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In Defense of the Defense Vehicle 1/9/17 Caucus & 1/11/17 Council Meeting



Councilman
Jelmin Caba



Example of the Navistar MaxPro MRAP Vehicle that was acquired to the City through the Federal 1033 LESO Program

PERTH AMBOY - R-17-1/17 - Authorizing the Perth Amboy Police Department to acquire a Navistar MaxPro MRAP Vehicle from the Federal 1033 LESO Program.

This \$65,000 vehicle only cost the City \$6,500 (shipping cost) because the Federal Government no longer had any use for it. It was offered to any municipality instead of it being scrapped. It is a Humvee and Military Rescue Vehicle.

Business Administrator Adam Cruz further explained

that it can be used in water rescue up to 5 feet of water.

During the 1/11/17 Council Meeting Resident Stephanie (Rodriguez) Márquez-Villafañe came up to speak about this vehicle, "Why do we need such a heavy duty vehicle for such a small City? It's for use on the battlefield. Why are we getting it for free? Is it because the government feels it's unusable or they think that the City will be more crime ridden? With this vehicle, maybe the gangs will be getting more

heavy duty artillery. Who can operate this heavy duty and wide vehicle? And what about traffic congestion? I don't think people will like such a scary looking vehicle in town. It might not be able to go down low tonnage streets. I don't think this vehicle will be of help to the City."

Council President Bill Petrick agreed that Stephanie (Rodriguez) Márquez-Villafañe had a lot of valid points.

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Historical Society Looking to Take Next Steps in South Amboy 1/11/17 Council Meeting

By: Joseph L. Kuchie

SOUTH AMBOY - Mary Szaro, the President of the South Amboy Historical Society, spoke to the city's council members last Wednesday about the future of the organization.

Szaro spoke of the city's rich historical history and the steps the organization has taken since being founded in 2011. She now believes that they are ready to take the next steps that will benefit South Amboy moving forward.

"We are now in a solid and steady position to propose a major historical initiative that will benefit our community for generations to come," Szaro said.

According to Szaro, the initiative would include three interlinking objectives:

1. Incorporating a historical preservation element into the city's new Master Plan.
2. Establish a historical preservation commission via a city ordinance.
3. Acquire a designed location for a Historical Society of South Amboy History Center.

"We are all caretakers of the historic future of this city," Szaro said. "We can't regain what was already lost but we can take action to ensure we will leave a legacy and a promise to all citizens past present and future that the history of South Amboy is a priority.

"This initiative is long overdue for the city of South Amboy and it's our historic responsibility to finally make it happen before it's too late," she added. "We won't get a second chance to preserve our history if we don't protect the few things we have left right now."

Mayor Fred Henry and the council all praised Szaro's work as President of the His-

torical Society, and gave her their full support in doing their best to make this initiative a reality.

"A lot of other communities are looking at us as an example of what can be accomplished," Henry said. "As a former history teacher, it's great to see these things going on."

"Believe me, I would love to have a home for a Historical Society museum type of thing...we all know these things cost money," he continued. "If you don't ask you don't know. I got in touch with [Middlesex County] Freeholder Director [Ronald] Rios and he said to put together proposals and this is what we are in the process of doing."

"These are just great things for the city of South Amboy and it's been a great accomplishment over the years and I thank you for your part in that," he added.

Business Administrator Camille Tooker also noted that she received Szaro's request for a historical preservation commission, and it will be put on the agenda to discuss at a business meeting in February.

The council also congratulated Mayor Henry for being named the Grand Marshall for this year's St. Patrick's Day Parade in South Amboy on March 19th.

"Mayor Henry has dedicated his life to the city of South Amboy whether it's as a teacher or as an elected official...it's a well-deserved honor," Council President Mickey Gross said.

"I want to thank the parade organization for the honor of being Grand Marshall this year," Henry said. "It's something I did not expect but greatly welcome."

All council members were in attendance.

Perth Amboy Student Attends Presidential Inauguration Leadership Summit

Submitted by Carmen Torres
PERTH AMBOY/WASHINGTON D.C. - Perth Amboy Catholic School-Upper School Seventh Grade Student Madison Lopez attended the Presidential Inauguration Leadership Summit from January 18-22, 2017.

Madison was chosen by her 4th grade teacher Mrs. Poandl to attend the Envision Leadership Program at Rider University over the summer before entering the 5th grade. She is currently now in the 7th grade. Madison studied CSI, Medicine, and Engineering when she attended the summer program. She became an Alumni of this Envision Leadership Program, and was invited to

ration Leadership Summit.

At the Summit she collaborated with other motivated students to discuss and discover inspired local, national, and global solutions to the challenges her generation and our next President will face.

The honored guest speakers were Malala Yousafzal, Nobel Laureate, Malala Fund Co-founder, and student, and her father, education advocate, Malala Fund co-founder, and teacher Ziauddin. In addition, there were other guest speakers such as Colin Powell, and filmmaker Spike Lee. On Inauguration Day she witnessed history at the National Mall as the President and Vice President of the United States took their public oath and were



Madison Lopez at the Presidential Inauguration Leadership Summit.
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sworn into office.
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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

Our Perspective on the Women's March on Washington 1/20/17-1/22/17

This past weekend saw the Inauguration of the 45th President of the United States, Donald J. Trump.

The crowds included people from all over the world, but the most talked about event was the Women's March which not only occurred in Washington D.C., but nationwide and all over the world.

This march began because of a Facebook Post that went viral after shortly after the election. More and more participants got together and organized a worldwide march.

What many people who were curious what was the reason why they were marching, there were many different answers.

Many people marched based on statements that were made by Trump during his campaign. Others marched because for different reasons.

If you go to their website www.womensmarch.com you will see a laundry list of their issues.

Before the Inauguration, there was another stink going on about any Black individual or organization who spoke to Trump and/or were planning to participate in the Trump Inauguration Ceremoies. This is embarrassing and I say, "Enough already!"

Instead of complaining and protesting and sitting it out, the most constructive thing you can do is try to line up a meeting with Trump to discuss your concerns and fears. It's not up to you to condemn others who are trying to open up a line of communication.

In this editorial, I'm going to praise Dr. Billy C. Hawkins who is president of the historical Black College: Talladega College, Alabama. Their marching band participated in the Inauguration parade. Hawkins appeared on the Bill O'Reilly show and because of that appearance, the College was able to raise the much needed funding in their GoFundMe account to send their

band to Washington D.C.

Now with the additional money from that college, they can offer scholarships to students who couldn't afford the tuition before. This is a win-win situation.

This is outstanding for many reasons. This is the perfect opportunity for these students to visit Washington D.C. where they would not have been able to afford to go before. Besides participating in a Presidential Inauguration Festivities, this will be an opportunity for them to visit some of our historic sites in our Nation's Capital, especially the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial and the newly opened Smithsonian National Museum of African-American History and Culture. These two memorials are shining examples to show the positive aspects of African-Americans and that is exactly what needs to be shown instead of some of the nonsense that I find embarrassing.

Let's look at some of these real women who fought for real women's rights:

Madame C.J. Walker: She was the first black female millionaire in America and the first woman of any race to be a self-made millionaire, born Dec. 23, 1867. It was reported that the people who worked for her made at least \$5.00+ a day compared to unskilled white workers who earned \$5.00 a week. She was also a philanthropist.

Mary Jane McLeod Bethune: She was an educated, author and African-American Civil Rights Leader. She was appointed a National Adviser to Franklin D. Roosevelt. She advised Roosevelt on issues concerning Black people.

Now, any African-Americans that are meeting with Donald Trump are being vilified from other Blacks who I feel are being unreasonable.

In the music industry where artists degrade women with their graphic lyrics. It's even

more embarrassing when it's women degrading other women in their songs. This is bullying in its worst form and that is what some of these women's groups should be protesting.

If you have a problem with Donald Trump coming in, it's not up to you to denigrate others who are looking to a possible path to build bridges instead of burning them. Trump won because of the Electoral College Results, even though he lost on the popular vote. Not everyone lives in Los Angeles or New York City. You still have to remember that Trump defeated mostly career politicians. If these career politicians had pleased enough constituents nationally, Trump wouldn't have been elected to office, period.

First of all, Trump is not the first incoming President that had protestors at their Inauguration. I just want these protestors to know: will they be raising funds to benefit those who they feel will be discriminated by Trump.

Personally, if I was invited to any Presidential Inauguration, let me tell you something – I'm going!

It's about a peaceful transfer of power. There were people who called in radio stations to tell about their experiences at the Inauguration. One New Yorker and his 19 year old son said they met people who flew in for other countries, specifically for this event. These visitors explained that they wanted to see a peaceful transfer of power, which is something that they do not have in their country.

Another person who called was a woman who said her group came to support Trump. She said some of the women who were pro-choice were pleasant to them even though her group was pro-life. Others were not as polite, but all in all except for a few instances, it was a peaceful group.

