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Louis N. Rainone Appointed **Acting Perth Amboy Law Director After Resignation** of Arlene Quinones-Perez



PERTH AMBOY - Resident Stanley Sierakowski speaks to Acting Law Director Louis N. Rainone at the end of the 9/14/16 Caucus *Photo by Carolyn Maxwell

PERTH AMBOY -Acting Law Director Louis N. Rainone who is also from the DeCotiis, FitzPatrick & Cole, LLP introduced himself at the 9/12/16 Caucus Meeting. He gave a brief history of his background in the field of law which he has been practicing for 35 years. Some of the municipalities that he has worked with includes: Sayreville, Rahway, Marlboro, and Newark.

For more information on Rainone's legal background, Google the DeCotiis Law Firm.

Council President Lisa Nanton was concerned about the billing from the DeCotiis Law Firm when Arlene Quinones-Perez was the Law Director. "There was a bill \$21,567.05. This month alone, there was a bill of \$8,991.86. OPRA requests are lagging behind. We are supposed to be reimbursed for some of those

Acting Law Director Louis N. Rainone also addressed concerns about signatures on contracts. He wasn't sure why a new ordinance (Ordinance No. 5 An Ordinance authorizing codification of signatures Re: Contracts, bonds and other instruments) was being drawn

up as to which signatures should be required. "The Mayor must sign all contracts under the Faulkner Plan. Other required signatures depends on the type of contracts such as bonds. The new ordinance that is being drawn up gives some signing power to the Business Administrator. Some contracts do not need to be signed by the City Attorney. The City Clerk is the custodian for all the contracts."

During the Public Portion, Resident Alan Silber made a reference to a closed session item: No. 8 - Investigation report by Robert Tarver, esq. "This is a conflict."

Business Administrator Adam Cruz responded to Silber, "The new Law Director, Mr. Rainone is not reviewing the former Law Director, Arlene Quinones' cases, but he needs to be caught up to date on them."

During the public portion of the 9/14/16 Council Meeting, Resident Stanley Sierakowski made reference to late stater Resolution R-402-9/16 authorizing action by Robert L. Tarver, Jr., esq. to recoup any funds identified as improperly

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Opening Up Old Wounds 9/12/16 Caucus

PERTH AMBOY- At the 9/12/16 Caucus Meeting, Councilman Irizarry and former Councilman Ken Balut got into a heated verbal confrontation in reference to the YMCA.

During the public portion, Balut mentioned that the YMCA had a big leak and pictures were taken by Police Officers of the damage. "A citizen got robbed while this was going on and Balut described the Y as a "Rat hole and it should be closed! We should be able to get OPRA requests and information easily if we are so transparent."

Balut also complained about a lack of a fence around the pool in the Budapest section of town. "The connector road should have been built a long time ago." Balut referenced owned by the Board of Education that is needed to build this connector road.

Balut then questioned how Planing Board Appointments are made. He mentioned that he and another Resident, Alan Silber had applied to that Board. He also questioned how City Employees were able to get a house through the Jewish Renaissance.

After Balut made his comments and was about to sit down, Councilman Fernando Irizarry called Balut back up to the podium.

Irizarry took offense to Balut's statement and he quoted Balut, "You (Balut) referred to the YMCA as a Rat hole! Are you saying that people who got there are rats?"

At that point, Balut backtracked and said, "It's like pouring money down a rat hole."

Irizarry said, "No! You're quote was the YMCA is a Rat Hole!"

Finally, Councilwoman Lisa Nanton put a stop to the discussion between Irizarry and Balut by saying, "Let's end this conversation."

After Balut spoke, Barry



Rosengarten came up to add a bright spot when he talked about a new program called, "Sandy - A Source of Inspiration."

He invited the public to a reopening of Bayview Park to occur on Saturday, October 8, 2016 at 11 a.m. "There will be activities taking place from South Second Street to Smith Street."

Rosengarten wanted everyone to see the new improvements that were made.

After Rosengarten spoke, Resident Mel Knight came up to speak. Knight was not pleased when talking about the Master Plan which was on the website from the year 2013. "Nothing the Master Plan went past the year 2011. The City Website needs to be up to date. Documents are 10 years old. The information should be current and we shouldn't have to



Councilman Fernando Irizarry

call the Council to get updates. We could have missed a couple of million dollars. You (the Council) expect a lot from the citizens, but you need to do your work. Street Sweepers rarely come by where I live. Now you want to build Seagate (A new development proposed by Kushner Developers). What about the lack of services now? I can't take a shower and run the dishwasher at the same time because of the low water pressure? Now you want to build a school there? (referring to the new High School to be built in the former Delaney Homes Site)

Resident Alan Silber spoke next, "In the past, we were cautioned about not talking about City Employees, then Cruz (the B.A.) wanted to present a letter from a law firm about Planning Board Members Maria Garcia.

Police Officer Sworn In, 9/12/16 *Photo by Bob Ned



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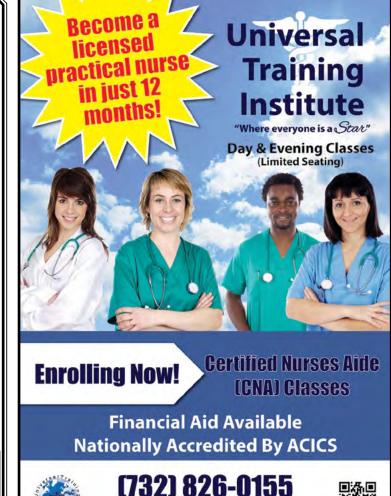
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Showdown

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Reporters Roundtable with Congressman Frank Palone

By Ron Miskoff

6th CONGRESSIONAL DIST.
- Rep. Frank Pallone is frustrated over the state of legislation in the House of Representatives, partly because of differences between the two parties that have hindered the passage of what he sees as necessary and important legislation.

There has been little effective action on bills to clean up water systems and free them from excessive lead content; bring down the cost of medical drugs; and find support for legislation that was passed but not financed.

Pallone, who represents the sixth Congressional district of New Jersey, met with weekly newspaper and online reporters on Sept. 12 to discuss the state of federal legislation. The meeting took place at the International House of Pancakes restaurant in Keyport.

The district covers northern

Monmouth County and these towns in Middlesex County: Carteret, Edison, Highland Park, Metuchen, New Brunswick, Old Bridge (part), Perth Amboy, Piscataway, Sayreville, South Amboy, South Plainfield and Woodbridge.

Although he noted that a good amount of legislation actually gets through the deadlocked House, he expressed annoyance at the intractability of the Republican majority. For example, Pallone has been especially chagrinned over the House's repeated passage of bills to repeal the Affordable Care Act (ACA), also known as Obamacare, knowing that President Barack Obama will never sign them.

Discussing what the GOP might do if it were actually successful in repealing ACA, he visualized a country without ACA.

"I don't know how you do it,"

he said, referring to finding a replacement for the millions of Americans who have obtained medical insurance under the act. "It's become so much of a part of the health care system."

Likewise, many bills that actually get cross-aisle support end up stymied because they are not funded. Congress passes many bills which have little or no effect on improving conditions because the Congress fails to follow up with financing.

He mentioned in particular the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act, which was approved 407-5 in the House and received Senate approval. President Obama signed it into law in July. The law is designed to protect newborns from drugs that are introduced into their systems from drug-dependent mothers.

The measure promotes the idea of diverting people convicted of using drugs from the criminal justice system and into treatment centers, as well as assistance for those who need treatment for opioid addiction. It also supports the use of Naloxone to reverse opioid overdoses.

The problem, Pallone noted, is the lack of funding for the new law. Without funding, the law is rendered ineffective.

"I am deeply disappointed that Republicans failed to provide any real resources for those seeking addiction treatment to get the care that they need," President Obama recently said, according to a report on Reuters. "In fact, they blocked efforts by Democrats to include \$920 million in treatment funding."

Pallone agreed.

Pallone said he and fellow Democrats are attempting to get \$1 billion to support the new law, but have been frustrated by Republican intransigence.

He also noted frustration at the failure of the Congress to come up with \$1.5 billion for the "cancer moon shot" and \$9 billion for "twenty-first century cures."

The cancer moon shot was publicized by Obama in his State of the Union address in January when he asked the Congress to treat cancer like a "moonshot," that is, a massive project that treats curing cancer as a common goal. "The initiative—led by Vice President Joe Biden—aims to make more therapies available to more patients, while also improving our ability to prevent cancer and detect it at an early stage," according to the National Institutes of Health.

The 21st Century Cures Act supports biomedical research of the National Institutes of Health for a myriad of health problems, many of them for children.

