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Garcia, Ortiz Accuse Board of Unethical Practices

By: Katherine Massopust
PERTH AMBOY – At the 7/24/14 Board of Education Meeting Board Members Maria Garcia and William Ortiz questioned the Board on the hiring of certain individuals, especially the hiring of a new Director of Personnel and Evaluation replacing the position of HR Manager. This position was newly created to correspond with State mandates and a cause for controversy at the Meeting. Ortiz and Garcia felt that the former HR Manager did not receive a fair shake at the job. On the Addendum which was a late addition to the Agenda was the hiring of Dr. Debra J. Sheard as Director of Personnel & Evaluation.

Board Member William Ortiz drilled Interim Superintendent Dr. Vivian Rodriguez on this matter. “For every other job posted, it was done for 10 days. This particular job was posted for 28 days. That’s almost three times the usual amount of days. Why did it take so long?”

Rodriguez answered, “It’s a very important position.”

Ortiz asked, “How many candidates were interviewed?”

Rodriguez answered, “I can’t recall.”

Ortiz asked, “How many times did you interview the candidate?”

Rodriguez answered, “Two times.”

Ortiz continued drilling Rodriguez, “When was the candidate first interviewed?”

Rodriguez answered, “I can’t recall. I was on vacation. I came back.”

Ortiz asked, “When did you get back?”

Rodriguez answered, “I’m not sure. I think it was July 15th. I interviewed the candidate with an Administrative Assistant from HR. I don’t remember what date.”

“She never applied until the 17th. The job listing ended the day she applied. She didn’t



PERTH AMBOY - Board Vice President Israel Varela (L) and Board President Obi Gonzalez listen as Attorney Philip Stern advises the Board.



PERTH AMBOY - Board Members Maria Garcia and William Ortiz drill the Interim Superintendent on hiring procedures
*Photos by Katherine Massopust

complete the application until the 18th. She was interviewed before she applied for the job. I believe that is illegal,” Ortiz insisted.

“I am asking you to hire this individual,” Rodriguez answered.

The Board Attorney then stated, “A motion to table must come forward. There is no debate.”

Board Member Ortiz then motioned to table the hiring of the position; Garcia Seconded. Board Members Dianne Roman, William Ortiz and Maria Garcia voted “yes.” Board Members Milady Tejada, Ken Puccio, Sam Lebreault, Anthony Bermudez, Israel Varela and Obi Gonzalez voted “no.” Motion does not pass.”

Ortiz continued, “We are voting on a person - that is against the law.”

Stern said, “The Board President has a right to close the debate.”

Ortiz continued, “We do not live in a dictatorship.”

Board Member Maria Garcia added, “This is a very important job. We need to debate this. We should allow people to debate to come to the right decision. We need to debate.”

Ortiz insisted, “The Personnel Committee drops it in (the agenda) the day before. It’s disturbing that the Board wants to constrict me. Everyone gets 10 minutes to debate,” citing Robert’s Rules.

Board Attorney Stern said, “The Board is not bound by Robert’s Rules of Order.”

Rodriguez then read from a prepared statement. The following are some of the ex-

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Making New Jersey Energy Strong: PSE&G to Upgrade Gas Facilities In South Amboy And South River

News Release July 25, 2014
NEWARK - With approval of its Energy Strong program, Public Service Electric & Gas Co. (PSE&G) is upgrading gas facilities in South Amboy and South River.

The utility will be installing new gas mains, as well as upgrading associated service lines that carry the gas to homes and businesses. Beginning on or about August 11, work will take place Monday through Saturday between the hours of 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., conditions permitting. The project is expected to be complete in November.

Customers will be notified when work is about to begin in their area. This upgrade is part of PSE&G’s recently approved Energy Strong program to strengthen and protect the state’s electric and gas infrastructure from severe weather. Customers can find a list of affected streets at www.pseg.com/energystrong.

As part of Energy Strong, PSE&G will replace 250 miles of older cast iron main with new plastic pipe in or near flood areas throughout its service territory. This year, the utility will replace the first 88 miles, with the remainder scheduled for replacement in 2015. These new pipes will prevent water from entering the mains, increasing the reliability of gas service in these locations.

“We’re working to start building the resiliency into our systems needed to withstand the kind of severe weather that has devastated our state in recent years,” said Ralph LaRossa, PSE&G president and COO. “The gas pipes we are replacing were impacted by flood waters from Hurricane Irene or the storm surges

from Superstorm Sandy. Once this work is done, our gas system in these areas will be better protected during future storms.”

To upgrade the mains, it will be necessary to dig trenches in the roadway to install the new pipe. As a result, there may be road closures and/or detours. Local police will be on the scene to direct vehicle and pedestrian traffic. At the end of each workday, the trenches will be filled in. Plates will be secured on any other open areas so people can safely drive and walk.

Once the gas mains are upgraded, PSE&G will need to access customers’ homes to connect their service and meter to the new main. PSE&G will contact homeowners to arrange a date and time to do the work. During this reconnection, customers will be without gas service for approximately four hours. We regret any inconvenience this may cause.

For everyone’s safety, PSE&G crews will be using work area protection including traffic cones, utility work signs, and barriers to allow the job to be done safely. The utility reminds motorists to slow down and follow detour signs when driving through the construction area.

Public Service Electric and Gas Company (PSE&G) is New Jersey’s oldest and largest regulated gas and electric delivery utility, serving nearly three-quarters of the state’s population. PSE&G is the winner of the ReliabilityOne Award for superior electric system reliability. PSE&G is a subsidiary of Public Service Enterprise Group Incorporated (PSEG) (NYSE:PEG), a diversified energy company (www.pseg.com).

