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Positions Drawn

2 Slates & 1 Independent

PERTH AMBOY - Petitions for those wishing to keep or pursue a Council Seat were turned in by the deadline. Those that qualified were notified. The only element missing was what would be their ballot positions for the November 4, 2014 election.

This was decided on September 11, 2014 at 3 p.m. at City Council Chambers.

The Candidates, some of their supporters, family, friends and curiosity seekers were present to see this occur.

City Clerk Elaine Jasko explained the selection process to those in attendance. On the railing in front of Council Chambers were three index cards. Two of them had the slates of the candidates running together and one card had the name of the independent candidate, (Nunez) who was there.

The candidates were instructed by Jasko to look at the cards, but she cautioned them, "Do not touch them!"

The Perth Amboy Democrats Candidates endorsed by Mayor Diaz: Bill Petrick and Sergio Diaz were present. Running mate Joel Pabon was absent.

New Direction for Perth Amboy Slate: Ana Mascenik and Fernando Gonzalez were present. Jelmin Caba was not available.

Before the cards were placed into the box, Jasko put her



City Clerk Elaine Jasko next to the box which hold the names of the parities who qualify for a ballot position for a City Council Seat.



Council Candidates: Bill Petrick, Sergio Diaz, City Clerk Elaine Jasko, Council Candidates Ana Mascenik, Miguel Nunez and Fernando Gonzalez pose after the positions were drawn

hand in the box then spun it around to show that it was empty. She placed the cards in the box, spun it around, and when it stopped, she pulled out one card. New Direction for Perth Amboy qualified for the first ballot position. The second spin yielded In-

*Photos by Paul W. Wang dependent Candidate Miguel Nunez. That left Perth Amboy Democrats with the final position number three. Jasko said the results will be forwarded to the Municipal Clerk Elaine Flynn who assigns the numbers and letters to the candidates that will appear on the

Appointed Acting Municipal Clerk in South Amboy By: Joseph L. Kuchie

Kemble-Kalantsis

SOUTH AMBOY - Laura Kemble-Kalantsis was appointed acting Municipal Clerk during last Wednesday's city council meeting.

Kemble-Kalantsis fills the vacancy left by Registered Municipal Clerk Kathy Vigilante, who departed from her position earlier this year. Kemble-Kalantsis is now appointed for a period not to exceed a year that commences on the date of the vacancy.

Mayor Fred Henry and the entire council had nothing but nice words to say about the work Kemble-Kalantsis has done filling in for Vigilante. Henry pointed out the excellent work she has done handling license and permit applications as well as her part in the recent election.

"I'd like to thank everyone for coming to witness Laura being sworn in," Councilwoman Zusette Dato said during her opening comments. "As much as we miss our former clerk Kathy Vigilante, Laura is really doing a great job for us. Congratulations."

"I'd also like to congratulate Laura...she works very hard," added Council President Jo-



Kemble-Kalantsis is sworn in as Municipal Clerk *Photo by Joseph L. Kuchie

seph Connors. "She still has to go to school and that's the hard part...going to school while you're doing a job."

According to Resolution No. 136-2014, Kemle-Kalantsis may be reappointed for a maximum of two subsequent one-year terms following the termination of the temporary appointment. The appointment as Acting Municipal Clerk shall not be more than three consecutive years.

All council members were in attendance for last week's meeting. The next city council meeting will be Wednesday, October 15th at 7:00 p.m.

11/4/14 ballot. 2 More Campaign Offices Open Up

PERTH AMBOY - Mayor Wilda Diaz along with City & County Officials, local representatives, and clergy celebrate the official reopening of the Waterfront Marina with a ribbon cutting ceremony on Friday, September 19, 2014. More photos to follow in the next

*Photo by Paul W. Wang



Miguel Nunez (Center) with supporters at Campaign headquarters on Maple St. *Photo by Paul W. Wang



New Direction For Perth Amboy with supporters at their headquarters on Washington St. *Photo by Joe Bayona

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The Education Period Needs to End



Councilman Fernando Irizarry

PERTH AMBOY – At the Sept. 8, 2014 Caucus Meeting one of the topics for discussion was the noise ordinance/ enforcement. Councilman Fernando Irizarry is the one who requested that this be examined further.

At a previous Council Meeting, there was a discussion that fees should be increased for any offenders of the noise ordinance. Council President Joel Pabon said, "I don't think fees are the issue, but the enforcement needs to be stronger."

"The education period needs to end," stated Councilman Fernando Irizarry, "We need to get serious and start imposing fines, even for special events. I would like to increase the fees. \$100 summons are nothing if you are making \$2000 a night."

Councilman Kenny Gonzalez was in agreement with Irizarry and Pabon, "I think the offenders are not heading the warnings from the police. The fines should be adjusted according to the infractions that took place. The ordinanc-



Councilman Kenneth Gonzalez

es on the books are okay."

Pabon wanted calls for establishments where the police have to constantly come to because of habitual offenders, they just get a warning and continue with disturbances. "Now, I feel they are disrespecting the police. People have been afraid to report disturbances."

