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Code of Ethics: BOE Attorney Cautions Board Members

PERTH AMBOY - Board of Education Attorney Derlys Gutierrez addressed the Board Members at the 3/6/14 BOE Meeting on rules of the Code of Ethics. She wanted to make sure that they understood how to avoid any ethics violations during their meetings. This included how and when Board Members should abstain when voting on agenda items that may be a conflict of interest on their part.

Conflicts of interest would not only apply to Regular BOE Meetings. Presenting yourself in the capacity as a BOE Member at a private meeting involving School Personnel matters can be questionable.

Also included is how they should proceed when making statements that could be inflammatory to each other or to the public.

For each item that the Attorney spoke about, she gave an example. City employees that are Board Members need to be especially careful.

At the end of the Attorney's lengthy presentation, one of the Board Members skirted one of the ethic issues. Board Member William Ortiz read a letter that was on his cell phone. This letter pertained to a meeting at the Richardson School that was cancelled by Acting Superintendent Dr. Vivian Rodriguez.

Letters were sent to Board Members requesting their presence at this meeting which was to take place on 2/26/14 at the Richardson School. It was indicated that this meeting's purpose was in regards to the posting of the Principal's position at the Richardson School. Supporters of Acting Principal Karen Moffatt felt that Moffatt should be appointed the permanent Principal.

They wanted the Board Members to hear their concerns about why this position was posted.

Dr. Rodriguez was invited to this meeting but cancelled it an hour prior to it taking place.

At the 3/6/14 Board Meeting Dr. Rodriguez explained that the meeting at the Richardson School was in violation of the Open Public Meetings Act. Board Members in attendance would have been in violation of the Act.

Board Members Maria Garcia and William Ortiz were not satisfied with Dr. Rodriguez' answer.

Board Member Sam Lebrault who is the Chair of the Personnel Committee stated, "The Superintendent had to give us approval for the meeting at the Richardson School. The Staff (of the Richardson School) wanted to discuss personnel matters, but it should only have been with the Per-



Board of Ed. Attorney Derlys Gutierrez

sonnel Committee (Board Members). "I contacted the Superintendent and our Board President. I was looking forward to this meeting (Richardson School). But it was out of the boundaries and a possible violation of the Open Public Meetings Act."

A Richardson School Teacher said, "Dr. Rodriguez confirmed that she would be attending the 2/26/14 meeting. Our NJS scores improved at our school. We wanted to highlight what we are doing. The staff rearranged their schedules to attend. Then the meeting was cancelled one hour before it was supposed to start. We are having a meeting on 3/19/14 at 2 p.m. and I am inviting you (Dr. Rodriguez) and the Board Members (Lebrault, Ortiz, Gonzalez and Garcia) to attend."

Wearing the Green South Amboy Celebrates St. Patrick's Day 2/8/14



The Grand Marshals



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The Hibernians



A Decorated Vehicle



Trying to Imitate an Irish Setter?



PERTH AMBOY - Grand Knight Ed Troche stands (Center) with the Recipients of the Knights of Columbus San Salvador Council #299 Shield Awards. The dinner was held Friday, March 7 at the KOC, Perth Amboy

*Photo by Paul W. Wang



The Reviewing Stand - More photos on P.12 *Photos by Joe Bayona

Perth Amboy City Council Meeting - 7 p.m., Wed. Mar. 12, 2014

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Red Cross Has
Options for
Sandy Victims
3/5/14 City
Council Meeting



(L to R) Red Cross Representatives Santana, Seretis-Allen, and Chester
**Photo by Mariyah Wojcik*

By: Mariyah Wojcik
SOUTH AMBOY- Red Cross representatives presented options for those who are still being affected by Superstorm Sandy to the city council at the business meeting on March 5.

Representatives Zachary Chester, John Santana, and Vicky Seretis-Allen, hurricane recovery specialists for the American Red Cross, highlighted key services for residents of South Amboy who are still experiencing the effects of Sandy.

“Citizens can call 211 with their Sandy-related problems and they will receive information about the resources that the state has available for them,” said Santana.

According to the Red Cross, the organization has spent or committed \$280 million to Sandy relief efforts across the east coast. This money has gone towards food and emergency housing, individual casework, and relief items primarily.

The after-effects of Superstorm Sandy may not be as visible as when the disaster first occurred, but the community will continue to have resources, such as those for mental health and wellness, all three representatives assured.

If a resident wishes to receive assistance, or simply talk to someone about their relief options, they may do so by dialing 211 from any phone. There is an option on the welcome menu that deals with Sandy relief, and choosing this option will connect the person to a live operator.

The council also heard from Business Administrator Camille Tooker about a resolution that will allow some residents to make improvements to the exterior of their homes.

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Hibernians Host Event to
Showcase Y Outreach Program



Police Chief Darren LeVigne tells the story of his experiences with different YMCAs across the country.



Colleen Kenny and daughters Kimmy, Laura, and Denise. Colleen tells the story of the devastation by Super Storm Sandy on her home and family. The Y helped them in their time of need.
**Photos by Joe Bayona*



Volunteer YMCA board members put it all together.

By: Joe Bayona
SOUTH AMBOY - On Saturday Feb 22 a fundraiser for the South Amboy YMCA, was held at the Ancient Order of Hibernians hall in South Amboy. The purpose of the event was to raise funds for financial assistance for kids in South Amboy and Sayreville who otherwise would not be able to afford to participate in the activities the “Y” has to offer.

The fundraiser was attended by young and old from all walks of life. All of the food and beverages were donated by local businesses. The hall was also donated. Music



Senator Joseph Vitale talks about the good things the YMCA does for children.
was provided by the band, “Instinct.”

Atlantic City Bus Trip

PERTH AMBOY - Bus Trip to Resorts Casino in Atlantic City on Sunday, March 30. Bus leaves the church at 12 noon. Sponsored by the Fellowship Circle of the Hungarian Reformed Church, 331 Kirkland Pl., Perth Amboy. 6 hour stay at casino from when we arrive in AC. Cost \$25 pp. Receive \$25 slot play bagged lunch provided. To reserve a seat call: Julie - 732-261-8726.