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Garcia, Ortiz

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cerpts from the prepared statement: "The district is going in a different direction. By 2015-2016 we will be required to have an evaluation system. The Superintendent of Schools is clearly committed to the role for providing feedback. We will monitor the value of principles and ideals." Then she added, "I believe we have done a good search and have an excellent candidate before us. We have a committee achieving in place including a Director of Personnel. It has been a collaborative community effort district wide. The person recommended has certification and has worked behind the field in the trenches. I hope the public and Board understands the direction we take. I believe I have given you the correct information and presented it to the Board. I must respectfully disagree to your line of questioning, Mr. Ortiz. I believe we have done a good search and have an excellent candidate before us."

Board Member William Ortiz stated, "Questioning the Superintendent does not constitute a debate. We are voting on a person that is against the law. I have to be fair. I will bring action. We do not live in a dictatorship."

Stern answered, "The Board is not bound by all of Robert's Rules of Order. Robert's Rules cannot be used as a means to filibuster. The Board is bound by their by-laws. There is respect for the office of Board President and the Superintendent of Schools."

Ortiz said, "The Board does not follow the rules."

Stern answered, "Your opinion is on the record. 10-142 regarding any matter involving employment or terms of employment. Anyone who applies for a job must be discussed in closed session as to not debate someone's reputation in public."

Board Member Maria Garcia then asked for a vote to go to closed session to discuss the matter in private. Ortiz seconded it. Only Maria Garcia and William Ortiz voted "yes" with everyone else voting "no." Motion did not pass.

Board Member Anthony Bermudez asked for a vote to close this discussion. Board Members Dianne Roman, Maria Garcia and William Ortiz voted "no" while Board Members Milady Tejada, Ken Puccio, Sam Lebreault, Anthony Bermudez, Israel Varela and Obi Gonzalez voted "yes." The motion passed and the debate was closed.

Car Overturned - 7-25-14

*Photos by Carolyn Maxwell



PERTH AMBOY - On Friday Night 7/25/14 a car traveling on Market Street (Between Madison and Hobart) overturned after striking a parked vehicle. 2nd Photo shows damage to parked vehicle.

On item 14 D of the Addendum regarding the hiring of Dr. Debra J. Sheard, Director of Personnel & Evaluation from August 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015 at a pro-rated salary of \$120,000.00 Standard: School Administrator COE: Principal (new position): the vote went as follows Voting "no" were Dianne Roman, William Ortiz and Maria Garcia. Voting "yes" were Milady Tejada, Ken Puccio, Sam Lebreault, Anthony Bermudez, Israel Varela and Obi Gonzalez. Motion passes.

During the public portion, Charles Simmons, the fiancé of Bernice Marshall, the former HR Manager of the Perth Amboy Board of Education spoke at the podium. He addressed the Board outraged,

"Write letters to anyone. There is lack of quality leadership. I hope the State comes and takes over. Perth Amboy Board Members - it's a joke! You got rid of a perfectly good HR Manager. You had a candidate with 100% compliancy in Bernice Marshall. You are guilty of nepotism. You're systematically not getting rid of Hispanic employees. Some lawsuits have been filed against the Board. You have a puppet in Dr. Vivian Rodriguez. How can you not remember when you came back from vacation? As Mr. Ortiz said - what you say is correct - the Board has no right to reprimand. The Board are intellectual misfits and educated dummies. Everything is not said here. More will be said in court!"

Shooting at Z-Bar

PERTH AMBOY - A shooting reportedly took place in the early morning of Saturday, July 25. There were reports that 4 people were injured. Supposedly the incident took place between 1:30 a.m. and 3:00 a.m. It is unclear if the disturbance started inside the Z-Bar on New Brunswick Avenue or if it escalated to a nearby parking lot. When the Amboy Guardian called the Office of the Police Chief,



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EDITORIAL

The Problem is Over There!

Immigrants have been coming to this country for a very long time. Many of them came through Ellis Island and a lot of them were sent back to their country of origin and why was this? At Ellis Island there were doctors and nurses to check them for any signs of diseases or infections. Why was this done so? The main reason is because that there were vaccinations and medications that eradicated many diseases in the United States that were still prevalent in countries where these immigrants were coming from. Unfortunately, with the droves of illegal immigrants (not the pc term of "undocumented aliens" which is a description that should be completely eliminated – let's just call it what it is.)

What's happening now when you are having a large number of illegal immigrants crossing the border and you don't have sufficient health officials to check for any diseases. Now you're having an outbreak of diseases that have been eliminated in the United States. What boggles my mind is how some of these young illegals are able to travel from Honduras, Guatemala and El Salvador through Mexico to go over the border. How it is possible for a child make that long treacherous journey without major funding? It's impossible to do it otherwise.

Another problem – what about the legal immigrants that have been here a long time, doing everything by the books, and still waiting to become citizens? Will they be given preference? There are some states that want to give illegal immigrants driver licenses and special cards for medical and other privileges to keep track of their whereabouts. I listen to a lot of talk radio programs. One particular host said, "Why aren't we going into some of the African nations or China where the people are treated just as bad-

ly or in some cases worse than the illegals coming over now? That makes me wonder.

It's the leaders of these countries that are the biggest problem. They are corrupt and view their citizens as expendable. Some people say that the Republicans like illegal immigrants because they are a source of cheap labor. To the Democrats, they are potential voters. Neither political party wants to admit this.

So who suffers? EVERYBODY! There's an expression about being an armchair quarterback. When you are not actually in a city where all of sudden your resources are being drained by an influx of illegal immigrants, it's easy to say that people are being persecuted. Residents who are paying taxes have every right to protest as long as they do it respectfully. After all, they are footing the bill.

We know there are many illegal immigrants who are not from Latin America Countries, but how many organizations are there geared just to their needs? None that I can think of offhand.