REAL LEADERSHIP FOR PERTH AMBOY



KEN PUCCIO

for Council

J-2

- Lifelong resident of Perth Amboy
- Graduate of Perth Amboy HS
- US Army Veteran
- 30 years as a Perth Amboy police
 officer
- 24-years as juvenile detective
- Initiated Perth Amboy's D.A.R.E.
 program
 20 Letters of Police Communication
- 30 Letters of Police Commendation
- Three-term member of the Board of Education
- Past Board of Education Vice-President
- Inducted into the Perth Amboy Hall of Fame



JOEL PABON

for Mayor

J-1

- Lifelong resident of Perth Amboy
- Graduate of Perth Amboy HS
- Decorated 23-year Veteran of the US
 Army
- 31-year Veteran of the Postal Service
- Officer-in-Charge of the Perth Amboy Post Office
- Three-term member of the Board of Education
- Two-term Councilman
- Former Council President
- Coached Perth Amboy Youth League
- Coached Puerto Rican, Dominican, Latin American softball leagues for more than 20 years



- and the same of
- Born in La Vega, Dominican Republic
 Emigrated to Perth Amboy in 1993
- Attended Middlesex County College

ANGEL "MOTA" RAMIREZ

- Owner of two Perth Amboy
- Employs 30 people in Perth Amboy and the Dominican Republic
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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

The Homeless Heroes & Good 'Ole Fashion Police Work

Unless you were living under a rock, most people know about the explosions in Seaside Heights (thankfully there were no injuries), and then in the Chelsea section of Manhattan (where 29 people were injured) and then in Elizabeth (where devices were found and blown up by the proper authorities.)

We had written a prior editorial about, "If you see something - say something!"

We are praising the two homeless men in Elizabeth who discovered a backpack with a pressure cooker with wiring inside of it. They had the common sense to report it to the Elizabeth Police Department

Elizabeth Mayor Chris Bollwage credited these two homeless men for saving lives and we could not agree more.

Often when people are recognized for doing a heroic deed are for some kind of community service, they are recognized by the local government with a citation or plaque.

Here are a couple of suggestions: Perhaps the two men can be given a place to live for a year and assistance to get them back on their feet.

We would like to thank all of the Law Enforcement Agencies that worked together to capture the suspect in such a short time frame.

On local New Jersey Newscast, Retired Middlesex County Sheriff's Officer Peter Piser was interviewed. He's the one that said, "It's 'ole fashion police work that led to the arrest of Suspect Ahmad Khan Rahami in Elizabeth on Monday 9/19/16

What makes this story even more chilling is when we were looking at a newscast about



Ahmad Khan Rahami

the arrest of Ahmad Khan Rahami, that they mentioned searching houses in Perth Amboy.

We wonder how long Rahami was planning these attacks and if his accomplices met in town to carry out future plans.

It has become increasingly popular by certain organizations to put down law enforcement, but imagine what would it would be like without them. We would have anarchy.

Technology, experience and the communication between all levels of law enforcement is needed to combat what terrorists have at hand. Terrorists use technology that is mind-blowing and we wonder who in the world is behind supplying them with this and financing them.

We do have a lot of homegrown terrorists and now there are intentions of bringing in many more people into this country who we know will not be properly vetted.

Remember, IF YOU SEE SOMETHING - SAY SOMETHING! BETTER TO ERR ON THE SIDE OF CAUTION! C.M. & K.M.

What Do You Think? Send Us a Response!



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THE COMMUNITY VOICE

Driver License Renewals

The newspapers report problems in waiting lines at Motor Vehicle Commission offices. What can be done to cure this problem? The solution is obvious. With a four-year term 25% of licenses must be renewed each year. Lengthening the term to six years means 16% of licenses must be renewed each year, one-third less. To reduce traffic and congestion at the MVC offices allow local municipalities to handle the renewal appearance.

Didn't each county and municipality handle driver licenses back in the 1950's? Consolidation created problems that didn't exist with a distributed system.

Ronald A. Sobieraj

The Fresh Air Fund Thanks Local Volunteer Leaders and Host Families

This summer we celebrated The Fresh Air Fund's 140th summer of serving children from New York City's low-income communities. I would like to take this opportunity to extend my gratitude to our extraordinary Fresh Air volunteers, hosts and supporters in Central and Southern New Jersey for their dedication and commitment.

Fresh Air host families open their hearts and homes, and share the everyday joys of summertime with their Fresh Air friends. I am inspired by the commitment of our local volunteer leaders, many of whom are also hosts. They volunteer to interview prospective host families, help recruit new families, and plan special activities. I would also like to thank the individuals and local businesses who so generously give their time and resources to make The Fresh Air Fund's Friendly Towns Program throughout Central and Southern New Jersey a great success each year.

Since 1877, The Fresh Air Fund has provided free summer experiences to more than 1.8 million New York City children from low-income communities. Each year, nearly 7,000 children enjoy outdoor summer adventures through visits with volunteer host families along the East Coast and Southern Canada and at The Fund's five overnight camps in Fishkill, NY. Fresh Air children also participate in year-round leadership and educational programs.

Please contact Laurie Bershad at 609-865-5916 or visit www.freshair.org to learn more about hosting a child through The Fresh Air Fund.

Sincerely,

Fatima Shama Executive Director The Fresh Air Fund

Reporters Roundtable

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In all three cases, funding has been slow to catch up with legislation. In some cases, Pallone said, laws are passed without funding and in others, funding is held up by lack of passage.

Pallone played a major role in getting the 21st Century Cures legislation passed into law. The website of the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery noted Pallone's importance in passage:

"The support of [Energy and Commerce Committee] Ranking Member Frank Pallone (DNJ) is being sought by committee Republicans in bypassing the standard committee process to advance the bipartisan legislation," the website said.

Pallone, in his talk with journalists, said that it has become more difficult to get the opioid legislation passed because public clamor for government to do something "has really died down."

In other issues, Pallone noted:
• He is trying to put off or modify a major entrance fee hike for the Sandy Hook federal park, which is also part of Pallone's district. He said the entrance fee should "match local beaches...
I'm just worried that Sandy

Hook is becoming a major cash cow for the whole system [of parks]."

- He is working with other lawmakers to keep offshore oil and gas drilling away from the coast of New Jersey and Delaware. He said the whole New Jersey congressional delegation agrees with him except for Rep. Scott Garrett, a conservative Republican. "Some interests are always trying to use the ocean as a dump," Pallone said.
- The Aqua Act, which updates the Clean Water Act, has stalled in Congress. It would help to improve water systems that do not meet federal regulations, especially for lead content. Perth Amboy, Pallone noted, has not made the \$4 million investment in improving its water distribution system yet. "We need to provide more money" overall, he said. "The problem is no one ever sees this stuff [lead and other impurities]," he said.
- Pallone also is still seeking to give help to anyone who lost housing or property in Hurricane Sandy and said they should contact his office. He said many claims still have not been paid. "It's frustrating," he said. His office phone number is (732) 249-8892.
- Pallone is seeking more fund-

ing for a Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) grant to put more police on the street, and he said he supports "racial mirroring," the idea that the police force should reflect the ethnic make-up of the local popula-

- Pallone said he supports casino gambling for Monmouth County but is "not prepared" to say publicly whether he supports the measure on the ballot this fall for gambling in North Jersey.
- He also wants to see more money put into the House transportation bill. A subcommittee roundtable policy discussion next week will discuss the impact on freight of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act. Pallone said funding for NJ Transit, also included in the bill, was removed and then refunded.
- Pallone also said he now supports the complete legalization of recreational marijuana. He said he has "changed his mind" on the question. "It's clear that it's not as dangerous to peoples' health" as he once believed.
- Finally, he said he is actively pushing to get NJ Transit to install elevators in the Perth Amboy rail station. "We'll keep pushing for it," he said.

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

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

Kearny Cottage Closed

PERTH AMBOY - The Kearny Cottage is temporarily closed for painting and minor renovations. A notice will be posted on the Amboy Guardian Website when it resumes normal operations. Anyone interested in joining the Kearny Cottage Historical Society please contact 732-293-1090. We are on the web! www.KearnyCottage.org

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PERTH AMBOY - The Proprietary House, the last official Royal Governor's residence still standing in the original 13 colonies, is open every Wednesday from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., for tea and tours. Tea is served in our atmospheric candle-lit wine cellar, and includes our delicious homemade desserts and assorted teas. A \$10 donation, \$5 for children under 12, covers both the tea and a mansion.

Although the house is still in the process of being restored, some rooms have been newly decorated. Go back in time and learn about William Franklin and other residents of the house. It's a perfect way to spend a pleasant afternoon. The gift shop is also open.

Groups are welcome, although reservations are required for groups over six people. The Proprietary House is located at 149 Kearny Ave., Perth Amboy, NJ. Tel. 732-826-5527 E-mail: info@proprietaryhouse.org. Follow us on our website, www.theproprietaryhouse.org and or/Face-book.

Community Calendar

Perth Amboy

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THURS. Sept. 22 Historic Preservation Commission, 7 p.m.

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

City Hall, High St. WED. Sept. 29 City Council, Regular, 7 p.m.

City Hall, High St.

South Amboy

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Having Her Say 9/14/16 Council Meeting

PERTH AMBOY - Former Planning Board Chair Maria Garcia was on the Agenda to talk about appointments to the Planning Board.

She addressed her concerns, "At a prior Meeting, the Business Administrator (Adam Cruz) tried to smear former Planning Board Member Karen Kubulak and myself by reading a letter from the Wilentz Law Firm dated from 2014. Why wait two-and-half years after the letter was written would this come to light? We (Kubulak and myself) recused ourselves from some of the negotiations stated in this letter."