Lenten Dinners

PERTH AMBOY - Lenten Dinners Every Friday During Lent Served From 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Magyar Reformed Church Center, Corner of Fayette Street and Kirkland Place, Perth Amboy, Dessert, Coffee and Tea will be served with each meal. Dinners are as follows: March 7 - Breaded Flounder, March 14 - Shrimp Scampi, March 21- Stuffed Shells (Spinach & Cheese), Friday, March 28 - Spaghetti and Cheese Balls, April 4 - Breaded Flounder, April 11 - Cabbage Noodles. Donation - \$13 per dinner. 6 Dinners for \$70 (One dinner for each week). Children 12 and under - \$6 Reservations Required - No tickets sold at the door. For More Info and Reservations Please Call: Pat - 732-442-0224, Pam - 732-257-7182 or Rev. Szasz - 732-442-7799.

PUSHM Art Show

PERTH AMBOY - On Friday, March 21st, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. there will be an opening reception for an art show for People United for Self Help & More. Aside from PUSHM artists there will be other both famous and celebrated artists donating their time and talents for this worthy cause. Diverse media such as photo's, acrylics, computer generated pix's and more will show. From 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on both reception nights, the artists will greet, meet and if expressed receive offers for their work. There will even be an artist creating his work live.

It will run during business hours daily when you can order, and until the closing reception on March 29th from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Hosting will be the Raritan Bay Coffee Company, located on the street level at 249 Smith Street, Perth Amboy Train Station, Perth Amboy NJ with free ample parking. Some proceeds will go to the charity. The event is free and open to the public. Refreshments may be purchased at the Coffee Company. Come there for the enjoyable times. For RSVP or more info call 732 406-3574 or email PUSHMselfhelp@gmail.com.

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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

Getting Down to Business
You Have a Historian - Use Him

Recently there has been a lot of fighting going on amongst members of different historic organizations. Frankly, I find it very tiresome, especially the personal attacks.

The only thing that should be of concern to anyone belonging to these historical groups is PRESERVING THE HISTORY OF PERTH AMBOY AND OUR HISTORIC STRUCTURES.

The one individual who has not become entangled in this mishmash is the Official City Historian: Anton Massopust.

Let's look at Anton Massopust's passion for the City of Perth Amboy: things I had no knowledge of until Katherine and Paul started working with me.

One day Katherine brought out all of these scrapbooks with pictures, proclamations and presentations that were given to her father.

I was blown away looking at the pictures when he chaired the Bicentennial Celebration that took place from 1973-1976. Of course, he was able to amass a lot of help. If you want to find out more about the people who helped him out read Chapter 14 of *Stories From Perth Amboy* by Katherine Massopust.

A couple of months ago Channel 12 News spotlighted Perth Amboy Historical Sites and History. Although it was a very nice presentation, it would have been even better if Mr. Massopust had been able to give his input. Unfortunately, for some reason he was not given the opportunity. If Channel 12 should come back for an update, they should knock on Mr. Massopust's door first.

What I like about Mr. Massopust is that he gets his whole family involved.

I remember when he ran Cemetery Alive (Alma Cap originated the program) that took place at St. Peter's Church. He



City Historian
Anton J. Massopust

would bring in actors, re-enactors and incorporate local talent to portray Perth Amboy's historical figures.

Some of the residents who gladly participated included: John Dyke as William Dunlap, Austin Gumbs as Thomas Mundy Peterson, Wilma Mathey as Rebecca Spring, the late Rev. Volk as a Preacher. The complete Massopust family participated dressed in garb of the historic figures that they were portraying.

Mr. & Mrs. Massopust have been history orientated, especially when it come to Perth Amboy. I got a big kick of looking at photos of Katherine and Anton in costume during the Bicentennial in their youth. Mr. & Mrs. Massopust and son, Anton attended a Calendar Dance at the Ukrainian Assumption Church in Civil War Era garb in October 2013. This is what I call dedication.

Although Katherine is no longer in the costume phase, Anton still participates in patriotic events. Katherine along with her husband, Paul Wang have turned her passion for the City's history into words and photos. Check out *Then and Now: Perth Amboy*. They are very active members in the Kearny Cottage and Historic Preservation Commission.

Take my word for it. It's all in black and white. *C.M.*

THE COMMUNITY VOICE

Ukraine vs.
Russia

Look at this President of Russia - Mr. Putin wants to control the Ukrainian Government by sending Russian troops and mobilizing the country. Can this be the start of a new cold war? Or is it just to prove that

Russia is the boss of the land? But what's really funny is that the former President of the Ukraine Mr. Yanukovich ran out the back door with the help from some insiders. I wonder who?. Now the Russian Naval Fleet is at the Black Sea guarding the water ways (hmmm). Will it be Ukraine vs. Russia in a war? We hope not. Now

where dose the United State stand on this? I guess nowhere for now and the United Nations? You guess. I guess for now President Obama will have to sit this one down until someone makes the first move. But can World War Three start over there?

Orlando "Wildman" Perez

Letter to the
Perth Amboy
Board of
Education

My name is Stephanie Rodriguez and I am a sophomore at Perth Amboy High School: Today I am going to be doing something different. I am going to read a letter written by someone who has endured through so much. A letter written by a teenager, no, written by a highly mature teenager. To whomever cares to listen:

