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Butting Heads 6/8/16 Council Meeting

PERTH AMBOY - Ordinance No. 1 - An Ordinance adopting an amendment of Article II of Chapter 98 of the Code of the City of Perth Amboy: Public Contracting.

Resident Stanley Sierakowski requested that the Council please vote against this. "Kushner and the Mayor will benefit if this is passed. The Mayor is the chair of the Redevelopment Agency. Kushner's associates and friends will benefit. He (Kushner) owes the City \$5 million plus interest. He wants to circumvent what is owed to the Landings Residents. Kushner will devalue the properties of the Landing's Residents with the new development, Sea Gate, which will be rentals."

Resident Alan Silber came up to speak about the same ordinance. He asked, "Why is this being resubmitted after 8 years? Maybe because it's the developer who contributed \$15,000 to the Mayor's campaign now wants to build. Why do people give money? It's because they want favors. There is no reason for this ordinance. It should be made tougher. Developers and Contractors contribute money so they can own politicians. Wait until after the elections."

A Resident from the Admiral Building at the Landings came up to speak and simply said, "After 10 years, please do the right thing for us."

Resident Gregory Pabon spoke next and stated, "Who doesn't get donations to run? From the President on down, they get donations. Is it because of politics? And why is it always the Mayor that people are putting down?"

After Gregory Pabon, another Landings Resident came up to speak about the ordinance. "You have people making donations who have lawsuits filed against them. They changed plans from what they originally said. You have

heard from both sides and so far have held off (making a decision). Developers have made numerous changes. He (Kushner) said the economy was bad, but bought prime real estate property in New York at the same time."

After the public spoke about this ordinance, Council President Lisa Nanton said, "We want to make this ordinance congruent with the City Ordinance. I want Mr. Maraziti (from the Maraziti LLP law firm) to compare Ordinance No. 98-13D with other cities."

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez stated that the language is not clear on this ordinance. "After the 2008 election is when the ordinance was changed to a dollar donation where a developer cannot participate in any redevelopment projects. This ordinance was challenged in court. Just get rid of it or replace it. The Redevelopment Agency didn't have an ordinance in place for developer contributions."

Law Director Arlene Quinones spoke and cautioned the Council, "We will still have the State Pay to Play."

A motion was made by Councilman William Petrick to table or postpone the ordinance."

During the last public portion, Resident Ken Balut made reference to Harry Pozycycki from the Citizen's Campaign. "This ordinance (Public Contracting) was passed in 2008. Pozycycki was involved in this. Do it (adopting the Article 2 of Chapter 98) after the elections."

R-268 - 6/16 - Authorizing a professional services contract with Robert L. Tarver, Jr. for the purposes of investigation of the appointment in compensation of the Assistant Business Administrator and related issues in an amount not to exceed \$17,499.00.

Resident Alan Silber came up to address this resolution. He

stated, "17,000 to pay a lawyer. Nothing pertains to us. What about other Directors? This is pitiful? They couldn't ask you (the Council) for an extension for this Business Administrator? We need to get all this money back (paid to former Assistant B.A. Pellissier). Are we going to sue ourselves? We need to get a resolution besides just compensation."

Resident David Caba commented about the price tag of \$17,000 and wanted to know, "What are they hiding (the Administration)? The previous administration did theft by deception. In the town of Orange, New Jersey, the Business Administrator had to return money to that city. Let's see if the Corporation (The Council) will hire an attorney to get the money back. Did the lawyer who spoke here look up the case that happened in Orange? Also, the Mayor needs to ask permission to speak and the clock should run when she speaks."

Before the Council voted on the Resolution, Business Administrator Adam Cruz read a lengthy statement pertaining to the Council hiring an independent attorney (see page 2)

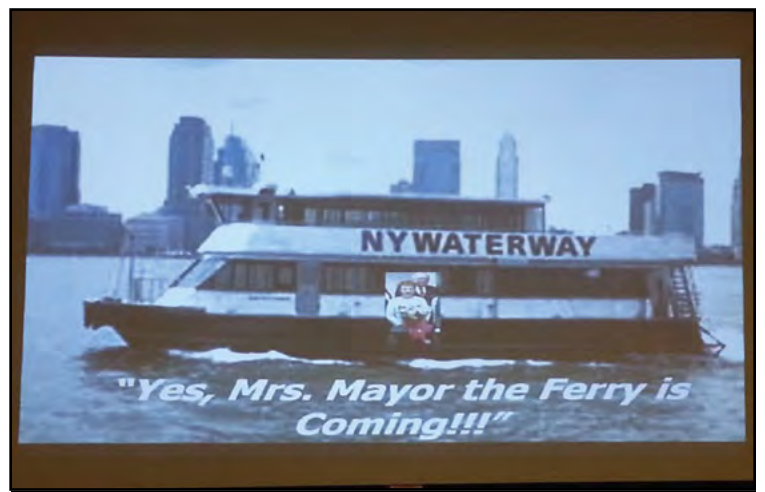
The Council voted "yes" on Resolution R-268.

Resident Alan Silber was astonished that the Business Administrator would make a statement at the last minute regarding this resolution. Silber stated, "We are playing loose cannons and it's proliferating. Remember Tony Jones (Joe Vas' personal driver and bodyguard who was involved in a fraudulent housing lottery scheme). Now that people have access to the building (City Hall Offices) they feel they can do whatever they want."

A Landings Resident came up to speak and also ques-

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City Receives Go Ahead to Start Ferry Terminal Site Construction



**File Photo by Carolyn Maxwell*

News Release 6/10/16

SOUTH AMBOY - On June 8th, the City received notification that Federal Highway Administration authorized funding up to an amount of \$2,054,486.00, for the South Amboy Intermodal Federal Aid Highway Program project in the City of South Amboy, Middlesex County. This will fund the initial costs of Phase 1 of the construction of the Ferry Terminal, which includes a professional services contract for Licensed Site Re-

mediation Services and the successful bidder on the initial construction phase.

Bids will be advertised for the next three weeks in three regional newspapers as required when Federal funds are utilized. Bid opening will be July 6th at 10am. We will soon be advertising for the design of the Ferry Terminal and Parking. For additional information please contact the Office of the Mayor at 732.525.5932 or email tomayor@southamboy-nj.gov.

Police Chief Fired

PERTH AMBOY - Police Chief Benjamin Ruiz, who was recently arrested and charged with trespassing at a Smith Street convenience store property has officially been terminated from his position.

The termination was based on the New Jersey Civil Service Commission rules and regulations. This is effective as of June 7, 2016.

This August Ruiz is scheduled to appear in court on the charges of official misconduct, witness tampering and theft of services which occurred began



Benjamin Ruiz

in late December 2013.

