the chunks of tires lying on the highway.

The Keep America Beautiful survey found that litter in a community can reduce property values by up to

seven percent. We all have a stake in this. If each of us does our part, we can make a difference.

Let's all make a pledge to do our part to keep Pennsauken clean!

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The next **Household Special Waste Collection Day** sponsored by Camden County will be on **Saturday, Sept. 15**, from 8:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at the Pennsauken Sanitary Landfill, 9600 River Rd.

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Celebrate Summer! Grow Local, Buy Local, Eat Healthy

By Kathleen Harvey,
Owner, Plant Artistry, LLC

In April, our town hosted a "Buy Local" event to showcase the variety of goods and services available in our own back yard. We help support our local economy when we spend money with small businesses that are owned by our neighbors. Now that it's mid-summer, local produce is bountiful. While in season, locally grown produce will also be at its most affordable. Look for Jersey Fresh signs at supermarkets, local farms, and farmer's markets. Purchasing produce grown locally not only helps sup-

port our local economy, but also ensures maximum freshness and nutritional value for us and our children.

If you enjoy watching your own plants burst forth in a joyous profusion of green leaves and developing fruits, get your whole family involved. Grandparents and parents can share their knowledge and pleasure of growing, harvesting, and cooking with fruits, vegetables, and herbs from your own back yard. By now, tomatoes, peppers, eggplants, and other local favorites are growing and ripening. During this critical time of growth and maturation,

plants need a steady supply of food and water, just like people. Watering is best done early in the morning, just before leaving for work, or late afternoon, as soon as work is done for the day. Watering mid-day causes more water to evaporate than to soak into the soil, especially during hot, sunny days. Topping soil around plants with mulch or permeable material made for plants will help reduce weeds and retain water. Weeding can be a chore, but is important to prevent weeds from stealing nutrients meant for your plants. If early cool crops like lettuce, spinach,

and carrots are bolting in the heat, new seeds can be planted in August for autumn harvesting.

Our forefathers used recipes with

fresh seasonal crops. Take a page from them, bring out your ancestor's favorite summer recipes, and revel in summer's bounty.

Images Needed of Pennsauken's Historic Women

Glass artist J. Kenneth Leap is the winner of the New Jersey Transit contest to create artwork for the new Pennsauken Transit Center. Leap plans to use the windows along the platform as a gallery that depicts women throughout Pennsauken's history. Their images will be superimposed on elegant lace borders, along with their name and a descriptive biographical word such as "teacher," "debutante," "artist," etc.

The public is invited to submit images to be included in this display. Each treasured original photo will be treated with care and individuals will

not be asked to leave them.

Contact the Pennsauken Free Public Library at 856-665-5959 ext. 4 to schedule a meeting with Ken on Jul. 10 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., or Jul. 24 from 12 p.m. to 5:45 p.m., at the Pennsauken Library's Community Room to have the photos scanned. Residents will be asked to provide background information on the subject of the photo, and sign a release granting the artist permission to use the image. To see the design of the Transit Center, visit www.paintedwindowdesigns-pennsauken.blogspot.com.

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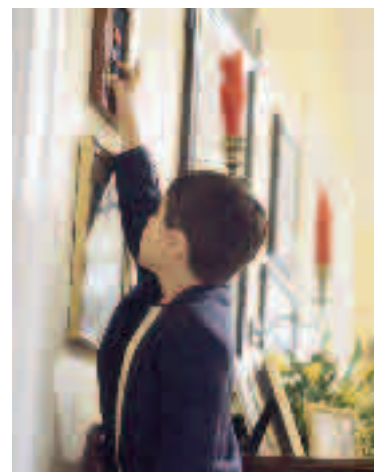
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Community Center Update, AARP Meetings to Resume in Fall

By Sonny DiSabato
Senior Citizen Coordinator

Due to budget cuts, the Merchantville Community Day Care Center has shut its doors. For those participating in the Camden County Nutrition Project, there are still several meal sites open to Camden County residents 60+ years of age and their spouses. Here is a list of nearby alternative sites:

Katz Jewish Community Center
1301 Springdale Road
Cherry Hill (Kosher)
(Monday – Friday)
856-424-4444 Ext. 280

John Kerfoot Community Center
Road A, Audubon Park
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856-547-3407

Riverview Towers
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Site hours are from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. The actual cost of each meal is \$5.50. A donation of \$1.50 per meal is requested. Please call the individual site for more information or to make a reservation.