Police Chief Benjamin Ruiz came forward to address some of these cases. "We will not divulge individuals who call to complain. We have certain addresses that we check between 3 a.m. to 4 a.m. because they have a history of problems. The Councilman is right. Historically we don't take an aggressive stance, but more to educate. The ABC (Alcoholic Beverage Commission), Code Enforcement, and the Fire Department addressed the liquor store that people have been complaining about. Now we have taken zero tolerance with liquor stores. On special occasions, such as birthday/graduation parties at private residences, we will just give them a warning. Because of a change



Council President Joel Pabon

of shifts officers reporting to a disturbance may think they are going to a first time offender not realizing they have multiple complaints."

Former Council President Kenneth Balut who is also a retired Police Officer was taken aback by that last comment by the Chief. Balut said, "I retired in 1993 and it didn't matter what shift we were on. We always got updates by the previous shift Captain."

At the 9/10/14 Council Meeting Councilman Kenneth Gonzalez stated, "We should put out a press release to let the public know that these laws will be enforced."

At that same meeting Resident David Caba said, "Six people got shot recently (that we know of). You want a press release about a noise ordinance, which is OK, but we need to have press releases about these shootings. The blame game has come to an end."

Resident Alan Silber said, "Wouldn't you like to warn your children about shootings occurring?"

Perth Amboy Board of Education Statement on NBC News Story

Press Release 9/16/14 tember 11, 2014, NBC News aired a story regarding a former substitute teacher involved in an illegal relationship with a student in the 2012-13 school year.

A parent and board member interviewed alleged that the Perth Amboy School District did nothing to protect this student and that two high school vice principals provided the Court with supportive letters for his sentencing. The Board of Education vehemently denies these allegations and would never condone acts that are illegal or harmful to children. In early 2013 when this incident came to light, the District protected the student thorities. This release provides the accurate facts and seeks to correct the recently reported inaccuracies.

The news story failed to report that one of those letters was a job reference written before the substitute teacher was accused. The other letter was written by a former administrator who showed poor judgment in supporting the former substitute. At the time, the District had no ability to predict or control these unknown acts by staff or former staff or the subsequent use of said letters in the criminal Court action. The District also fervently rejects the positions and statements taken by an individ-

by immediately notifying the ual member of the Board who PERTH AMBOY - On Sep- police and child protection au- has orchestrated the publicity surrounding this issue despite the fact that he has no legal authority to speak on behalf of the full Board before the press or in any other forum. The District will take the appropriate and necessary action with respect to the transgressions of this board member at the appropriate time. Regardless of the effort to revisit resolved issues to cast us in a negative light, the District will continue to focus on the goal of improving the lives of Perth Amboy students, funding effective programs, building a new high school, reducing class sizes and providing our students with a quality education.

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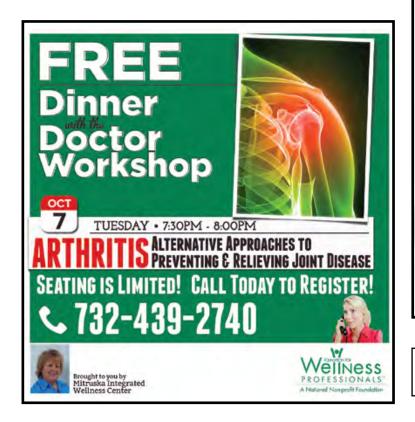


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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

Remembering a Quiet Man

George Nickolas

I knew George when I would deliver the paper to the Barge on Tuesday mornings. If the door was locked, I knew if I called the restaurant number and George would answer the phone and open the door to let me in. He would always be dressed in his white cook's outfit, getting ready to prepare some of the meals for the day.

He chose to quietly remain in the background while his sonin-law, Alex would mingle with the regulars (also known as his extended family). The Barge had gone through hard times before. One of those would be the nor'easterner in 2010 and Hurricane Irene but the Barge always bounced back. No one could have anticipated that those storms would look like a passing breeze compared to the havoc that Superstorm Sandy would yield.

Pictures could not fully describe what one could see in person through your own eyes. Yet again, the Barge with the help of their extended family was able to flourish and grow. All the regulars were happy to see George, Alex and Callie bring the Barge back to life with renovations, but with the same familiar atmosphere that we were all used to.

It very exciting to hear George's daughter, Callie talk about the carpeting she had picked out and how well it would fit into the new decor.

George bought the Barge along with his brother in 1981. Alex started as a busboy there, then worked his way up to cook. He eventually fell in love and married George's daughter, Callie and together became the co-owner of the Barge with George.

It was a happy occasion for on January 22, 2013. This not only on the wall of the



Mayor Diaz with Barge Owners Alex Vosinas and Geroge Nickolas



Some present at the re-opening of the Barge in January 2013 were Council Members Kenny Gonzalez, Lisa Nanton and Far Right BID Chair Barry Rosengarten. They were there to help BID Chair Rosengarten present a check to Callie Vosinas (Center), George Nickolas and Alex Vosinas. Callie is the daughter of George and the wife of Alex who own the Barge.

*File Photos by Paul W. Wang

Street in Perth Amboy after Superstorm Sandy.

Now George will be watching his extended family enjoying the good times at the Barge whether they are in the bar or dining area. His presence will always be felt there.