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June 8, 2016

City of Perth Amboy Council Members
 260 High Street
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Dear Council Members,

Please accept this correspondence concerning Resolution 286-6/16. The Administration recognizes that the Council has the right by statute to inquire into any aspect of City government, and we hope that the Council recognizes the Mayor's responsibilities and authority as the Chief Executive Officer of the City of Perth Amboy. As the Council knows, the issues raised in Resolution 286-6/16 were addressed in a legal opinion issued by the Department of Law on March 7, 2016. Each member of the Council was provided a copy, which I have attached to this correspondence. The City Clerk will also be provided a copy of this letter, as well as the legal opinion rendered by the Department of Law, to ensure that the legal opinion becomes a part of the public record.

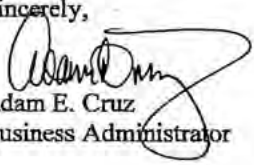
The Administration is confident that the process followed to hire the Assistant Business Administrator was, in all respects, appropriate and consistent with the Mayor's authority.

The process by which the Council conducts its inquiry into the operation of City government is also specifically set forth in the Faulkner Act. To date, the Council has failed to follow the procedure set forth by statute; specifically, the Council has failed to establish a Committee of the Whole or to authorize that Committee to act in any manner. The Council should also be aware that it is the Council's responsibility to conduct any inquiry, and that responsibility cannot by law be delegated to a third party.

Finally, Resolution 286-6/16 is silent as to how the attorney was selected, and raises the question of whether the Council followed its own ordinance that requires a "fair and open" process in the selection of its professionals. The Administration is concerned that the manner in which this resolution was placed on the Agenda did not conform to the Open Public Meetings Act. For instance, did members of the Council meet either in-person or electronically to select the attorney prior to the meeting? Were those meetings open to all members of the Council? Was the decision to retain the attorney made at a meeting to which the public was not invited? Unfortunately, as no one from the Administration was included into the Council's executive session when this contract was discussed, we were unable to receive answers to these questions at that time.

The Administration, as well as Gary Muska, the City's Purchasing Agent, are concerned regarding the award of a contract to an attorney not on the approved list authorized by the Council. The Administration and the Council reviewed the submissions to ensure that the attorneys on the approved list were qualified and competent to perform legal duties for the City. Additionally, because the Council did not award the contract under the City's Ordinance pursuant to a fair and open process, the selected attorney was not required to provide Pay-to-Play documentation, which is otherwise required by the City when a Fair and Open process is conducted.

Again, the issue that is the subject of this Resolution was previously addressed by the Department of Law in March 2016. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

 Adam E. Cruz
 Business Administrator



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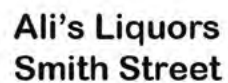
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EDITORIAL

Remember Flag Day 6-14-16

In the recent killings in San Bernardino, California and Orlando, Florida, we got another wake up call. This got us thinking about how great of a country America really is. Unfortunately, some people have rights that they shouldn't have. Look at the background of the assailants. The most disturbing part is that these individuals and some of their associates were under the radar of the FBI and CIA. In the case of the Orlando shooter, his father has a YouTube channel which is based on anti-American sentiments. The father once ran for President of Afghanistan. What was the FBI thinking?

We realize that a lot of would be attacks have been stopped in their tracks. And we thank the authorities for that. For some reason there are certain groups that are handled with kid gloves on the basis that we don't want to be viewed as racist. But, the bottom line is there are a lot of Islamic Extremists that want to see America destroyed. This morning (June 13, 2016) I happened to listen to a radio program where a Muslim Iman was being interviewed about the killing that took place. He said that he speaks for a lot of Muslims who condemn these killings. A plan is for a large gathering of Muslims to go to Washington to condemn those who commit these violent acts.

There is criticism because many feel that the Muslim Cleric have not been as vocal as they should be in this condemnation. Many feel that the reason that they choose to remain silent because they, themselves become targets of the radical sects.

This is a sad situation when you have to weigh your words and thoughts in order to survive. There were reports that co-workers and neighbors of the murderer of the 50 individuals in Orlando reported to their supervisor that their coworker was acting very irrational. Nothing was done in fear of being called racist. Supposedly the murderer of the individuals said he was being teased at work.

This person did this act in the name of ISIS. That is a big difference. This is a **WORLDWIDE TERRORIST ORGANIZA-**



TION. These group of people will stop at nothing. You must understand that negotiation is not a word that they understand.

Unfortunately, the only way to deal with these people is to officially declare war on ISIS and be done with it.

Let's put the cards on the table. We have a very important Presidential race coming up and there has a lot of talk about equality for women. In the United States there a lot of women who make much more than their male counterparts. When I worked for the phone company, there was a young woman who did not have a college degree who jumped over a lot of people to get a higher paying position and she did it by being much smarter than those who had a higher education. She was just one of those people who could take a problem and figure it out with ease. The funny part about it, there was not one single person who was jealous of her, because they knew that she deserved that promotion in spite of a lack of a college degree.

Let's look at some other countries where some of our candidates have gotten financial support. Recently, one of these countries put 19 women in a cage and set them on fire because they did not want to marry men that they were promised to. Some of these countries also punish anyone who is found to be gay with death. Here are just 2 examples. You all do the math.

It's time that we act now and act swiftly. In case you don't realize it, these attacks are the new September 11 only in smaller doses. Just remember how important this Presidential election will be and most of all, it's important the choices that each candidate will make when picking a running mate. In spite of what people think, the Vice-President is an extremely important choice, so is the Speaker of the House. They are only a heartbeat or two away from the top position and they should be a very sound choice. **C.M. & K.M.**

THE COMMUNITY VOICE

They Didn't Walk Over Us - They Trampled Over Us

At the beginning of May, the Mayor's Office called us (the American Legion Post #45 in Perth Amboy) regards to the Memorial Day Program.

First, let me tell you a little bit about what the American Legion does:

Prior to Memorial Day, the American Legionaries along with our subgroups: the Sons of the American Legion, our Ladies Auxiliary and the ROTC place flags on the Veteran's graves. The flags and wreaths are supplied by the Middlesex County Military Alliance. Doug Breen is the coordinator from that group. Over 1700 flags are placed within 7 cemeteries.

I also would like to mention the Late Honorable Judge Jo-

seph Deegan and the Late Edmund Hmieski, Jr. who were from the VFW #663 who were instrumental in getting the Veteran's Monument constructed on Sadowski Parkway. They later joined the American Legion Post 45.

On this past Memorial day, on the City's Memorial Day Program, the American Legion was listed that we were to serve a light luncheon after the Ceremony. Originally, there was supposed to be a parade, which was canceled due to impending inclement weather. It was noted in case of rain that the Ceremony would be held at the Olive Street Community Center. The American Legion was never told that the plan had changed and refreshments will be held at Olive Street.

