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Lessons NOT Learned! Board Attorney's Instructions Still Ignored



Vice-Principal of the Richardson School Karen Moffatt



Newly Elected Richardson School Edwin Nieves stands with students who approve of his appointment. *Photos by Carolyn Maxwell

PERTH AMBOY - School Board Attorney Derlys Gutierrez was the first one to make remarks at the 5/7/14 Board of Education Meeting.

This time she had guidelines for those from the public who wish to make remarks. She stated that the speakers must give their name and address. If the speaker is representing an organization, they must state that organization's name. "You're limited to 5 minutes. You may be liable to any personal attacks that you make. And you could be asked to leave. I'm asking the audience and Board Members to please respect themselves."

The first person to speak from the public was the current Human Resources Manager for Perth Amboy Public Schools, Bernice Marshall.

At the last Board of Education Meeting, 4/10/14, Ms. Marshall read from a prepared statement (See *Amboy Guardian* 4/16/14 p.6.) In that statement, Ms. Marshall made it clear of her disappointment at not being notified in person that her title was on the agenda to be abolished at that meeting.

At the 5/7/14 BOE Meeting Marshall said, "I'm pissed off! I am not going to read from a paper this time. I want to look you (the Board) in the eye. A few meetings ago, Mr. Varela told me to never let anyone bully you. And I feel that I've been bullied."

Marshall spoke about AchieveNJ (From the State of NJ Dept. of Education website: *AchieveNJ is New Jersey's educator evaluation and support system, designed in collaboration with New Jersey educators through a two-year pilot. This system provides district and school leaders with a critical tool for recognizing effective educators and identifying meaningful opportunities for professional growth.*)

"I was never asked any questions about this. Other administrators have not been asked to evaluate teachers as I have done. This is a personal attack on me (abolishing the HR Title). I was called to a meeting to discuss my job and Derek Jess was present. He is not my boss and should not have been at that meeting. No one told me about my job being eliminated."

Addressing Acting Superintendent Rodriguez, Ms. Marshall wanted to know, "Why are you making drastic Human Resources changes when you've only been here 4 months? When my contract ends in June, you will be hard pressed to find someone with the same level of professionalism, dedication and work ethics that you found in me."

Bernice Marshall's fiancée, Charles Simmons came to the podium to speak and said, "Bernice did not know that I was going to be here."



Fiancée of HR Manager Bernice Marshall, Charles Simmons

He proudly said, "Bernice has achieved great results in all aspects of her job. She has excelled and her department is the only one that got a perfect score in QSAC." (From the State of NJ Dept. of Education Website - *The Quality Single Accountability Continuum (QSAC) is the Dept. of Education's monitoring and evaluation system for public school districts. The system focuses on monitoring and evaluating school districts in 5 key components that, based on research, have been identified to be key factors in effective school districts.*)

Towards the end of his speech, he said, "This is a personal vendetta against Bernice by the Acting Superintendent and certain Board Members."

Another agenda item that has been a hot topic had to do

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Shop Local Boost to Small Towns



The South Amboy City Council discusses Shop Local at the 5/7/14 Business Meeting *Photo by Mariyah Wojcik

By: Mariyah Wojcik

SOUTH AMBOY- Shop Local, a property tax refund program designed to boost the economies of small towns, has resurfaced as a priority for the city council at the May 7 Business Meeting.

Carmine DeFalco, a representative from Fincredit, Inc. delivered a presentation regarding the details of the "Shop South Amboy" program. Talks between Business Administrator Camille Tooker and DeFalco have taken place over the past month, and the program was described in detail.

"Essentially, people get a refund on their property taxes on the third quarter bill just for shopping locally," said DeFalco. "Small business owners in the area can offer any percentage rate they choose as a tax credit, and these credits are accumulated by the customer using a property tax card."

Shop Local programs have been instituted in Marlboro, Highland Park, Pequannock, Bayonne, West Orange, Voorhees, and Verner, and are set to launch in Manalapan and Brick Township this summer, according to DeFalco.

When a customer purchases an item, such as a meal, haircut, or handbag at a participating small business, a percentage of that sale goes towards a property tax refund for the

customer. If the customer rents their residence, they are mailed a check at the end of the accumulation cycle for the amount of money that they have collected while shopping locally.

This program is being considered because it has the potential to increase business in South Amboy's shopping district, according to Tooker. Businesses receive window decals to identify themselves as participants, and they may advertise their participation in other ways as well, such as through social media or in the local newspapers.

The property tax cards, which every customer must present if they wish to accumulate money towards a rebate, are intended to be purchased by South Amboy, at a cost of \$1 each. However, this cost may be subsidized by a local bank or credit union if the town can find a willing donor.

DeFalco, having worked closely with other towns beginning this program, stated that approximately 10-15 small businesses would be required to get the program started. There is a \$10 per month participation fee for these businesses, but if the program is successful this will be regained in additional profit from increased sales.

"We talked about the fact

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Board of Ed

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with a permanent appointment for the position of Principal of the Richardson School. Vice Principal Karen Moffatt has been at the helm of the Richardson School for the last 22 months. There has been a strong push by those who support her (Teachers and Parents) to make her the permanent Principal. The Board had previously turned down Moffatt’s request to be Principal because of an unresolved incident that happened at the Richardson School.

At the 5/10/14 Board of Education Meeting, Moffatt spoke about her qualifications to be Principal. “I started in the school system 23 years ago. Nothing has ever distracted me from doing the best for my students. In the last 22 months I have acted as a Principal and Vice-Principal and have brought optimism to the school. My days start at 6 a.m. and end at 6 p.m. It’s important that I make a connection with my students. I want to thank the students who inspire me, the parents who entrusted me with their children, and the staff, family and friends for their unwavering support for me.”