To those politicians who decided to sit it out, that is your purgative, as it is with any of your fellow countrymen. But as a representative of your State, you have to remember



Talladega College *Photo Courtesy AP

those voters who voted for Donald J. Trump as President. and they also have to be taken into consideration. You are supposed to represent all of the people - not just some. You do them a disservice when you choose when you do not acknowledge a person who was duly elected by the election process.

Unless for some reason that calls for him to leave office, he is our President.

Many Hollywood stars criticize Trump as a misogynist and just as a hater of women in general.

A lot people have been attacking Meryl Streep both as her ability as an actress on her looks and her age. They did this after she made comments at the Golden Globe Awards when she referenced Donald Trump. I'm not going to join those who denigrated her on her acting abilities, etc., but I am going to jar her memory. In the past she was one of many celebrities who gave Roman Polansky a standing ovation when he won an award. He could not be there to accept the award because he fled to another country to avoid be arrested for drugging and sexually assaulting a 13 year old. So, Ms. Streep aren't we being a little hypocritical?

Then we have Madonna who spoke at the Women's March – and I will confess, I enjoy her music and I believe she's talented. But when she stated, "Yes, I'm angry. Yes, I am outraged. Yes, I have thought an awful lot about blowing up the White House. But I know that this won't change anything." What was she thinking? She has to remember the history of

the White House and all of the famous women who lived there including Eleanor Roosevelt and many other strong women. Eleanor Roosevelt allowed Marion Anderson, a Black Opera Singer to perform at the Lincoln Memorial in 1939.

As an aside, remember in the United States, the protestors are protected by the Constitution. Look at other countries where protestors are automatically arrested/shot or tortured and then killed. Women tend to be the most victimized.

I also want to bring attention to human trafficking going on in the United States of young children: both girls and boys. There there at least 300,000 victims. There is a special unit in the FBI that deals specifically in this matter and they say it's being pushed under the rug and it should be pushed in the forefront.

I wish as many protestors would show up to fight to stop this victimization.

It's important even if you disagree vehemently, you owe it yourself and to your constituents to have your voice and their voice heard so you can all have equal footing. If you lock the door and throw away the key before allowing an exchange of ideas, you're already admitting defeat.

C.M. & K.M.

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MON. Feb. 13	City Council, Caucus, 4:30 p.m. City Hall, High St.
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Winter Weather
Adds to Severe
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Press Release 1/18/17
NEW JERSEY - Following several rounds of severe winter weather in many parts of the country, the American Red Cross urges eligible blood and platelet donors to help restock its shelves to overcome a shortage.

Since Dec. 1, about 300 blood drives across 27 states have been forced to cancel due to inclement winter weather, resulting in more than 10,500 blood and platelet donations going uncollected.

Blood donor Jim Taylor knows how it feels to have a loved one waiting for a transfusion. His son Aaron was born with a rare liver condition. In the short two months of his life, he received 115 blood products. Taylor said each transfusion gave his family more time with Aaron, so he encourages others to give.

“When the Red Cross says there is a shortage, they are not exaggerating,” said Taylor. “I now know from experience that what they are saying is somewhere there is a father waiting on the donation that will save his son’s life. When the Red Cross asks for help, what that means is a new dad is praying for a miracle.”

To make an appointment to give blood, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Donors are encouraged to make appointments and complete the RapidPass online health history questionnaire at redcrossblood.org/rapidpass to save time when donating.

Visit to the Presidential Inauguration

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Attending the Presidential Inauguration



The National Air and Space Museum of the Smithsonian Washington D.C.

Hands Across City Hall, Perth Amboy 1/19/17

**Photos by Paul W. Wang*



PERTH AMBOY - “Hands Around City Hall” is a community gathering in support of our youth. Educators and community declared our commitment to educate every child and keep Perth Amboy a Hate Free Zone and call for an end to discrimination and bullying.

The event is part of a national day of action called for by the Alliance to Reclaim our Schools (www.reclaimourschools.org) We stand together—as teachers, as parents, as students and as communities—to say that education justice is racial justice and demand investment, not neglect. We are calling for an end to the school to prison pipeline.

Hon. Wilda Diaz, Mayor, Perth Amboy, Patricia Paradiso, Elementary School Teacher, President, Perth Amboy Federation – American Federation of Teachers and Donna M. Chiera, Retired Perth Amboy Teacher, President, American Federation of Teachers New Jersey ran the event.

19th Legislative District Democratic Leaders Endorse Joe Vitale for State Senate; Craig Coughlin and Yvonne Lopez for General Assembly



Senator Joe Vitale
19th District



Assemblyman
Craig Coughlin
19th District



Yvonne Lopez

Press Release 1/20/17
PERTH AMBOY – Democratic leaders across the 19th Legislative District today endorsed State Senator Joe Vitale as their candidate for State Senate and Assemblyman Craig Coughlin and Perth Amboy community leader Yvonne Lopez as their candidates for the General Assembly.

Vitale, a Woodbridge resident who has served in the State Senate since 1997, is chair of the Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee and vice chair of the Labor Committee.

Coughlin, of Fords, is serving his fourth term in the Legislature, where he chairs the Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee and sits on the Commerce and Economic Development and Labor Committees.

Yvonne Lopez, of Perth Amboy, is a Democratic State Committeewoman and Executive Director /CEO of the Puerto Rican Association for Human Development, Inc. (PRAHD). In her role, Lopez is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the organization, raising money, building partnerships and overseeing a team of 75 employees and countless volunteers. She currently runs 10 community-based programs, including a full time preschool, servicing 17,000 clients annually.

Lopez is founder of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Perth Amboy has served on the Perth Amboy Business Improvement District and serves on many local boards, such as the Middlesex County Human Services Advisory Council and the Local Advisory Committee for Hackensack Meridian Health, Raritan Bay Medical Center.

“I am honored to be running with Craig and Yvonne, who have worked so hard to improve the lives of so many people, not just in Middlesex County but across our state,” Vitale said. “Craig has a distinguished track record of success in Trenton. He will be a terrific partner in the Assembly with Yvonne, who has already made signifi-

cant contributions throughout the district. Her community service will only grow by taking on this new role at the state level. I strongly urge the Democratic county committee to support Craig and Yvonne at its screening in February.

“I am incredibly pleased to partner with Yvonne Lopez in the General Assembly and with Joe Vitale in the Senate as we work to improve the quality of life for our neighbors,” Coughlin said. “This is a diverse ticket that is committed to moving New Jersey forward.”

“I am honored by the faith of my fellow Democrats, as well as blessed with the opportunity, to seek the party’s line in the June primary election for the General Assembly,” Lopez added. “It is especially humbling for me, as I grew up in the 19th Legislative District and have raised my family here. It is a pleasure to now live in Perth Amboy, among so many life-long friends.

Perth Amboy Mayor Wilda Diaz said she is pleased that a prominent leader in Perth Amboy is poised to take a seat in the state Legislature.

“Yvonne Lopez has proven her devotion to public service

and I support her election as our next Assemblywoman,” Diaz said. “I trust that her knowledge and experience working in the City of Perth Amboy has prepared her to provide real change to Trenton. I look forward to working with her to continue improving the quality of life for all the constituents in the 19th Legislative District.”

“Perth Amboy is proud to be sending someone of Yvonne Lopez’s caliber and commitment to represent our city and our district in Trenton,” added Perth Amboy Democratic Municipal Chair Billy Delgado. “We have seen firsthand her tenacity and hard work on behalf of our community and look forward to her working alongside Senator Vitale and Assemblyman Coughlin next year.”

Vitale, Coughlin and Lopez also received the endorsements from Woodbridge Mayor John McCormac, Carteret Mayor Dan Reiman, South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry and the Democratic municipal chairs of Woodbridge, Sayreville, Carteret and South Amboy. The full 19th Legislative District Democratic county committee will vote on their nominations in February.

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At this time Lt. Sulikowski PAPD came up to give more information about the vehicle, “It’s eight and half feet wide, weighs 41,000 lbs. and has 8,000 miles on it. It’s a left-over from the Iraqi war. Instead of destroying the vehicle, the government offers it to any municipality. They give you a checklist of the vehicle and it uses diesel fuel. It can be used for an active shooter rescue. I hope and pray that nothing like Orlando happens here.”

Council President Bill Petrick wondered, “If we decide to take this vehicle, then change our minds, can we sell it?”

Lt. Sulikowski answered, “No. It has to go back to the Federal Government.” Sulikowski added, “This vehicle can be used to transport personnel to a protest site, but we can’t use it against the protestors. It can also be used in hazardous weather rescue. It can also be used in a crisis situation.”

Former Councilwoman and Resident Lisa Nanton agreed with Stephanie about this vehicle, but she also wondered why the Council voting on this

vehicle if it’s already here.

B.A. Cruz answered Nanton, “This is not a purchase, but was acquired through a grant. The reason it is on the agenda is because they need this on record to show that the Police Department did receive this vehicle.

Resident Jeremy Baratta said, “Do we need a tank in the City? Think about it.”

B.A. Cruz responded, “Remember, this vehicle is for emergency purposes only and it’s about keeping Officers safe on the street.”