For additional information on services

for seniors, please contact Senior Citizens United Community Services at 856-456-1121

AARP Meetings to Resume in Fall

Please remember that AARP meetings will not be held in July or August. Local seniors are encouraged to attend the meetings when they resume in the fall. The next AARP meeting will be held at 1 p.m. on Monday, Sep. 10 at The Pennsauken United Methodist Church, 3541 Pennsylvania Ave.

Please keep our service men and women in your prayers.

2012 Best Mom and Dad Essay Contest Winners Named

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children and help to fix them.

"She enjoys some of the things kids do," wrote Brown. "Watching movies, playing games, and going on vacation are stuff she absolutely loves."

Brown also praised his mother's musical talents, as she is able to play a variety of instruments, including the violin. She is also an incredible singer, and helped form the choir that sings at their church.

"Wherever she is, there is music playing," adds Brown. "If a song is playing that she knows, she'll sing along."

Larmond's musical talent has obviously rubbed off on her son, as he could not stop "singing" his mother's praises.

"My mom might be the only perfect person you'd ever meet in your lifetime. My mom is the best."

For her contest entry, Samantha Gaskins wrote about her father, Rocco Gaskins, "the greatest dad in the world." Samantha went to great lengths to speak about her father's innate creativity.

"The fact that my dad is creative is no big surprise," explained Samantha. "He

made my mom bookshelves and put down hardwood flooring in my brother's room. Whenever I'm bored, my dad makes up the best games."

Gaskins also spoke of her father's amazing physical characteristics. "His sweet and soft voice shows he is kind. His soft skin feels like a baby's bottom,

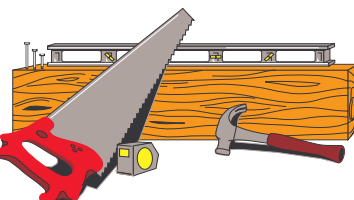
and his clothes always smell like roses."

Based on Samantha's letter, she was correct. It was a "no-brainer" to select her father as Best Dad in Pennsauken.

"In the world, the mold for the perfect human was my dad," added Gaskins. "My father is the best in the universe, and I'm not joking."

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Philly Comic Book Convention Draws South Jersey Fans, Pennsauken Business

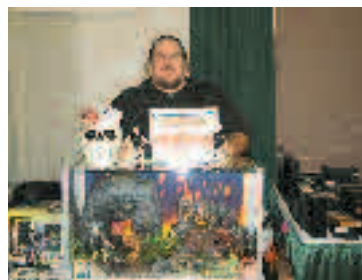
By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

Comic books. Over a decade ago, these stories of heroes faster than a speeding bullet were seen more as junk taking up space in your parents' basement than an actual force of pop culture. Today, comics have gone from a collector's item for select enthusiasts into a true global phenomenon, leaping from the printed page to the silver screen, and turning masked avengers into a billion dollar industry.

A prime example of the increasing popularity of comic books was last month's Philadelphia Comic Con Wizard World Convention, where tens of thousands of comic book and science fiction fans descended upon the Philadelphia Convention Center. Attendees could meet Stan Lee, the creator of iconic comic book characters such as Spider-Man, The Incredible Hulk and Fantastic Four; Chris Hemsworth, lead

actor in "Thor," and "The Avengers;" all five captains from the "Star Trek" series; and dozens of other actors from television and the silver screen. Also on hand were countless rows of vendors, selling everything from much needed back issues, pop-culture t-shirts, movie memorabilia, and action figures. Among the countless tables was Ro3Co (pronounced ROB-CO), a Pennsauken-based company looking to bring back a retro style action figure with their Warlords and Warriors line.

"Warlords and Warriors is a world of might and magic, where a barbarian prince and his heroic warriors battle evil warlords and demons of dark magic in search of the lost warrior king," explains Rob Roman, co-owner of Ro3Co and a Pennsauken resident. "We were inspired by childhood memories. My grandmother used to buy me action figures at Woolworth's when I



Pennsauken resident and businessman Rob Roman, co-owner of Ro3Co and creator of the Warlords and Warriors action figure line. Ro3Co showcased their product at the recent Philadelphia Comic Con Wizard World Convention.

was a kid. It's great to make something old to be new again."