The American Legion Hall was beautifully decorated in patriotic colors for the occasion and food was supposed to be provided by the City.

What was really upsetting is

how the Memorial Day Service was politicized.

When Veteran John DeNardo came up to make remarks. He became emotional and started to tear up. Then he said: "Everyone, please stand up and put your hands together for Mayor Diaz - and vote for her!"

At this point, I said to the other American Legion Members who were at the service - "Let's get out of here. There's no reason for us to be here."

I was very disappointed that we were not recognized and the Memorial Day Ceremony turned into a political function.

They didn't just walk over us - they trampled over us!

As told to the Amboy Guardian by:

Charles Moe

Past Commander and now Chairman American Legion Post #45

530 Smith St., Perth Amboy

Political Witch Hunt

I was appointed to the Planning Board by the Mayor Wilda Diaz since 2009 and I was voted as Chairwoman by the majority of the members for the past six years.

These, past seven years have not been easy due to the challenges that the Board encountered which were issues left behind by the previous administration, yet we have had many successes like The E-port, Federal Hill and working with the Perth Amboy housing authority to build the Parkview senior apartments. My intentions in all I've have been involved with is to make our city the best and to serve the citizen. The Mayor has never had any complains about how I've handle the Board and in many instances she asked me to help her achieve very important projects for our city. I and all the members of the Planning Board have worked many hours as volunteers putting aside our personal lives for the good of the city and to make the Mayor look good with zero compensation and no thank you from our Mayor yet, we proceeded year after year to take off from work and used our personal and vacation days to take classes at the

NJLM convention. We were mention at one of the MJLM meetings as one of the Boards that have improved greatly in the past 8 years as we have striven to Educate ourselves with the matters of land use in order to make informed decisions that will benefit our city and our citizens.

You may be asking why I am telling all of you this, the reason is that yesterday I received a letter from the Business Administrator of the city of Perth Amboy stating "Given the great responsibilities entrusted upon you by the City of Perth Amboy ("City"), please accept this letter as a formal notice that your recent behavior and public statements are not in common with the mission of the City's Planning Board. We expect you to maintain a demeanor that is fit for the position you hold as Chair of the City's Planning Board, and uphold your responsibilities in a fair and unbiased manner..."

After, I read this letter I reached out to the Business Administrator seeking clarification in writing about what behavior of mine has been a detriment to the city. After two phone calls to the Business administrators still no answer. At this time, I do not know what to believe other than Mayor Wilda Diaz is retaliating against me because,

I've decided not to support her. I am totally surprised that she will seek political retribution against me after, the many years that I supported her. It is very upsetting to me that Mayor Wilda Diaz behavior is today the same as our ex-mayor when a person decided not to support him.

I supported her in the past and one of her promises was that she will be a 2 term Mayor, that our city will progress, our properties will be at a higher value, our quality of life improved, our crime will be down and our taxes will be stabilized...None of the above she has accomplished neither she kept her promised about running for 2 terms and this is why I've decided to endorse and support Joel Pabon because, we can't go back to the past where we had a Mayor who thought he was a King we can't have a Queen now imposing her will on us and taking political vendettas against those who disagree with her.

Time to make a change and if she wants to punish me for having freedom of choices and freedom of speech the core values of our constitution I must remind her that I fought the King and toppled him....

Maria Garcia

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Kearny

Cottage Open

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

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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/Facebook.

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tioned B.A. Adam Cruz last minute statement. This Resident also had words to say about Attorney Arlene Quinones-Perez. "This Attorney is very arrogant. We are tax paying citizens. We need to be shown respect. The Council is polite and respectful."

Resident Stanley Sierakowski came up to speak. He said, "The statement that B.A. Cruz said should have been in the communication section on the agenda. Anybody can be investigated. Legally the Council can hire an attorney. In my opinion the Mayor and Law Director did unethical things. The committee that was formed to hire a lawyer has to hold a public meeting a bout that."

Perth Amboy Democratic Chair Billy Delgado stated, "Two wrongs don't make a right. The Lawyer (Arlene Quinones-Perez) is highly regarded except in Perth Amboy where she is always slammed. If you (the Council) are using politics for this, then use your own money. This is a travesty. Put things on the table correctly. Use City (Perth Amboy) attorneys; they can all

use the work. The \$17,500 (for the Council's Counsel) can be used to improve our education. Our taxes are still high."

Businesswoman Virginia Lugo questioned why the Council had to go to Clifton to get an attorney. "Our Council wrote an improper document."

Lugo also questioned 3 resolutions on the agenda: R-256; R-257; R-258 authorizing the reduction of monies for the legal defense of 3 different Police Officers. She wondered, "What account will the surplus money totalling \$126,000 be given to?"

"It will go back to the general account."

At the end of public comments, Council President Lisa Nanton asked for Council Comments.

Before any of the Council Members could speak, Law Director Quinones-Perez said she would like to address some of the comments made by audience members.

This irritated Council President Nanton who told Quinones-Perez, "I asked for Council Comments. I let some things slide, which you did because you were new."

Quinones responded, "So you won't let me speak at all?"

Nanton responded, "I'll see."

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez comments were: "I want a written statement from the Law Director what the Superior Court Judge said in his ruling (in reference to the Board of Education wishing to have their election moved from November to April of this year.) I have a fiduciary responsibility to the citizens to protect their money and I will do so even with any obstacles thrown before me."

Councilman Fernando Irizarry was concerned about work being done on Watson Avenue.

B.A. Cruz said, "The water company is replacing 1.3 miles of piping to give better water pressure. Each homeowner will save \$2,000 a year."

Irizarry was still concerned, "We paved that street a year and a half ago and now work is being done again. Tearing up the street and just patching it up again is wasting money. We need to have better coordinations."

Irizarry also wanted B.A. Cruz to ask Mr. Maraziti, "Why are we doing the Pay to Play Ordinance now?" He also requested that a letter be draft-

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LEAF Red Carpet Gala

Press Release

PERTH AMBOY - Dr. Senovia Robles is the Founder of the Learning Empowerment Achievement Foundation (LEAF); the foundation was formed in 2014, with a purpose to help provide financial assistance via scholarships to students of the Perth Amboy Education Center. Dr. Robles retired from education in 2015, after serving the Perth Amboy community for over 35 years. Dr. Robles also founded the Saturday Morning Family School program at the E. J. Patten School in 1992; today this program continues to serve the educational, social and cultural needs of families in the Perth Amboy community. Dr. Robles finished her educational career as the Principal of Adult High School and Director of the PA Education Center Programs for her last 10 years before retirement.