Garcia continued, "We (Kubulak and myself) noticed

many things that were not right with the Harbortown plans that the remaining Planning Board Members approved. I had worries that the Code Enforcement were not looking at the square footage required. Myself, Kubulak and another Planning Board Member (Maria Farber) attended all required classes and seminars. Another Member was sent to Atlantic City for Classes and did not attend those required classes. They had to send them back to complete the classes wasting taxpayers dollars. The Mayor passed over the Alternate #1 to be a Regular Member. Funding was reallocated from the Planning Board to the Master Plan.



Maria Garcia

Bicycle paths and other plans were implemented without input from the Planning Board Members. I'm asking the City Clerk to check the terms of all the Planning Board Members.

Safety Announcement From Mayor Wilda Diaz Regarding the Recent Incidents in NYC and New Jersey:

We understand that some may be concerned by the recent incidents/threats in New York, Seaside, NJ and Elizabeth, NJ. At this time, it has been reported that a suspect was taken into custody in Linden, NJ. We are taking safety precautions in the City of Perth Amboy, and I want to emphasize that it is important that if you SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING!!

Report Suspicious Activity
Be Vigilant - STAY ALERT
Do not think that any call or report is too small
Don't allow the actions of a few dictate your quality of life
FOR ALL EMERGENCIES, DIAL: 9-1-1

FOR ALL NON-EMERGENCIES, DIAL: 732-442-4400

New Acting Law Director

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Later at the 9/14/16 Meeting, Gregory Pabon came up to speak, "There were a lot of people satisfied with Ms. (Quinones) Perez."

When Resident Alan Silber

came up to speak, he had concerns that the new Law Director (Rainone) came from the same firm as the former lawyer (DeCotiis). "This is not good. And then they wanted something pulled from the Agenda so that the new Law Director can become familiar with the case? This is a political move. At least this lawyer (Rainone) has a nice resume. Experience is necessary."

Perth Amboy Democratic Chair Billy Delgado who defended Arlene Quinones in the past, stated,"We are moving into a new constructive way."

Resident and Mayoral Candidate Sharon Hubberman also referenced Resolution R-402. She asked the new Law Director to look at the Handicapped Parking Resolution. "The former Law Director (Arlene Quinones- Perez) billed for the hours she worked on this Resolution. I hope there is proper oversight under the new Law Director. We had in place ordinances that were violated or covered up. I'm not question-

ing the new Law Director. There are individuals that are concerned and we need accountability for every taxpayers dollars spent."

After Hubberman spoke, Law Director Rainone addressed some of the concerns of some of the speakers. This included closed session items on the 9/12/16 Caucs Agenda. He requested items 2-7 be pulled.

Two of these items was between The City of Perth Amboy and PBA Local #13. Another item was Susan Batista vs. The City of Perth Amboy (Federal/State). Also, Perth Amboy Public Library Litigation was an item. There were two other items: Colleen Wronko vs. The City of Perth Amboy and Nalda Capo vs. The City of Perth Amboy.

Rainone specified, "The reason I wanted those items pulled is because I need to do more research on them to answer any questions the Council may have on them."

Former Mayoral Candidate Billy Delgado Endorses Mayor Wilda Diaz Decries the Politics of Division; Calls for Unity

Press Release 9/14/16 PERTH AMBOY - Former Mayoral Candidate Billy Delgado today endorsed Mayor Wilda Diaz and her Stronger Together team citing their record on redevelopment, tax stability and community outreach. He also called on the City Council to take a more positive and constructive approach and work towards building a better city.

"At this point in the city's history there is no one better to lead us than Mayor Diaz," said Delgado, who ran against her in 2012. "She has succeeded in attracting new redevelopment project and kept our taxes stable for three years. Most importantly, she has emphasized a message of unity in our city

through community policing, the municipal identification program, and quality of life initiatives."

Delgado added her City Council running mates, incumbent Fernando Irizarry and community activist Jelmin Caba have been positive voices for change in the city. "We need to revamp the current donothing City Council. Irizarry has been a steady beacon of reason on an otherwise irrational City Council. Caba is a community leader beloved throughout Perth Amboy. I offer them my enthusiastic sup-

Delgado Cited the following Accomplishments of the Diaz Administration:

Stable taxes for three

years as a result of careful fiscal management.

*** Redevelopment of the waterfront, downtown and the neighborhoods.

*** Quality of Life initiatives with an emphasis on building a stronger, unified community. *** Community Policing with the goal of building a working relationship with the citizenry. *** Municipal Identification Cards to help members of the community participate in local programs.

*** Judicious Code Enforcement that respects the residents and emphasizes housing safety.

Election Day is November 8. Press Statement by Mayor Wilda Diaz

Accepting Delgado's Endorse-

September 14, 2016

"I want to thank Billy Delgado for his endorsement," Mayor Wilda Diaz said at the press conference. "He was a worthy opponent and remains a positive voice for constructive change in our city. His endorsement is a sign that former political adversaries can work together for the greater good of the city. We have put aside our differences and we are united in making Perth Amboy the best city it can be. I look forward to his continued counsel as we seek to redevelop our city, maintain a stable tax rate, and enhance our quality of life programs."

Statement by Councilman Fernando Irizarry

"Stronger Together isn't just our campaign slogan," said Councilman Irizarry. "Today with the backing of Billy Delgado our team has shown that we don't just say and post our slogan, but actually live it. I would like to thank Mr. Delgado for his support and for showing what public service is about - serving and working for the people of Perth Am-

Statement by Council Candidate Jelmin Caba

"Billy Delgado has been an important civic leader in our community for more than a decade and I value his support," said Caba. "It is another step towards unifying our city and building the better Perth Amboy of tomorrow."

Scutari & Vitale Bill to Allow Medical Marijuana to Treat PTSD Now Law

Press Release 9/14/16 Legislation TRENTON sponsored by Senators Nicholas P. Scutari and Joseph F. Vitale to add post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) to the list of debilitating medical conditions that would qualify a patient to receive medical marijuana under the New Jersey Compassionate Use Medical Marijuana Act is now law.

"People across the country suffer with PTSD, including many military veterans. Extending access to those in New Jersey with this condition can help to ease the pain they experience," said Senator Scutari (D-Union), chair of the Senate "We Judiciary Committee. know that individuals with PTSD are using marijuana that they are getting from the

streets and, unfortunately, they are at risk of purchasing a substance that may be laced with a dangerous additive and of getting a criminal charge. This will give them the ability to obtain marijuana legally that is regulated by the government. This is a much better process than is occurring right now."

"We have heard from military veterans who are desperate for help to address their symptoms of PTSD, and we know that marijuana is an effective treatment," said Senator Vitale, chair of the Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee. "Including PTSD as a qualifying condition is the right thing to do, and it's the compassionate thing to do for those that are seeking relief."

Sponsored by Senator Scutari, the Compassionate Use Medical Marijuana Act was signed into law in 2010, authorizing individuals with certain debilitating medical conditions to receive medical marijuana. The law limits use to individuals suffering from seizure disorder, including epilepsy, intractable skeletal muscular spasticity, and glaucoma. This law (S-2345) adds PTSD to the list of qualifying medical conditions.

PTSD is a mental health condition that is triggered by a traumatic event such as a physical or sexual assault, childhood neglect or physical abuse, a natural disaster, exposure to combat, or other exlife-threatening or events. Symptoms can include flashbacks, nightmares, severe anxiety, uncontrollable thoughts about the event, emotional distress, physical symptoms, feelings of numbness or detachment, engaging in dangerous or self-destructive behavior, and experiencing suicidal thoughts.

Currently nine states, of the 23 that have legalized marijuana for medical purposes, include PTSD as a qualifying condition. Independent studies have recommended marijuana as a treatment for PTSD, finding that it worked better to control chronic stressors than prescribed medications without adverse side effects. Some studies have gone so far as to conclude that it should be considered first in the treatment of PTSD.

Approximately 7.7 million American adults suffer with PTSD in a given year. PTSD is especially common among military veterans. According to the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, up to 20 percent of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom veterans, up to 10 percent of Gulf War veterans, and up to 30 percent of Vietnam War veterans have experienced PTSD. The actual numbers are likely higher because PTSD is underreported and often misdiagnosed.

The bill was approved in the Senate by a vote of 29-9. The Assembly approved it by a vote of 56-13-7. The governor signed it today. The law takes effect immediately.

Vitale-Gill Bill Establishing Permanent Sterile Syringe Access Program Now Law

Press Release 8/31/16 TRENTON - Legislation sponsored by Senator Joseph F. Vitale and Senator Nia H. Gill that makes permanent a sterile syringe access program and allows municipalities statewide to operate a needle exchange program is now law.

"Needle exchange programs provide a social service with tremendous public health benefits. They are proven to substantially and cost-effectively reduce the spread of bloodborne disease among needle users and serve as a vital gateway to medical, treatment and recovery services," said Senator Vitale (D-Middlesex), chair of the Health Committee. "Allowing these programs to operate across all of New Jersey is

important and will save lives. The additional funding that will be provided for the programs will also help to ensure their successful operation."