The line, which will be produced by PA-based Zoloworld in time for the holidays, contains ethnically diverse characters with rich back stories.

"We want it to appeal to a variety of people. We're keeping it very good vs

evil for the kids, but for the adult collector, we're going to have a dark side of the story as well. There's a little something for everyone."

Pennsauken's Passion for Collecting

Action figures are a true passion for Roman, who has been a collector since he was a small boy and is the proud owner of over 10,000 vintage and current G.I. Joes and countless other types of heroes and monsters. Another Pennsauken resident has also been collecting since he was little, and has accumulated an impressive number of comic books. Ron Crane, Pennsauken Township's chief financial officer, has over 1,200 comic books, locked safely away in a climate-controlled storage facility. Crane scours the Internet, comic book shows and the like to fill in the missing pieces of his collection.

"I watched cartoons as a kid and the

heroes were larger than life. They were someone to look up to," says Crane. "I was always into super-hero books. My favorites were Amazing Spider-Man and Fantastic Four, but I also liked collecting horror comics and medieval books like Conan The Barbarian."

Among Crane's prized possessions: a copy of Amazing Fantasy #15, also known as the first appearance of Spider-Man, as well as Amazing Spider-Man #1, the first issue of the wall-crawler's individual title.

Crane shares his love of collecting with his two boys, Ronny, age 11 and Roger, age 9, showing that something once thought of as children's entertainment can be shared across generations.

"Watching my kids get into super heroes and collecting is what revived my passion for it," adds Crane. "Now when we look for books to add to our collection, we look for what they like."

Pennsauken Lions Club Announces Citizen of the Year



Jim Gibson

At a recent meeting, the Pennsauken Lions Club discussed nominations received from the community, and have selected Jim Gibson to be their Citizen of the Year.

A dinner in Gibson's honor was held on Jun, 18 at Macaro's catering hall on Westfield Ave., Pennsauken.

Gibson has been volunteering in Pennsauken for many years, serving as Central School PTA president from 1997-1999 and working with the Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Camden County from 1998-2004.

A huge chunk of Gibson's time has been devoted to the Boy Scout program. He served as an Assistant Scoutmaster for Troops 119 and 118

from 1997-2004. He also helped as an Assistant Scoutmaster for a troop in Camden from 2004-2005.

In 2004, Gibson was one of the founding members of Troop 007, bringing Scouting back into Pennsauken. He held the Scoutmaster position for the past eight years, retiring from that job August 2011. As Scoutmaster, Gibson attended all the weekend camping trips, giving up his vacation to attend summer camp with the Scouts. Six young men have become Eagle Scouts under his watchful eye.

In 2004, Gibson joined the District Committee for Scouting, first serving on the Eagle Board of Review, assuming the chairman position in 2005, a job he continues to hold today. As chairman, Gibson schedules Eagle project reviews and final Boards of Review, which determine whether a young man is worthy of becoming an Eagle Scout. In his tenure as District Advancement Chairman, approximately 300 young men have achieved Eagle.

Today, he continues to serve the youth of Pennsauken, acting as advancement chairman for the newly merged Troop 7 and Troop 118. He tracks the boy's activities and advancements, advising them on how best to achieve the coveted Eagle Scout.

Gibson is married to Sandie, his wife of 26 years. They have one son, Trevor, age 25.

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Pennsauken High School's Class of 2012 Graduates with Fanfare and Pride

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happy for you!" "Congratulations!" and "I wish you the best of everything!" were spoken with a warmth and sincerity that was truly heart-felt and most appreciated.

As the graduates walked onto the stadium field, the sweet melodic sounds of "Pomp and Circumstance" were played by the school's concert band, and many an eye was filled with emotion. Family and friends watched as the young men, dressed in brilliant red caps and gowns, and the young women, adorned in a beautiful sky blue, took their official ceremony seats. There was a bit of laughter among the crowd as one enthusiastic male student was so overjoyed that he did a cartwheel and a back flip en route to his seat without the slightest moment's disruption in the line's procedure.