Hurricane Irene and Superstorm Sandy was no match for the resiliency of the patrons and the family owned busi-

As long as you have that combination, you can withstand any hardships.

I imagine that George's picall, when the Barge reopened ture will be front and center, started the rebirth of Front Barge, but for those who he would quietly meet, converse and smile upon.

Rest in peace.



THE COMMUNITY VOICE

Requiem for a Dear Friend



Happy Days at the Perth Amboy Waterfront Andrew Book, Edward Pavlovsky, Peter Book *Photo Courtesy of Peter Book

We mourn the passing of a dear friend, Who, in sunny Florida, met an untimely end Ed Pavlovsky is our friend's name. Who achieved in life a well deserved fame, As an Educator he guided the young generation, To become better citizens in a greater nation! Ed was born and raised in the City by the Bay, An eager student in our schools he earned his way! He served his country in WWII and the Korean War, We salute Ed Pavlovsky Elite Member of the PAHS Class of '44!

Peter Book/a.k.a. Pedro Libro





Immortal Souls

I can't imagine the horror of that tragic day Souls suddenly being ripped out of their physical bodies For each soul I pray That their spirit enters the next plain with ease Not staying attached to this earth because of this tragedy And that all mankind is able to see The cost we Americans have paid to be free Dioris Luis Arlequin



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MON. Oct. 27

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City Council, Business, 6 p.m.
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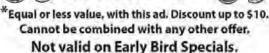
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METUCHEN - There will be a VitaminShoppe Health Expo, 185 U.S. 1, Metuchen, NJ 08840 (open to community) Saturday, October 25 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Health Fair

PERTH AMBOY - City of Perth Amboy Health Fair at The Perth Amboy Fire House, 375 New Brunswick Avenue, Third Floor, Perth Amboy, Friday, October 17 from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Mayor's Wellness Event

WOODBRIDGE - Woodbridge Mayor's Wellness Event, Woodbridge Health Department, 2 G Frederick Plaza, Woodbridge, (open to community) Saturday, October 18 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Calendar Dinner Dance

PERTH AMBOY - St. Ann's Society will sponsor its annual Calendar Dinner Dance on Saturday, Oct. 18, in the school auditorium. Enjoy a night of dining and dancing: a lavish buffet by Pantagis Diner and DJ music. Doors open at 6 p.m. and dinner is at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$30 per person and can be purchased by calling the church office at 732-826-0767, or after liturgies from members. Get your tickets soon!

Tour of the Berkow Maternity Pavilion

PERTH AMBOY - Raritan Bay Medical Center's monthly tour of The Berkow Maternity Pavilion and family health information open house will be held Wednesday, October 8, at 7 p.m. Newly expectant parents are invited to take the tour and learn about the maternity unit's modern comforts designed to provide a calm and relaxing birthing experience. Participants are asked to meet in the main lobby of the hospital's Perth Amboy location, 530 New Brunswick Registration required, call 1-800-DOCTORS (1-800-362-8677).



Fishing Derby, Perth Amboy 9/6/14
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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.

Rainbow Loom Club

SOUTH AMBOY - Thursdays in October at 4 p.m. at the Dowdell Library of South Amboy, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. For more info call 732-721-6060. All Ages!

100 Books 100 Years Party

SOUTH AMBOY - Wednesday Oct. 15 3:30 p.m. at the Dowdell Library of South Amboy, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. For more info call 732-721-6060. All Ages!



2014 LEAF COLLECTION

Department of Public Works | Recycling Information

Biodegradable Bags (Brown Bags) will be available SEPTEMBER 15 - JANUARY 12, 2015

Bag Pick-Up Hours/Location: Monday- Friday; 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. (Except on holidays) Department of Public Works Recycling Center, 599 Fayette Street

> **EVERY RESIDENT WILL RECEIVE** 15 BROWN BIOGRADABLE LEAF BAGS

Please refer to the Zone List provided or visit us at, www.ci.perthamboy.nj.us for the collection day in your area.

Note: There are no changes to last year's leaf collection schedule. Your leaf collection day remains the same as last year.

IMPORTANT LEAF RECYCLING REMINDERS!

- Do NOT bag leaves in plastic bags. Plastic bags will not be collected. They will remain at curbside until re-bagged in biodegradable leaf bags.
- Leaf bags are for leaves only! No twigs, garbage, grass or dirt will be accepted in these bags.
- WARNING: Do NOT blow or rake your leaves onto the street. This is dangerous and unsanitary. If you are caught you will be issued a summons!

SCHEDULED RUBBISH APPOINTMENTS

Leaf bag pick up will begin Monday, September 29, 2014. During the 2014-2015 Leaf Collection Program, all pick-up scheduling for rubbish appointments will be discontinued. Monday, September 22, 2014 shall be the last week of rubbish pick up for the year. Friday, September 27, 2014 will be the last day to have rubbish picked up. Scheduling for rubbish appointments will resume on Monday, January 26, 2015 at 7:30 a.m. on a first come, first serve basis. All rubbish appointments must be scheduled in person only. There is a collection fee of \$30.00. Payments are to be paid by check or money order only, no cash will be accepted.

Bulk waste can be dropped off Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the Public Works yard. Must be a Perth Amboy resident.