Dr. Robles attended the College of Saint Elizabeth, where she earned a B.A. in Elementary Education; received M.A. from Kean University, in Bilingual Education and English as a Second Language as well as receiving her Supervision Certification. In 2012 she received her Doctoral Degree in Administration and Certification in Business Administration from Seton Hall University.

Throughout the years Dr. Robles has been recognized and has received numerous awards for her devotion, contributions and dedication in educating and in serving the students and citizens of Perth Amboy. Her outreach goes beyond that of an educator; appointed as advisor to the Perth Amboy police department; appointed by the NJ Governor's office to serve on the states Teachers Advisory Committee; Instrumental in bringing technology to the school district by launching Puerto Rico's first teleconferencing program with Perth Amboy; also has created many student exchange opportunities.

Dr. Robles strongly believes



Group Photo



Students Scholarship Recipients with Dr. Senovia Robles
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that the key to strengthening families is in education, "as more parents are educated, they find ways to enhance the education of their children, and that's what creates strong, successful and happy families."

As a single mother of four daughters, Dr. Robles has served as an influential, strong

and positive role model, raising them in an environment of female leadership with courage, determination and a sense of responsibility to the community.

Dr. Robles continues to serve the Leadership Empowerment Achievement Foundation, the community and students of the Perth Amboy Public Schools.

Stop The Funeral Weekend June 17, 18, 2016

Press Release

PERTH AMBOY – "Violence affects everyone immediately following an incident and long afterwards. Families, friends and communities bear the loss and grief long after the headlines and when names are no longer remembered," stated Bishop Donald Hilliard, Jr., author of the book "Stop The Funeral" and founder of the annual "Stop the Funeral Weekend" scheduled for Friday and Saturday, June 17 and 18, 2016.

Stop The Funeral Weekend is an outreach to the community, corporate world, families and individuals to form effective partnerships that will create ways to stop violence and the

many senseless funerals occurring daily. An important aspect of the weekend is to engage and inspire youth and young adults to become involved in the Stop The Funeral movement.

Friday, June 17, 7 p.m., Night of the Arts – 205 Smith Street, Perth Amboy, NJ 08861. It's an evening of musical talent, featuring Leah Joy, Darren Deac, Altarik Winstead, Nucci Rey, Miilkbone & Left Gunz, Leah Jenea and Derrick Smith.

Saturday, June 18, 2 p.m., Panel Discussion - The Hilton Garden Inn, 50 Raritan Center Pkwy, Edison, NJ 08837; Stop the Funeral: "Past, Present and Future - Where Do We Go From Here"

The weekend is open to the public and free to attend but registration is necessary.

Bishop Hilliard wrote the book "Stop The Funeral: Reaching A Generation Determined to Kill Itself" in 2000, and re-published it in 2013 to reach clergy, community leaders, families, and individuals facing the challenges of violence and other life-damaging behaviors.

Sponsorships, contributions, and other support for this much needed venture are welcome. To register and to receive additional information, please contact Tiffany Barker at stopthefuneralweekend@gmail.com

Perth Amboy Piranhas Special Olympics Swim Team Goes for Gold!!!

News Release 6/10/16

PERTH AMBOY – The RARITAN BAY AREA YMCA, is pleased to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of the Perth Amboy Piranha's Special Olympics Swim team. This weekend the Piranhas will be joining 2,500 athletes at the New Jersey Summer Games at The College of New Jersey.

The Piranhas have 17 qualified swimmers attending the event in a total of 29 individual events and 6 relays. For many of the athletes this will be their first time swimming at the Summer Games. Each one has worked extremely hard to be a part of this team and has committed to consistently bettering their strokes. Ages of the swimmers range from 6 years old to 26 years old.

The Perth Amboy Piranhas was conceived by the Raritan Bay Area YMCA, several parents, families, and volunteers that wanted an environment for individuals with disabilities to feel accomplished, not only in water, but with friendships as well. Instilling the importance of social interaction and lifelong relationships and connections is a vital mission for the Piranhas; celebrating birthdays, weekend trips, and encouraging friendships on and off the pool deck holds just as much water for coaches and parents as the time spent in the

water.

From elementary-aged swimmers to those in their late teens on the brink of adulthood, these athletes have shown their coaches, their families, and their community how much ability and success can be found in contrast of a "disability". Whether it was learning how to put their faces in the water or how to dive further off a block, these swimmers and their successes have been measured in the highest esteem; some, who have been swimming for several years now, have reached a level of competitiveness and prestige that seemed unfathomable only a few short years ago, and for the newest additions to the team, they are on their way of paving a future of progress and athleticism. The team is approaching the end of its first season together, only expecting years of attainment and improvement to come. The parent's love the fact that they can cheer on their kid's as they compete competitively and are extremely proud of all of their accomplishments.

Together, we are more than just a team; we are a family and support system. For more information on how you can join the Piranha's Swim team next season, please contact the Aquatics Director, Samantha Burd, at 732.442.3632 extension 6516.

CASA of Middlesex County Information Session to Volunteer with Abused and Neglected Children

News Release 6/8/16

NEW BRUNSWICK - Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Middlesex County will be holding an information session explaining opportunities to help children who have been abused and neglected. The event will be held on June 23, 2016 from 6-7pm at 77 Church St, New Brunswick, NJ 08901.

CASA volunteers are appointed by a judge to speak for a child's best interests. They meet regularly with the child and research the child's circumstances. Then they provide reports to the court with the goal of securing a safe and permanent home for the child as quickly as possible. CASA volunteers come from all walks of life, with no special background needed. Training and ongoing supervision for volunteers is provided. Applicants must be at least 21 years of age and pass background checks.

This year, only 125 of the over 600 children in foster care from Middlesex County



have a trained volunteer advocate looking out for them. The only way to ensure all of the children in foster care have a caring, supportive adult in their life is for more community members to stand up for a child in need through the CASA program.

If you are interested in volunteering and are unable to attend the information session, please call (732) 246-4449, email info@casaofmiddlesex-county.org or visit www.casaofmiddlesexcounty.org/ for more information and a volunteer application.

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ed to the Attorney General to have the upcoming elections monitored.

Councilman Joel Pabon had concerns about the Pay to Play issues also. "We don't want to prohibit developers from building here all over just a dollar donation."

Councilman Bill Petrick agreed with Councilman Irizarry about repaving of the same streets. "We should look at a 5 year plan for this. Also, having an Attorney General

looking at some cases is good. The person we are hiring (R-268 - Robert Tarver) is doing fact finding."