When each of the four hundred and thirteen students was seated, the official graduation program began. "The Star Spangled Banner" was sung by members of the Pennsauken High School's "Double Dozen" and imme-

diately following that beautiful moment were heartfelt speeches from Superintendent, Marilyn Martinez, Board of Education President Danny O'Brien, Principal Dennis M. Vinson, as well as those jubilant, hope-filled, and high-spirited class representative presentations from PHS Vice President of Activities Valynsia Campbell-Scott, President of Student Government Tina Kem, Valedictorian Linh Chieu, Class President Sydnee Gross, Salutatorian Angela Mancao, Student Body Speaker Kristin Weaver, and Class Secretary Paige Davis.

After those speeches came the moment everyone in attendance had been waiting for, the awarding of diplomas to each and every member of Pennsauken High School's Class of 2012.

The lovely deep blue, gold-embossed presentation folder was handed to each smiling student by Senior Advisors Ebony Kinder and Stacie Leatherwood.

The applause from those in attendance was an uproar born of happiness and pride, as well as the honoring of a

milestone in the lives of their loved ones.

The conclusion to the evening's ceremony was probably the most touching of all. A song called, "I Believe I Can Fly" was performed beautifully by Zinia Augustus and Amber Davis.

"I believe I can fly. I believe I can touch the sky."

The magic of the words in that song soon took over and each and every class member started to sing along with Zinia and Amber, as did every person sitting in the stands and those watching from along the sidelines of the stadium grounds. Even several members of the police force and school security were so touched that they sang along as well.

It was just one of those perfect moments in time, witnessing over one thousand people singing and swaying to such beautiful words of promise.

Then, as the song ended, and a farewell was spoken by Class Secretary Paige Davis, a seamless transfer of the class flag took place from the Class President of 2012 Kadajah Cunningham to the Class President of 2013 Sydnee Gross.

Suddenly, as if on a perfect cue, mortarboards were tossed in the air, joy and laughter filled the stadium, and Graduation was official.

The sun above also added to the end of a most perfect day by coming to rest

over the field's final moments, casting its golden glow upon the golden graduates of Pennsauken High School's Class of 2012.

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- Inspect the washing machine connection; it's often a main entry point for a back-up

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Purchase an Insurance Rider

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Calendars are currently available online at pennsaukenlibrary.org, or in the library at the Youth Services Desk. Most programs are drop-in programs, where we accommodate patrons on a first come, first serve basis.

Programs

During Babytime, held Fridays at 10:30 a.m., we foster positive family communication while enjoying singing, playing, and reading. Our librarians

encourage and support all of our younger patrons, allowing them to receive support from adults who are not their parents. For our youngest patrons the library may be the first place they see, feel, and hear a book being read to them. It may also be where they first walk or first make new friends. For many families the library holds a special place in their heart.

Programs for ages 3-5 and 6-8 focus on helping children develop their reading skills. By talking, singing, reading, writing and playing we make sure every child is ready to read. Our most popular program is Reading Buddies. Be sure to sign your child up and if you can help out by volunteering to read to another child

Growing Through Reading

As children get older, the library provides personal "firsts." It will be the place they find the first book they enjoy reading over and over again. They may discover their favorite author. They may make new connections to the world. They may learn about themselves or others and find that they have strengths they never knew they had.

Children can also be empowered by providing service in the library and input into the books and movies they would like to see purchased. The creative activities provided over the summer, as well as the structured reading program, help all children learn about constructive use of times and boundaries.

When children become adolescents, they have the opportunity to showcase their talents at the library while they continue to discover and develop their own personal identity. Whether they are into Manga, band, theatre, video games, reading, or athletics, there is something for everyone in the library. The variety of books found in the young adult collection allows adolescents to test themselves, push boundaries, and discover what they are comfortable with.

As teens move on to college and become adults, the library becomes a place of supplemental activity. Sadly, some may not return until they have their own children but it will be their childhood memories of the library that bring them back. With your support, we will always be here for you and your family.

You and your family can track your summer reading by visiting <https://nj.evanced.info/pennsauken/sr/homepage.asp>.