Others who were in support of the Police Department acquiring this vehicle included Former Councilman and retired Police Officer Kenneth Balut. “We forgot about the terrorist attack that happened recently six months ago and 9-11-01. This is why we need vehicles like this.”

During the Council Comments, Councilman Jelmin Caba addressed Stephanie Rodriguez and other concerned citizens, “I’m not in favor of a Police State, but we have to remember about that terrorist who lived in Perth Amboy. If this vehicle can save one life in the City, then it will be worth it.”

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Food Stamps Assistance

PERTH AMBOY - Every Wednesday there will be a Food Stamps Assistance Program 10 a.m.- 5 p.m.: JRF’s Family Success Center families to come in and meet with a representative from the Community Food Bank of NJ to assist with food stamps application and eligibility guidelines. For additional information please call 732-638-5063 or visit our office located at: 149 Kearny Ave. Perth Amboy (Rear of Proprietary House).

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Arguments Still Continue 1/11/17 Council Meeting

PERTH AMBOY - Former Councilwoman Lisa Nanton had a problem with Communication No. 13 where Law Director Louis N. Rainone told the Council that they were in violation of the Faulkner Act by continuing to use the services of Attorney Robert Tarver.

Tarver was the attorney hired by the Council to conduct an investigation into the appointment of former Business Administrator Peter Pelissier.

Rainone said that when Tarver submitted his report to the Council on September 2016, Tarver's services should have been concluded.

During the public portion of the Council Meeting, Nanton said, "This is a conflict of interest and ludicrous and the Council needs to ignore this (Communication No. 13). You hired this lawyer legally."

There was a late starter that was added: R-25-1/17 - Authorizing the Law Offices of Robert L. Tarver, Jr. to take appropriate action to recoup any and all funds improperly disbursed or paid relative to the hiring and retention of Peter Pelissier as Assistant Business Administrator.

There was a motion to table

this item made by Councilman Jelmin Caba.

Resolution R-24-1/17 Authorizing extension of all 2016 contracts for the provision of professional services not to exceed 60 days.

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez is the one who wanted this resolution singled out separately for further discussion stating, "This calls for a full time Law Director and wouldn't an interim required to be full time?"

DeCotiis Attorney Judy Verrone who was sitting in told the Council, "The Mayor will determine my hours."

Gonzalez questioned this and said, "We will have to go to court about this because we passed an ordinance requiring we get a full time Law Director."

B.A. Adam Cruz responded, "We are not recognizing that ordinance."

Verrone continued, "It's the Mayor's power to veto the ordinance (calling for a full time Law Director) under the Faulkner Act."

Gonzalez shot back, "We need our own lawyer. I'm concerned that the Mayor violated an ordinance. We should not recognize a part time Law Di-

rector."

Councilman Fernando Irizarry remarked, "We need representatives to protect us."

Councilman Joel Pabon was frustrated, "We keep playing the same game over and over. We're not even looking for a full time Law Director."

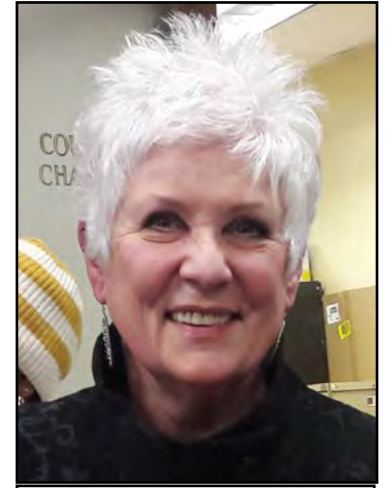
During the last public portion, Resident Kenneth Balut had a question for Councilman Caba, "You should have known about Pelissier during your campaign. Quinones-Perez said she was working on the Mayor's campaign - which was yours. Quinones' picture was on your campaign literature. You should tell the citizens where your campaign money (the PAC) was coming from. Did you get money from Fairfield Insurance? Is the Mayor trying to take over the Board of Education?"

Business Owner Virginia Lugo came up to speak, "You're (the Council) supposed to look over what the administration is doing. Your former Law Director blatantly lied. She wrote a contract for a storage company. We need to have an attorney that the Council can trust."

A Resident from Elm Street came up to speak. She was



Business Administrator
Adam Cruz



Lisa Nanton

very emotional as she told the Council to do their research when it comes to picking an attorney. "People are losing their homes because they are being taken advantage of by attorneys. People are afraid to speak out. They don't know where to go. They're are also realtors involved that are taking advantage of residents."

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez who is also a realtor said, "The City offers seminars to help people who are looking to acquire homes."

The Resident answered back, "They have seminars for home buyers - not sellers."

Gonzalez also advised the Resident, "Anybody that has not been serviced properly can

contact the New Jersey Real Estate Commission to complain."

After the close of the public portion, B.A. Adam Cruz showed his annoyance about one particular individual. He said, "That one individual always puts up unfounded facts about crime. We've had a dip in crime for the last three years. Burglaries are down 35% this year. Look this up at the State website. It's 18% down at the County level."

Councilman Joel Pabon said, "It's been our own fault that we incorrectly input that information."

Cruz continued, "It was a clearance average that was looked at this year."

Six Thousand New Jersey Women and Allies March on Trenton Supporters Stand in Solidarity with Marchers at The Women's March on Washington and More Than 600 Sister Marches Across the U.S.

Press Release 1/21/17

TRENTON - On Saturday January 21, six thousand women, their families, and their allies arrived in our state's capital city to participate in the Women's March on Trenton. The day's events included 40 powerful speakers, musical guests, and a march to the steps of the State House. Marchers called on elected leaders to uphold civil and human rights.

"Our President's greatest opponent will not be a name on a ballot, a leader of a nation, or someone seated in Congress. His greatest opponent will be women like me, who will not rest until our rights, safety, health, and families are protected," said Elizabeth Meyer, founder of the Women's March on New Jersey. "We will send a clear message: We are here. We are watching. We are ready to rise."

At the Patriots' Theater at the Trenton War Memorial, small groups of women and allies took to the stage to share their personal reasons for attending the march. These individuals spoke on behalf of the diverse coalition of activists, communities, and partnering organi-

zations represented at the march. Many speakers touched on issues that featured prominently in the mission statement of the Women's March on New Jersey, including reproductive access, racial justice, affordable housing, access to education, and climate change.

"At Planned Parenthood we believe that access to health care should not depend on who you are, where you live, how much money you make, or your race or immigration status," said Christine Sadovy, Advocacy Director with Planned Parenthood Action Fund of New Jersey. "The right to control our own bodies and plan if and when we want to start a family is fundamental and we will not allow it to be taken away. We will not go back!"

Marchers also heard from keynote speakers including Congresswoman Bonnie Watson Coleman, Luanne Peterpaul with Garden State Equality, professor Dr. Dalia Fahmy, Congressman Donald Norcross, immigration activist Diana Meija, and SEIU New Jersey State Council Executive Director Lizette Delgado.

"It's an honor to stand with women from across our state and around the country to defend women's rights, human rights, and civil rights," said Congressman Norcross. "We're joining together to send a clear message that we will continue to fight for our values and that discrimination of any kind will not be tolerated."

Following the program at the Patriots' Theater, the marchers took to the streets, where they marched to the steps of the New Jersey State House. There, New Jersey Assemblywomen Pamela Lampitt, Elizabeth Muoio, and Shavonda Sumter spoke to the crowd about the importance of taking action. Finally, the march concluded with a powerful speech by Trenton civil rights legend Edith Savage-Jennings.

"The massive number of women marching today in Trenton, Washington, and around the world could be the largest mobilization of women in history," said Phyllis Salowe-Kaye, Executive Director of New Jersey Citizen Action. "Elected leaders across New Jersey and all the way up to the White House should

consider themselves on notice that women will not stand for business as usual. We will not simply defend our existing rights. We march together to bring collective power to all women - demanding equal

pay and jobs that provide a living wage, workplace policies that support families, an expansion of our reproductive freedoms, and a more inclusive nation for all."

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA ORPHAN'S COURT

IN RE:)
ADOPTION OF J.R.T., a minor) No. 2017-0003

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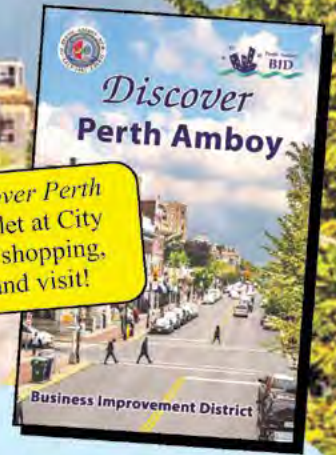


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WINTER 2017

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A Message From Mayor Wilda Diaz

Dear Friends:

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I look forward to what we will achieve together in 2017 for our great, historic city. I wish everyone a warm and healthy new year, God Bless!!!

Sincerely,
 Mayor Wilda Diaz

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The DEP's Community Collaborative Initiative will be involved to help advance the Environmental Assessment process. A public meeting will be held thereafter. Conservatively, the station's design is expected to be completed by the end of 2018 and construction to begin early 2019.