Council President Lisa Nanton made this statement: "In February 2016, I was asked by the Council to look for a lawyer. We vetted firms and attorneys who were non-partisan. Everything was done legally. It's a payment and salary issue (that needs to be addressed). The lawyer we hired said that this should take a few weeks (the investigation) and it should not be that expensive."



Board of Education Election Still Being Discussed

PERTH AMBOY - 6/8/16 Council Meeting - Board of Education Candidate Junior Iglesia thanked the Council for keeping the election in November and saving the City over \$100,000 by doing so. Iglesia also mentioned that the current Board of Education Vice President Israel Varela said in a NJ.com article that they are still trying to move the election to 2017.

Resident Stanley Sierakowski came up to speak about the judge's rulings on the Board of Education Election dates. Sierakowski stated, "It was misleading to say that the judge said the election had to be held in November. The election can be held in April 2017."

A teacher from the district came up to speak to support the election to be held in November. "The schools will be closed, so it makes sense to have the elections held then."

Board of Education Candidate Tashilee Vazquez who is running on the same ticket as Iglesia also thanked the Council for moving the Board of Education election back to November. She also wondered:

"When is the Board of Education going to move the election to 2017? Will they give the public a chance to comment?"

Vazquez also talked about the last time the Board of Education ran their elections in April, the top vote-getter received a little over 600 votes. When their elections were moved to November, the top vote-getter received over 2000 votes.

Businesswoman Virginia Lugo opposed the Board of Education election being held in November. She stated, "This should be a separate election for the Board of Education because it has become too political. It's too

confusing for people to have to vote with so many contests being held at the same time."

Resident Gregory Pabon said, "I'm not running for anything. It saves money when the Board of Education election is held in November. I would like to see the Council to do something about getting back \$85,000 for the special election that had to be held because of fraud that was committed."

Resident Alan Silber spoke next about the Board of Education election candidates. "I didn't even know who was running for the Board of Education until I saw a rally that was being held in Bayview Park for the Mayor's ticket. I actually like some of the people who are running." He alluded to the fact that City property should not be used for political purposes.

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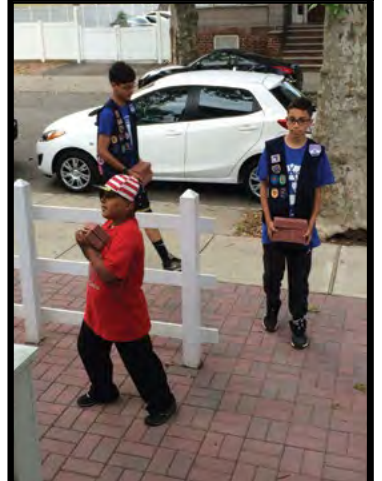
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PERTH AMBOY - The Royal Rangers completed the walk path at the Kearny Cottage, located at 63 Catalpa Ave., Perth Amboy. The Kearny Cottage Historical Association thanks the Royal Rangers, The Eddie and Brenda Trujillo Family Foundation and Home Depot for their time and donations. Thank you for all of your hard work!

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BOUND BROOK - Mikell's Plot with Cory Singer, Paulus Hook, Section 8, and Charlie Mac plus an amazing art display by professional artist Arthur Nist will be in lobby. Arthur designed Mikell's Plot's first CD cover "Monster on My Wall." The Mikell's Plot concert will have a light show, full sound, and comfortable seating. There will be 3 opening acts. Tickets are only \$15 plus sales tax. All ages to enter concert; must be 21 to drink. Saturday, June 18, 2016 from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. (EDT) at the Brook Arts Center, 10 Hamilton Street, Bound Brook, NJ. Organizer: Stage-light Electric Productions.

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.

Down by the Seashore: Sewaren

SEWAREN - Schedule too busy for a visit to the Jersey shore? On Monday, June 27, join the Historical Association at their monthly meeting for a trip down memory lane when we visit Sewaren of Woodbridge which was considered the Jersey seashore at the turn of the twentieth century. Because of its proximity to New York City and access to various modes of transportation-ferry, steamboat, train and trolley, Sewaren became a major tourist attraction at the end of the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. This program is based on extensive research of the Historic Preservation Commission which was included in its award winning brochure-Historic Walking Tour of Woodbridge Volume IV, Sewaren: Down By the Seashore.

The power point presentation and discussion begins at 7pm in the Downstairs Meeting Room of the Woodbridge Main Library. The Woodbridge Main Library is located on Route 35/Amboy Avenue and George Frederick Plaza.

Edison AARP Ch. 3446

FORDS - Edison AARP Chapter 3446 will meet on Monday, June 20, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at Our Lady of Peace Parish Center, Franklin Avenue, Fords section of Edison, NJ. A business meeting, followed by refreshments will end the seasons meetings until September 19, 2016. AARP Driver Safety program will be held on June 28, 2016 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Call Bob at 732-885-1789 for reservations. October 3-5, 2016: Boston, MA Package - Call Bob at 732-885-1789 for information. October 12, 2016: Octoberfest at Doolans, Spring Lake - Call Mary Ann at 732-287-3659 for information. Canned food and miscellaneous items for veterans, hospitals, and nursing homes will be collected at the meeting. New socks will also be collected for children at NJ Institute for Disabilities in Menlo Park. For additional information on the chapter or upcoming events, visit our website at www.edisonaarp.org.

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PERTH AMBOY... The Human Motion Institute at Raritan Bay Medical Center, a member of the Meridian Health family, is sponsoring a free "We Keep You Moving" Total Joint Replacement Education session Friday, June 24, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., at the medical center's Perth Amboy location, 530 New Brunswick Ave. The session is intended for patients who have been told they need joint replacement or for those who would like to learn more about joint replacement. Registration required, call Nurse Navigator Clare Schuld, R.N., at 732-535-4746.

Knitting Club

SOUTH AMBOY - There will be a Knitting Circle on the first and third Tuesday each month at 6 p.m. at the Dowdell Library, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. Teens & Adults. For more info call 732-721-6060.

Raritan Bay Cruisers Car Show

WOODBIDGE- 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

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Pre Diabetes Education Class
 OLD BRIDGE... The Joslin Diabetes Center, Affiliate at Raritan Bay Medical Center, a member of the Meridian Health family, is holding a Pre-diabetes Education Class Friday, June 17, 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., in Suite 420, Medical and Surgical Pavilion, 2 Hospital Plaza, Old Bridge, NJ. The class provides education on how to manage pre-diabetes and tips to prevent type 2 diabetes. The class costs \$10 to attend. Registration required, call 732.360.4070.

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Friends of the Library Meeting

PERTH AMBOY - The Friends of Perth Amboy Free Public Library Meeting will be Wednesday, June 15 at 7 p.m. at the Kearny Cottage, 63 Catalpa Ave., Perth Amboy. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more info call 732-261-2610.