I begin this way because I find that people pretend to listen but not care. I am human, I am a young human. One that has not been able to start life. I have dreams, goals, and aspirations. I have wants as I do needs. But, most importantly, I have rights. Civil Rights, Constitutional Rights, (pause) Educational Rights. All of which have been violated more than once by the people who should least violate MY rights. Promises have been made and broken. Lies have been told and followed through. It is wrong for me to fight back but right for you to destroy me. Famous singer, songwriter, actress, author and ambassador of many organizations, Demi Lovato recorded a song at the age of 15, a line I've been dying to say, "You can take everything I have, you can break everything I am, like I'm made of glass, like I'm made of paper." so today I tell everyone who has tried to break me, "go

on and try to tear me down, I WILL be rising from the ground like a skyscraper." It is time to stop going to Wal-Greens. You have wasted all the band-aids, THERE ARE NO MORE. It's time to stitch the battle wounds with quality stitches. When you eat something, your body digests it, then your body releases the toxins, things your body does not need. The body represents the Perth Amboy School District. Its time for this district and its leaders to cut the crap. You are HURTING ALL of the students in this district in one way or another. When the body does not release the toxins, it begins to deteriorate eventually becoming fatal. How do you feel working for a district where the graduation rate is the equivalent of a person JUST passing a class? How do YOU feel when you make a student enter a mental crisis in the middle of the school year, making them miss an entire week of school, TWICE? Last Friday, at the high school, principal Dr. Collazo, the Honorable Mayor Diaz, Acting Superintendent Rodriguez and Board of Education President Gonzalez were all booed by the entire Sophomore and Junior classes from Main Campus, here in this very room! It can be made official, YOU have caused the extinction the students trust and respect towards yourselves. Congratulations! In conclusion, I must say that politics NEEDS to be thrown out of the window.

STOP SWEEPING THINGS UNDER THE RUG!!!

Sincerely,
A student who gives a damn

On a much more personal note, to ALL of the fools that said "no" or "it will take too long" for me to get a person to simply wheel me at Saturdays St. Patrick's Day Parade in South Amboy, I get told and pushed to join clubs and participate in activities and when an activity comes up I get DENIED the opportunity simply because the administration gives too many excuses! It got so out of control that my heartbroken band members were trying to figure out a way to play and march and my band director even OFFERED to PUSH ME DURING THE PARADE if my family couldn't find someone, ITS NOT HER RESPONSIBILITY!

Well, guess what, not only is a firefighter going to push me in the parade in uniform, but, in the case he can't make it, a police officer will push me in uniform, both volunteers from the city of Perth Amboy. How sad is that? The School District continues failing me greatly with their second to last latest being that since February 12, an one on one instructor has been falsely offered.

This letter was read by Stephanie Rodriguez at the public portion of the 3/6/14 Perth Amboy Board of Education Meeting

Thank You
Perth Amboy

On behalf of our family we want to thank Firefighter Torres and Chief Pietre for their help in order for Stephanie to be part of the South Amboy St Patrick's Day Parade. Thank you also to Chief Ruiz that responded, but Chief Pietre was already confirmed.

We hear a lot being said

about the problems of the Dual Language Program, Honors Program; but no one speaks about the Special Needs Program. It's fair to say that if other programs are messed up, then by common sense, so is this Program. It's easier to look the other way or not even to think about this Program at all because some people already have their minds fixed to the idea that Special Needs Students aren't going to be as

productive as the general population of students. It's fine and dandy to get funds and grants for having them in the school district from the State and Federal Agency, but it's easier not to give these students the necessary tools and resources for them to be prepared for adult life.

The District gave funds to the Charter School. That's great,

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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. 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

HIV Support

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

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

Volunteer Firefighters Needed

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

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

Community Calendar

Perth Amboy

TUES. Mar. 11 Library Board of Trustees, 5 p.m.

City Hall, High St.

• UEZ, 6 p.m.

City Hall, High St.

• BID, 7 p.m.

City Hall, High St.

WED. Mar. 12 City Council, Regular, 7 p.m.

City Hall, High St.

THURS. Mar. 13 Zoning Board, 7 p.m.

City Hall, High St.

MON. Mar. 24 City Council, Caucus, 4:30 p.m.

City Hall, High St.

South Amboy

WED. Mar. 19 City Council, Regular, 7 p.m.

City Hall, N. Broadway

MON. Mar. 24 Board of Education, 6 p.m.

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Perth Amboy Knights of Columbus Shield Awards 3/7/14

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Melissa Rainone - 2013 Catholic School Teacher of the Year - Perth Amboy Catholic School



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Recovery Ongoing In Middlesex County

News Release - 2/26/14
SAYREVILLE - There are still countless efforts happening with Hurricane Sandy recovery, however significantly more work is still to be done. The Middlesex County Long Term Recovery Group (MCLTRG) was established in response to the effects of the Hurricane Sandy disaster to coordinate assistance to those experiencing loss or damage.

The Middlesex County Long Term Recovery Group is made up of many local non-profit organizations that are aiming to help individuals with unmet needs relating to Hurricane Sandy.

We are able to offer as-

sistance with home repairs, disaster case management, rent, mortgage, clothing, and furniture that has been damaged or lost due to Hurricane Sandy.

If you feel that you have experienced any loss or damage, and are still in need of any assistance relating to Hurricane Sandy, please do not hesitate to contact us at:

The Middlesex County Long Term Recovery Group
3rd floor Sayreville Senior Center
423 Main Street
Sayreville, NJ 08872
(732) 390 7074
Info@middlesexltrg.org
www.middlesexltrg.org

Fish & Chicken Fry


SAYREVILLE - The First Presbyterian Church of Sayreville will be having a Fish and Chicken Fry on April 4th 2014. Tickets are \$13 in advance and there are limited tickets available at the door for \$15. Chicken is available by advance order only. Take-outs will begin at 5 p.m. and dining room seating will be from 5:30 p.m. -7 p.m. For tickets please call 732-257-6353 or e-mail us at churchoffice172@optimum.net.

Free Adult ESL Classes

PERTH AMBOY - Register now for The JRF ESL Program. This program will help individuals 18 years or older to speak English with more confidence & ease. Class Instruction, materials, and Individualized Tutoring will be provided. FREE Adult ESL Classes. Tuesdays- Basic Level from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursdays- Intermediate Level from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., at the JRF, 149 Kearny Ave. Perth Amboy, (Proprietary House). Space is limited and will be taken on a first come, first serve basis. For more information please call: 732-638-5063.