"The Perth Amboy Station Accessibility Improvement Project is a priority project currently advancing through our design process. Funding for this project will be a combination of state and federal resources," said NJ TRANSIT Executive Director Steve Santoro. "Once the station improvements are completed, the more than 840 customers who use the station on a daily basis will benefit from improved accessibility."

The Perth Amboy Station Accessibility Improvements Project will make the historic Perth Amboy Railroad Station more accessible for riders in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The project will include construction of two new side high-level platforms, in addition to four new elevators, and accompanying stairs and ramps to access the new high level platforms. Additional platform access will be provided at Smith Street. The plan also includes upgrading existing restrooms. The project also includes rehabilitation and repairs to the Eastbound Station and Westbound Station buildings.



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Mayor Wilda Diaz

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Councilman Jelmin Caba



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- MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20
- MONDAY, MAY 29
- TUESDAY, JULY 4
- MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4
- MONDAY, OCTOBER 9
- FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10
- THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23
- MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

- PRESIDENT'S DAY
- MEMORIAL DAY
- INDEPENDENCE DAY
- LABOR DAY
- COLUMBUS DAY
- VETERANS DAY (Observed)
- THANKSGIVING DAY
- CHRISTMAS DAY

NOTE: IF A HOLIDAY FALLS ON YOUR GARBAGE COLLECTION DAY, YOUR GARBAGE WILL BE PICKED UP ON YOUR NEXT REGULAR SCHEDULED GARBAGE COLLECTION PICK-UP.

SCHEDULED RUBBISH APPOINTMENTS

Scheduling for rubbish appointments will resume on Monday, January 23, 2017 at 7:30 a.m. on a first come, first served basis. All rubbish appointments must be scheduled in person only. There is a collection fee of \$30.00. Payments are to be paid by check or money order only, no cash will be accepted.

Bulk waste can be dropped off Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the Public Works yard. Must be a Perth Amboy resident. Please contact the Department of Public Works for additional information: 732-826-2010.

PERTH AMBOY GALLERY



2017 Winter Arts Program

REGISTER TODAY!!

OUR AFTERSCHOOL AND WEEKEND PROGRAMS OFFER ART AND MUSIC CLASSES THAT PROVIDE CREATIVE, UNIQUE LEARNING EXPERIENCES WHILE HAVING FUN. YOUR CHILD WILL LEARN FROM PROFESSIONAL ARTISTS AND MUSICIANS, DEVELOP NEW SKILLS, AND TAP INTO THEIR CREATIVE SIDE.

ARTS & CRAFTS FOR KIDS

Ages: 5-9
Tuesdays 4:30-5:30pm **FREE**

Students will embark on an artful adventure with a variety of projects, including weaving, drawing, painting, sculpture, printmaking & more.

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY

Ages: 16 to Adult
Tuesdays 6:00-8:00pm
Registration Fee: \$25

Whether you own a point-and-shoot or a more advanced DSLR, this class will give you a better grasp of your chosen tool and the skills to make successful images. The course will include hands-on demonstrations with the camera as well as basic digital image editing techniques. Course includes 1.5 hour instructional time once a week and 4 photo-walks.

OIL PAINTING

Classes begins Jan. 26th **FREE**
Ages: 15 - Adult

Thursdays 6:00-8:00pm
Many people aspire to learn how to paint with oil, but few know where to begin. This class is catered to the beginning oil painter, with ample support and exercises provided for pleasant exploration into the foundations of oil painting. Materials will be provided.

YOUNG ARTIST ART STUDIO

Classes begins Jan. 26th **FREE**
Ages: 9-13
Thursdays 5:00-7:00pm

Students will learn basic drawing skills focusing on texture, line width and shading. Then learn how to use paint to create work from still life, landscape, architecture, animals and people.

This program is designed for children to develop their artistic skills to an advance level while have fun in the process. We provide all materials. All you need to bring is your enthusiasm to paint!

ANIME / MANGA DRAWING

Ages: 13-18
Fridays 4:30-6:00pm **FREE**

In this course teens will be provided a place to discuss their interest in Anime/Manga. Learn how to draw in different manga styles and create a short manga (comic) of their own. This will be a place where they can feel safe to be themselves and develop friendships with others who like anime too.

CERAMICS FOR KIDS

Ages: 10-15
Tuesdays 6:00-8:00pm **FREE**

A hands-on "create with clay" ceramics class where students learn pottery and design skills creating sculptures and bowls. Materials and tools provided.

CERAMICS FOR ADULTS

Ages: 16 to Adult
Wednesdays 6:00-8:00pm **FREE**

Come join us for a relaxing and fun time in the ceramics studio. Students will experiment and explore with clay, carving, handbuilding, using the pottery wheel, and glazing.

Music at the Gallery

INTRO TO PERCUSSION
Ages: 7 to 10 - Mondays 6:00-7:00pm

DRUMMING
Ages: 11 to 15 - Mondays 7:00-8:00pm

BEGINNER GUITAR
Ages: 9 to 11 - Weds 6:00-7:00pm

INTERMEDIATE GUITAR
Ages: 12 to 15 - Weds 7:00-8:00pm

ALL MUSIC CLASSES ARE FREE OF CHARGE



@ BRIGHTON AVE. COMMUNITY CENTER:

BALLET FOR CHILDREN

Tuesdays & Thursdays
Ages 3 - 5: 6:00 - 7:00 pm
Ages 6 - 8: 7:00 - 8:00 pm
Brighton Ave Community Center
56 Brighton Avenue



To register, and for more information:

Contact the Office of Recreation
1 Olive Street, Perth Amboy, NJ 08861
(732) 826-1690 x4305
recleader@perthamboynj.org
www.ci.perthamboy.nj.us

Art Exhibits

"THESE SHOES DON'T FIT"

Perth Amboy & JFK High School AP/Honor Students Group Exhibit
Opening Reception
Thursday, Feb. 2nd, 6:00-8:00pm

RED5 GROUP EXHIBIT

Opening Reception
Monday, Feb. 13th, 6:00-8:00pm

PERTH AMBOY GALLERY CENTER FOR THE ARTS | 339 READE STREET (IN PATTEN PARK), PERTH AMBOY
www.facebook.com/perthamboygalleries

the art Incubator

CALLING ALL ARTISTS
ARTS INCUBATOR INITIATIVE
Apply Now

COMING SOON TO PERTH AMBOY
Gallery Center for the Arts
339 Reade Street

About the art Incubator
The goal of the art incubator project is to work with several agencies including to promote eight (8) local artists via an Incubator where they will learn how to start their own businesses, form consortiums, and display and sell their works.

About the Gateway Neighborhood Collaborative

The initiative aims to promote a residential and community-supported redevelopment framework of the Gateway neighborhood.

The implementation of this art incubator, will require:
* ongoing community organization
* a new mix of retail, residential and other land uses
* and the integration and coordination of neighborhood facilities and services

Workshop Sessions

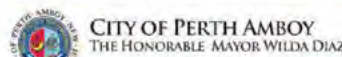
March 15
April 15
June 15

Perth Amboy Gallery Center for the Arts
339 Reade Street

RSVP for Workshop Sessions

732.442.0384
info@partnernj.org

GNC initiatives made possible by Wells Fargo Regional Foundation grant funding



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ACCEPTING SUBMISSIONS FOR THE 5TH ANNUAL RED SHOW AT

THE PERTH AMBOY GALLERY CENTER FOR THE ARTS

SUBMISSIONS BEING ACCEPTING NOW UNTIL FEB. 3RD, 2017

OPENING RECEPTION WILL BE ON MONDAY, FEB 13TH.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO EMAIL SUBMISSIONS TO CONTACT VIVIAN ACUNA-FRANCISCO: VFRANCISCO@PERTHAMBOYNJ.ORG

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

- PHOTOGRAPHY
- PAINTINGS
- SCULPTURE
- MULTI-MEDIA
- ILLUSTRATION

ARTWORK MUST BE FRAMED AND READY TO HANG OR READY TO DISPLAY

THEME: THE COLOR RED LOVE, HATE, PASSION, LUST, INFATUATION, LOSS, AND EVERYTHING IN BETWEEN



PERTH AMBOY GALLERY CENTER FOR THE ARTS
339 Reade Street
Perth Amboy, NJ 08861
(732) 826-1690 x 4325



Gallery Hours
Mon. - Wed., 5:00-8:00pm
and by appointment.
Free and Open to the Public.



Teen Nights

6:30- 10:00 p.m.