The "Bloodborne Disease Harm Reduction Act" established in 2006, authorized six municipalities – Asbury Park, Atlantic City, Camden, Jersey City, Newark, and Paterson to operate needle exchange programs. Under this law, S-1266, any municipality is authorized to operate such pro-

"Today ends over a decadelong fight to bring clean needles to all our citizens struggling with addiction. Sharing needles not only increases the risk of spreading infections like HIV and Hepatitis C, but

is a threat to public health. Pro- and other medical, social, and viding needle users with sterile mental health services. syringes, appropriate disposal procedures, as well as informa- rules or regulations adopted by tion and education about drug the Health Commissioner to use will promote safety," said Senator Gill (D-Essex/Passaic). "This law is a great step forward for New Jersey. It will afford other municipalities the opportunity to establish a needle exchange program, which is proven successful elsewhere in the state."

Sterile syringe access programs are community-based programs that provide access to sterile needles and syringes free of cost and facilitate safe disposal of used needles and syringes. Most programs offer prevention materials and services, referrals to treatment,

According to the law, any implement the program are to be consistent with existing ones governing the pilot program. Additionally, the Commissioner will be required to annually prepare a detailed analysis of the various needle exchange programs being undertaken in the State and report the results to the Governor, the Governor's Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS and Related Blood-Borne Pathogens, and the Legislature.

In January 2016, Congress ended a decades-long ban on federal funding for needle exchanges, which allow drug users to get free sterile needles to help prevent the spread of disease. Although the change would not allow federal dollars to go towards buying needles themselves, it would support other programs costs such as staff salaries and counseling

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, individuals who inject drugs can substantially reduce their risk of getting and transmitting HIV, viral hepatitis and other blood-borne infections by using a sterile needle and syringe for every injection.

The bill was approved by the Senate with a vote of 26-12, and the Assembly by a vote of 58-14-13. The law takes effect immediately.

9-11-01 15th Anniversary Ceremony, South Amboy, 9/11/16

*Photos by Mary Taylor

SOUTH AMBOY - American Legion Post # 62 and South Amboy Elks # 784 - 9/11 Memorial Service held on September 11, 2016 at the South Amboy Raritan Bay Waterfront Park @ 12 noon. Participants were Mayor Fred Henry, Bob (Zak) Sekerak, Commander, Phyllis Letrerillo, ADJ., Frank Campbell, Chaplain, Ed Peterson, Past Commander, Joyce Medvar, Elks PER, Nancy Penlan, Elks Lecturing Knight,





Tony Cusumano, Elks Inner Guard, Councilman Craig Coughlin, Fire Chief, Tom Kelly, Pipe Player, Frank Wahler and other South Amboy Council Members.

Author Visit

PERTH AMBOY - Jordan and Joellee Hernandez will be reading their book "Twin Tales: Sasha and Sophie Go to School" on Saturday, October 1, 2016 at 11:00 am at the Perth Amboy Free Public Library Children's Room at 196 Jefferson St. in Perth Amboy.

The book, written by Jordan and Joelle Hernandez and illustrated by Austin Pillar, is the debut book of Happy People Publishing. In collaboration with Infinity Publishing, the children's book takes the reader on a First Day of School adventure with twin girls, Sasha and Sophie. This is the first book in the Twin Tales series. This highly anticipated series is loosely based on the lives of the authors, and is designed to shine a light on the unique bond shared between twins.

This is the first book authored by Jordan and Joelle, identical twins from Hazlet, NJ. They are co-owners of J&J Enterprises, which houses Happy People Publishing and A Double Dose of Entertainment. The twins are sought after radio hosts and speakers specializing in entertainment news and social media and have contributed to numerous publications both in print and online.

Austin Pillar is an illustrator from central New Jersey. He has developed his artistic style through digital art as well as mixed media and collaging. Austin's personal style consists of minimalism combined with surrealism.

This event, sponsored by the Friends of the Perth Amboy Public Library, is free but recommend parents register their intention to attend so they and their children can be accommodated comfortably. book is geared toward children 4 to 7 years of age. Contact the Friends at (201) 381-1903 or e-mail at friendsofperthamboylibrary@gmail.com. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

Hunger Walk St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 9/17/16

*Photos by Paul W. Wang



Registration



Group Photo



St. Peter's Pastor Anne Marie Jeffries



Getting Ready



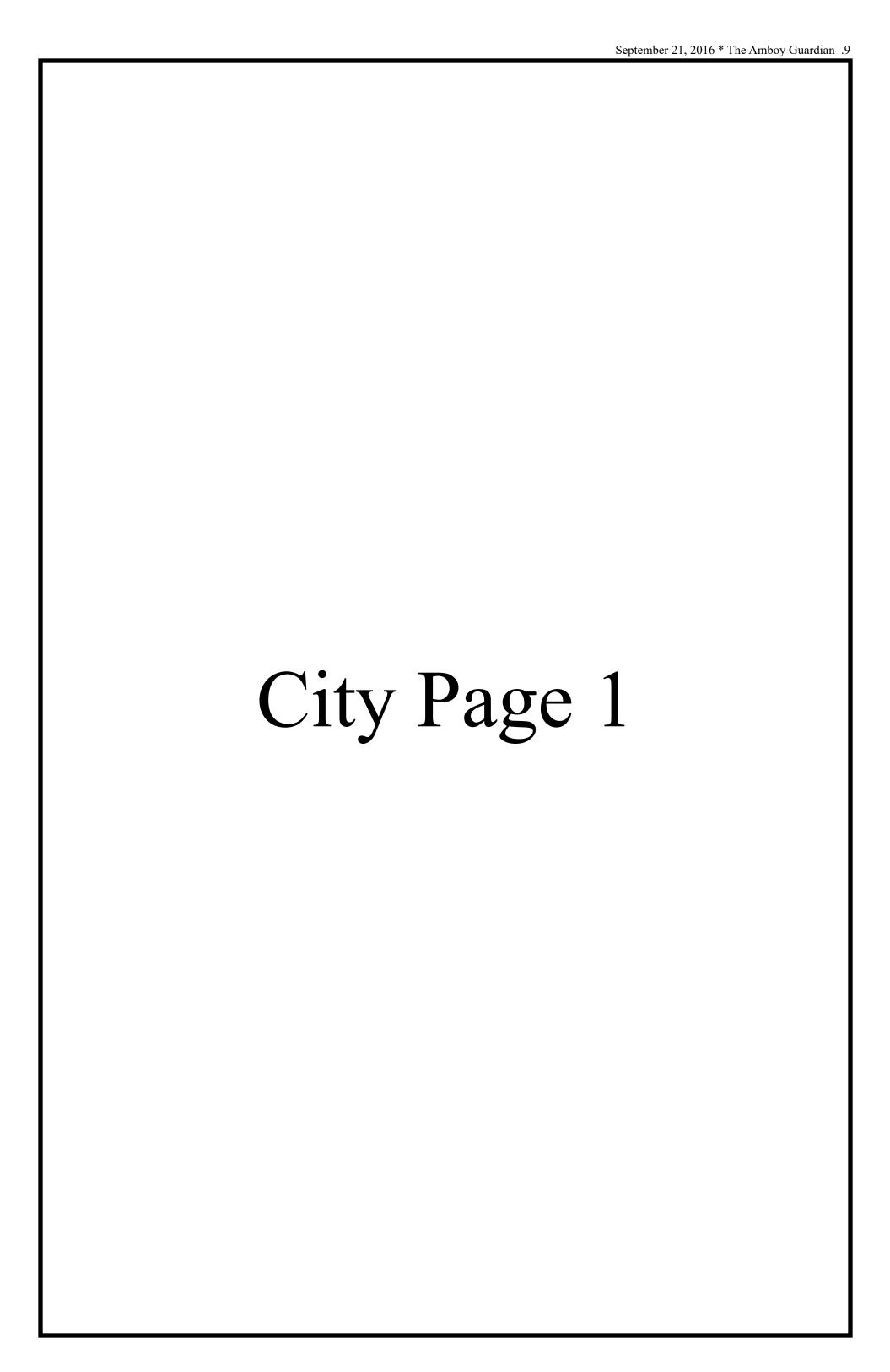
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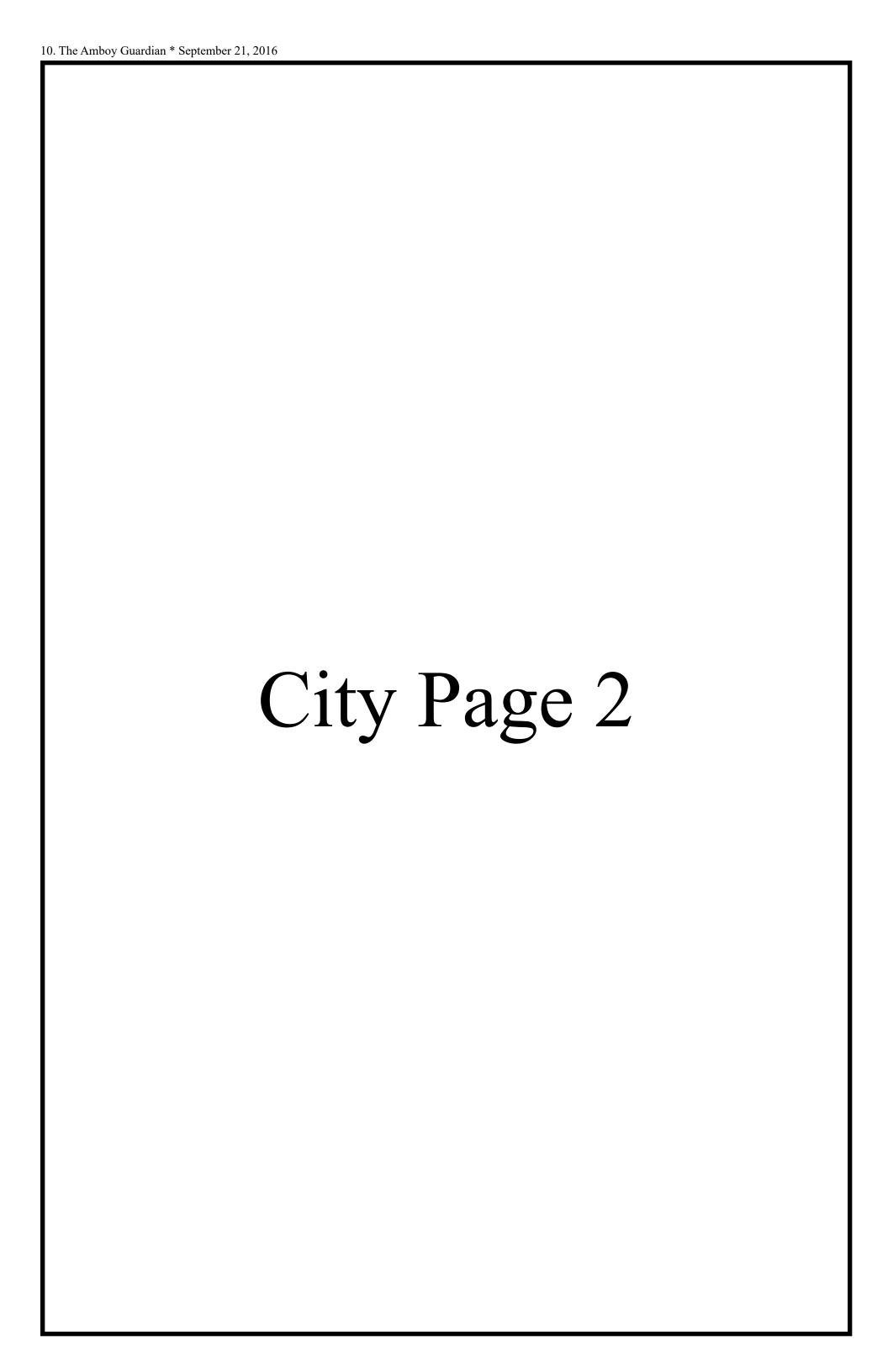