Documentary Class - JRF

**Photo Submitted*



PERTH AMBOY - In October, students of Perth Amboy were offered the opportunity to take part in a rigorous six month documentary class. In collaboration with the Jewish Renaissance Foundation and The Boys and Girls Club, a grant was received through the New Jersey Recovery Act. In the program, professional film teachers taught students the elements and techniques that go into photography, storytelling, and making a documentary film, in efforts to give each student the opportunity to create and direct his or her own piece on the effects of Hurricane Sandy. Students were expected to dedicate 6 hours of in class work and more outside work as well to their individual pieces. These documentary students have had the opportunity to work closely with film equipment, interview a wide range of individuals, edit their work, and consequently tell their own story. Final stages of the production will be available for viewing by the public sometime during the month of April. (L to R) Karina Garcia, Yessica Leonardo, Monica Benedicto, Edgard Sanchez, Melina Garcia, Nico Francisco

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NFL AllStars Visit Perth Amboy

By: Katherine Massopust
PERTH AMBOY - On Thursday, February 27th at Perth Amboy's Raritan Bay YMCA Evan Junior Rodriguez, full-back and tight end for the Buffalo Bills and Kashif Moore, wide receiver for the Pittsburgh Steelers spoke about their choices that lead them to their professional career in the NFL.

The event was coordinated by Edison Jaquez, Program Coordinator for the Civic Justice Corps at the Jewish Renaissance Foundation, who also believes in the impact that motivation can have on someone's life. He invited two NFL players to share their personal story and photo opportunities with the audience. "The message to our kids is clear and direct; through testimonies of overcoming struggles, the choices one makes can impact your life for good." Mayor's Aide Irving Lozada stated, "It's good for the community - to keep kids with sports and in school."

Mayor Diaz thanked the two NFL stars for coming to Perth Amboy."

Evan Rodriguez was born in 1988 and is a fullback for the Buffalo Bills. He was drafted to the NFL in the 4th round in 2012. He spoke of his childhood and how football was a positive influence on his life. "I was raised by a single parent, my mother Frances with my brother and my grandmother. I found male role models through sports. It was an outlet."

Rodriguez spoke about his hardships, "At age seventeen, I was stabbed in the throat. God

gave me a second chance." When asked why he was stabbed, Rodriguez answered, "I got hooked up with the wrong crowd."

Rodriguez decided to focus on football and was a 4th round draft pick by the Chicago Bears, he was then traded to the Miami Dolphins and then to the Buffalo Bills. Rodriguez played for the Bills in the 2013-2014 season. He said, "In college I made 15 to 20 touchdowns but none yet in the NFL."

He spoke of how he received a football scholarship, "I love the game, but grades are important. I've been playing sports since I was seven years old. By 8th or 9th grade I knew I saw my vision (of the NFL) and said 'Why not put 100% into it?'"

When asked why he loves football, Rodriguez answered, "Football is a team sport. You take your frustrations out at someone and not get in trouble for it."

When asked if he was rich, Rodriguez answered, "I'm comfortable."

Rodriguez continued, "If you believe in yourself, why not? It's hard to play, but it's competitive. You have to compete in your career, whatever you do."

One kid asked: "40 yard dash?" "4.56."

Kashif Moore who plays wide receiver for the Pittsburgh Steelers was born in 1988 in Burlington, New Jersey. He went to the University of Connecticut. In 2012 he was drafted by the Indianapolis Colts, then the Houston Tex-

ans. When he was free agent he signed with the Pittsburgh Steelers. It is his 3rd year in the NFL.

"Everyone's journey is different. Stay focused. Have a strong support system. It takes hard work and dedication. Whatever it is you want, to do if it's your passion. (5% of all high school players make it to college. 1% of college players make it to the NFL. It's a great feeling to be in the NFL. It's like waking up on Christmas and your house is filled with presents.)

Moore continued, "You get no days off. If you get hurt, you get back up and get better from it."

When asked what sports he played, Moore answered, "Track basketball and football. Sports helped me with academics. Your grades need to be good. Anything you do, you make sure you do right."

40 yard dash? "4.3"

When asked what role models he had, Moore answered, "My father and older brothers."

He was asked who is the best quarterback in the NFL? "Ben Roethlisberger (Steelers)." Both players stated that the young people in the audience should, "Be inspired." They signed autographs and took photos for anyone who came to the event.

Sponsoring this event is the City of Perth Amboy's Mayor's Office and Recreation Department, Jewish Renaissance Foundation, Boys & Girls Club of Perth Amboy, Raritan Bay YMCA and Pizzarelli Restaurant.

Some info was taken from the JRF.

NFL AllStars Vist Perth Amboy 2/27/14 *Photos by Paul W. Wang



Mayor Diaz with JRF & City employees and volunteers, YMCA CEO Steve Jobin and NFL Players Evan Rodriguez and Kashif Moore



A young lady asks a question to Evan Rodriguez



Evan Rodriguez Buffalo Bills



An enthusiastic young audience



Kashif Moore Pittsburgh Steelers



Evan Rodriguez signs a football for a young fan



Mayor's Aide Irving Lozada, Evan Rodriguez, Mayor Diaz, Kashif Moore and Edison Jaquez, Program Coordinator for the Civic Justice Corps at the JRF

Tricky Tray

PERTH AMBOY - The Women of the Moose Chapter 1247 are having a Tricky Tray on Sunday, March 23rd. at the Moose Lodge, 989 Convery Blvd., (Rte 35). Doors open 12 Noon. Drawing Begins 2 p.m. \$5 in advance/\$7 at the door. Includes admission, coffee & dessert. For tickets and more info call 732-442-2827 or 732-442-3550.