Ages: High School Students
Perth Amboy
High School I.D. required
Free of Charge

Dates:

February 4th & 11th at
Alexander F. Jankowski Center,
1 Olive Street

February 18th, 25th,
March 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th
at Raritan Bay YMCA,
357 New Brunswick Avenue

WINTER PROGRAMS

Karate

Morales Martial Arts Academy

Ages: 5 & up
Tuesdays, Thursdays, & Fridays
Ages 5 - 9, 6:30-7:30pm
Ages 10 & older, 7:30 - 8:30 pm
Robert N. Wilentz School, 51 First St
\$40 - Money Order ONLY

ZUMBA

Ages: 18 & up
Monday - Thursday
Perth Amboy High School
South Campus, 351 Mechanic Street
For more info: (732) 376-6240
FREE OF CHARGE

Boot Camp

Ages: 18 & up
Tuesdays & Thursdays
Perth Amboy High School
South Campus, 351 Mechanic Street
For more info: (732) 376-6240
FREE OF CHARGE

ESL / Citizenship Classes

Ages: 18 & up
Perth Amboy High School
South Campus, 351 Mechanic Street
Registration dates:
Week of 1/17 - 1/19; 1/23 - 1/26;
1/30 - 2/2
6:00 - 8:00 pm
For more info: (732) 376-6240
FREE OF CHARGE

SPRING SPORTS PROGRAMS

SIGN-UP TODAY!

Tee-Ball

Ages: 3 - 4
\$40 - Money Order ONLY
Limited Space Available

Rookie Baseball

Ages: 5 - 7
\$40 - Money Order ONLY
Limited Space Available

Girls Softball

Ages: 8 - 17yrs
\$45 - Money Order ONLY
Limited Space Available

Perth Amboy Little League

REGISTRATION BEGINS for our 2017 Spring Season in January.
Registration Requirements:
Must be League Ages 8-16
\$60.00 Cash or Money order only
Each player must sell a box of chocolates

Perth Amboy Recreation Department
1 Olive St, Perth Amboy, NJ

Registration: Sat. 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Jan. 21, Jan. 28, Feb. 4, Feb. 11,
Feb. 18, Feb. 25

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

February 25th, 2017
Questions, please call the president,
Ramon Rivera at 732-586-4919.
perthamboylittleleague@gmail.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

All events are FREE and Open to the Public, unless otherwise stated.

OFFICE OF RECREATION

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FEBRUARY

"These Shoes Don't Fit"

Perth Amboy & JFK High School
AP/Honor Students Group Exhibit
Opening Reception
Thursday, February 2, 2017
6:00 – 8:00 pm
Perth Amboy Gallery Center for the Arts
339 Reade Street

Teen Nights (High School Students)
Feb 4th & 11th
at the Alexander F. Jankowski Center
1 Olive Street
Feb 18th & 25th at the Raritan Bay YMCA
357 New Brunswick Avenue
Perth Amboy students must present their school ID

Red 5 - Group Exhibit
Opening Reception
Monday, February 13, 2017
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Perth Amboy Gallery for the Arts
339 Reade Street

150th Anniversary of Thomas Mundy Peterson
"Casting My Ballot for Liberty Play"
Tells the story of New Jersey native Thomas Mundy Peterson, whose simple act marked an important milestone in our nation's racial and political evolution... he cast a vote. Casting My Ballot for Liberty is a play that appeals to young people's civic sense and provides them with a unique historical perspective on current issues involving voting rights in our democracy.

Friday, February 24th, 2017 @ 7:00p.m.
Academy for Urban Leadership Charter School, 612 Amboy Avenue

Dominican Independence Celebration
February 25th, 2017 @ 11:00 am
E. J. Patten Elementary School
500 Charles Street

MARCH

Teen Nights (High School Students)
March 4, 11, 18, 25
Raritan Bay YMCA
357 New Brunswick Avenue
Perth Amboy students must present their school ID

Basketball Against Drugs & Alcohol Event
Friday, March 24, 2017
Perth Amboy High School, 300 Eagle Ave.
Sponsored by the Perth Amboy Municipal Alliance

EARTH WEEK CELEBRATIONS:
Rain Barrel Giveaway
Thursday, March 16th at 6:00 p.m.
Alexander F. Jankowski Community Center

Community Garden Planting
Saturday, March 25th at 12:00 p.m.
Brighton Avenue Community Center

2017 STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS
Thursday, March 30, 2017
at 6:00 p.m.
YMCA Auditorium



APRIL

BID NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS MEETINGS:
April 5th at 12 noon
April 19th at 9:00 a.m.
Call for more details/locations: 732-442-6421

Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, April 15th @ 1:00 p.m.
Albert G. Waters Stadium, Eagle & Francis St

Easter Pageant
Sunday, April 16th @ 2:00 p.m.
Raritan Bay YMCA (Theater room)
357 New Brunswick Avenue

Family Movie Night
(Includes Environmental Documentary)
Friday, April 21, 2017, 4-9 p.m.
Raritan Bay YMCA (Theater room)
357 New Brunswick Avenue

Office on Aging

JANUARY

1/27 L.O.Y.O – Old Country Buffet
1/30 Middlesex Medicare Patrol / Health Care Fraud

FEBRUARY

2/1 February Birthday Bash
2/8 Winter Scenes at the YMCA
2/10 Senior Advisory Meeting
2/14 Valentine Day Lunch
2/17 Longhorn's at Woodbridge
2/23 Black History Month Celebration,
Thomas Mundy Peterson Inspirational Award

MARCH

3/8 Community Health Care with Alameda
3/6 Winter Scenes at YMCA
3/13 Blood Pressure Screening – RBMC- Meridian
3/16 Vision Screening – Dr. Sevilla
3/17 L.O.Y.O – Olive Garden

UPCOMING SEASONAL EVENTS

- Casino Day Out
- Medieval Times
- Grounds for Sculptures
- Passport Fair
- Zumba Senior Gold

Transportation is available to local medical appointments and grocery shopping by registering in advance. Seniors interested may contact our office for additional information.

Please call our office for an application and to register for any of the above programs,
732-826-1690, Ext. 4326.

PERTH AMBOY FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY EVENTS

JANUARY

01/19 An Inspirational Evening with Edison Jaquez, 6pm-8pm
01/19 Friends of the Library Meeting, 6pm, Children's Room

FEBRUARY

02/01 Perth Amboy Catholic Schools
7th Grade Solar Panel Exhibit—Available All Month
02/02 African American Film Festival: Selma, 6:00 - 8:00pm
02/07 Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield Stress Management
02/09 African American Film Festival: The African Americans
Many Rivers to Cross, 6:00pm - 8:00pm
02/11 Tax Preparation by Vita Group -
By Appointment Call the Library

Week of 02/13-02/18:

Library Loves You Week: Fine Free All Week

02/13-02/18
Library Loves You: Fine Free All Week on Overdue Books
02/14 Library Valentine Giveaway
02/14 Library Board of Trustees Meeting, 5:00pm
02/16 African American Film Festival: Malcom X,
6:00pm - 8:00pm
02/18 Free Replacement Card
02/20 President's Day – Closed
02/23 African American Film Festival:
Black In Latin America:
Haiti & the Dominican Republic:
An Island Divided, 6:00pm - 8pm
02/25 Tax Preparation by Vita Group -
By Appointment Call the Library

MARCH

3/6-3/11 TEEN TECH WEEK
03/06 Become a Research Virtuoso,
3:00pm - 4:00pm
03/07 Game building with Bloxel Builder,
3:00pm - 4:00pm
Registration Required
03/07 Jewel Bots Coding, 4:30pm - 5:30pm
Registration Required
03/08 Game building with Bloxel Builder,
2:30pm - 3:30pm
Registration Required
03/08 Jewel Bots Coding, 4:00pm - 5:00pm
Registration Required

Calling All High School Students!!!

Would you like to be a leader in your community?

Why should I get involved?

- For community service in town
- Leadership Development
- Academic Success and many more opportunities!

Location 56 Brighton Ave Community Center
Time 6:00pm to 8:00pm

Meetings are on Wednesdays bi-weekly!

For more information contact Isamar Payano at
Ipayano@perthamboynj.org or
732-826-1690 ext. 4305

US PASSPORT FAIR

GET ASSISTANCE WITH YOUR PASSPORT APPLICATION OR RENEWAL APPLICATION. A US PASSPORT FAIR WILL BE HELD THIS APRIL, CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.CI.PERTHAMBOY.NJ.US FOR THE UPCOMING DATE & DETAILS, TO BE ANNOUNCED!



RABIES CLINIC

Saturday, May 13th & September 9th
9:00am – 12 Noon
Department of Public Works/Animal Shelter
599 Fayette Street

CALL FOR AN APPOINTMENT!!!

CITY OF PERTH AMBOY CITY IDENTIFICATION CARD

NAME FIRST NAME LAST NAME
ADDRESS 260 High Street Perth Amboy, NJ 08861
DATE OF BIRTH 00/00/0000
EYE COLOR Brown HEIGHT 5'4" GENDER M
ISSUE DATE 00/00/0000 EXPIRATION 00/00/0000

CITY ID CARD

TEXT PERTHAMBOYID TO 888777 TO REGISTER FOR ID PROGRAM UPDATES
APPLY TODAY! (732)-771-2513
NEW LOCATION Alexander F. Jankowski Community Center | 1 Olive Street
www.ci.perthamboy.nj.us

Celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr. - The Cathedral International, Perth Amboy 1/16/17

**Photos by Eric Salvary*



Berkeley College Alumnus Edison Jaquez Shares Value of Mentorship On Newark Public Radio's 'WBGO Journal'

Press Release 1/17/17

PERTH AMBOY - Newark Public Radio station WBGO recently welcomed Berkeley College alumnus, author, and motivational speaker Edison Jaquez to appear on its weekly news magazine program, WBGO Journal. A resident of Perth Amboy, NJ, Mr. Jaquez shared his determination to mentor and guide others, and recalled the hardships he overcame as a young immigrant from the Dominican Republic.