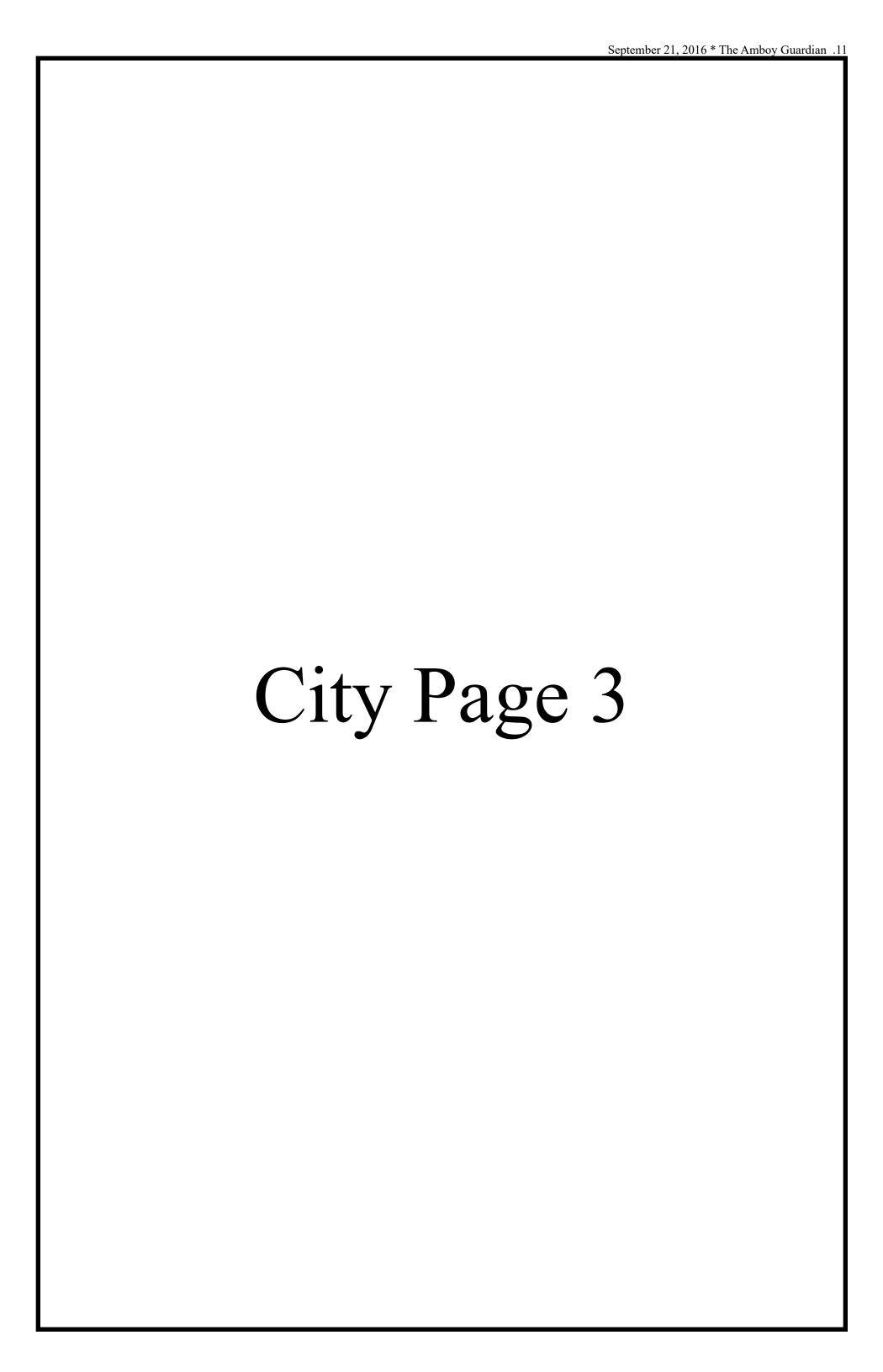
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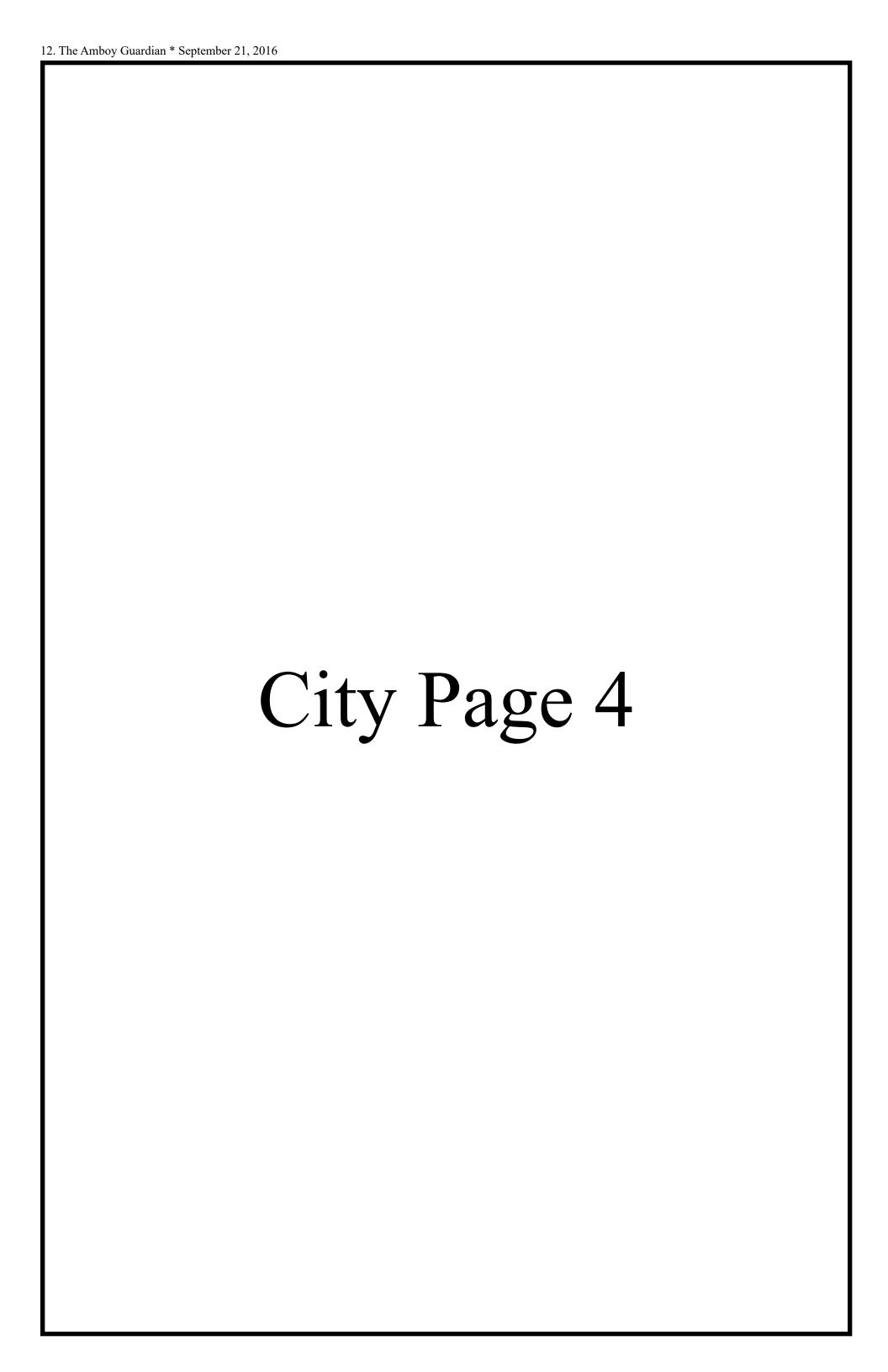
Casino Night