Fundraiser

PERTH AMBOY - The PTO of Perth Amboy High School is having a flapjack fundraiser breakfast at Applebees, Woodbridge Center on Saturday, March 15 from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. \$10 pp. Meal includes pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs and a beverage (coffee, orange juice, soda or tea). Tickets valid for pancake event only. Applebees menu items are not included as part of purchase. For more info call 732-376-6030 ext. 23800 or e-mail pahs-pt@paps.net

Waiting List Update Deadline

PERTH AMBOY - The Perth Amboy Housing Authority is updating its public housing and section 8 waiting lists. A 2nd notice has been mailed to active applicants and all updates must be received by postal mail by Friday, March 28, 2014. There will be no further extensions. If you have an active application and have not received your update request call Judy Matias-Ortiz at (732) 826-3110 ext. 632. Please be advised that applications that were inactivated in a prior year's update cycle will not be re-activated. Kristi Penta Duffy, Asset Manager, Housing Authority of the City of Perth Amboy

Annual Fish Fry Dinners

PARLIN - OLV Knights of Columbus and Columbiettes will begin their annual Fish Fry Dinners on Friday, March 14, and then every Friday thru April 18 from 4:30 till 7:00 pm. The menu will consist of baked or fried flounder, fried shrimp, or combo platters, mac and cheese, pierogies, soup, pizza by the slice, roasted potato's and a fabulous salad bar. Soda, beer and wine will also be available for separate purchase. Take out orders accepted by walk in or call in beginning at 4:30pm. The OLV Council home is located at 775 Washington Rd in the Parlin section of Sayreville, directly across from the Parlin Post Office. For more info, or to place phone orders, please call our council home @ 732-257-2061.

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Grand Centennial Celebration

SOUTH AMBOY - You are cordially invited to Sadie Pope Dowdell Library Grand Centennial Celebration on Friday, April 11 at the YMCA of South Amboy, 200 John T. O'Leary Blvd. from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. There will be a silent auction, music and catered fare. Tickets available now! Only \$20 pp.

Spring Auction

EDISON - Our Lady of Peace School's Annual Spring Auction: "40 and Fabulous" will be held Saturday, March 29. Our Lady of Peace Parish Center, 656 Amboy avenue, Edison. Doors open at 4:00 p.m...Calling starts at 6:00 p.m. Admission Tickets \$15 in Advance and \$20 at the Door. Admission includes 1 sheet (25) small prize tickets, unlimited coffee and desserts. Bring your own food & drink. (soda & water available for purchase) NO ONE UNDER 18 WILL BE ADMITTED. Seating is reserved...tables seat 10. Prizes include Disney Hopper Passes, theater tickets, NY Skyride, and a whole lot more!!! For tickets and more information call Meaghan DiCarlo 732-343-4372 or email meaghandicarlo@gmail.com

KOC Membership Drive

FORDS - The Knights of Columbus Council 9199 is currently holding an open membership drive. The Knights of Columbus Council at Our Lady of Peace in Fords was chartered in 1986 and ever since has been a supporter of our parish, church, school, ministries and other groups within. With over 200 members already listed, they are a very active council and run a variety of fund raisers to help support these endeavors. They are always looking for new members to join and share their ideas to make our parish stronger. Contact our Membership Chairman Tom Robinson PGK at 908-510-9653 or Grand Knight Mike Chundak PGK at 732-221-0976

Beth Mordecai's Homecoming Weekend

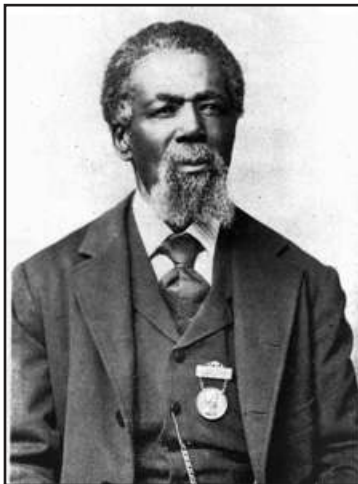
PERTH AMBOY - Register Now! at www.bethmordecai.org. March 14 - 16, 2014 Featuring special guests: Rabbi Barry Dov Schwartz, Cantor Avima Rudavsky Darnov, Rabbi Melinda Zalma. A Saturday Night Gala Schmooze Cruise... and it's Purim. Don't Miss the boat! For more info please call: 732-442-1373.

Fish and Chicken Fry

PERTH AMBOY - Good Shepherd - Rosary Altar Society will sponsor their Annual Fish and Chicken Fry dinner at our Good Shepherd Holy Spirit church at the corner of Brace and Hazel Avenues, in Perth Amboy on Wednesday, March 26 from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Take out 4:30 p.m. Sit down and socializing dinner 5 p.m.-7 p.m. Adults \$15 Children under age 10 \$7. To acquire more information and tickets call Parish Center 732-826-4859 or Carol 732-826-2153.

Vegetarian Lifestyle & Going Green

SOUTH AMBOY - Vegetarian Lifestyle & Going Green - Tuesday, March 25th at 7 p.m. at the Dowdell Library of South Amboy, Adjacent to the South Amboy High School off John T. O'Leary Blvd. A diet that is high in plant based proteins and organic, non-GMO foods has many benefits for healthy living. Join Susan Rose retired executive, who will cover the basics to help you transition to a compassionate chemical free diet including nutrition and meal planning. She will also present a simple meditation technique that can be practiced at home by young and old. Susan has been a vegetarian and has been meditating for over 40 years. She has conducted numerous talks and workshops on the vegetarian diet and the vegetarian lifestyle around the world. For more info call 732-721-6060 or email: comments@dowdell.org



Thomas Mundy Peterson

Thomas Mundy Peterson Day

PERTH AMBOY - A tribute to the Legacy of Thomas Mundy Peterson, the First Black Voter in the United States. Please join Senator Joseph Vitale and Mayor Wilda Diaz on Sunday, March 30 at 3 p.m. Light refreshments to follow. St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 183 Rector St., Perth Amboy. For more info contact Senator Vitale's Office at 732-855-7441 or St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Rev. Anne Marie Jeffrey at 732-826-1594. Not paid for with tax dollars.

Let's Dance

EDISON - The Family Success Center presents "Let's Dance." New Routine's every month. All styles of Latin Dance. Every last Friday Daddy & Me Hip-Hop. Free for all ages. Every Friday starting March 7, Edison Township Senior Citizen Center, 2963 Woodbridge Avenue, Edison. For registration call 732-324-0256 ext. 131.