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July Library Events

For Ages 0-2

• **Babytime** – Fridays – 10:30 a.m.
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For Ages 3-5

• **PJ Storyhour** – Mondays – 6 p.m.
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• **Sleepyhead Storyhour** – Tuesdays – 10 a.m.
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For Ages 6-8

• **Reading Buddies** – Thursdays – 7 p.m.
You must pre-register for this program at the Youth Services Desk.
• **Night Shivers** – Wednesday 7/11 – 5 p.m.
Explore the scary side of nighttime and conquer your fears by creating your own scary creature.
• **"Fireflies"** – Wednesday 7/25 – 4 p.m.
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For Ages 9-11

• **Night Shivers** – Wednesday 7/11 – 5 p.m.
Explore the scary side of nighttime and conquer your fears by creating your own scary creature.
• **Yoga** – Wednesday 7/18 – 7 p.m.
Registration is recommended for this program but not required. Register through our online event calendar: www.pennsaukenlibrary.org/events.cfm.
• **Nightmare Face Off** – Friday 7/13 – 4 p.m.
Turn your friends into

monsters for a scary good time.

• **Graffiti Artists** – Friday 7/27 – 4 p.m.
Learn about the art of graffiti and create your own graffiti art on discarded library chairs.

For Ages 12+

• **Yoga (Ages 15+)** – Monday 7/2 & 7/16 – 7 p.m.
• **Manga Club** – Friday 7/6 & 7/20 – 4 p.m.
• **Full Moon Book Club** – Monday 7/9 – 3 p.m.
We will be discussing "Never Cry Werewolf" by Heather Davis. See Miss Colleen ASAP to get a copy of the book.
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For Adults

• **Arcade Action** – Saturday 7/28 – 11 a.m.
• **Book Club** – Thurs, 7/5 – 10:15 a.m.
• **Graphic Novel Society** – Wednesday 7/25 – 6:30 p.m.
• **Library Board Meeting** – Monday

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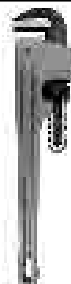
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MYSTERYMUNCHERS The Mystery Munchers Do Lunch At Bobby Ray's

By Chick N. Gumbo

We heard that Bobby Ray's had a new luncheon menu so we decided to do lunch.

Cassie Roll, who was hungry, said, "Let's start with appetizers from the Shorty Sampler. We can pick three and get a half serving of each."

Her choice was clams casino. They had a lot of "zip" to them and were tasty. I said, "Shall we try crab stuffed shrimp?" Oh yes, they all wanted that. The shrimp was stuffed with sautéed crab imperial served with a blush sauce. Very yummy.

Terri MaSue chose bacon wrapped shrimp. She said, "The shrimp are huge! They are excellent, wrapped in very crisp bacon." Mari Nated added, "They have a nice crunch to them." We all agreed this was our favorite item of the Shorty Sampler. It takes a lot for all of us to agree on anything so the bacon wrapped shrimp should be something everyone would enjoy.

After eating the sampler, we were already quite full, but we all ordered different sandwiches to share.

Mari Nated enjoyed a turkey club, served with pickles and coleslaw. We all liked that. Cassie Roll decided on a turkey avocado sandwich. Thin sliced house roasted turkey with guacamole, avocado, lettuce, tomato and Swiss cheese, served with a light chipotle sauce on a grilled roll. Cassie Roll was very impressed with the tableware and said, "Look at these dishes!" She also said her

sandwich was an excellent blend of avocado and turkey. Mari chimed in, "This is delicious." Terri MaSue's delicate stomach wouldn't take the chipotle sauce. I didn't taste it because I had ordered the award winning crab cake sandwich and was too busy scoffing it down. Bobby Ray's crab cake sandwich was chosen in 2012 as the best in South Jersey. It was perfectly seasoned and very good. There were French fries on the side. Terri MaSue said, "These fries are so good but I have to watch how many I eat." Cassie replied, "It's a good thing the rest of us don't feel that way because we can finish them off!" And that we did.

Terri ordered a cheese steak. The steak was sliced and grilled, topped with American cheese and served on a fresh baked roll with lettuce and tomato. She had no trouble sharing that sandwich. We all highly recommend Bobby Ray's cheese steak.

Mari Nated was babysitting her grandson so he joined us for lunch. Frenchy Fry is a very well behaved little boy. He ordered a grilled cheese and French fries from the kid's menu. He ate it all.

If you are feeling adventurous, maybe you will want to try the "Moohey, Suey, Mashed and Chewy" burger. It is a half-pound of beef, topped with tangy pork roll, tasty mashed potatoes, covered with cheese and homemade barbecue sauce with lettuce and tomato.