Is there a solution to this problem? I say that the leaders of the countries where the illegals are fleeing from are the biggest problem. Until that is changed, there will be no solution. But there is one thing that I will say. If I was an immigrant that fled to the United States from a country that treated me so badly, I would kiss the ground of America. And if I were fortunate enough to be granted amnesty, I would learn the language, follow the laws and embrace the fact that I was fortunate enough to come to a country where I could have a better future.

This is not to say to forget where you came from or your culture, just to recognize and show your appreciation of what you are now afforded.

Carolyn M.

THE COMMUNITY VOICE

Times Were Better

Water Stadium was a grass field and the locals played ball when the field was not in use.

Francis Street ran through the entrance to the Outerbridge. There was a center island with the inspection station, Amboy Diner, Atlantic Bottling and Homes. Saturday Nights watch the police pull over the

cars coming from Staten Island (underage drinking).

City Field with the Cardinals and circuses, the little league fields. We played ball on the weekends there.

Shull School for basketball. Central Park Savings, tennis, shuffle board and swimming pool. Everyone got along. The High School Teams were good.

Now water stadium is a turf field. Shull School Basketball

court is now a teacher's parking lot.

The High School took Central Park the street (Boggs) and the Little League fields. Now there is no parking on the adjacent streets before and after school and weekends.

School teams don't fare well these days. But they always get new uniforms.

This is Progress? Not to me.

E.F. Jennings

Perth Amboy's Finest

I would like to take this time to tell you how professional P.O. Harry Schemen is in the performance of his duties and also how accommodating he is to the public. He accompanies John from the City Garage on the scheduled street sweeping

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Schemen is very dedicated.

Perth Amboy should be very proud of him, as I am. P.O. Schemen deserves recognition for his professionalism not only for enforcing the street sweeping rules but for competently, performing his other duties as a Police Officer.

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in a very nice manner. The wives and the deacons are to be thanked. I would like to see a nicer turnout. Please come and join us.

Thank you Deacon Sam and also the members of you staff.

Helen Leonard

Turn Backward

Backward! Turn Backward! Oh! Time in your flight!

And make me a child again! Just for tonight!

That's how my wife Annette and I felt when the Concerts by the Bay was transferred to the Waterfront to the McGinnis School, the old PAHS, because of the threat of rain. We felt we were like students again. The seats were the same. Except this time they were padded. The murals on the walls were the same which always inspired us dreamers. And the clock over the stage was still stuck at 10:36.

Doesn't anyone ever bring the clock up to date? I guess they do not have to because the music of the Garden State Symphonic Band directed by Chris Pederson is so great and soothing that it puts us all in a dreamlike state. No matter where or how we listen to the music it is always wonderful! We were especially thrilled by the singing of Vocalist Erin Hill who did not need a microphone when performing renditions of old favorites like Danny Boy and Glocca Morra. It was also great to greet fellow music lovers like John and Anne Mulvey of South Amboy. We were also saddened by the passing of Steve Cserr and Nate Witken.

My high school class started its senior year with an assembly in this same auditorium the day after Labor Day. World War II had broken out a few days before. This put a more serious cast on our proceedings. The halcyon days were over! I remember Mr. Roseboro stating it took about 2 ½ years for us to enter WWI. Sho' nuff! It took almost that time until Pearl Harbor. One of the almost 200 casualties was Red Grant for whom the 87th Regatta was held that weekend in the bay.

Thanks!
Peter Book a.k.a. Pedro Libro



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

Volunteer Firefighters Needed

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

Citizenship Classes

PERTH AMBOY - Every Wednesday: : FAMILY SUCCESS CENTER is offering a free course to assist those who plan on taking the USCIS Citizenship Test. All details will be discussed at the meeting. All who plan to take the course must attend Orientation. Call or visit the office to register. 149 Kearny Ave. (Proprietary House) Perth Amboy.

Kearny Cottage Open

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

Monthly Book Club

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

Community Calendar

Perth Amboy	
THURS. Aug. 7	Historic Preservation Commission, 7 p.m. City Hall, High St.
MON. Aug. 11	City Council, Caucus, 4:30 p.m. City Hall, High St.
TUES. Aug. 12	Library Board of Trustees, 5 p.m. City Hall, High St.
	UEZ, 6 p.m. City Hall, High St.
WED. Aug. 13	City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, High St.
South Amboy	
WED. Aug. 6	City Council, Business, 6 p.m. City Hall, N. Broadway
WED. Aug. 20	City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, N. Broadway
MON. Aug. 25	Board of Education, Business/Public, 6 p.m. SA Middle/High School, Harold Hoffman Pl.

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Civil War Round Table

WOODBIDGE - The next meeting of The Robert E. Lee Civil War Round Table of Central New Jersey will be on Thursday, August 7th at 7:00 p.m. at the Woodbridge Public Library, 1 Frederick Plaza, Woodbridge. The meeting is open to the public

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Fr. Paul Thekkan CMI Silver Jubilee Our Lady of Peace - Fords

*Photos Submitted



FORDS - On Sunday, June 22, 2014 Fr. Pauly Thekkan CMI from Our Lady of Peace Parish in Fords celebrated his Silver Jubilee Mass. The church was filled to capacity for this noonmass celebration with guests spilling on to the steps of the church to celebrate this very special occasion. Monsignor Andy Szaroleta, OLP Pastor was asked by Fr. Pauly to give the homily. After mass, a luncheon was served in the school cafeteria for all to enjoy. Fr. Pauly was surrounded by friends, family, and many, many fellow priests, deacons, and nuns from all over.



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OLP Studying Butterflies
*Photos Submitted



FORDS - Mrs. Lisa Kelly's PreK4 class at Our Lady of Peace School, in Fords studied butterflies in June. The children recorded their findings step by step in their journals during this month long project.

Garage Sale

PERTH AMBOY - St. Peter's Garage Sale will take place on August 9th from 9 a.m.- 1 p.m. in the Parish House Parking Lot, 183 Rector St., Perth Amboy.