Home Repair & Advocacy Program

PERTH AMBOY - Attention: Seniors and People with Disabilities. If your home still has damage from Superstorm Sandy, help is available. The Home Repair and Advocacy Program can help you: Replace interior wall boards, remediate mold, restore heating and cooling systems, fix electrical, patch roofs, cut or remove trees, dispose of debris, refurbish major home appliances. Eligible households can receive up to \$5,000 in assistance. Home Repair Coordinators will be assigned to individuals who apply. Call 1-877-222-3737 to apply or visit your local Area Agency on Aging or Call 732-390-7074. This program is sponsored by the NJ Department of Human Services with \$8.2 million in federal Social Services Block Grant funds.

Atlantic City Bus Trip

PERTH AMBOY - The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a Bus Trip to Bally's Casino in Atlantic City on Saturday, March 22. We will be leaving from the Knights of Columbus, 228 High Street, Perth Amboy at 1 p.m. and returning at 11 p.m. Tickets are \$30 pp and will include \$20 casino voucher. Food and drinks will be provided. For information and reservations, please call Ed at (732) 535-2562.



A Legacy of Resilience 2

PERTH AMBOY - This has been postponed to Sunday, April 13 at 2 p.m. Perth Amboy YMCA Theater, 357 New Brunswick Ave., Program by Kearny Cottage Historical Association. A Legacy of Resilience 2: Celebrating Ethnic Diversity and Heritage. Light refreshments will be served.

Get Your Taxes Done for Free

PERTH AMBOY - Get your taxes done for free. Every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. from Jan. 27 to Apr. 15 at the Jewish Renaissance Foundation, 149 Kearny Ave., Perth Amboy. (Proprietary House). To make an appointment call now - 732-638-5063. You can also do your taxes online for by visiting MyFreeTaxes.com. "It's your money - Keep it!"

Vendor Fair

SAYREVILLE - Golden Rule Christian Center, of Trinity United Methodist Church, 825 Bordentown Ave. will be holding a Vendor Fair on Saturday, March 29 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Beat the winter blues, come shop with us for Easter, Mother's Day, birthdays, graduation, many gifts to choose from. The Fair will also feature a bake sale, all to benefit the playground for the pre-school.

Coffee and rolls will be served in the morning and a hot dog lunch will be available. For further information, please contact Marie at 732-721-3050. Spaces are still available.

Friday Lenten Dinners

SOUTH AMBOY - There will be Friday Lenten Dinners every Friday starting March 7th and Running Through April 19th at South Amboy Elks #784 at 601 Washington Ave., South Amboy from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Takeout orders are available For more info call the Lodge at 732-727-7170.

Murder Mystery Dinner

SOUTH AMBOY - The South Amboy Fire Dept. 125th Anniversary Committee presents Whodunit at the Disco? An Interactive Murder Mystery Dinner! A night for thrills, chills and laughs! 70's Attire Optional and VERY WELCOME! Saturday, March 29 at 7 p.m. Sacred Heart Annex; Washington Ave., South Amboy. Cost: \$40 pp. Seating is limited. Ticket includes Hot Buffet Dinner, Dessert, Beer, Wine, Soda, Interactive Theater Performance. Tickets on sale now! Contact Anne Marie Trapp: 732-207-2848 or Mike Geraltowski 848-250-9903 or email: SAFD125th@gmail.com or visit www.southamboyfd125thanniversary.com

University of Pittsburgh Men's Glee Club Visit

News Release
PERTH AMBOY - On Sunday, March 16, 2014, Historic St. Peter's Church of Perth Amboy, NJ (183 Rector St.) will be hosting the University of Pittsburgh's Men's Glee Club as a guest choir during the 10am Choral Eucharist and for a short concert of both sacred and secular songs following the service. This is the last stop on the Glee Club's exciting 2014 tour of the tri-state area, including several performances in New York City.

This wonderful opportunity to hear a world-class men's choir is free and open to the public. All are invited and welcome. A freewill offering will be taken to benefit the Glee Club's tour, and CD's will be available at the door. The service begins at 9:50 a.m. with preludes and other special music, followed by a short pause to allow people to come in for the concert. The concert begins 11:45 a.m. More information can be found at: www.pittmensgleeclub.org or www.stpetersepiscopal.com or call 732-826-1594.

The Community Voice

**Continued From Page 4*
but when will the School District buy a handicapped accessible school bus big enough for more than 15 students. That trips outside Perth Amboy which has regular students could include special needs students instead of segregating them more. This School District still isn't seeing that Special Needs students are entitled to the same tools and resources as any other regular student.

It was nice to see Stephanie to be playing prior to Shrek movie at Xmas time and at the Xmas concert, but for the South Amboy St Patrick's Parade there was no one available from the School District to wheel her during the parade. We went out to our community in search of help and got what was denied to her from her own School District. She can't travel back and forth with the Band due to the lack of a handicapped accessible bus to fit everyone into it. This District has to stop this practice of discrimination/segregation.

When will our community stand up for our Special Needs Students and fight for the Rights that the Federal and State laws have given them after so much fighting that started since the Civil Rights Movement. Since it seems that this School District doesn't see the big picture yet. But President Obama did last year when he reinforced the law of keeping and modifying the work setting for our handicapped/ disabled workforce. If our special needs students aren't prepared for our workforce by this School District, how do you think they could benefit and be productive taxpayers in the future?

Rodriguez Rivera Family

Summer Camp
SAYREVILLE - Trinity United Methodist Church, 815 Bordentown Avenue, will be holding its annual summer camp program from June 30 to August 29.

Registration is now open for campers, ages 5 to 13. Call the camp now and ask about an early registration discount and free T-Shirt. Campers will enjoy the shady secluded outdoor settings as well as weekly themes and field trips.

The camp is staffed by an enthusiastic staff and will be open weekdays from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Please call 732-721-3887 for further details or to register.

South Amboy

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Resolution 58-2014 allows excess money from the Citizens Advisory Committee to be allocated to residents who meet certain criteria so that they may repair the sidewalk in front of their home or the exterior of the dwelling.