The owner, Bobby Ray Harris, came over to chat with us. Bobby stressed their burgers are never frozen. They purchase the meat a few times a week in small quantities so the burgers are always fresh and tasty. He also advised that everything is prepared on site by his chefs.

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Merchantville Masonic Lodge Travels to Florida to Honor Veterans

At 2:00 a.m. on Friday, Apr. 20, a contingent of Freemasons from Merchantville Masonic Lodge #119, F. and A.M. departed from the Lodge parking lot for a trip to Melbourne, Florida to take part in the 25th annual Vietnam, and All Veterans, Reunion.

Half of the members, who are veterans, their spouses and other members of the Lodge, visited the Vietnam Traveling Wall and other memorials from World War I and II, Korea, Iraq, Afghanistan, 9-11, as well as the Hero K-9's of Past Wars and Conflicts.

The Lodge brethren placed several wreaths, donated by the Members of Merchantville Lodge and Crescent Shrine Motor Cycle Corp, at the memorial in honor of the servicemen and women from Pennsauken and Merchantville who made the ultimate sacrifice in the name of freedom, as well as to a special unit of Marines where 18 of the 24 platoon members on patrol perished during a firefight in Vietnam more than 40 years ago. Their names are inscribed upon the Traveling Wall, which is a replica of the one in Washington D.C. honoring our servicemen and women who lost their lives in

the Vietnam War.

Veteran John J. Moy and his wife Betty also placed a wreath in memory of her brother, Private First Class James D. Hagelstein, whose name is among the thousands of his brave comrades inscribed upon the Wall.

This was the second such trip in the last six months that the Masonic Lodge has held to honor our fallen veterans. On Oct. 22, 2011, the Masonic Lodge, under the direction of Retired Pennsauken Police Captain Ray Taylor, Sr., Worshipful Master James D. Choyinski, as well as Most Worshipful William L. Morris, grand master of the Grand Lodge of State of New Jersey, traveled to Arlington National Cemetery, where they were permitted to place a wreath directly upon the Tomb of the Unknowns, previously known as the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. This special presentation, usually reserved for dignitaries such as the president of the United States, was arranged by Colonel Jack Lechner, Jr., commander of the Honor Guard at Arlington, member of Merchantville Lodge and former area resident of Merchantville.

For more information the Lodge's



Merchantville Masonic Lodge #119 placed several wreaths at a traveling memorial in honor of the servicemen and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in the name of freedom.

activities and community service initiatives, visit www.merchantvillodge119.org or contact R.W. Ray Taylor, Sr., P.G.C., administrative secretary, at 856-663-1719.

Saint Stephen's "Invention Convention" Helps Foster Creative Thinking In Students, Passion For Science

A solar-powered traffic light with a built-in camera, a safety suit for cyclists, and a "Butler Bot" that holds items while you have your hands full. These are just some of the items created by students for Saint Stephen's "Invention Convention," a school-wide science fair.

Students from kindergarten to eighth grade channeled their inner Einstein to create inventions for the fair. Each grade level had its own theme for the "Invention Convention." For example, kindergartners created scenes from one of three natural habitats, shaping animals out of clay and coloring pictures for display at the fair. Fourth and fifth graders shared a combined theme, creating inventions that would benefit a student, athlete or worker. After several weeks of hard work, students proudly displayed their projects for their parents and fellow classmates.

The "Invention Convention" helped to intellectually challenge the students, encourage creative thinking and help inspire a love of science.



Morgan Schuler, age 10, at Saint Stephen's "Invention Convention." Schuler created a safety suit to help cyclists share the roads with cars and other vehicles.



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Carson Students Share Pennsauken, United States, With Friends from England

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

In 2009, the gifted program at Carson Elementary School started a distance learning program with Hindsford CE Primary School in Manchester, England, interacting via video conferencing with students and teachers from across the Atlantic. Faculty and students from Carson School recently welcomed some of their friends from "across the pond" for a second time since the program's inception, showcasing a taste of Americana and some Pennsauken hospitality.