Ask the Rabbi

EDISON - Will be on Monday this week, Rabbi Saks from Congregation Beth Mordecai, Perth Amboy is available for any and all questions from everyone at 12:10 pm at the food court in Menlo Park Mall in Edison.

Flea Market

SAYREVILLE - It is not too late to reserved your spot in our Flea Market on Jernee Mill Road in Sayreville, NJ on August 16 2024 at 8 a.m.to 3 p.m. If it rains come on Sunday Aug.17 at the same place to help our veterans where needed. For more information call Lorraine Rock at 609-448 2578.= \$ 15.00 will hold your space.

Farmer's Market

PERTH AMBOY - The Y is proud to host a weekly Farmers Market! Be sure to stop by every Tuesday and load up on fresh fruits and veggies for your family. Vendors will set up on the parking lot in front of the Y, 357 New Brunswick Avenue, Perth Amboy on Tuesdays from 12:00 noon – 7:00 p.m. starting June 10th. The Shaping NJ Community has provided funding to support our focus, Healthy Living! For more information or for photo opportunity please contact Steve Jobin, 732.442.3632 or sjobin@rbaymca.org.

"Tip A Pint" Afternoon

SOUTH AMBOY - Sponsored By The South Amboy Fire Department 125th Anniversary Committee - Sunday – July 27th at the Landmark Tavern & Cafe On Broadway In South Amboy. Unlimited Domestic Pints For \$20. 1 p.m. To 5 p.m. DJ Entertainment. Catch The "Brickyard 400" Visit Us On Facebook For Ongoing Info.

BBQ Showdown

SOUTH AMBOY - Best BBQ Event in Central NJ! Sunday, Sept. 28 at Raritan Bay Waterfront Park, South Amboy. Hundreds of Vendors, Live Music on Stage, Workshops & Demos, Kids Activities, Shuttle Service Available. No Parking on Site for Day of Event. Presented by the City of South Amboy. Produced by IRUN New Jersey. For more info call 855-478-6888 or go to www.irunnewjersey.com

Car Show

WOODBIDGE - Raritan Bay Cruisers Car Show starting on Tuesdays from May 13 to Sept. 30 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Weather Permitting at Pizza Hut, Rte. 9, Woodbridge (Walmart Parking Lot) 50/50s & Trophy's Awarded. For More Info Call 732-585-7365

Dominican Festival

PERTH AMBOY - The United Dominicans of Perth Amboy will be having a Dominican Festival on Friday, August 15 from 5 p.m. to 10 a.m.; Saturday, August 16 from 1 p.m. to 10 p.m.; Sunday, August 17 from 12 noon to 9 p.m. Parking available in the Municipal Parking Lot (Next to Wilentz School Field).

Flea Market

SAYREVILLE - The Ladies Auxiliary of Sayreville #4699 of 575 Jernee Mill Road , are holding a Flea Market on August 16 2014 with a Rain Date of August 17,2014 at 8 AM to 3 PM.&15.00 will hold a space for you .This will help our servicemen and women overseas by sending them care packages every month. For more information call Lorraine Rock at 609-448- 2587.

Civil War Living History Weekend

WOODBIDGE - The Robert E. Lee Civil War Round Table of Central New Jersey will host its annual Civil War Living History Weekend at Parker Press Park on Rahway Ave., Woodbridge on Saturday and Sunday, August 2nd and 3rd.

Take a step back in time 150 years ago and see how soldiers from the North and South lived and fought in America's Civil War. Walk thru the military and civilian camps and speak with the re-enactors and Civil War living historians. Both days will feature a small battle followed by a medical demonstration. Also, you may purchase wares from Civil War era sutlers.

The camps are open to the public 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. On Saturday evening there will be a special 150th Civil War Commemoration Ceremony at 8:00 p.m. followed by a candle light walk thru the camps 8:30-10:00 p.m.

All are welcome and admission and parking are free. This event will be held rain or shine.

Flowers 'N Things Grand Re-opening
*Photos by Carolyn Maxwell



PERTH AMBOY - Flowers 'N Things located at 93 Smith Street had their grand re-opening in early July. The shop is now under new management. Pictured above (L to R) Elianni Valerio, Elizabeth Rodriguez, Max Valerio, Lucy Rodriguez, Jordani de la Rosa & DJ Choko. The bottom photo shows some of the arrangements displayed in the large cases and on top are some of the colorful candles.

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Historical Houses Identified

*Photos by Paul W. Wang



PERTH AMBOY - Historic Signs were placed on houses in the Waterfront Area. The Perth Amboy Historic Preservation Commission sponsored this project. The owner of The Print Shop, Jose Searevalo and employee Dezmar Barrero worked with the Commission to hang the signs. For more information on this project, contact the Perth Amboy Historic Preservation Commission.

The 300th Anniversary of City Hall 1714-2014



Perth Amboy's City Hall was originally constructed in 1714 & served as the seat of colonial government for East Jersey.