To be eligible for this program, residents can make up to \$78,000 per year, which is a high income threshold, according to Tooker.

Applications will be dealt with on a first-come, first-serve basis. The applications will be numbered and funds will be allocated based upon the length of the sidewalk or amount of exterior repairs that will occur, based on an average cost for the repair work as determined by the council.

While Tooker explains that the program will be publicized through the city's social media accounts, local newspapers, and the city website, councilwoman Suzette Dato had a more personal approach.

"We should have people knock on doors and explain to people how the program works," said Dato. "This will get the word out better than some of the other methods."

If approved, the program will begin in July, when the funding is available from the Citizens Advisory Committee.

Communion Breakfast

HOPELAWN - The Good Shepherd Family Communion Breakfast is on Sunday, April 6, 2014 after 8 a.m. mass, at the Most Holy Rosary Auditorium. Tickets are \$10, children under 12, \$5. For tickets please call Bob at 732-826-9466, Walter at 732-442-7258, or John at 732-442-5252.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner

SAYREVILLE - There will be a St. Patrick's Day Dinner at the Sayreville United Methodist Church, 406 Main Street, Sayreville on Saturday, March 15 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Cost: Adults \$10 Seniors/Students/Children under 12 \$8. Dinner Includes: Corned Beef or Spaghetti, Boiled Cabbage & Carrots, Boiled Potatoes, Rye Bread or Roll, Beverage and Dessert. For questions or additional tickets, please contact Christine Glace at (732)613-8768.

Movie Review: Son of God

By: Anton Massopust III
"What do we do now?"
"Change the world" - Peter and Jesus

Son of God is a new theatrical release, largely comprised from footage filmed for the Mark Burnett (of Survivor fame) produced miniseries The Bible, which aired on the History Channel. This movie is a straight forward telling of Jesus' birth, ministry, miracles, trial and eventually crucifixion and resurrection. The movie features a good cast, including Greg Hicks as Pontius Pilate, Diogo Morgado plays Jesus well, but he may not be what some Christians envision when thinking of the son of God. This interpretation is well done and is an accurate and compelling telling of the stories from the bible. Thankfully the movie doesn't focus on the brutality of Jesus final days, as Passion of the Christ did. It is well worth seeing as we enter into the Easter season.

Vendors Wanted

SAYREVILLE - looking for vendors for the annual Flea Market at the First Presbyterian Church of Sayreville. The Flea Market will be held on June 7th. The time is 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. We are located at 172 Main Street, Sayreville-directly across from the Borough Hall. Spaces are available for \$15 for one space, \$25.00 for two. A limited amount of tables will be available for \$5 extra. For information please leave a message on the church answering machine at 732-257-6353 or e-mail us at churchoffice172@optimum.net.

Fresh Hungarian Kolbasz and Nut Roll Sale

WOODBIDGE - There will be a Hungarian Kolbasz Sale at the Calvin Hungarian Reformed Church of Woodbridge. Place orders with Audrey Marciniak - 732-494-1431. Price: \$5 per lb.

There also will be a Homemade Nut Roll sale. Each nut roll weighs 1 lb 8oz. Nut Rolls are available in: English Walnut, Poppy Seed and Prune (Lekvar). Price \$15 each. Place orders with Mrs. Florette, Pastor - 732-636-2868.

If you are ordering Nut Rolls, you can also place your order for Kolbasz at the same time.

Deadline for orders: April 1. Pick-up orders on Friday, April 11 between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. Use Ross Street Entrance.

South Amboy St. Patrick's Day Parade 3/7/14
*Photos by Joe Bayona



Congressman Frank Pallone, Mayor Fred Henry



Drum and Piper Band



Parade Participants ride in style



The YMCA participates



I think I'll keep this color



South Amboy Councilwoman Christine Noble and Perth Amboy Mayor Wilda Diaz acknowledge the crowd

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.

Prayer to St. Jude

To be said when problems arise or when one seems to be deprived of all visible help, or for cases almost despaired of. Most holy Apostle, St. Jude, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the name of the traitor who delivered our beloved Father into the hands of His enemies has caused you to be forgotten by many, but the Church honors and invokes you universally, as the patron and invokes you universally, as the patron of hopeless cases, of things almost despaired of. Pray for me, I am so helpless and alone. Make use I implore you, of that particular privilege given to you, to bring visible and speedy help where help is almost despaired of. Come to my assistance in this great need that I may receive the consolation and help of heaven in all my necessities, tribulations and sufferings, particularly (*Here make your request*) and that I may praise God with you and all the elect forever. I promise, O blessed St. Jude, to be ever mindful of this great favor, to always honor you as my special and powerful patron, and to gratefully encourage devotion to you. Amen. **M.P.**

St. Patrick's Day Celebration Update

PERTH AMBOY—Blessed John Paul II Altar Rosary Society is sponsoring a St. Patrick's Day Celebration on March 15 with Mass at noon at St. Mary's Church, 104 Center St. It will be followed by a luncheon at St. Stephen's cafeteria, 490 State St. Our honoree this year is Dianne Mansmann. The menu includes traditional Corned Beef and Cabbage or Chicken and Pasta, Irish Soda Bread, cake and coffee. The price of a ticket is \$20. Call the parish office at 732-442-0039 or Millie at 732-826-0282 for reservations.

Edison AARP Chapter #3446

EDISON - Edison AARP Chapter 3446 will meet on Monday, March 17 at 1:00 pm. The meeting will take place at the American Legion Hall, 167 Brower Ave, Edison, NJ. A presentation entitled "The Importance Of Dialing 911" will be given by Diane Gruskowski. Canned food for MCFOOD and misc items for veterans, hospitals and nursing homes will be collected at the meeting. We will also be collecting metal tabs from cans for Ronald McDonald House. The chapter is offering a package to the Millennium Theater on June 18-19 to see "Moses", and attend the Dutch Apple Dinner Theater. For reservations call Bob at 732-885-1789. All programs are open to non-members. For additional information visit our website at www.edisonaarp.org.