Department of Public Works | 599 Fayette Street | Perth Amboy, NJ 08861 | 732.826.2010 www.ci.perthamboy.nl.us

Lively Ladies Learning Fundraiser

SOUTH AMBOY - Friday, October 3, from 7:30 p.m. - 10 p.m. - Columbiettes of South Amboy hosting Lively Ladies supporting Learning Fundraiser at the Knights of Columbus, 308 4th St, South Amboy, (open to community).



Blessing of the Animals

PERTH AMBOY - The Blessing of the Animals will be held at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 183 Rector St., Perth Amboy on Saturday, October 4 at 4 p.m. It will be held outside if it's fine, parish hall if it's raining. All animals welcome! If you cannot bring your pet, bring a picture to be blessed. www.stpetersepiscopla.com

After School **Programs**

PERTH AMBOY - Puerto Rican Association for Human Development, Inc. (PRAHD) After School Programs at Escalar, 100 First St., Perth Amboy and Family Friendly Center, 51 First Street, Perth Amboy at 3p.m.- 6p.m. For more info or enrollment call Catalina Garcia (732) 439-6430 ext. 2810 or email cgarcia@prahd.org. Visit our website for programs: www. prahd.org. PRAHD After school programs are offered to children from the ages of 5-13 residing in the city of Perth Amboy. Certified Counselors are on site and activities are organized by the "Play Works" Recreational Curriculum. Bi-Lingual, Daily Snacks and Family Involvement. The children are provided with a safe environment, healthy team building through play and homework assistance. ENROLL TODAY "PRAHD is dedicated to developing human potential and promoting self-sufficiency through programs designed to improve the social, economic, health and educational status of the community in a culturally sensitive environment."

> Ads Sell Call Carolyn 732-896-4446

Youth Outreach Concert - Sponsored by Perth Amboy Police Dept. Chaplain Corps at La Asuncion Church Yard 8/29/14 *Photos by Eric Salvary





















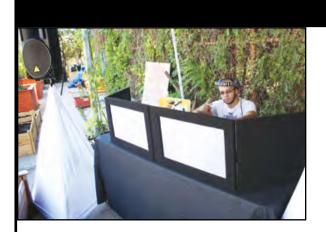






Community Garden - Perth Amboy

*Photos by Eric Salvary













JRF Sangria Night - Armory- Perth Amboy - 8/26/14

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Perth Amboy Little League Closing Ceremony with Trophy Presentation & Memorial to Daethyn Nelson

*Photos by Eric Salvary



















Madden-Vitale Bill to Improve Newborn Screening Advances

News Release 9/16/14

TRENTON – Legislation sponsored by Senators Fred H. Madden and Joseph F. Vitale to improve the state's program for screening newborns for congenital disorders in New Jersey hospitals was approved

yesterday by the Senate

Health, Human Services and

Senior Citizens Committee.

"Newborn screening is essential to protecting the health and wellbeing of infants and detecting disorders that if discovered early in life can be effectively treated or managed to the benefit of the child," said Senator Madden (D-Gloucester/Camden), vice chair of the committee. "By continuously reviewing and updating this program, we will ensure that it is kept current and that quick and effective health care interventions are provided in the event a condition is detected."

"New technologies make it possible to screen newborns for a variety of disorders and allow parents and medical professionals to learn of the need for medical treatment early," said Senator Vitale (D-Middlesex), chair of the Committee. "Reviewing the program

annually is critical to ensuring that we remain at the forefront of these advances and to providing improved health prospects for children in New Jersey."

The Department of Health currently requires that, within 48 hours after birth, all newborns be screened for 54 disorders. One heel prick of the newborn provides enough blood to test for all 54 disorders. The bill (S461) would require the formal establishment of a "Newborn Screening" program within the Department of Health and require the Health commissioner to establish the Newborn Screening Advisory Review Committee consisting of medical, hospital, and public health professionals, as well as scientific experts and consumer representatives and advocates. The committee would annually review the disorders included in the Newborn Screening program, screening technologies, treatment options, and educational and follow-up procedures. It would also meet annually to review and revise the list of disorders recommended for inclusion in the newborn

screening program.

The Newborn Screening program would screen all infants born in the state based on the list of disorders that is recommended by the Newborn Screening Advisory Review Committee and approved by the Commissioner of Health consistent with the Recommended Uniform Screening Panel of the United State Secretary of Health and Human Services. The commissioner would be required to provide a follow-up program to provide timely intervention and, as appropriate, referrals to specialist treatment centers for newborn infants who screen positive for

The measure would permit parents of newborn infants to opt out of having their child screened if they provide written notice stating that they object to screening on the grounds that it would conflict with their religious tenets or practices. The bill was approved by a vote of 9-0. It next heads to the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee for consideration.

Vitale/Greenstein Bill to Connect Caregivers And Physicians to Improve Post-Hospital Care Approved by Health Panel News Release 9/15/14 a caregiver who could receive transfer to another facility a

News Release 9/15/14
TRENTON – A measure sponsored by Senators Joseph F. Vitale and Linda R. Greenstein that would ensure that those taking care of patients after they leave the hospital are included in instructions on postrelease care was approved today by the Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.