The visit began with a dinner at the Pennsauken Country Club, welcoming Hindsford teachers Sharon Swanton and Lisa Walker, as well as students Kadi-Lea Barlow, Rebekah Thomas, and Kyle

Beaver. The rest of the itinerary included a historic walking tour through the streets of Philadelphia; a behind-the-scenes tour of the famous Aunt Charlotte's; experiencing America's favorite pastime at a Trenton Thunder game; and eating breakfast at Pennsauken's iconic Penn Queen Diner.

This year's visit helps to highlight the immense value of the program, which not only enhances learning, but also gives young people a better understand of the larger world around them.

"It's fantastic to learn about each other's cultures and realize how many similarities there are," says Swanton. "We enjoy sharing lessons with the Carson students. It has a massive

impact on our learning."

"We've been very fortunate over the past three years to have the opportunity to video conference with this fine school," adds Francine Eisenmann, gift-

ed language arts teacher at Carson. "We're excited to continue the program, and hope to visit Hindsford in the future."



Francine Eisenmann and Nancy Tryon from Carson School welcome teachers and students from Hindsford CE Primary School in Manchester, England.

Helpful Tips To Beat The Heat During Summer Exercising

By Nicole Briggs, BS, ACE
The Spa Fitness Center

During the summer, we should still strive to obtain our optimal health. But caution should be taken when exerting oneself in hot and humid weather.

Two common but serious heat related injuries are heat exhaustion and heat stroke. Heat exhaustion can occur with prolonged exposure to the heat with inadequate replenishment of water and salt. Symptoms involve fainting, cool skin, rapid pulse, profuse sweating, and nausea. Left untreated, heat exhaustion can lead to the more serious heat stroke,

which is similar, but includes signs of delirium and coma. Avoid these heat-related injuries by following the top five simple tips to beat the heat this summer.

Timing

Plan ahead if you know you will be exercising outside on a day that the weather is hot and humid. Getting out early as the sun rises or at dusk while the sun sets are two better options than exercising between 12 and 4 p.m., when it is hottest.

Proper Clothing

Avoid layering clothing and choose light, breathable apparel. When exercising in the heat, allow the body to cool itself. Instead of wearing a hat when exercising, opt for a visor to allow the excess heat to escape your body and still block the sun from your eyes.

Hydration

The size and fitness level of a person as well as the duration of the exercise bout will all determine the amount and types of fluids needed. A person exceeding 2-3 hours of exercise may

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HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Cortes, Hoang, Killion Top Honorees At Annual Awards Night

By Billy Wright
Pennsauken High School Athletic Director

A festive evening was enjoyed by well over 450 parents, student-athletes and coaches at the annual Athletic Awards Night, held at Colleen's Caterers on May 30. Over 100 student-athletes received special recognition plaques for such awards as Team MVP, Most Outstanding, Coach's Award, Scholar Athlete, and Captain's Award.

The highlight of the evening was the awarding of the Athlete of the Year, the Scholar Athlete of the Year, and the PHS Coach of the Year.

In voting by the coaching staff, junior two-sport star Giselle Cortes was named the Female Athlete of the Year and wrestling/volleyball standout Peter Hoang was named the Male Athlete of the Year. Giselle was honored as a first team Olympic All Conference Field Hockey player and a second team All Conference Lacrosse player. Peter won the NJSIAA District 28 wrestling championship, was named All Conference, and concluded his career at PHS with the third leading career winning record. He was also voted a second team member of the Olympic Conference Volleyball team. Parlaying his athletic success into the classroom, Hoang was also named the Scholar Athlete of the Year as he maintained a 4.06 GPA.

The other prestigious award presented was for the PHS Coach of the Year, awarded to Jack Killion, Jr. Coach Killion teaches at Phifer Middle School and serves as the assistant girls soccer coach and head boys volleyball coach. As assistant soccer coach, Coach Killion teaches young ladies the fundamentals of the game and inspires them to give their best.

But it is as the boy's volleyball coach that Killion is known best. He has led the Indians to the NJSIAA state play-offs in three of the last four years and has a large contingent of young men who have a true passion for the sport. The Big Red Volleyball Team has developed into one of the most feared programs in all of South Jersey.

In addition to the many awards that were presented, the Pennsauken All Sports Boosters Club awarded eight college scholarships totaling \$5,000.