HOPELAWN – The 3rd Annual Perth Amboy Catholic School Casino Night Fundraiser will take place on Friday, September 30, 2016 from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. at Good Shepherd Parish's Msgr. Anthony Gambino Hall (Most Holy Rosary Church), 625 Florida Grove Road, Hopelawn. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the kitchen will be open. Texas Hold'Em; Blackjack; Roulette; Craps; Money Wheel; Baccarat; Chance Wheel. Tickets: \$30 pp. Each Ticket includes 1 drink ticket, 10 Tricky Tray tickets and 12 50/50 drawing tickets. (\$5 of every ticket sold will be included in the 50/50 raffle drawing) Must be 18 years or older to attend. All proceeds from the evening to benefit Perth Amboy Catholic School. No cash prizes awarded for casino games. For more information, please call 732-826-1598 or email bpolicastro@diometuchen.org or go to www.pacatholicschool.org











Mary's Place Has a New Home *Photo Courtesy of www.marysplacebythesea.org

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- Michele & Maria

Come Rest by the Sea To Reserve a Room call: 732-455-5344

Perth Amboy Police, Wilda Diaz Political Operatives Harass Opposition Candidate Miguel Nunez, Virginia Lugo & Miriam Quiles Campaign Volunteers

Press Release 9/15/16 PERTH AMBOY- Tuesday, September 13, 2016, at approximately 8:20 PM, four Perth Amboy Police SUV's sped with lights and sirens blaring through city streets to stop city council candidate, Virginia Lugo and 5 Nuñez, Lugo & Quiles campaign volunteers from speaking to residents and distributing campaign information on Thomas Street, yesterday evening. Ms. Lugo was told by Sergeant Pascal Medina of the Perth Amboy PD that they must cease campaign canvassing until each volunteer received a permit to distribute fliers. While a visibly shaken Lugo recorded the interaction, the group disbanded without incident, despite Sergeant Medina's inability to cite the actual law that was being broken.

This is the second time in less than a month, Nunez campaign activities have been disrupted by police, seemingly at the behest of a Wilda Diaz campaign operative. At last month's Dominican Festival, Mayor Wilda Diaz's husband, Gregory, accosted a 90lb female, college student who was volunteering at a Nunez campaign voter registration table. Again, police were summoned, and after a prolonged interruption, Nunez volunteers were allowed to continue registering voters.

"We were upset by Mr. Diaz's attempt to intimidate our volunteer. We were going to let the incident go because we want this to be an issue based campaign" said campaign manager, Tony Giordano. "But it's becoming apparent that the Diaz campaign is more concerned with preventing Miguel Nuñez's message from getting to the people than standing on their own record."

As for the latest incident, mayoral candidate, Miguel Nunez and Lugo officially filed a complaint (attached) this morning with the PAPD Office of Professional Standards. According to police campaign volunteers were violating "Common Council" ordinance "Chapter 255 HAND-BILLS" originally adopted in 1897. Perth Amboy City Clerk, Elaine Jasko told Nunez campaign officials that in 27 years in her position she has received zero applications for the permit and has never heard of it being enforced for political campaigns.

"This is obviously a case of selective enforcement meant to disrupt our campaign. What is Wilda afraid of? Our campaign has less money, less power than the Diaz or Pabon camps. They know we will win by bringing our message of service and change to every doorstep in Perth Amboy." said an angered Miguel Nunez.

Nuñez continued, "We have real volunteers, not city employees 'volunteering' off duty or on vacation time. We do not have \$200,000 donated by law firms, political action committees and special interests, who are currently doing, or want to do business with the city. We will not sell our souls like the other campaigns to win office. Our campaign is self-funded, run by motivated Perth Amboy residents and supporters." Council candidate Virginia Lugo stated, "Perth Amboy police have a hard and dangerous job. We do not blame them for this selective enforcement. We know where this order came from. When we are in office, we will foster constructive police and community relations, and would never deploy our officers in such a reckless manner with wrong information."

"Yes, the arrival of police SUVs was intimidating. We have an increasing crime problem in Perth Amboy.. Our officers and citizens should not endangered speeding through our streets to impede the democratic process. The situation was potentially dangerous.", continued Lugo According to Nuñez campaign officials, all volunteers were wearing campaign badges, and or t-shirts, carrying clipboards and campaign literature introducing themselves, rejecting PAPD's contention of a legitimate call to investigate "suspicious activity". Reached for comment, councilwoman candidate and lifelong Perth Amboy resident, Miriam Quiles, said, "Mayor Diaz and her people have acted like this for 8 long years, with the city council doing nothing to stop this behavior. We will not be blocked from the community. We ARE the community."

Mayoral nominee Nuñez concluded stating, "The mayor is acting like a dictator in a third world nation. This is the City of Perth Amboy, in the State of New Jersey, in the United States of America. Suppression of the democratic process will not be tolerated. We will stand up for our campaign, and we will stand up for Perth Amboy."

RARITAN RIVER BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Notice of Public Information Session

New Jersey Transit Corporation (NJ TRANSIT), in cooperation with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), is hosting a Public Information Session for the Raritan River Bridge Replacement Project. NJ TRANSIT is proposing to replace the Raritan River Drawbridge with a new bridge located near the existing bridge. The purpose of the project is to address the vulnerability of the existing bridge to major storm events to enhance the reliability of railroad operations on the North Jersey Coast Line. The project is located in Perth Amboy and South Amboy in Middlesex County, New Jersey.

NJ TRANSIT will prepare an Environmental Assessment / Section 4(f) Evaluation in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, and Section 4(f) of the U.S. DOT Act. Detailed information about the project will be available at the Public Information Sessions.

Perth Amboy, NJ:	South Amboy, NJ:		
Alexander F. Jankowski Community Center	City of South Amboy, City Hall		
Community Room	South Amboy Council Chambers		
1 Olive Street	140 North Broadway		
Perth Amboy, NJ 08861	South Amboy, NJ 08879		
Tuesday, September 20, 2016	Tuesday, September 27, 2016		
4:00 pm - 7:00 pm 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm			

The Public Information Sessions will provide opportunities for the public and agencies to comment on the project. Comments may also be submitted through the comment form on the project Website at: http://NJTRANSITResilienceProgram.com/contact-us.





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Public Notice

Eco-Site, Inc. is proposing to construct a new telecommunications tower facility located at 440 Florida Grove Road, Perth Amboy, Middlesex County, NJ 08861. The new facility will consist of a 137-foot monopole with ground support equipment. Any interested party wishing to submit comments regarding the potential effects the proposed facility may have on any historic property may do so by sending comments to: Project 6116003204-SF c/o EBI Consulting, 6876 Susquehanna Trail S., York, PA 17403, or via telephone at 781-273-2500.

Send Your Events to: AmboyGuardian@gmail.com

Vitale to Join Advocates In Support of Ending Statute of Limitations for Child Sex Abuse Cases

Morrisville-Trenton Walk to Culminate With Trenton Statehouse Rally

Press Release 9/16/16

TRENTON – Senator Joseph F. Vitale will join advocates in Trenton this Sunday for a Statehouse rally supporting the elimination of the statute of limitations for child sex abuse cases. The rally will take place at the culmination of the 'Walk to End SOL,' a nearly two-mile walk extending from Morrisville, Pennsylvania to the Statehouse.