"Often a friend or relative is acting as a caregiver and helping a patient when they are released from the hospital, ensuring that they take their medication or receive the therapy needed to heal," said Senator Vitale, D-Middlesex, and Chairman of the Committee. "But these individuals are often receiving their instructions not directly from a doctor or health care professional, but secondhand through the patient. To avoid that important health and care information doesn't slip through the cracks, we should allow the health care professionals to include these caregivers in the discharge plan and postrelease care."

The bill, S-2127, would allow patients in hospitals to declare

a caregiver who could receive instructions for post-hospital care. Under the bill, a caregiver could be anyone, such as a relative, friend or neighbor, who is providing after-care assistance to the patient in their residence.

The bill would require an attending physician to consult with the designated caregiver and issue a discharge plan that describes the after-care assistance needs. The bill would require that the plan include a description of all after-care assistance tasks necessary to maintain the patient's ability to reside at home and contact information for any health care community resources and long-term services. This consultation would provide the caregiver with the opportunity to ask questions about the after-care instructions and tasks.

The hospital would also be required to notify the caregiver of the patient's discharge or transfer to another facility as soon as possible, but not less than four hours prior to the discharge.

"Ensuring that someone follows a doctor's orders when they are released from the hospital can help a patient recover faster and avoid relapses and readmittances into a hospital," said Senator Greenstein, D-Middlesex and Mercer. "But our current system doesn't allow for the person who is actually providing care to the patient after they get home, to hear first-hand from the physician what the after-care instructions are. By allowing patients to designate caregivers, we can ensure that these individuals are equipped to provide competent, post-hospital assistance to loved ones."

The bill was approved by the Committee with a vote of 9-0. It now heads to the full Senate for consideration.

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Miguel Nunez' Policy Platform



Miguel Nunez (Right)
*Photo by Paul W. Wang

PERTH AMBOY - 1. As a councilman I will promote the participation of all citizens as well as the project planning, strategies to impact the development of the City of Perth Amboy

- 2. My policy is based on the concept directed to the people and the community. I will try to establish a direct relation to know the basic needs.
- 3. I will watch closely to respect agreements for develop-

ments of the City, especially by pushing hard and working closely with the Board of Education Members toward the construction of a new building for the High School. Education is above any political interest.

4. As a City Councilman I will fight for a clean environment for the City and also for the homeless people in the City and support all action against crime.

Legislators Press Governor To Restore Food Aid

Resolution Directs Christie To Prevent Loss of Food Stamps

News Release 9/15/14
TRENTON — Senator Raymond Lesniak on Monday introduced a resolution directing Governor Chris Christie to tap unused energy funds to prevent the loss of food aid to the needy, a move that would protect them from having food stamps cut by as much as \$90 a month because of a rule change in the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance

Program.

The formula for the "Heat & Eat" program, that uses heating assistance for the poor to determine qualification for food stamps, was changed by Congress to require payments of at least \$21 a year for recipients to continue to receive full SNAP benefits. By spending \$3.2 million in federal funds in the state's energy assistance program, New Jersey would continue to qualify for the additional \$53 million to feed those in need.

"Congress has taken food off the table of families already struggling to make ends meet," said Senator Lesniak, who submitted a budget resolution to provide the needed funds that was vetoed by the governor. "Hunger in America is a real problem and it is just as real in New Jersey. An estimated 160,000 families could lose as much as \$90 a month in food aid. That is unconscionable."

Senator Lesniak just completed a week-long "Food Stamp Challenge," when he lived on \$4.20 a day for food, matching the amount SNAP recipients receive.

"Of the 15 states affected by the Heat & Eat program, eight have already acted to prevent these cuts from taking place," said Senator Shirley Turner, who sponsored legislation vetoed by the governor to preserve the food aid. "New Jersey should do the same. This would be a smart and compassionate way to prevent the problem of hunger and food insecurity from being made worse."

Under the federal Agriculture Act of 2014, households must receive more than \$20 annually in energy assistance to maintain eligibility for full SNAP benefits.

"These are the most vulnerable people in the state, including families with children who often don't know where their next meal is coming from," said Senator Joe Vitale, a cosponsor of the legislation. "It's also good for the economy. The federal dollars spent on food can generate as much as \$300 million in economic activity."

Senator Lesniak said he will work to get every senator to sign-on to the resolution, Democrats and Republicans. Concurrent resolutions do not go to the governor for approval.

The bill vetoed by the governor had been approved 36 - 1 by the Senate and 60 - 13 - 6 by the Assembly.

Submitted by: W. Scott Maaskant

PERTH AMBOY - On September 6th 2014, 27 classmates of the Perth Amboy High School Class of '49 gathered joyously to celebrate and reminisce what this town was like in 1949. Stories were told about walking all the way to school, Ice cream parlors, old movie theaters, YMCA dances on Friday nights, ferry trips to Staten Island to escape their parents, cars of that time, and the bare essentials they had when they were kids. All were in good spirit as they laughed together just like they did some sixty five years ago. Congratulations to the Class of '49! You all look fantastic!

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Trip to A.C.