Frog Hollow Annual 5K Run & Health Walk

Press Release 6/3/16

SOUTH AMBOY - Frog Hollow Swim and Tennis Club's 39th annual 5K Run and Health Walk will be held Saturday, June 25th. Proceeds will benefit the city of South Amboy's Fire and First Aid departments. There will be a free youth Fun Run, awards, t-shirts, post race picnic, and all day swimming and tennis for race participants. Entry fee is \$20 in advance and \$25 day of race. For more information or to download a registration form, go to www.froghollowswim.com or register in person at the club 7:30 AM on race day. Fun Run steps off at 8:30 AM and the 5K Run starts at 9:00 AM. The Frog Hollow Swim and Tennis Club is located on Ferris St. off of South Pine Ave. in South Amboy, NJ. For additional information call race director, Danny McCrone at 732-721-6592.

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Book Fair Fundraiser

PERTH AMBOY/EDISON - The Friends of the Perth Amboy Free Public Library are joining with Barnes & Noble of Edison for a day of fundraising on Saturday, June 18th. Story times for this event are scheduled between 12pm – 4pm. Stop by and have a Friend gift wrap your Father's Day purchases. In addition, books from the Perth Amboy Schools Summer Reading List will be available for purchase.

A percentage of net sales will go to the Friends of the Perth Amboy Free Public Library. You must present a valid book fair voucher or mention participation in the book fair at the register prior to making your purchase. Vouchers will be available in-store or by contacting the Friends at friendsofperthamboylibrary@gmail.com. If you cannot make it to the store, visit BN.COM from June 18 to June 23 by entering Bookfair ID 11868122 at checkout. Proceeds of this event will benefit the Perth Amboy Free Public Library.

The Friends of the Perth Amboy Library encourage the love of reading and independent learning, play a role in community involvement, sponsor special programs, raise funds for special projects, equipment and materials in excess of the general Library budget.

Barnes & Noble is located at 419 Menlo Park Mall. The Friends of the Perth Amboy Free Public Library is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

Luncheon Celebrates 'Green' Restaurant on MCVTS Perth Amboy Campus

Press Release

PERTH AMBOY - State and local officials and school district administrators were served a gourmet lunch to celebrate the designation of the culinary arts program on the Perth Amboy Campus of the Middlesex County Vocational and Technical Schools as a "green" restaurant.

Chef Stephen J. Moir, the Perth Amboy Campus culinary arts instructor, told the guests that the certification by the Green Restaurant Association is the first for a public school in the nation. The two-year application process focused on practices that are environmentally sustainable, including the use of local produce and the elimination of disposable dinnerware and utensils.

"I wanted to thank the administration for backing this effort," Moir said. "The students bought into this 100 percent. The juniors led the way. They will be able to use this in their college applications."

Among those attending were state Secretary of Agriculture Douglas H. Fisher, Assistant

Secretary Alfred W. Murray, Perth Amboy Mayor Wilda Diaz, city Superintendent of Senior Services Dianne Roman, MCVTS Superintendent of Schools Brian J. Loughlin, Principal Robert Fuller and Chef Philip Cragg of the American Culinary Federation's Jersey Shore Chefs Association.

"This expands the horizons of the students in their understanding of where their food comes from and how to make good choices," Fisher said. "When they go to get jobs in restaurants and hotels, they are going to have training the other candidates don't have."

"They're starting out ahead of the game," Moir said, noting that about 40 percent of his students go into the food industry, while the others choose other careers, including becoming doctors and lawyers.

Moir said all of the produce used in the program comes from New Jersey, while the meat comes from nearby Pennsylvania and the seafood from the Garden State commercial fishing industry.

"It's unbelievable the quality we get out of New Jersey," he said, adding that much of New Jersey's vegetables and fruits now are available year-round.

The switch to local buying and the elimination of disposable paper and plastic resulted in a net savings of \$1,100 in the program's budget, Moir said, with \$3,000 saved by the elimination of disposable water bottles in the school. He said efforts to make the school more green would be ongoing.

"One of the interesting things in going through the process was how much we were already doing," said Sean McDonald, MCVTS director of career and technical education.

The luncheon began with an appetizer of loin of rabbit wrapped in smoked bacon. The entrees included a choice of scallops and clams over angel-hair pasta, grilled free-range chicken breast and meatless "veal" parmesan, which consisted of panko encrusted portobello mushroom slices over tomatoes. Moir said 33 percent of the entrees prepared in the culinary program now



Culinary arts students on the Perth Amboy Campus of the Middlesex County Vocational and Technical Schools are joined by, from left, Perth Amboy Superintendent of Senior Services Dianne Roman, Mayor Wilda Diaz, Culinary Arts Instructor Stephen J. Moir, and state Secretary of Agriculture Douglas H. Fisher. * Photo Submitted

are vegetarian, with many being preferred by the students.

Roman said Perth Amboy Campus culinary students cater all the major events of the city's senior citizens program.

"We count a lot on this school," Mayor Diaz said. "The food is delicious, too."

The Middlesex County Vocational and Technical School District, the first full-time county vocational school district in the nation, has seven schools on five campuses,

in East Brunswick, Edison, Piscataway, Perth Amboy and Woodbridge. The Perth Amboy Campus, the Edison Academy and the Woodbridge Academy have been named National Blue Ribbon Schools. The East Brunswick Campus has been designated a National Green Ribbon School in recognition of its "green" curriculum and sustainable building management practices. The district celebrated its centennial in 2014.

Stomp Out Bullying Program, McGinnis School, Perth Amboy 5/20/16

**Photos by Katherine Massopust*



NY Jets Tight End Zach Sudfeld



McGinnis School Principal Melissa Espana-Rodriguez with the Anti-Bullying Team led by STOMP Out Bullying CEO Ross Ellis



McGinnis School Cheerleaders welcome NY Jets Tight End Zach Sudfeld



A full Auditorium



A student answers a question about bullying



McGinnis School Students Posters on Anti-Bullying



A student wins an Autographed Football



Anti-Bullying Poster winners pose for a photo with Zach Sudfeld



McGinnis School Drummers don't miss a beat

Waterfront Art Festival, Sadowski Pwky, Perth Amboy 5/28/16

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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.*

In Vichy France, the government announces on June 13, 1941, that over 12,000 Jews have been arrested and are being "interned" at concentration camps because of a "Jewish plot" to hinder cooperation between Vichy France and Germany. Vichy laws are amended to include expropriation of Jewish-owned businesses without compensation. The Australian 7th Division overwhelms Vichy French defenders at Jezzine, Lebanon, located about halfway between the Palestine-Lebanon border and Beirut.