Senator Vitale will address the crowd at the rally. Also speaking will be Dr. Robert Hoatson, founder of Road to Recovery, a nonprofit group supporting survivors, and Mark Crawford, NJ State Leader of SNAP, an international nonprofit group that supports survivors of those abused by Priests and others.

"We need to protect victims of child sexual abuse and help them seek justice. This will require changing current law and expanding the civil statute of limitations for this crime," said Senator Vitale (D-Middlesex). "The fact is that many survivors do not come to terms with abuse they endured until many years later, and only then are they prepared to seek help and justice. Leaving an arbitrary statute of limitations in place protects the abuser. I am proud to join advocates from Road to Recovery, SNAP, NJCASA, and more to bring attention to this critical issue and hope to see action on the legislation soon."

Under current law, a victim

of child sexual abuse has two years from the time they reach adulthood or two years from the time they make "discovery," realizing the connection between the abuse and the trauma from which they suffered, to file a civil suit against their abuser. Senator Vitale is the sponsor of legislation (S280) to eliminate the statute of limitations in civil actions for child sexual abuse.

The 'Walk to End SOL PA to NJ' will begin Sunday, September 18, 2016, at 12 p.m. at the Morrisville Shopping Center Parking lot, 1 East Trenton Avenue, Morrisville, Pennsylvania. It will culminate with a rally on the Statehouse steps, 125 West State Street, Trenton, NJ.

www.amboyguardian.com

Perth Amboy Presents 2nd Annual Business Expo For Micro to Midsize and Major Firms

Registration Now Open for the September 28 Event

Press Release 9/15/16 PERTH AMBOY – Historic Perth Amboy, Mayor Wilda Diaz and the City's Business Improvement District (BID) are hosting the Second Annual Business Expo on-Wednesday, September 28, beginning at 5:30 PM.

At the Business Expo, companies can exhibit their products and services, attend presentations by experts and network with owners of local companies. While registration is required to exhibit at and attend the event, the Second Annual Business Expo is free and will be held at ZPA Banquet Halls,281 Grace Street, in Perth Amboy.

Mayor Diaz said, "We're inviting all of our local companies to join us at Business Expo. Each firm can bring their products, demonstrate services, meet new customers and hear about new ways to market, manage and grow their businesses."

Companies that want to participate in the Business Expo need to register by Friday, Sept. 23. Simply visit the Event Bright site (http://www. eventbrite.com/e/perth-amboy-business-expo-tickets-18077030886) to register for free. Companies can also email and call the BID Field Representative Randy Convery (rconvery@perthamboy. org) or 732.826.0290 (ext. 4050) to register and request information. Firms can also contact the BID's Executive Director Roxana Troche at 732.442.6421or at rtroche@ perthamboynj.org.

The 2nd Annual Business Expo is presented by the Jewish Renaissance Foundation, the Perth Amboy Redevelopment Team for Neighborhood Enterprise and Revitalization (P.A.R.T.N.E.R.), Perth Amboy and the City's Business Improvement District.

The Business Expo is featuring a keynote address by Luis

de la Hoz, V.P. of Lending with the Intersect Fund. Mr. de la Hoz is discussing the many business financing and funding sources available to minority-owned companies. He will explain how small and micro businesses can access capital from the Intersect Fund and many different lenders. The capital can be used to expand a business, pay operating expenses, hire employees and purchase equipment or inventory.

In discussing the upcoming Business Expo, Mr. de la Hoz said, "Perth Amboy is the friendliest minority, small business City in New Jersey. Everyone can see the real commitment from Mayor Diaz, the BID and many entities in town."

Also, Mr. de la Hoz, who is also a Vice President of the Statewide Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of New Jersey, is going to discuss many programs the Chamber runs for small businesses, start-up firms and future entrepreneurs. The Business Expo includes the following presentations:

- Mayor Wilda Diaz reviews the City's pro-business programs and resources
- Winston C. Trumpet, CEO of Strategic Business Associates – shares practical skills that help to organize and manage a nonprofit organization or business to achieve goals, raise customer service levels and overall manage more efficiently
- Kellie LeDet, Regional Administrator of U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), will discuss the many programs and services provided to local companies by SBA's staff
- Randy Convery, BID Field Representative and Social Media Advisor – provides an overview of digital marketing and the value of social media networks in generating sales for small firms.



Luis Dela Hoz

The Second Annual Business Expo is supported by many sponsoring organizations and businesses including Perth Amboy and the City's BID, Amboy Guardian, Familiar/Americano Newspaper, Reporte Hispano Newspaper, Perth Amboy Alliance for Community, WCTC-AM"Talk Radio," and the Statewide Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

Raritan Bay Medical Center – Perth Amboy Recognized by National Safe Sleep Hospital Certification Program

-One of the First Hospitals in New Jersey to Receive the Recognition-

News Release 9/14/16
PERTH AMBOY - Raritan
Bay Medical Center - Perth
Amboy was recently recognized by the National Safe
Sleep Hospital Certification
Program as a "Certified Gold
Safe Sleep Champion," for
their commitment to best practices and education on infant
safe sleep. They are one of the
first hospitals in New Jersey to
receive the recognition.

The National Safe Sleep Hospital Certification Program was created by Cribs for Kids®, a Pittsburgh-based organization dedicated to preventing infant, sleep-related deaths due to accidental suffocation. In addition to being Cribs for Kids partners, Raritan Bay Medical Center was recognized for following the safe sleep guidelines recommended by the American

Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), and providing training programs for parents, staff and the community. Community outreach includes Raritan Bay's baby care education classes, monthly health education events, participation in local health fairs and information available on the hospital's web site www.rbmc.org. In fact, Raritan Bay is providing health education, information about maternity services and community resources, free food, giveaways and raffles for new and expectant parents at Baby Fest on Thursday, September 22, 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Raritan Bay - Perth Amboy. Registration is required for the free event, call 1-800-DOCTORS.

"The nurses in our maternity pavilion pride themselves on creating a safe sleep environment for babies and educating new parents about safe sleep for newborns," said Chair, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Raritan Bay Steven Goldberg, M.D. "We follow the most current best practices and standards to reduce the risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome and other sleep-related causes of infant death."

For more information on the National Safe Sleep Hospital Certification program, visit http://www.cribsforkids.org/safesleephospitalcertification/.

"Sleep-Related Death (SRD) results in the loss of more than 3,500 infants every year in the U.S.," said Michael H. Goodstein, M.D., neonatologist and medical director of research at Cribs for Kids. "We know that consistent education can have a profound effect on infant

mortality, and this program is designed to encourage safe sleep education and to recognize those hospitals that are taking an active role in reducing these preventable deaths." This program is well-aligned with the Maternal Child Health Bureau's vision of reducing infant mortality through the promotion of infant sleep safety as outlined in Infant Mortality CoIIN Initiative. Thirtysix states have designated SIDS/SUID/SRD as their emphasis to reduce infant mortal-

The National Safe Sleep Hospital Certification Program was created in partnership with leading infant health and safety organizations such as All Baby & Child, The National Center for the Review & Prevention of Child Deaths, Association of SIDS and Infant Mortality Programs, Kids In Danger, Children's Safety Network, American SIDS Institute, Charlie's Kids, CJ Foundation for SIDS, and numerous state American Academy of Pediatric chapters and health departments.

According to Judith A. Bannon, Executive Director and Founder for Cribs for Kids, "The program kicked off in June of 2015 in Pittsburgh, PA, home of the Cribs for Kids national headquarters. Sixteen states and Quebec Canada are represented among the 38 certified hospitals which have achieved the 'Gold Champion' status, or are working their way toward it. This will have a profound effect on the number of babies' lives that will be saved."

Perth Amboy High School Class of 66 Celebrating 50th Reunion Update

PERTH AMBOY - The Perth Amboy High School Class of 66 will be celebrating their 50th Reunion on October 1st at 7 p.m. The reunion will take place at the Pines Manor, located on Route 27, Edison. This will be a great opportunity to reconnect with classmates, share a wonderful milestone and dance the night away! The cost of the reunion is \$85/per person. If interested, mail a check payable to: Paula Pavlonnis Moyle; 59 Forrest Street; Metuchen, NJ 08840. The committee has also scheduled a tour of the "Halls of Ivy" on Friday as well as a Sunday Brunch (pay your own tab if you go). We have had a great response and plan to have a terrific weekend. For more information please call Dotty Chiera 732-859-5669.

PAHS Class of '76 Reunion

PERTH AMBOY - Perth Amboy High School Class of 1976 40th Class Reunion will be at the ZPA Banquet Hall, 281 Grace St., Perth Amboy on Saturday, October 15, 2016 from 7 p.m. to 12 a.m. Call Joyce for tickets 732-887-7800

Bingo

PERTH AMBOY - Magyar (Hungarian) Reformed Church Hall, 347 Kirkland Place, Perth Amboy Will be starting a weekly \$1000 Bingo on Mondays Beginning September 26, 2016. 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.

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.

On September 19, 1941, the Germans complete their capture of Kiev, Ukraine, with 500,000 prisoners taken. Red Army defenders have suffered many casualties. The Luftwaffe conducts a 276-plane air raid on Leningrad, killing over 1,000 civilians.