PERTH AMBOY - The Perth Amboy Volunteer Fire Department Parade Committee will be sponsoring a bus trip to Caesar's Casino, Atlantic City on Saturday, November 15, 2014. The bus will depart from the Perth Amboy Fire House at 12 noon for a 6 hour stay in Atlantic City. Tickets are \$30 pp and you receive a \$30 slot card. Valid ID is required. No one under 21 will be allowed on the bus. For tickets call Joe at 732-826-0819.

Car Show

WOODBRIDGE - 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 (Wal-Mart Parking Lot) 50/50s & Trophy's Awarded. For More Info Call 732-585-7365

Flea Market/ Vendor Sale

PERTH AMBOY – The Perth Amboy Volunteer Fire Dept. Parade Committee will hold a benefit Flea Market/Vendor Sale on Saturday, October 4 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Perth Amboy Fire House, 365 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy (Adjacent to the YMCA). Tables are \$10 each. Tables will be provided. For more info or reservations call Kim at 732-824-1719. Vendors & Shoppers needed!

Casino Night PERTH AMBOY - Perth Am-

boy Catholic School presents Casino Night. Friday, September 26, from 7 p.m. - 11 p.m. at Most Holy Rosary Church, Msgr. Anthony Gambino Hall (Good Shepherd Parish), 625 Florida Grove Road, Hopelawn. Featuring: Texas Hold'Em, blackjack, Roulette, Craps, Money Wheel, Chance Wheel. No Cash Prizes Awarded. Donation of \$25 pp includes 10 Tricky Tray tickets. 1 nonalcoholic drink with Hors d'oeuvre's. For more info, call 732-442-0512 email bpolicastro@diometuchen.org or go to www. pacatholicschool.org. All proceeds from the evening will benefit Perth Amboy Catholic School. "Educating today's youth, for the challenges of tomorrow."

Pancake Breakfast

Breakfast
SAYREVILLE - The Morgan
Lions Club of Sayreville will
be holding its semi-annual
Pancake Breakfast on October
5 from 8 a.m. until noon at the
Eisenhower School located on
Ernston Road in Parlin.

The cost is \$7 for adults and \$3 for children. We will be serving pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, and a variety of donuts. Coffee, tea, orange or apple juice is included. As in the past the Girl Scouts from Sayreville and South Amboy will be donating their time working at the breakfast. Tickets will be available at the door, for more information or tickets see any Morgan Lion, or call 732-721-0379. Proceeds from the breakfast along with White Cane Days, Calendar sales and other fundraisers help support the Lions local projects including Scholarships to high school grads, sponsorship of several area sports teams, support of the Morgan First Aid Squad and our main focus helping the blind, visually impaired, and those with hearing problems. Serving the Community since 1954. Interested in becoming a lion? See any member or call732-721-0379.



We Keep You **Moving**PERTH AMBOY - The Hu-

man Motion Institute at Raritan Bay Medical Center is sponsoring a free "We Keep You Moving" Total Joint Replacement Education session Friday, October 3, 9 a.m. to 12 noon, at the medical center's Perth Amboy location, 530 New Brunswick Ave. Session will be presented by clinical specialists. Registration required, call 732-535-4746.

Polka Variety Dinner Dance

PERTH AMBOY - It's polka time! St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church, 145 Broad St. Perth Amboy is having a Polka Variety Dinner Dance on Sat. Oct. 18. from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Come enjoy an evening of fun, great food and great music. Cost \$30 for tables of ten. Call Fr. Michael at: 732-826-4442 for tickets. This is a dance and dinner, including free beer. You can bring along favorite wine or spirit. Soft drinks and beverages mixer will be available. Enjoy the Frank Moraucik Band! Please join us for a night of fun and good food.

Classic Car Show

EDISON - Classic Car Show, Please support your parish by attending our Classic Car Show on Saturday, September 27th from 5:00 p.m. till 9:00 p.m. in the Parish Center Parking Lot, 26 Maple Ave, Edison. Admission is free and there will be plenty of great food; a live disc jockey; a vote for your favorite classic car. All proceeds will benefit the Parish Center. (Vendors and Sponsors wanted; please contact the rectory for information PERTH AMBOY - Raritan 732-738-7940)

Golf Outing SOUTH AMBOY - Cardinal

McCarrick/St. Mary's High School 5th Annual Golf Outing will be on Monday, September 29 at Glenwood County Club, Old Bridge. 8:00 a.m. Registration - 9:30 a.m. Tee Time. Cost is \$125.00 per person. Includes Green Fees, Golf Cart, Continental Breakfast, Box lunch, Dinner & Prizes! Dinner sponsor is Blue Rock Cafe and will be hosted at Sacred Heart Memorial Hall in South Amboy.

Sponsorships start at \$100. For more details call 732-721-0748 x 243 or register online at:www.CardinalMcCarrick. com. You may also pick up registration forms at Dowdell Library of South Amboy.

Calling All Perth Amboy History Lovers!