The 300th Anniversary of City Hall 1714-2014



City Hall also served as New Jersey's Capitol Building from 1714 - 1789

The 300th Anniversary of City Hall 1714-2014



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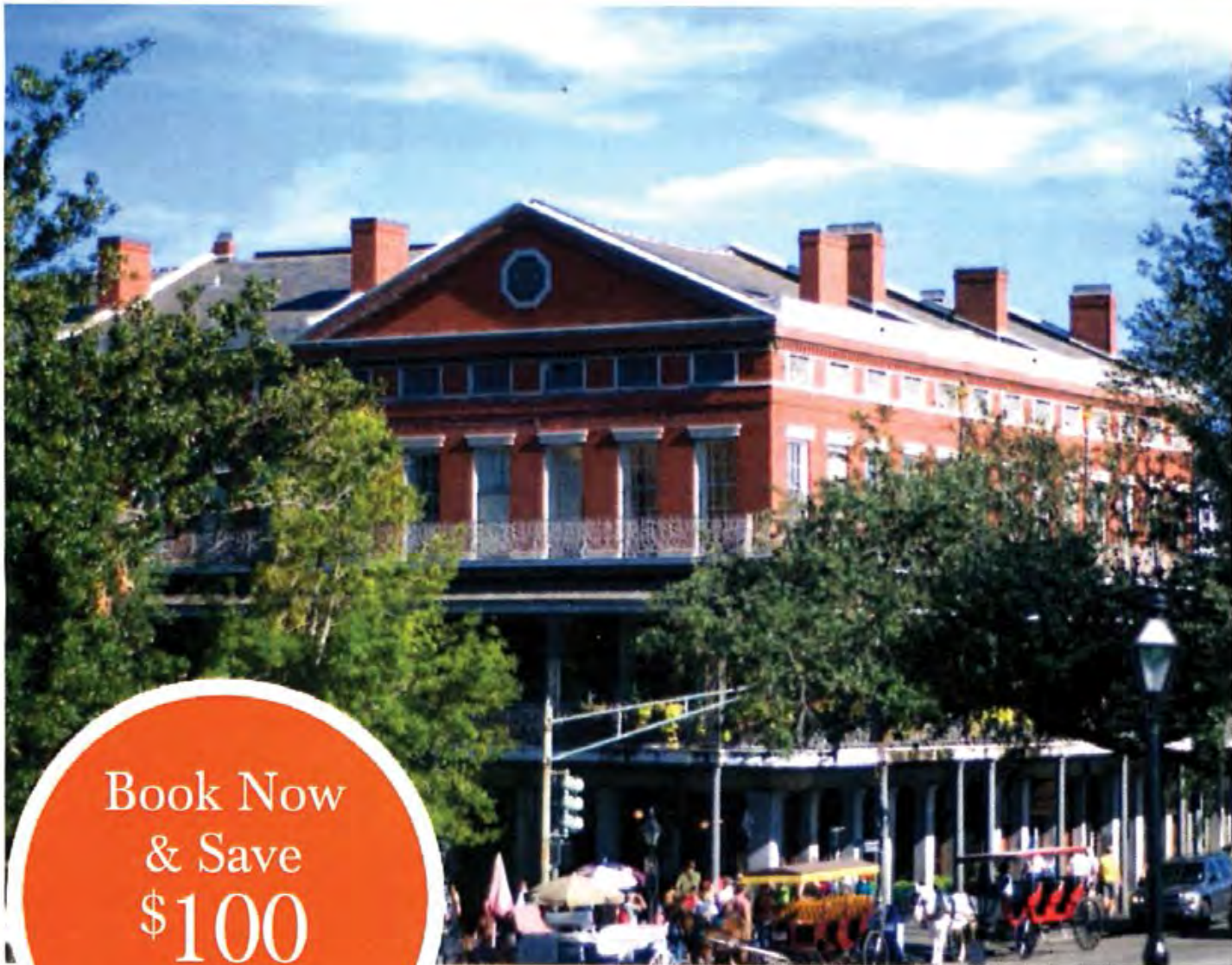
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Learning with the Rabbi
 WOODBRIDGE - Every Thursday, Rabbi Saks from Congregation Beth Mordecai, at 9 a.m. will be in the Woodbridge Panera Bread across from Wegmans.

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 (Proprietary House).

The Art of Victor Wayne Turback Returns to South Amboy
 SOUTH AMBOY - Artist and former proprietor of South Amboy's legendary Broadway Central Café, Victor Wayne Turback, is back in town with a showing of new works. His paintings will be on display August 6th through 17th at the Blue Moon South Amboy, located at 114 S. Broadway.
 Over the years, Wayne's artwork has been featured in numerous Manhattan galleries, the Arts Alliance of Monmouth County and he has been a regular contributor to the South Amboy Arts Festival. An artists' reception is scheduled for August 9th from 6:00 – 10:00 PM. Admission is free.

The Blue Moon features great food, specialty drinks, and some of the area's finest blues music.

For more information please contact Walter or Adrian at the Blue Moon (732)525-0014, or contact show coordinator, Tommy Tice at (732)727-4763.

Blueberry Festival - Kearny Cottage Black Powder Demonstration - Perth Amboy 7/13/14

**Photos by Paul W. Wang & Katherine Massopust*



Civil War Re-enactors pose for a photo



Beginning the drill



Attention!



Black Powder Demonstration



Weapons inspection



The commander demonstrates firearms



Fire in the hole!

Christmas In July - Good Shepherd Parish at Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Church, Hopelawn - 7/20/14

**Photos by Katherine Massopust*



Volunteers Needed for DVRT

PERTH AMBOY - The Perth Amboy Police Department Domestic Response (DVRT) members are trained volunteers who meet with victims of domestic violence at Police Headquarters to provide information and support at the time of the reported incident or upon request.

WHY SHOULD I BECOME A

VOLUNTEER?

- Make a difference in the lives of others
- Help break the cycle of domestic violence in the community
- Have a very fulfilling and rewarding experience
- Establish working relationship with the police department
- Be a positive role model
- Make your free time worthwhile

DO I NEED SPECIALIZED TRAINING?

Yes, The Perth Amboy Police Department will provide training to you at no expense. As a team member volunteer, you will initially receive forty hours of training, conducted over a six to eight week period. This training will give you an understanding of domestic violence and leave you prepared to respond and provide assistance to victims.

WHAT DO I NEED TO BECOME A VOLUNTEER?

- Valid New Jersey Driver's License
 - Available transportation
 - No Criminal History
 - Good listening skills
 - Ability to respect client confidentiality
 - Attend monthly meetings
- Team members work in conjunction with the police to provide victim support, information, and referral at time of a

domestic violence crisis. HOW DO I BECOME A VOLUNTEER?