"The Awards night affair was very heart-warming. The young people came out this evening dressed impeccably with an abundance of excitement, pride and energy," says Boosters Club President Denise Wallace. "The many stories that were expressed from the PHS coaching

staff remind me of all the great qualities of the Pennsauken community. The All Sports Booster Club is honored to be a part of this event and to be able to present the scholarship awards to these deserving student athletes."

Scholar Athletes Announced

The PHS Athletic Department is proud to announce our 2012 Scholar Athletes. The top academic award goes to senior two-sport star Peter Hoang, who has received the NJSIAA Scholar Athlete award. The Female Olympic Conference Scholar Athlete is two-sport all star Alexis Ammons and the Male Olympic Conference Scholar Athlete is Shaquille Boardley.

These three student athletes combined academic excellence with athletic achievement. Congratulations to Alexis, Shaquille, Peter and their proud parents.

Varsity Club Scholarships

Coach Antionette Snyder was proud to present \$4,200 in scholarships to 13 members of the PHS Varsity Club. Honorees are Fatmata Alpha, Alana Brown, Paige Davis, Olivia Forest, Peter Hoang, Justin Anderson-Copes, Fawzan Lari, Daniel Le, Kinnie Kanneh, Dominique Roberts, Alexis Ammons, Erin Calderon, and Jaquari Judge.

The PHS Varsity Club is a leadership training organization hosted by the Athletic Department, with Coach Snyder serving as advisor. To be eligible for membership, athletes must have earned a varsity letter, demonstrate good character, and maintain a 2.5 GPA. The club conducted several fund raisers during the year and also was involved in community projects such as cooking at the Ronald McDonald's House.

Post Season Honors

Several PHS spring athletes received post season honors and were invited to participate in the end of year all star contests. Softball stand outs Erin Calderon and Aja Martin joined Josh Rogers and Alex Polanco as PHS representatives in the Camden County 10th Annual All Star games, and Kyle Hohwald joined Josh and Alex as conference representatives in the prestigious Carpenter Cup baseball tournament.

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Cortes, Hoang, Killion Top Honorees At Annual Awards

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Advertising Opportunities

Available

With another school term successfully completed, the All Sports Boosters Club is gearing up for the fall 2012 season, and getting ready to support Big Red Football. The team is the defending Group IV State Champions and the two time defending West Jersey League National Division champions. Large crowds are known to come out and support the Indians during the crisp fall season.

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PYAA Gift Certificates

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prices, and are a great way to get the word out to a large community following. Information on securing an advertisement can be found at the sport button on the Pennsauken.net, or by contacting PHS Athletic Director Billy Wright.

Free Sports Physicals

The Pennsauken Board of Education provides free sports physicals each August. The boys' summer date is Monday Aug. 13 at 8:30 a.m., followed by the girls at 12:30 p.m. Each of these physicals is conducted in the Nurse's Office at Pennsauken High School. A signed permission form and pre-partic-

ipation health history and physical form are required. All forms can be picked up at the school office, at the Nurse's office, or can be downloaded from Pennsauken.net.

If you want to keep up with all of the athletic happenings, the school district website, sports button is the place to be. Contest schedules for the fall, winter and spring 2012-13 seasons can be found at www.pennsauken.net. The website also contains information about summer training information, the Varsity Club, the All Sports Booster Club, college recruiting, and a wealth of other athletic related information.

Helpful Tips To Beat The Heat

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demand electrolyte replenishment whereas a standard 60-minute session may only require a few ounces of water. The key point is to make sure you are properly hydrating a few days out. In addition, consuming 15-20 fluid ounces a few hours before you exercise and 6-8 fluid ounces during exercise should prevent dehydration of any kind.

Intensity

In hot and humid weather, be aware of how intense your workout is while outside. Don't plan to exercise at the same effort level in 95 degree weather

that you do in 65 degree weather. Do body checks throughout your workout to make sure you are refueling properly and maintaining a safe heart rate.

All in all, if a heat warning is issued and it is too dangerous to exercise outside, think of an alternative mode. Join an air conditioned workout facility or gym so you can safely maintain or improve your fitness indoors. If you are uncertain about your risk level, consult with an accredited fitness specialist who will be able to guide you in the right direction.

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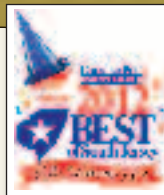
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