Do you wish to learn more about the amazing history of our city? Hi, my name is Natalia Dunyak, age fourteen, and as a Girl Scout silver award project I will be presenting three seminars to the public at no charge! These seminars will be focusing around the world famous Perth Amboy and Atlantic terra-cotta companies. If you wish to come and touch a piece of history and learn about all the immigrants who came to Perth Amboy who embellished the buildings of our city and the nation, please attend the seminar at the Kearny Cottage Museum on Sunday, September 28th at 1 p.m. on 63 Catalpa Ave. Perth Amboy. Light refreshments will be served at all the seminars, looking forward to seeing you! Come Show Your Support! Natalia Dunyak

1944 Reunion

PERTH AMBOY - The Perth Amboy High School, Class of 1944, will hold its 70th reunion at Raritan Yacht Club on Sunday, September 28, 2014, from noon to 4 p.m. There will be no charge for classmates and a \$25 fee for each guest. Contact Bill Sewitch at 732-826-0723 or wsewitch1944@gmail.com.

Healthy Heart Event

SAYREVILLE - Raritan Bay Medical Center is providing a healthy heart event providing free education about chronic heart conditions, medication management, blood pressure screening and heart rate testing Friday, October 3, 11 a.m. to 12 noon, at the Sayreville Borough Hall, 167 Main St. High blood pressure and irregular heart rate is associated with stroke, heart failure, heart attack and other life threatening conditions. Take advantage of these screenings and education to maintain a healthy heart.

Balance Screening and Physician Q&A

Bay Medical Center's Center for Balance is sponsoring a free Balance Screening and Physician Q&A event during national fall prevention week Wednesday, October 1, 5 to 6:30 p.m., at the medical center's Old Bridge location, 3 Hospital Plaza, Suite 313, Old Bridge, NJ. Falls are the number one cause of accidental death and hospital admission for adults 65 and older. Balance screening and treatment can prevent falling, those who frequently feel dizzy or if objects appear to bounce while walking can benefit from treatment. Neurologist Dr. Farooq Rehman, Co-Medical Director of the Center for Balance will be at the event to answer attendees' questions. For more information and to register, call 732-324-5030.

PAHS Class of PAHS Class of 1994 Reunion

PERTH AMBOY - Perth Amboy High School Class of 1994's 20th year reunion being held at The Rosewood on Saturday, September 27, 2014 from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. Price is \$65 a person with discount, Deadline Sept. 1st. Contact Virginia Morales person: cell 732.486.6382 or vmoralespps@yahoo.com

Diabetes Discussion

GroupPERTH AMBOY - The Institute for Weight Loss at Raritan Bay Medical Center is sponsoring a free Diabetes Discussion Group meeting Wednesday, October 1, 7 to 8 p.m. at the Raritan Bay Area YMCA, 357 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy, NJ. specialists will lead an open discussion about diabetes and a question and answer session in both English and Spanish. Registration is required, call 1-800-DOCTORS.

Our Lady of Hungary **Class of 1984** Reunion

PERTH AMBOY - The Class of 1984, from Our Lady of Hungary school, in Perth Amboy, N.J. (Catholic school from Kindergarten through Eighth grade) have planned a reunion, after finding us all through 'Facebook'. The Our Lady of Hungary 30 year reunion (class of 1984), will meet at: Terrazza restaurant, 273 High Street, Perth Amboy, N.J. 08861 at 4:30 p.m., on Saturday, October 11, 2014. It's nice to see that wherever these classmates are now, they ALWAYS consider Perth Amboy as Home! Please contact Lissette :Phone:(813) 347-2574 or Email: L12Vega@ya-

hoo.com.

"Eat for Your Health"

PERTH AMBOY - Healthy Meals Workshops Tuesdays, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sept. 16-30. Topics including: Eating healthy on a budget, fruits and veggies made fun, eating a balanced meal the easy way. Contact Vanessa Cepin at 201-757-3494 or email vanessa.cepin@jrf-americorps.org.

PAHS Class of 1989 Reunion

PERTH AMBOY - The Class of 1989 will hold its 25th Class Reunion on November 1, 2014. We are inviting the Classes of 1987, 1988, and 1990 to join us. It is to be held at the Pines Manor, Edison, NJ. Please register by October 15, 2014 at www.perthamboy89.classquest.com. Hope to see you there.

Civil War Roundtable

WOODBRIDGE - The next meeting of The Robert E. Lee Civil War Round Table of Central New Jersey will be at The Woodbridge Public Library on Monday, October 6. This month's speaker is Lewis Mazur and his topic for the evening will be "Lincoln's100 Days." The meeting is open to the public and all are welcome.

Connections Program Seeks Volunteers

MIDDLESEX COUNTY/ FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP -The Connections Program of Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen, a voluntary child to adult match program is seeking adult volunteers to provide a positive friend relationship to children and youth that has suffered a loss or has special needs. These children reside in Middlesex County and Franklin Township and are in desperate need of a positive role model. Adult Volunteers are being sought to make a difference in the lives of children and youth through one-to-one

Any individual 18 years old or older, of any ethnic, religious or economic background, who is interested in making a positive impact on a child's life is eligible to become an adult volunteer mentor.

All adult volunteers will be screened, receive training, staff support and other services as needed. If you are interested in learning more about Connections Adult Mentoring Program, please contact Jeanette Cullen at (732) 738-1323.