On June 14, President Roosevelt issues Executive Order 8785, authorizing the U.S. government to freeze all German and Italian assets held in the country, as well as those of other Axis-invaded and -occupied European countries.

In North Africa on June 15, a major British offensive — "Operation Battleaxe" — is launched, with the aim of relieving the siege at Tobruk, Libya. Three columns move forward: one to Halfaya Pass, giving access to the Cyrenaica Plateau; one to Ft. Capuzzo, about 10 miles farther on; and one inland, to Hafid Ridge, around 6 miles west of Ft. Capuzzo. German 88-mm guns at Halfaya beat off the attack by Matilda heavy tanks and infantry, and the thrust at Hafid by lighter British tanks is also fended off. Although some gain is made at Ft. Capuzzo, by the end of the day the Allies have lost half their tanks, leaving them at a severe disadvantage against Rommel's forces. In Syria, Indian and Free French troops clash with Vichy French forces near Kissoué. The Vichy troops are forced back after offering stiff resistance. In Lebanon, a counterattack by Vichy forces succeeds, allowing them to retake the southern town of Marjayoun and nearby positions.

In the U.S. President Roosevelt on June 16 orders all German and Italian consulates closed because of "improper activities." Their staffs are to leave the country by July 10. In North Africa, the British attack continues but the momentum is swinging toward the Axis forces.

On June 17, Rommel begins consolidating his tank force for an attack on the weakened Allied position at Hafid Ridge. Gen. Wavell — having taken over 1,000 casualties and having lost almost 100 tanks — orders the entire Allied force to withdraw. He informs Prime Minister Churchill in London that "Operation Battleaxe" has failed. In Lebanon, Australian troops clear the last Vichy French resistance around Jezzine, just inland from Sidon.

In Ankara on June 18, the Turkish and German governments conclude a 10-year non-aggression treaty. In Syria, the Battle of Damascus begins. And in New York, at the Polo Grounds, boxer Joe Louis retains his heavyweight championship with a 13th-round knockout of challenger Billy Conn. Some writers call it one of the greatest heavyweight fights of all time.

Heavy fighting outside of Damascus continues on June 19. To the southwest, at Mezzeh, Syria, a village on the road from Damascus to Beirut, Vichy French forces manage to cut off and eliminate a battalion of Indian infantry. From Berlin and Rome come orders that all 31 U.S. consulates in Germany and Italy are to close. This is in retaliation for the U.S. action on June 16.

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Live Music Series

PERTH AMBOY – Perth Amboy Artworks presents Live Music Series. Free and all ages Saturdays! June 18, July 16 and June 20 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Perth Amboy FerrySlip Museum, 200 Front St., Perth Amboy. For more info call 732-877-8300. www.PerthAmboyArtworks.com

Shabbat by the Sea 2016

PERTH AMBOY - The first Shabbat by the Sea for 2016 will take place on Friday June 24th at 7 p.m. We will meet at the synagogue: Congregation Beth Mordecai, 224 High Street, Perth Amboy NJ 08861. 732-442-1373. Then we will walk two short end blocks to the covered gazebo in the park over looking Raritan Bay at the very end of Market Street. Everyone is welcome to attend Joyous Kiddush afterward in our social hall.

Adult

Scrabble Club

SOUTH AMBOY - Finger Plays, Sadie Pope Dowdell Library - Adjacent To High School, South Amboy. K E Y B O A R D K O N T E S T J U N E 8 3- 5 Every Monday 12 Pm -2 Pm You Don't Need To Be A Word Whiz To Enjoy A Good Game Of Scrabble! Come And Play A Game And Make New Friends! For more info call 732-721-6060 or email: Comments@Dowdell.Org Website: www.Dowdell.Org

Childbirth Education

PERTH AMBOY... Raritan Bay Medical Center, a member of the Meridian Health family, is holding an Accelerated Childbirth Education class, Thursday, June 30, 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. The class is designed to help expectant parents better understand the childbearing process and is intended for those with limited time. A registered nurse with special training in labor, delivery and infant care facilitates the class. It will be held at the Raritan Bay Area YMCA, 357 New Brunswick Ave., Lower Level, Perth Amboy, NJ. The fee for the class is \$75 per couple. Registration required, call 1-800-DOCTORS (1-800-362-8677) and reference zip code 08861.

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Sidewalk Sale & Dinner

PERTH AMBOY – Sidewalk Sale & Dinner on Saturday, June 18, 2016 at the Concord Missionary Baptist Church, 795 State St., Perth Amboy. BBQ Ribs, Chicken, Fish – from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more info call 732-826-0877.

Casino Bus Trip

HOPELAWN - Casino Bus Trip To The Sands In Bethlehem PA on Thursday, June 23, 2016. Cost: \$30 pp - (\$20 Back in Play Plus \$5 Food Voucher). Bus Leaves Holy Rosary Parking Lot at 10:00 a.m. For more info Please Call Ronnie at 732-442-5252.

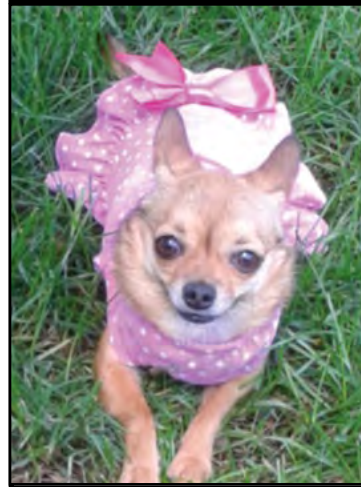
Adult Bubble Tea Party & Zen Coloring

SOUTH AMBOY – Monday, June 27, 2016 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Sadie Pope Dowdell Library located adjacent to South Amby High School. For more info: call 732-721-6060 or email comments@dowdell.org

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, July 7th. 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. 2/10

Pet of the Week



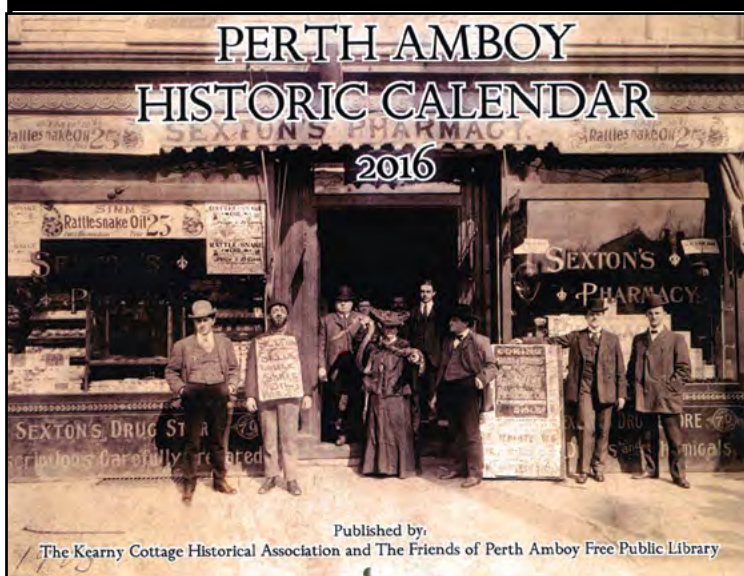
This is Philly. We have had her for four months now. We originally got her for our Autistic & developmentally delayed daughter but she has quickly won all of our hearts. - Suzy