- Contact Detective Liza Capo, Perth Amboy Police Department at 732-324-3815
- Contact Detective Sergeant Joseph Breyta, Perth Amboy Police Department at 732-324-3819
- Pick up an application at the PAPD, 365 New Brunswick Ave.

Red Regatta- 7/12/14 - Perth Amboy

**Photos by Eric Salvary*



Winners of the Red Regatta, Perth Amboy 7/13/14

**Photos by Joe Bayona*



PERTH AMBOY - The Red Regatta was held July 12-13. On July 13, The winners of the various races were announced. Commodore John Erdreich welcomed everyone. Warren Bigos was awarded the Mayor's Trophy. Damaris Ramirez of We Care Perth Amboy thanked the membership for their generous donation. The photo the right shows Trophy Winners and the Committee.

Perth Amboy Police Department & Domestic Violence Response Team Victorian Tea - 7/20/14

**Photos by Carolyn Maxwell*



Tiffany Granger sings God Bless America. DVRT PR Manager Carl Graham is standing to her left.

Councilman Bill Petrick holds hands with his mom during the prayer

Police Chief Ben Ruiz and Mayor Wilda Diaz were two of the guest speakers

The Start of a Liturgical dance performance

Pastor Ali Perez (L) was part of the Liturgical dance team

Keynote Speaker Pastor Berny Falcon-Lopez

DRVT Members

Pastor Berny Falcon-Lopez points to her husband (M) while Carl Graham looks on

DMVT Members from Perth Amboy & Old Bridge with a supporter, Grace (far right) pose for a photo

Everyone agreed that the afternoon was a delight

Avoiding Summer Skin Problems

News Release 7/21/14

By: Dr. Alexandra Caracitas

Summer is in full swing and hopefully your fun hasn't been jeopardized by anything that causes itchiness, redness or swelling. There are a few summer-specific skin conditions or, as they are known to physicians, "summer dermatoses," that we should all keep on our radar.

Of course, the most common summer skin ailment is sunburn. It is important to stay protected and use a sunscreen with a UV rating of at least 30, but there are a few other heat-related skin issues that you might not be thinking about, but should be.

Contracting poison ivy or poison oak can really put a damper on a day in the great outdoors. The medical name for these issues is contact dermatitis, which refers to any condition that occurs when touching something leads to a rash or allergic reaction on the skin's surface. Contact dermatitis causes itchiness and redness. Severe cases can cause blisters, hives or swelling.

The best way to prevent contact dermatitis is to be hyper aware of your surroundings. Google what poison ivy and poison oak look like. Be careful when camping, hiking or walking. Avoid tall grasses and stick to the paths. Treat these contact issues with over-the-counter hydrocortisone, but if the rash is more severe you may need a prescription strength steroid from your own dermatologist or family

physician.

Bug bites are annoying and can also lead to more serious health issues like Lyme disease or West Nile virus. Scratching a bug bite until it bleeds can lead to infection.

A bug's decision-making process to bite or not bite is more complicated than you might think. Carbon dioxide production, and the lipid mix on the surface of the skin, are what attract bugs to humans. Mosquitos find humans by determining where carbon dioxide is being produced. As humans, producing carbon dioxide is pretty much unavoidable (we can't exactly stop breathing to prevent a mosquito bite). Each person's lipid mixture is a bit more varied. Everyone has a different composition of lipids on the surface of the skin, made up of cholesterol, triglycerides, ceramides and other fats. Certain lipid mixtures are more appealing to bugs. This is why it is common for some people to get bitten more than others.

Unfortunately, your skin's lipid mix is based on genetics. You can't change your DNA, but there are some preventative measures that everyone can take to avoid summer bites. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends using bug repellents that contain DEET, picaridin or oil of lemon eucalyptus. Sleep inside or in a screened-in area like a tent. If you have a bug bite that is unusually itchy or feels painful, contact your family physician or der-

matologist.

If you live in workout clothes or spandex, you could be at risk for developing folliculitis. It is particularly easy to contract this bacterial infection in the summer months. Bacteria thrive in warm, moist dark conditions, like sweaty t-shirts or damp bathing suits. Folliculitis looks like red bumps or pustules and is commonly found on shoulders, thighs and bottoms. Folliculitis can be itchy or burn. Folliculitis can also be contracted in hot tubs. Be sure that every hot tub you spend time in is properly chlorinated.

If you are sweaty, rinse off. Change out of tight clothes after exercising and try not to wear spandex all day. If you plan to be out for the whole day and it is very humid, bring a change of clothes. An antibacterial cleanser can help prevent and treat folliculitis. If you notice something that looks like folliculitis, contact your family physician or dermatologist. More severe cases require an oral antibacterial.

Dr. Alexandra Caracitas is a board-certified family medicine physician, enabling her to diagnose and treat most illnesses and medical conditions for the whole family. Her office is located in Raritan Bay Medical Center's Medical Pavilion at Perth Amboy, 516 Lawrie St. She accepts most medical insurances, is accepting new patients and speaks fluent Portuguese and Spanish. Saturday appointments are available, call 732-324-4860.

Taxes And Your New Business

Courtesy of Tom Ploskanka

Starting a new business can be many things, including fun, stressful, exciting, and hopefully profitable. But each new business startup presents unique challenges that could trip up the new business owner, especially when it comes to taxes.

- **Business Entity.** There are several tax entities that can be selected including sole proprietor, partnership, limited liability company (LLC), corporation, and small business corporation (S corporation). Each entity has its own tax reporting requirements, and each is unique with respect to liability protection and owner benefits.

- **Accounting Method.** The type of business and entity selected will generally determine if you can use the "cash basis"

method (income/deductions reported when received/paid) or the "accrual basis" (revenue reported when earned, deductions claimed when incurred). Next to selecting a business entity, this is probably the most critical decision you'll have to make.