Mr. Jaquez's life experiences are detailed in his book, "A Second Chance: Life Lessons Turned into Living Dreams," which was the selected reading for the summer 2016 Berkeley College Online® Book Club. During the interview on the WBGO Journal, Mr. Jaquez read the following passage from his book about the lessons he has learned from mentoring:

"When I started talking to my first group about their goals, I realized I was talking to kids whose goals were simply to survive, to not get arrested. No one ever told them they could excel at anything ... Through all that, these young men needed help finding answers to questions such as 'Is it ok that I grew up without a father?' and 'Can you tell me that I can



Berkeley College alumnus, author, and motivational speaker Edison Jaquez of Perth Amboy, NJ, recently appeared on Newark Public Radio's weekly news magazine program, WBGO Journal. Pictured above: Mr. Jaquez (L) with Doug Doyle, WBGO News Director and Co-Host of the WBGO Journal (R).

make it coming from my hood?" Not only could I not expect change overnight, but I realized that we had to go at their pace, not at my pace." Listen to Mr. Jaquez's interview on the WBGO Journal in its entirety here.

Mr. Jaquez is the CEO/ Founder of B-Men, and Co-Founder of BYOUTiful – mentoring organizations designed to enhance the lives of today's youth. He is also the Program Coordinator for the Civic Justice Corps at the Jewish Renaissance Foundation in Perth Amboy, NJ, where he is responsible for program planning and training, working with youth between the ages

of 16 and 25. He further shares his story with audiences young and old through motivational speaking engagements throughout New Jersey.

Mr. Jaquez graduated from Berkeley College in 2009 with a B.S. in Business Management. He received the Alumnus of the Year Award in 2016 for his contributions to the community. He also received the Principles for Life Education Award from the I Can Foundation, and an Award of Recognition from the United Dominicans of Perth Amboy.

Celebrating the Life Of Richie Pryce in a Memorial Service

Press Release

PERTH AMBOY- Violence took his life but his legacy continues to speak out against the violent behavior that devastates communities. Richie Pryce was gunned down one year ago and one year later his vision of starting a non-profit organization is alive and closer to becoming a reality. Saturday, February 25, 2017, 6:00 p.m. a memorial service for Richie Pryce will take place at the Jankowski Center, 1 Olive Street Perth Amboy, NJ 08861.



Richard Pryce

Richie's family and friends were shocked to hear of his death resulting from the very thing he spoke against. "Speaking out against violence" will be one of the topics lifted up at the occasion where he will be remembered.

Richie Pryce's service will be a community event that will have performance, motivational speakers, spoken word, food, dance and music. Family, friends and the community will come together to honor Richie and share stories about his life.

Our focus will be on gun violence, substance abuse, leader-

ship and social justice. The PryceLess Foundation which is being set up and will be announced during the service has a mission to: Inspire and motivate everyone to make positive decisions and to live a healthy and successful life.

There is no cost to attend the service. "It's a special evening for us to reminisce on his life, become inspired and start working to rid our community of violence." Stated Jahmal Pryce, brother of Richie

For additional information call Keneshia Pryce (443)380-3851.

***Send Your Events to:
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 Phone: 908-351-0957; Fax: 908-351-0959

Do you or someone you know have Old Photographs or Documents?

The Kearny Cottage Historical Society is Looking for Old Photos and Documents of Perth Amboy, South Amboy, Woodbridge, Fords, etc. (Local Area) For an Archiving Project - Your Photos & Documents will be scanned into digital format & returned to you. For more info please call 732-293-1090

WWW.AMBOYGUARDIAN.COM

CASA of Middlesex County Volunteers Needed to Advocate for Children in Foster Care

Press Release 12/23/16
 NEW BRUNSWICK - Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Middlesex County has current openings for volunteers to advocate for children from Middlesex County who have experienced abuse or neglect.

CASA volunteers are appointed by a judge to speak for a child's best interests. They meet with the child and research the child's circumstances with the goal of securing a safe and permanent home for the child as quickly as possible. CASA volunteers come

from all walks of life, with no special background needed. Applicants must be at least 21 years of age and pass background checks.

The next volunteer training session begins on February 21, 2017. Applications must be received by Friday, February 3. If you are interested in volunteering call (732) 246-4449, email melanie@casafmiddlesexcounty.org, or visit www.casafmiddlesexcounty.org/volunteer for more information and a volunteer application.

Herbs 101: Introduction to Herbs

Press Release 1/6/17
 WOODBRIDGE - On Wednesday January 25 at 7 pm, Woodbridge Main Library will welcome, educator, author and certified herbalist Gert Coleman. Coleman, will look at all aspects of herbs including how to grow them, cook with them, use them to ease headaches, colds, and other winter ailments. She will also discuss some of the historical, cultural and mythical lore surrounding herbs.

Coleman has recently retired as Associate Professor

of English and Nature Writing at Middlesex County College in New Jersey. She lives in Staten Island where she serves as the vice president of the Staten Island Herb Society, which helps maintain the Colonial Herb Garden at Conference House Park.

Currently Coleman is the Co-editor of the IHA (International Herb Association) newsletter and a contributor to nine IHA Herb of the Year™ books (calendula, bay, dill, horseradish, rose, elder, artemisia, savory, and

Connections Program Seeks Volunteers

MIDDLESEX COUNTY - The Connections Program of Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen, a voluntary child to adult match program is seeking adult volunteers to provide a positive friend relationship to children and youth that has suffered a loss or has special needs. These children reside in Middlesex County and Franklin Township and are in desperate need of a positive role model. Adult Volunteers are being sought to make a difference in the lives of children and youth through one-to-one activities. Any individual 18 years old or older, of any ethnic, religious or economic background, who is interested in making a positive impact on a child's life is eligible to become an adult volunteer mentor. All adult volunteers will be screened, receive training, staff support and other services as needed. If you are interested in learning more about the Connections Mentoring Program, please contact Jeanette Cullen at (732) 738-1323.

Catholic Schools Week 2017

Open House

PERTH AMBOY - Assumption Catholic School at 380 Meredith St, Perth Amboy, NJ will join nearly 8,000 Catholic Schools across the nation in celebrating Catholic Schools Week. Parents and prospective preschool through grade eight students are invited to visit our school on Sunday, February 5th, 2017 from noon to 3:00 p.m. for the Open House. You will have the opportunity to tour the school and enjoy conversation with Principal and current students, who will be assisting with each tour. Registrations for the 2017-2018 school year, will be accepted at these sessions. ACS is fully accredited by the Commission on Elementary Schools - Advanced. It's never too early to start thinking about giving your children the great gift of a Catholic education - one which is effective and affordable! If you can't make it to the OPEN HOUSE, feel free to call the School office and set up a tour with us at any time. Our principal is always more than happy to do a walk-through with you and answer all your questions! To receive more information about the school, call 732-826-8721 or visit www.assumptioncatholicschool.net

Overnight Trip

HOPELAWN - Holy Rosary Seniors overnight trip to Foxwood and Mohegan Sun 4/3/17 and 4/4/17. Cost is \$145 a person for double room; and \$214 for single per person. Must have full payment by 1/27/17. Call Ronnie for more information. 732-442-5252

Meditation: Improving our Practice, Experiencing the Love Within

Press Release 1/19/17
 WOODBRIDGE - Please join us on Thursday, February 9 @ 7:00 PM at the Woodbridge Main Library for Meditation: Improving our Practice, Experiencing the Love Within. Facilitator Jim Rose will help you discover the best way to integrate meditation into your daily life and unlock the doorway to deep inner peace and love. He will show you how you can awaken to the power of divine love through meditation. The more you meditate, the more you experience the peace, joy, and love inside you. This love transforms you and those around you.

Jim Rose, M Ed Rutgers University, is a former executive with Johnson and Johnson. By the time he retired, he was senior vice president in charge of quality management for the J&J Pharmaceutical Group worldwide. Part of Jim's global responsibilities was teaching conflict resolution through collaboration, the need for respecting and caring for one another, and the necessity of working toward win-win outcomes. As a member of Science of Spirituality, Jim brings his skills to the organization, leading workshops focused on meditation and spirituality and their practical application to daily life. He has spoken all over the world: from throughout the United States and Europe to Dubai and India.

This program is free and no registration is required.

The Woodbridge Main Library is located at 1 George Frederick Plaza.