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2016 Historic Perth Amboy Calendars are available at the Barge Restaurant, 201 Front St., Perth Amboy 732-442-3000 or at Fertigs Uniform Store, 195 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy 732-442-1079 or Call Paul or Katherine at 732-293-1090. Back by popular demand the Calendars feature old photographs from Perth Amboy. Sponsored by the Kearny Cottage Historical Association and the Friends of Perth Amboy Free Public Library. Calendars are \$10 Each.

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.

3D Printer News

SOUTH AMBOY - Every Thursday from 6 p.m. -7:30 p.m. at the Dowdell Library, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy, adjacent to South Amboy Middle High School. Stop in and watch our 3D Printer In action! New design every week! For more info call 732-721-6060 or email comments@dowdell.org or go to www.dowdell.org



Book Drop/Book Sale

PERTHAMBOY - The Friends of the Perth Amboy Free Public Library have established a use for the books you have read and would like to recycle!!! Drop off your books . . . pick up a book or two (\$.50 for paperbacks/\$1 for hard cover) . . . or select a "bag of books" for a price of only \$5. Please no text books or reference books.

Visit us at the Brighton Ave. Community Center located at the corner of Brighton Ave. and Sadowski Pkwy. in Perth Amboy. The schedule for the next three months is as follows: Saturdays, June 11th and 25th, July 9th and 23rd. We will be there from 1:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m. (weather permitting). For more info, e-mail us at friendsofperthamboylibrary@gmail.com

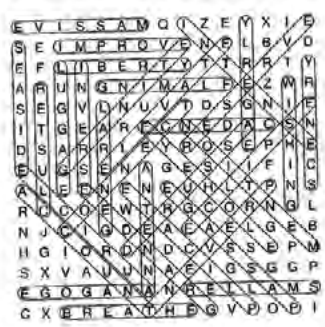
Mets Trip

SOUTH AMBOY - South Amboy Knights of Columbus sponsor an outing to beautiful Citi Field to see the National League champion Mets battle division rival Washington Nationals with Daniel Murphy in a July 9 at 7:15 p.m. game. Cost of \$100 includes round trip motor coach transportation, sandwich, snacks, water, and soft drinks. Motor coach leaves the parking lot at 308 Fourth St., South Amboy at 3 p.m. For reservations call Steve at 732-727-1707

Regifting Sale

SAREVILLE - The Friends of the Sayreville Public Library will be holding a Regifting Sale during our Book Sale on Saturday, June 11 and Sunday, June 12, 2016 from 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. If you have anything you would like to donate, please contact Andree 732-254-4483 or Sue 732-721-8053. Gifts will be priced to sell and NO clothes or exercise equipment will be accepted. Hope to see you there!

Answers From Puzzle On Page 19



LOOKING BACK



PERTHAMBOY - Parents view Eagle Scout Badges: Richard Staekle, his father, Master Scout Richard Kasiewicz, Scout Master Bruno Kasiewicz and Mrs. B. Kasiewicz.

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Senior Scene Happenings

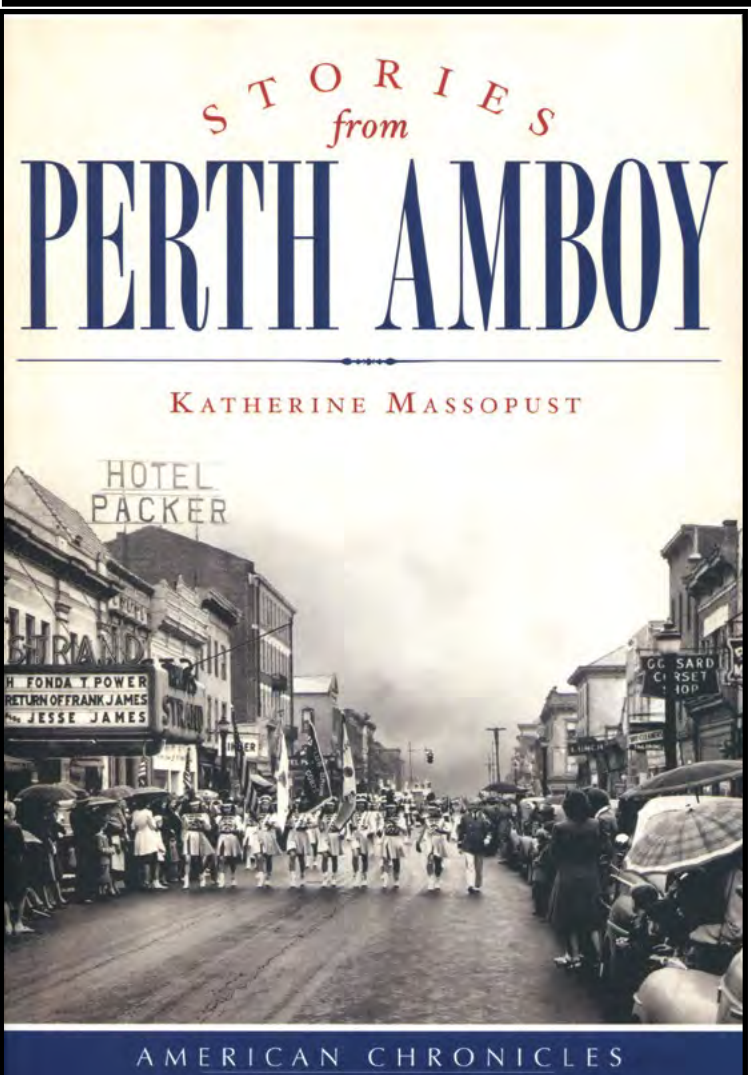
Perth Amboy

- WED. Jun. 15 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. Jun. 16 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
- MON. Jun. 20 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.
- TUES. Jun. 21 Holy Spirit Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Church Hall, Brace Ave.
 - Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.
- WED. Jun. 22 Holy Rosary Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Auditorium, Florida Grove Rd.
 - St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.
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