Senior Scene Happenings

Perth Amboy

- WED. Mar. 12 Simpson Seniors, 10 a.m., Williamson Hall, High St.
- Holy Rosary Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Auditorium, Florida Grove Rd.
 - St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.
- THURS. Mar. 13 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
- Ukrainian Assumption Seniors, 12 Noon Church Basement, Alta Vista Pl.
- MON. Mar. 17 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.
- TUES. Mar. 18 Holy Spirit Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Church Hall, Brace Ave.
- Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.
- WED. Mar. 19 Simpson Seniors, 10 a.m., Williamson Hall, High St.
- Holy Rosary Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Auditorium, Florida Grove Rd.
 - St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.
 - Holy Trinity Seniors, 1 p.m., Church Hall, Lawrie & Johnstone St.
- THURS. Mar. 20 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.

South Amboy

- WED. Mar. 12 South Amboy Seniors, noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
- MON. Apr. 7 St. Mary's Seniors, noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.

Attn: If Your Club changes Your Schedule due to the Holidays Please give us two weeks notice! 732-896-4446 or 732-261-2610

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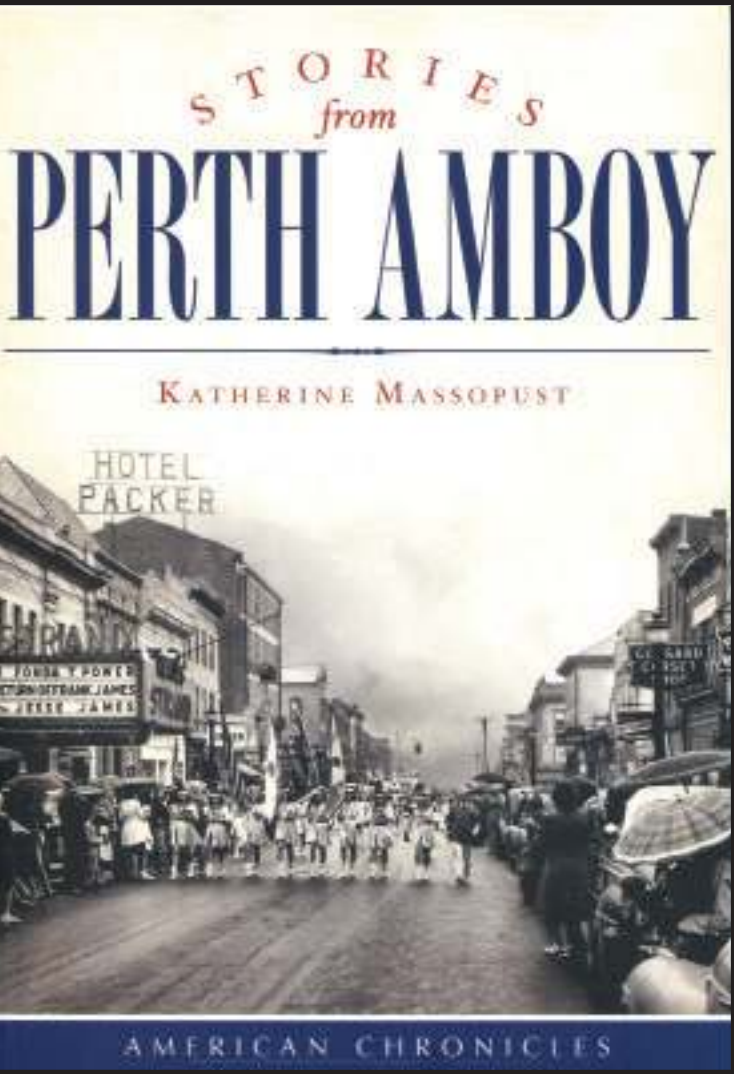
LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY – Blizzard of 1888. Note the collapsed house.

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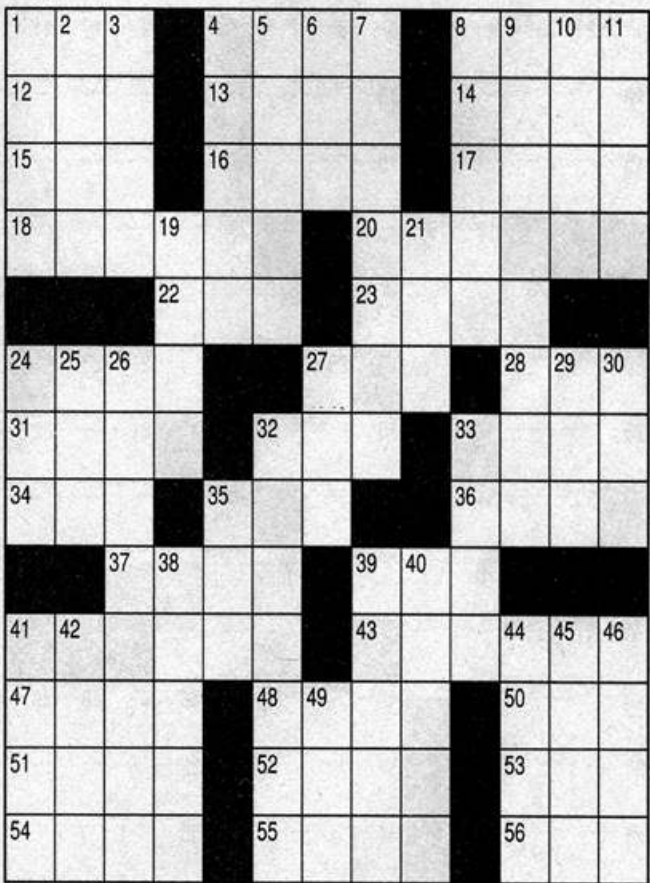
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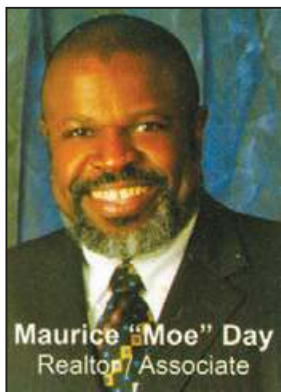
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