Bingo

PERTH AMBOY - Magyar (Hungarian) Reformed Church Hall, 347 Kirkland Place, Perth Amboy (Shuttle service from church parking lot on Wilson Street from 5:45 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.) \$1,000 BINGO on Mondays. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Bingo starts at 7:30 p.m. Kitchen will be open. For more info: Call 732-442-7799 or 732-261-8726.

Pirohi Sale

PERTH AMBOY - St. John the Baptist Orthodox Perth Amboy is having a Pirohi on Jan 30 to Feb. 2. Call 732-836-7067 between 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. to place your order. Pick up your order at - 404 Division Street, Perth Amboy. All Gourmet Items Homemade and Handmade. Call early before we sell out. Potato Pirohi - \$8 a doz. The order date is Jan. 30 to Feb. 2. The pick-up date is Feb. 7 to Feb. 8. Pick-up will begin at 2:30 p.m. We also have frozen Pirohi available at the same time at the same price. Ready to be cooked when you want. Thank you for your order!

Art Through Technology City wide 3D

Design Contest

Press Release 12/29/16
 SOUTH AMBOY- The Dowdell Library of South Amboy will be holding an innovative art competition using 3D printing technology. Using the library's 3D printer or 3D pens, community members of all ages may enter the art competition from January through June 15th. Entries must be entered within one of the following categories: the waterfront, pets and a floral theme. Age categories will range from children through seniors.

Entries will be exhibited at the South Amboy Arts exhibition hall on Broadway during July and August. The community will have the opportunity to vote for the winners in each category. For more information, contact the library at comments@dowdell.org or 732.721.6060.

To learn about free programs, sign up for the library's monthly eNewsletter at <http://dowdell.org/newslettersignup.html>

The Dowdell Library's hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday from 10 am to 8 pm, Wednesday and Friday from 10 am to 5 pm and Saturdays from 12-4 pm. For more information, please visit www.dowdell.org, or contact the Library at 732-721-6060 or comments@dowdell.org.

St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church, Blessing of the Water Perth Amboy 1/22/17

**Photos by Paul W. Wang*



Girl Scout Cookie Bake

**Photos Submitted by Lorraine McCartney*



Girl Scout Troop # 80293 gathers to make "Snowman Soup" (Hot coco, kisses, candy cane, & marshmallows) for our local Police and Fire Dept.



Then the girls from troop 80293 made homemade Christmas Cookie too!

We delivered them to the local Police and Fire Departments on Christmas Eve to say "Thank You" for all you do!



Tom's Tax Tips

Knowing "The Line" Creates Opportunity

Courtesy of Tom Ploskanka C.P.A.

A simple way to think about your 1040 tax return is focusing on a single line, your Adjusted Gross Income (AGI). Anything "above the line" creates an AGI that can yield tax opportunities or tax consequences for anything "below the line." Being aware of "the line" and the impact it has on your tax return can help you make better tax decisions throughout the year.

Understand the line. When you hear "the line," it's referring to both the last line on page one and the first line on page two of your 1040 tax return. The AGI line is made up of W-2 wages, tips, and other income; interest and dividends; capital gains/losses; alimony; pensions, annuities, and social security income; and business activity profits and losses. It also includes a number of miscellaneous items that can reduce your AGI such as educator expense, moving expense, student loan interest, and alimony paid.

The list of things that impact AGI can be lengthy. What is important, however, is understanding that this single line has a tremendous impact on what your final tax bill will be. **It's also important to consider below the line impact.**

Phase outs. If your AGI is too high, you could be in for an unpleasant tax surprise because so many of your "below the line" tax benefits can be phased out. This could include losing up to 80% of your itemized deductions, all of your exemptions, and access to most credits.

Alternative minimum tax. A high AGI can subject your tax return to a below the line calculation using an alternative tax table.

Marginal tax. Your AGI can subject some of your income to higher tax rates up to 39.6%. Understanding the importance of "the line" on your tax return can help clarify suggested tax planning actions. How much can you add to your AGI and still be subject to a lower tax rate? Does an increase in your AGI phase out other tax benefits?

While you can analyze the numbers yourself, consider contacting us to assist you in understanding how your above the line decisions might change your below the line tax implications.

This Week in World War II 75 Years Ago

By: Phil Kohn. *Dedicated to the memory of his father, GM3 Walter Kohn, U.S. Navy Armed Guard, USNR, and all men and women who have answered the country's call in time of need. Phil can be contacted at ww2remembered@yahoo.com.*

The Japanese on January 23 land 5,000 troops at Rabaul, defended by 1,400 Australians and New Guinea militiamen. The battle is the start of the New Guinea Campaign. Kieta, on Bougainville, the largest of the Solomon Islands, falls to the Japanese. In the Philippines, the Japanese overrun U.S. troops' first defensive line on the Bataan Peninsula. One small Allied victory is scored as the Japanese troop transport *Nana Maru* is bombed and sunk by a Dutch Brewster Buffalo fighter plane in the Makassar Strait between Borneo and Sulawesi Islands.

In the Dutch East Indies, four U.S. and Dutch destroyers on January 24 attack Japanese troop transports off Balikpapan, Borneo, sinking three of the five vessels. The other two transports are able to land their troops. After a brief battle, the Japanese overwhelm the Dutch garrison. The Dutch, though, had previously partially destroyed the petroleum refinery there. In retaliation, the Japanese massacre many of the Europeans that are captured. American troops land in Samoa, as part of a strategy to stop Japanese expansion in the Pacific. In Washington, the U.S. government authorizes the equipping of its own merchant ships and those of Allied nations with weapons and U.S. Navy gun crews.

On January 25, the Japanese land at Lae, the capital of New Guinea. In Russia, the Red Army encircles 5,500 German troops near Kholm, southwest of Leningrad. The so-called Kholm Pocket will be successfully defended by the Germans for 105 days until relieved, with ammunition, food and other supplies air-dropped by the Luftwaffe in the interim. In Malaya, Gen. Archibald Wavell authorizes British and Commonwealth troops to leave their last defensive position, at Batu Pahat, and retreat 75 miles to Singapore, on the southern tip of the Malay Peninsula. In North Africa, the British 2nd Armoured Brigade is almost completely destroyed by Rommel's German onslaught near Msus, Libya.

The first American troops to land in the European Theater of the war disembark at Belfast, Northern Ireland, on January 26. In Washington, D.C., the Roberts Commission, a board of inquiry empaneled to investigate the attack on Pearl Harbor, finds Adm. Husband Kimmel (then Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet) and Lt. Gen. Walter Short (then Commander, Hawaii Dept.) guilty of dereliction of duty. Both are already out of the service; both receive death threats as a result of the commission's report.

Japanese troops in Borneo capture Singkawang on January 27. The submarine *USS Gudgeon* becomes the first U.S. Navy vessel to sink an enemy warship, as she destroys the Japanese submarine *I-73* with three torpedoes. In Europe, Soviet forces under Marshal Semyon Timoshenko continue their advance into the Ukraine, capturing Lozova, in the Kharkiv region. German Luftwaffe ace Wilhelm Spies, credited with 20 aerial victories, is shot down and killed over Sukhinichi, Russia, south of Moscow.

German and Italian troops recapture Benghazi, Libya, on January 28. Brazil and Paraguay break off diplomatic relations with Germany, Italy and Japan.

On January 29, Japanese troops capture the provincial capital Pontianak, Borneo. In Iran, representatives of Great Britain and the Soviet Union sign a treaty of alliance, which opens a supply route to the U.S.S.R. for the Allies through Iran. The U.S. Coast Guard cutter *USCGC Alexander Hamilton* is torpedoed and sunk off Reykjavik, Iceland, by German sub *U-132*, killing 26 Coast Guardsmen.

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A.C. Bus Trip San Salvador Seniors

PERTH AMBOY - The San Salvador Seniors are sponsoring a bus trip to Caesar's Casino in AC on Thursday, Feb. 2 2017. Bus leaves 12 Noon from the Perth Amboy Knights of Columbus, High Street, Perth Amboy. Cost 30 pp. Receive \$30 back in slot dollars. For more info call Joe at 732-826-0819.

Souper Sale at St. John's Lutheran Church

PERTH AMBOY - Purchase a quart of homemade soup for your Super Bowl Party! St. John's Evg. Lutheran Church is having a Souper Sale on Feb. 5th. The soup choices will be Chicken Noodle, Beef Vegetable & Lentil (Vegetarian). The cost is \$8.00 a quart or 3 Quarts for \$20.00. Orders will be taken from Jan 15th until Feb. 2nd.

Contact Lorraine at 732-996-8860 or kookie.mc@verizon.net to place your order. Pick up will be on Sunday Feb. 5th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Church, 664 Amboy Ave (use the side door on Meredith St.)

Bingo

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4th Annual African American History Month Celebration Rescheduled

PERTH AMBOY - PRAHD is thrilled to be honoring Bob McCoy with the Arturo Alfonso Schomburg Award for all the love and care he gives to our community in the City of Perth Amboy. Please join us as we celebrate the many contributions of Bob McCoy during African American History Month. Special Guest ~ Dean Schomburg. **Friday, February 24, 2017 - Noon to 2 p.m.** PRAHD, 100 First Street, Perth Amboy.