- **Employer Identification Number (EIN).** Once the entity is selected, it will require its own identification for virtually all federal tax purposes. You will need a federal EIN, and you may also need various state ID numbers to report specific state/local taxes.

- **Types of Taxes.** The type of entity you select will determine the types of taxes that you'll have to deal with. They could include income tax, payroll tax, and self-employment tax. But you could also have to deal with excise taxes, state

and/or local business license taxes, and sales taxes. Each type of tax requires a different set of forms.

- **Recordkeeping.** Keeping excellent records will allow you to file your monthly, quarterly, and annual tax reports, including your annual federal/state tax returns, on a timely and accurate basis. Understanding how to document your business deductions and confirm your business income can't be overlooked.

Choosing the right computer accounting system will greatly assist you in your recordkeeping and tax reporting obligations.

Contact us if we can be of assistance with tax issues in your new business.

Francis Street Park Opening BBQ 7/10/14
*Photos by Joe Bayona



PERTH AMBOY - The Francis Street Park held their grand reopening of the park with a barbecue that was enjoyed by neighborhood residents. Food, fun and friendship were in order for the day. Look for more upcoming events in future issues.

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.
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Budapest Neighborhood Association

Volunteers Needed
 PERTH AMBOY - The Perth Amboy Alliance for Community (PAAC) is a group of community organizations, residents, working together to create and form the "Budapest Neighborhood Association," a resident-driven, neighborhood council. The Budapest area extends from and Inslee Street Washington Street and Amboy Avenue to Westside Avenue. We are looking for Resident Volunteers to build The Budapest neighborhood Association. Contact Jerry Lenor, PAAC Program Coordinator at (732) 324-2114 x114

Rainbow Loom

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

St. Mary's Class of 1969 45+ Reunion

POINT PLEASANT - Please join us for St. Mary's High School, South Amboy, NJ Class of 1969 45+ Class Reunion on Saturday, May 2, 2015 from 6 p.m. - 10 p.m. at White Sands Oceanfront Resort and Spa, Point Pleasant Beach, New Jersey 08742. Appetizers, Dinner Buffet, Unlimited Soft Drinks, Tea, Coffee and Desserts Cash Bar Entertainment. Casual Dress \$70 pp. There is a \$35 non-refundable deposit due upon affirming your attendance. \$35 balance due by March 2, 2015. For Information: Facebook: St Mary's High School Class of 1969 South Amboy & Class of 1969 reunion. Contact: smhsclassof1969@gmail.com.