Italian midget submarines enter the harbor at Gibraltar on September 20 and sink two Allied ships. Mohammad Reza Pahlavi, the new Shah of Iran, restores the constitutional monarchy and becomes head of a neutral regime. During his reign, Iran becomes a major corridor for aid to the U.S.S.R. from Great Britain and, later, also from the United States.

The Luftwaffe on September 21 begins repeated attacks against naval facilities and the Soviet Baltic Fleet in Kronstadt Harbor outside of Leningrad.

The town of Reshetylivka in the Ukraine is occupied by German forces on September 22. King George II of Greece arrives in England, in exile with his family and members of his government.

On September 23, in Washington, President Roosevelt announces the possibility of arming U.S. merchant vessels as protection against German attacks. German Stuka dive bombers attack the Soviet naval facility at Kronstadt, Leningrad's main seaport, sinking the docked Soviet battleship *Marat*.

The first German submarine enters the Mediterranean Sea on September 24, slipping past Gibraltar. On the Eastern Front, panzers from German Army Group South approach within 40 miles of Kharkiv, Ukraine. In London and Washington, 15 Allied nations (including governments-in-exile) sign the Atlantic Charter, which outlines the Allies' goals for the postwar world. In German-occupied western Serbia, Yugoslav partisans capture the town of Užice and its rifle factory. They will hold the town for two months.

On September 25, the Crimea is cut off from the rest of Ukraine by forces of German Army Group South, pushing southward towards Kharkiv.

Fitness Class

SOUTH AMBOY - Tabata (Interval) Fitness Classes start on September 17th on Saturday Mornings from 10:00 a.m. to 10:50 a.m. at Christ Church Memorial Hall, 210 Main Street, South Amboy. Price: 10 classes for \$75. *Donation is nonrefundable. Total body workout. Cardio and Strength training. Get strong, burn fat and gain confidence. Join Certified Personal Trainer Denise Morgan, for a fun filled, 50-minute full body workout. All you need is a set of light weights and a mat. Never forget your water! For registration information please email Denise at healthandfitnesswithdenise@gmail.com or call 732-525-9536. Help Support Christ Church

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2nd Reunion of Old Friends

PERTH AMBOY - ZPA Hall, 281 Grace Street, Perth Amboy. Saturday, September 24, 2016 from 7 p.m. to 12 a.m. Tickets are \$55.00 pp. Check or Money Order. Tickets available from Committee: Hilda Williams -732-442-2505; Sara Hunley - 732-261-Shirley Jones 1148; 732-442-3629; Patricia Bowers - 732-697-1124; Faye Robinson -732-439-6268; Catered Buffet - Cash Bar - Music & Dancing & Prizes.

Tricky Tray WOODBRIDGE - The Catho-

lic Daughters of the Americas #769 is holding its Annual Tricky Tray Charity Fundraiser on Saturday, October 8th, 2016, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at St. James Church (lower level), Main St and Amboy Ave., Woodbridge NJ. Admission \$10 (no refund) includes coffee, tea and desserts. Grand Prizes - Flat Screen TV, Coach Bags, Wine baskets, Gift Cards and much MORE! Doors open at 12:30 p.m. For Tickets/Reservation call Mary Ellen O'Connor 908-294-0146 or pay at the door.

Vendor Show

SOUTH AMBOY - Ladies Ancient order of Hibernians, 271 Second St., 2nd Floor South Amboy on Sunday October 23, 2016 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Great even to begin your Christmas shopping!!!!

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Grab your friends & family and join the ladies for an afternoon of shopping and mingling. For more information, contact Jo-Anne @732-586-0074/email applesanni@aol.com

Trip to Sands Casino

South Amboy Columbiettes

SOUTH AMBOY - South Amboy Columbiettes are sponsoring a trip to the Sands Casino in Bethlehem PA Saturday October 15,2016. Cost of \$30 includes round trip motorcoach transportation, \$20 slot play, \$5 food voucher, and refreshments. Motorcoach leaves the Knights of Columbus parking lot at 10 AM. For reservations call Cheryl or Steve at 732-727-1707.

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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, October 6, 2016. 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.

A.C. Bus Trip correction of date

St. John Paul II Seniors

PERTH AMBOY – There is a trip to Resorts Casino, Atlantic City every fourth Wednesday of the month. The next trip is September 28, 2016. Cost \$30 pp.; \$25 back in slot play. Bus will depart from behind St. Stephens Church parking lot on Mechanic Street at 9:45 a.m. Call Bobbi at 732-636-2867 to reserve a seat and for more information.

Trip to Sands Casino

Holy Rosary Seniors

HOPELAWN - Holy Rosary Seniors Bus Trip to Sands Casino - Tony Orlando Holiday Show - Thursday, December 1, 2016. Cost: \$60 - Includes \$20 Back In Play, Bus And Tip + The Show At 2:00 p.m. Bus Leaves Church Parking Lot (625 Florida Grove Road, Hopelawn) At 10:00 a.m. and Arrives Back Approx. 7:00 p.m. Any Questions, Etc. Please Contact Ronnie Dematteo at 732-442-5252

Ask the Rabbi

EDISON - "Ask the Rabbi" with Rabbi Saks from Congregation Beth Mordecai of Perth Amboy, in the Menlo Park Mall food court, every Wednesday from 12:00 Noon - 1:30 p.m. All questions will be answered. Everyone is invited to ask.

Raritan Bay Cruisers Car Show

WOODBRIDGE- Tuesdays from May 10th - Sept. 27th from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. at Pizza Hut, Rte. 9, Woodbridge (Wal-Mart Parking Lot) Weather Permitting. Trophy's Awarded + 1 Cancer Trophy Award. For More info: Call 732-585-7365

Pledge of Allegiance at the Twin Lights

WOODBRIDGE - Though summer is just a memory you can still visit the shore and one of Jersey's historic lighthouses and museums: Navesink Twin Lights in the Highlands. Come join the Historical Association on September 26, Monday, for a discussion of The Pledge of Allegiance at the Twin Lights, an award winning documentary produced and directed by Fred Frintrup. This film is the recipient of the 2016 Best Documentary Short of the Garden State Film Festival as well as the Best History Documentary of the Telly Awards in 2016. The HAWT meeting begins at 7pm in the Woodbridge Main Library (downstairs). Light refreshments will follow the program. For further information contact brendavelasco@twp.woodbridge.nj.us

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.

Petition to St. Jude

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world, now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us. St. Jude worker of Miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, helper of the hopeless, pray for

Say this prayer nine times a day for nine days. It has never been known to fail. Publication must be promised.

Thank you, St. Jude. J.M.

Remember to Say Your Novenas!

POW/MIA

Program

SAYREVILLE - The Ladies Auxiliary and the Post Commander of #4699 Post will hold a POW/MIA Program on September 27 at 7p.m. at the post home in Sayreville, NJ at Jernee Mill road. POW/MIA is a program for members missing in action during the wars. Everyone is invited to attend. Refreshments will be served. For more info call 732-264-3041 thank you.

Open Mic
SOUTH AMBOY - South

SOUTH AMBOY - South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 are resuming their Open Mic series on Friday September 30 at 308 Fourth St. South Amboy beginning at 8 p.m. Anyone who plays in a band or wants to sing or play a musical instrument is invited. No cover charge. Refreshments available. For more information, call 732-721-2025.

Emergency Personnel Appreciation Celebration

PERTH AMBOY - The Alameda Center for Rehabilitation & Healthcare Progressive Rehab, Impressive Experience is having a celebration in recognition of all that emergency personnel do. We invite Police Officers, Firefighters, Emergency Medical Staff, Military Personnel, Family & Friends to join us for an Emergency Personnel Appreciation Celebration on Wednesday, September 21; Rain Date Wednesday, September 28 at 303 Elm St., Perth Amboy. Visit us online at AlamedaCenter.com. Gifts, food, music, emergency vehicles, fabulous activities. Thanking you for all that you do for us!

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Answers From Puzzle On Page 19



LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY - Firemen 1909

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Senior Scene

Happenings

Perth Amboy

WED. Sept. 21 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. Sept. 22 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.

MON. Sept. 26 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m.,

Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.

TUES. Sept. 27 Holy Spirit Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Church Hall, Brace Ave.

> Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.

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MON. Sept. 26 Sacred Heart Seniors, 12 Noon

Memorial Hall, Wash Ave.

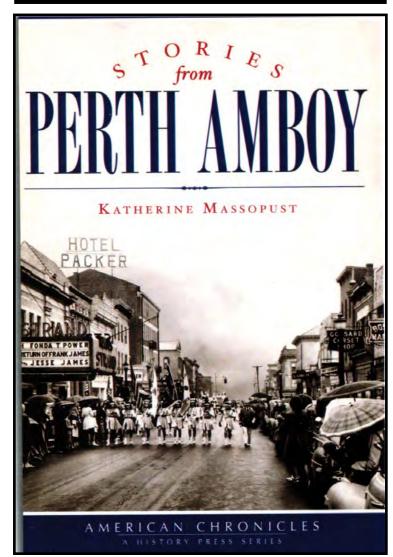
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