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Ginger was abandoned with me on Easter Sunday, 2014 at the age of seven. She has been my constant companion since and caregiver, since my heart has begun to fail. She has shown myself and those that know her, how to be happy and how to love again. Ginger is my Blessing. B. H. Basehart

Chili Church

PERTH AMBOY - Thursday, February 2, 6:30 pm St. Peter's Episcopal Church 183 Rector Street, Perth Amboy. Free event. More information call 732-826-1594. Free Event

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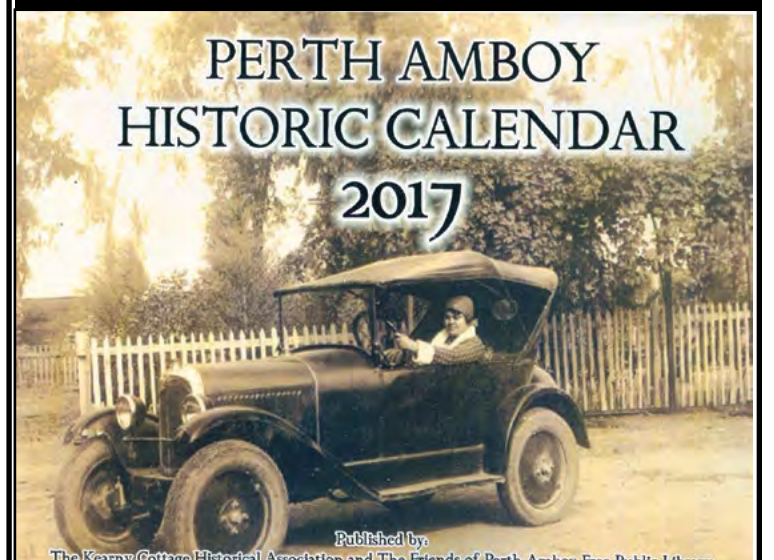
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Novena to St. Rita

O holy protectress of those who art in greatest need, thou who shineth as a star of hope in the midst of darkness, blessed Saint Rita, bright mirror of God's grace, in patience and fortitude thou art a model of all the states in life. I unite my will with the will of God through the merits of my Savior Jesus Christ, and in particular through his patient wearing of the crown of thorns, which with tender devotion thou didst daily contemplate. Through the merits of the holy Virgin Mary and thine own graces and virtues, I ask thee to obtain my

earnest petition, provided it be for the greater glory of God and my own sanctification. Guide and purify my intention, O holy protectress and advocate, so that I may obtain the pardon of all my sins and the grace to persevere daily, as thou didst in walking with courage, generosity, and fidelity down the path of life. *(Mention your request.)* Saint Rita, advocate of the impossible, pray for us. Saint Rita, advocate of the helpless, pray for us. *Recite the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be three times each. K.M. & C.M.*

Volunteer Drivers Needed For Meals on Wheels Program

Press Release
 HIGHLAND PARK – Jewish Family Services of Middlesex County (JFS) is in need of volunteer drivers to deliver meals to homebound senior adults in the Highland Park area for the Kosher Meals on Wheels Program. The program delivers meals Monday – Friday mornings. A commitment of at least 2 days per month for regular volunteers is required. Also seeking substitute drivers who can fill in as needed throughout Middlesex County. Must have valid driver's license. Please contact the JFS Volunteer Coordinator for more detailed information at 732-777-1940 or visit www.jfsmiddlesex.org under the Volunteer Tab

Senior Scene Happenings

- Perth Amboy**
 TUES. Jan. 24 Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.
 • Good Shepherd Tuesday Seniors (HS) 12:30 p.m. Msgr. Gambino Hall, Florida Grove Rd.
 WED. Jan. 25 St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.
 • Good Shepherd Wednesday Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Msgr. Gambino Hall, Florida Grove Rd.
 THURS. Jan. 26 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
 MON. Jan. 30 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.
 TUES. Jan. 31 Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.
 WED. Feb. 1 St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.
 • Holy Trinity Seniors, 1 p.m., Church Hall, Lawrie & Johnstone St.
 THURS. Jan. 26 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
- South Amboy**
 MON. Feb. 6 St. Mary's Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
 WED. Feb. 11 South Amboy Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
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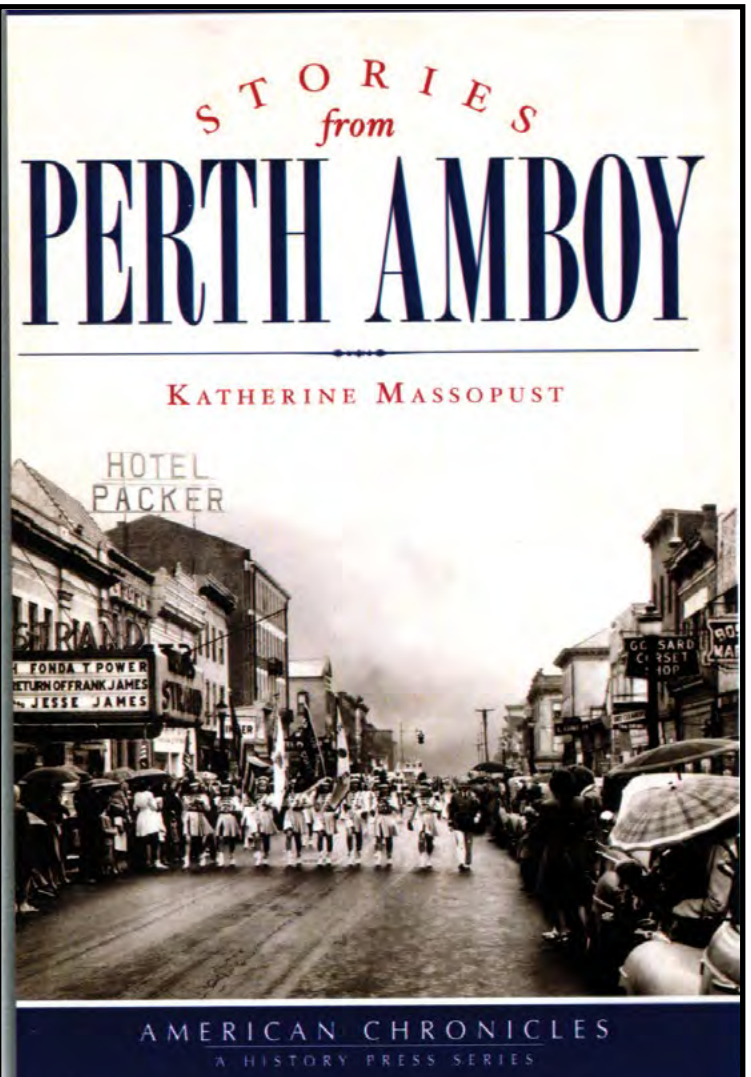


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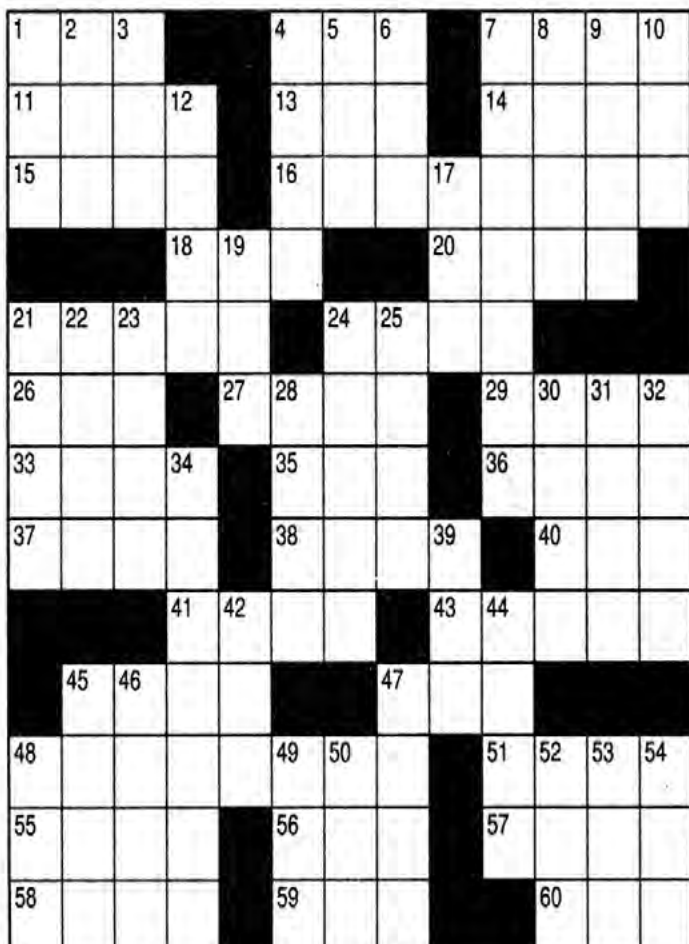
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