Senior Scene

Happenings

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 WED. Jul. 30 Simpson Seniors, 10 a.m., Williamson Hall, High St.
 • Holy Rosary Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Auditorium, Florida Grove Rd.
 • St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.
 THURS. Jul. 31 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
 MON. Aug. 4 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.
 TUES. Aug. 5 Holy Spirit Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Church Hall, Brace Ave.
 • Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.
 WED. Aug. 6 Simpson Seniors, 10 a.m., Williamson Hall, High St.
 • Holy Rosary Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Auditorium, Florida Grove Rd.
 • St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.
 • Holy Trinity Seniors, 1 p.m., Church Hall, Lawrie & Johnstone St.
 THURS. Aug. 7 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
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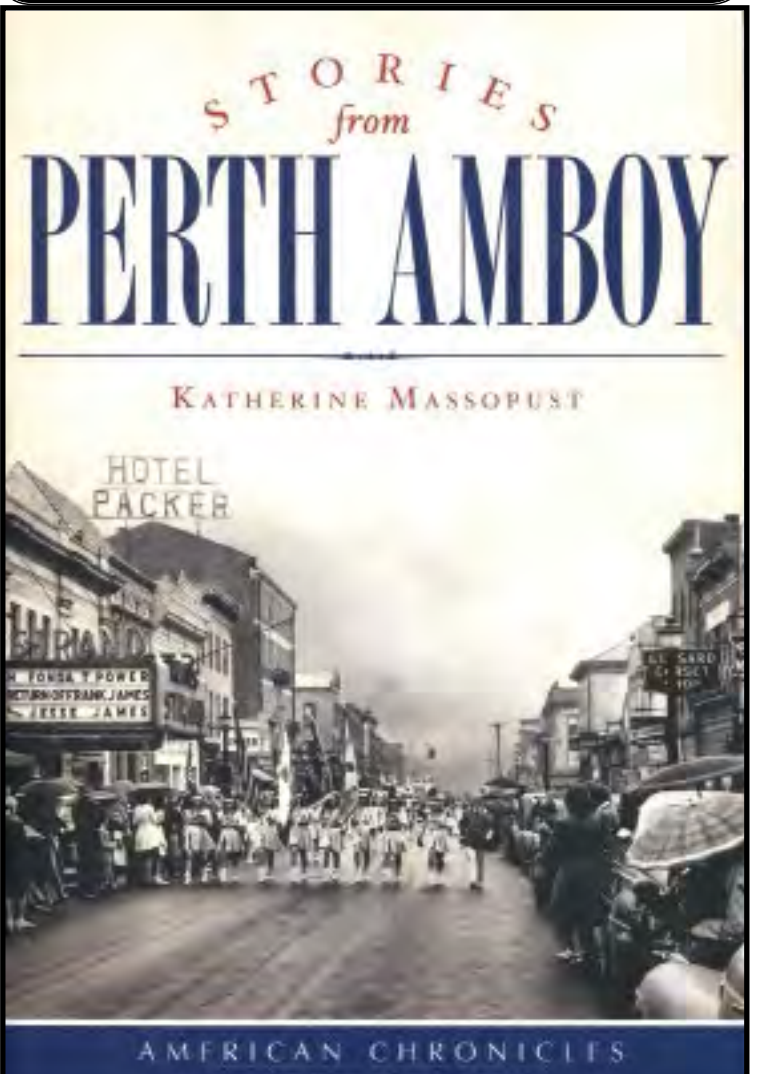
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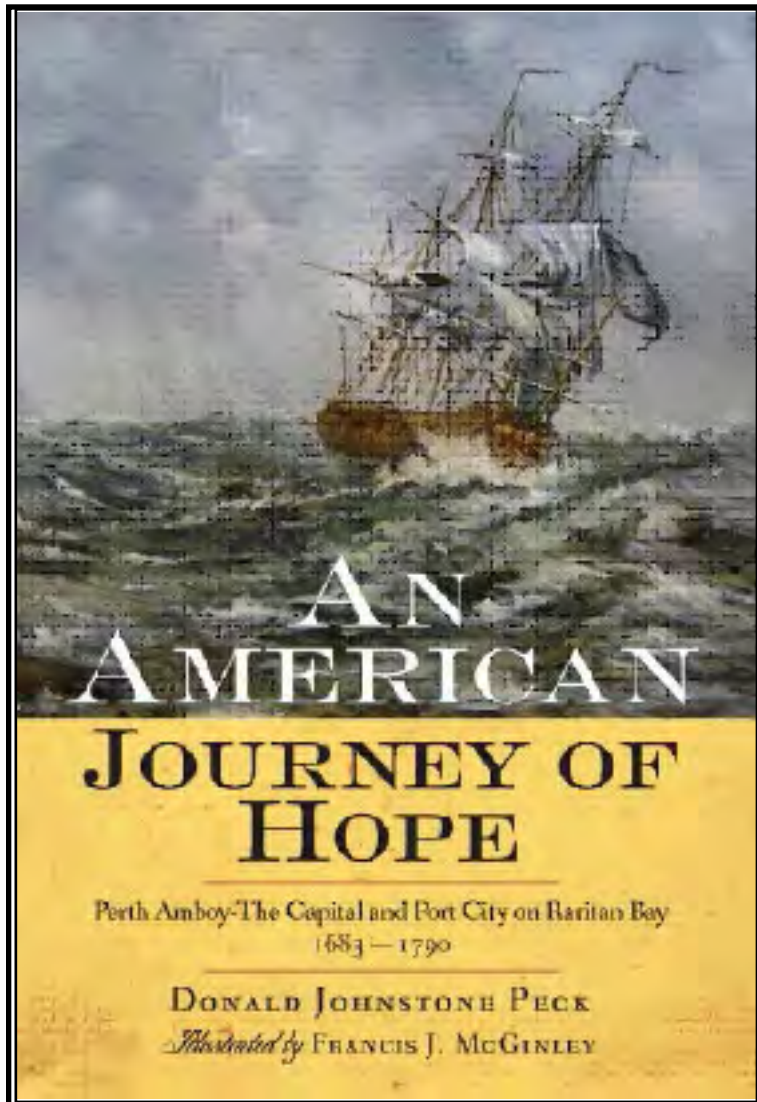
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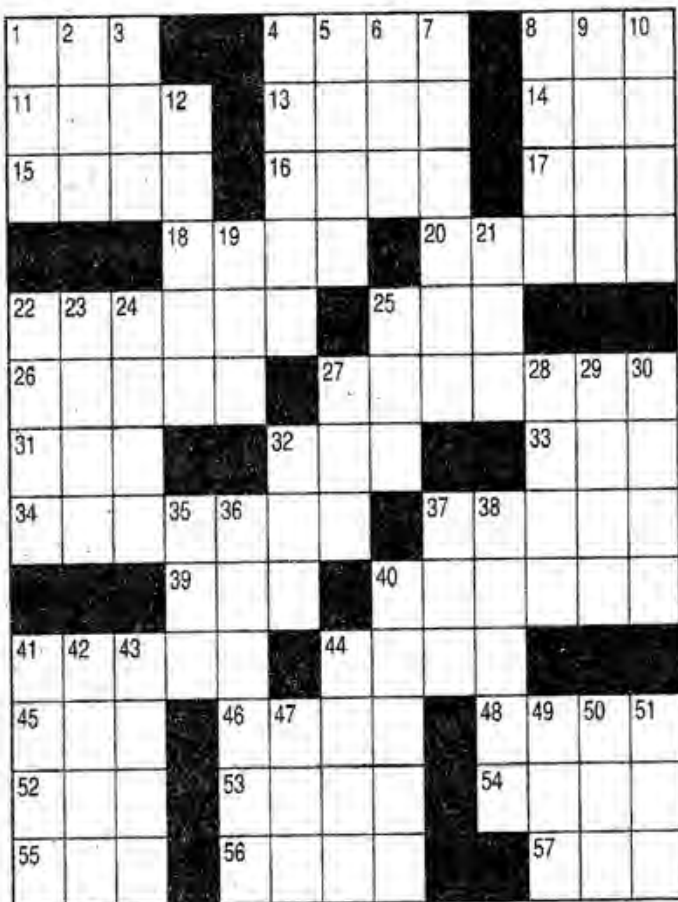
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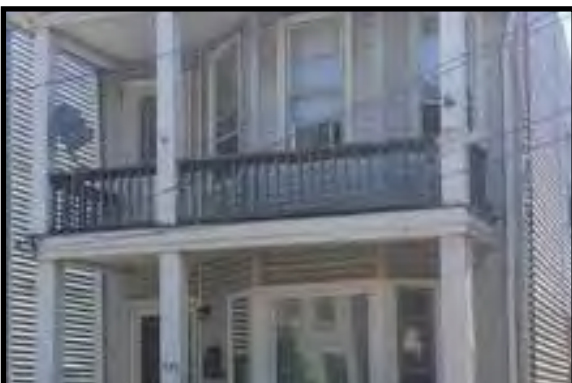
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