Xbox Club

SOUTH AMBOY- Xbox from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Fridays at the Dowdell Library of South Amboy, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. For more info call 732-721-

Basic Newborn Care Class

PERTH AMBOY - Raritan Bay Medical Center is providing a Basic Newborn Care Class Monday, October 6, 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the Raritan Bay Area YMCA, 357 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy, NJ. Attendees will learn diapering, feeding, sleeping habits and CPR from an experienced registered nurse. Cost is \$50.00 per couple. Make checks payable to RBMC. Registration is required, call 1-800-DOC-TORS.

Yard Sale

FORDS - The Grace Baptist Church 811 King George Post Rd. Fords is having a great yard sale on Saturday Sept. 27 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Space rental is \$10. The rain date will be Oct.4. It's not just a yard sale were having activities for the children, music and free hot dogs. Water and soda 50 cents. We welcome you to come and meet our Rev. S. Hobson. For more info call 908-217-2521.

Free Balance Screenings

SOUTH AMBOY - Kessler Rehabilitation Center, located at 540 Bordentown Ave., Suite 4700, South Amboy, N.J. will offer free balance screenings throughout the month of September in recognition of Fall Awareness and Prevention Month.

Kessler physical therapists will conduct fall-risk assessments, provide tips to improve balance and prevent injury and offer suggestions for home safety.

Appointments are necessary and may be made by calling 732.525.0123.

Kessler Rehabilitation Center provides physical therapy services for individuals with orthopedic injuries and musculoskeletal conditions, sports and work-related injuries, arthritis and balance disorders at this location. Kessler accepts most insurance plans, including Medicare, and offers flexible scheduling, including early morning and evening appoint-

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Novena to St. Rita

O holy protectress of those who art in greatest need, thou who shineth as a star Mt. Carmel, Fruitful Vine, 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.

Prayer to **Blessed Virgin**

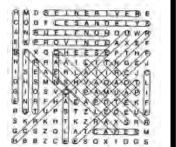
(Never known to fail)

O Most Beautiful Flower of Splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my Mother. O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in my necessity (make re*quest*). There are none that can withstand your power. O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 times). Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands (3 times). Say this prayer for 3 consecutive days. You must publish it, and it will be granted to you.

Pierogi & Cake Sale

PERTH AMBOY - St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church, Perth Amboy is having a pierogi & cake sale on Sept. 29 - Oct. 3. To order call 732-826-7067 between 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. All gourmet items are handmade. Potato pierogi - \$8, cake: nut, poppy seed, apricot, raspberry & prune - \$11 each. Pick up dates are Oct 7-8. Pick up your order at 404 Division St., Perth Amboy.

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Taste of Perth Amboy

PERTH AMBOY - Welcome the 2014 Fall Season with A Taste of Perth Amboy, Thursday, October 16 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the ZPA Cocktail Lounge, 281 Grace St., Perth Amboy. Cost \$30 pp (2 for \$50) Includes food, live entertainment and DJ. Wine Tasting & Cash Bar Available. A culinary event to benefit the Public Library. Get Your Tickets Now at the following locations: City Hall, Troy Restaurant, Luigi's Pizzeria, Terrazza, Amboy Asian Cafe, Latin Grill, ZPA Cocktail Lounge, St. Demetrios Church and Don Manuel. Don't be locked out - advanced ticket purchase required! For more info call 732-442-6421.

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 nonrefundable 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.

LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY - Car Barn for trolleys, circa 1920's

*Photo Courtesy of Bill Mckelvey

This Photo was restored under a grant for the Kearny Cottage Archiving project by the Middlesex Cultural and Heritage Commission

Senior Scene

Happenings

Perth Amboy

WED. Sept. 24 Simpson Seniors, 10 a.m.,

Williamson Hall, High St.

Holy Rosary Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Auditorium, Florida Grove Rd.

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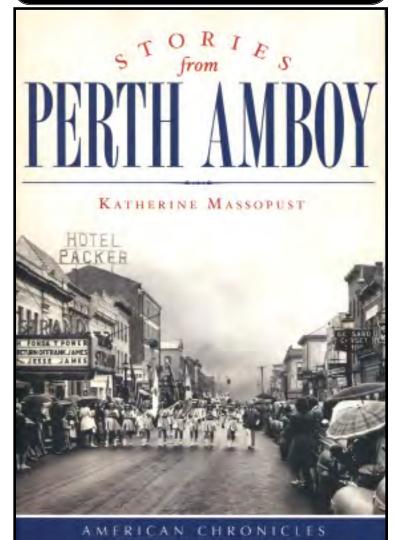
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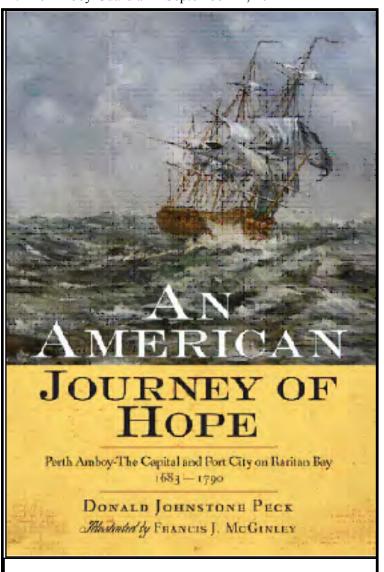
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