When it came time for the Board Members to vote for abolishing the job description of Human Resources Manager the Board was polled: Voting “Yes,” were M. Tejada, K. Puccio, S. Lebreault, A. Bermudez, I. Varela, O. Gonzalez; Voting “No,” were D. Roman, W. Ortiz, M. Garcia. Motion passes to abolish job description.

When it came to the appointment of Edwin Nieves as Principal of the Richardson School, the votes were as follows: “Yes,” M. Tejada, D. Roman, S. Lebreault, A. Bermudez, O. Gonzalez; Voting “No,” K. Puccio, W. Ortiz, M. Garcia; “Abstain,” was I. Varela. Motion passes.

When Nieves was appointed, there was a loud cheer and applause from his supporters. When coming up to the mic to speak, he told his present and former students to come down with him.

He said, “Coming to the Richardson School is like coming home. I look forward to working, learning and growing with Ms. Moffatt.” He thanked his family, community and the students.

Student and frequent BOE attendee Stephanie Rodriguez said, “As a former student of Mr. Nieves, he was the best teacher when he was in the Middle School and the best administrator in the High School. He knows how to connect with the little kids. I want

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Shop Local

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that South Amboy is small,” said Tooker. This may pose a problem when the Council is attempting to attract businesses to participate in the program, because there is a limited number.
In addition, multiple cards can be registered under the same account, making this

program a viable fundraiser for local groups, such as the American Legion. Members can have their cards registered under the organization, and the rebate money may be sent to the group as a check.
The Council is considering the pros and cons of the Shop Local Program, and if approved, it will move forward this summer.

to thank and congratulate Mr. Nieves on his new position at the Richardson School. He will help to make those students become good citizens.”
When the decision was made to abolish the HR job description, there was a stream of speakers who were not happy with this decision.

Parent Mel Knight said, “A 12 month provisional appointment could have been made for Ms. Marshall. It had to be personal. We should have let the new Superintendent pick their own HR person. The compliance for the new title was not needed until 2016. You (the Board) wasted our taxpayers dollars by abolishing the HR Manager Title. The State needs to take over our entire School Board if you can’t get your act together.”

Resident Sharon Hubberman said, “There can be a litigation of the abolishment of HR Manager job description.”

Bernice Marshall’s fiancée, Charles Simmons came up again to speak on the decision, “I am sick and disgusted by this decision tonight. At the last Meeting Bermudez and Puccio abstained (when voting on the abolishment of the HR Management title). But maybe somebody got into their pockets and the voted this time.”

He stated before speaking both times that he takes full responsibility for his comments. Addressing Board President Obi Gonzalez, he said, “You called Bernice and asked her to come to a meeting where you were going to discuss her job title. I want to thank the 3 Board Members who spoke out against abolishing the HR Manager title.”

Board Member Dianne Ro-


Bernice Marshall

man had also inquired about whether or not the HR job description could have waited to be abolished. “Could we have petitioned the State to wait on extensions of evaluations?”

Acting Superintendent Vivian Rodriguez answered, “There is a waiver process where we could ask for an extension.”

Board Member Milady Tejada was adamant and said, “Let’s just vote.”

Superintendent Rodriguez said, “The new hiree of K-12 Director of Personnel and Evaluation (new title) will have the certification in place.”

Board Member William Ortiz said, “There will only be 2 Black Administrators. This vote is a fraud.” Ortiz also had commented, “Superintendent Rodriguez is making decisions above her ability.”

Board Attorney Gutierrez said, “The ethics charges brought by Caffrey against a Board Member (who is now on paid leave). has no bearing on the HR Manager Title being abolished. According to the Judge hearing this case, there is no probable cause for these charges. Ms. Marshall is neither a defendant or plaintiff in the ethics charge case.”

“I believe strong leadership is necessary to re-energize South Amboy. My background and experience as a military officer and my experience on the civilian side of government just simply won’t allow me to sit back and see how things unfold.

“As mayor, I will move quickly to reopen the Office of Economic Development and bolster and reinvigorate the City’s Office of Code Enforcement, because economic development and redevelopment are critical to the City’s future. I will work to bring back ferry service to Manhattan in order to create a truly intermodal transportation hub and serve as a catalyst that will increase property values, add new ratables and stabilize our property taxes, while also attracting new businesses to Broadway and new residents to our City.”

— Jack O’Connell

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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

She Read Our Minds

It’s funny how things work out. Originally, last week’s editorial was supposed to be how we felt it was inappropriate for some School Board Members to be looking at their electronic devices during their meetings. We had suspected that statements read from their computers may have been prepared by someone else.

During the 5/7/14 Board of Education Meeting, Barbara Skokan comments read from a prepared statement. After the meeting was over I asked Ms. Skokan if I could have her statement to put in the paper because a majority of what she said were things that we planned to write in the next editorial.

Before reading her statement, Skokan made it clear that these were her own personal opinions. We agree with her about certain Board Members who are always burying their nose in electronic devices. These Board Members seem to always bring up the same issues over and over again. It’s hard for these Board Members to deviate from what they are reading on the screen. Something is not passing the smell test here.

Ms. Skokan also states that the PAEd System is under a microscope. I had a conversation with an acquaintance of mine. They told me that they have friends from out of town who watch our Board of Education Meetings on television for a laugh. This is insulting and an embarrassment.

The personal attacks going on between the Board Members have nothing to do with the students. A lot of these issues stem from issues involving the Superintendent who is now on paid leave. One would think that once that person was removed from power that the Board Members would go back to business of the needs of the student population. Boy, were we wrong!

Some of the past Board of Education Members have

been criticized because of the insurance fraud that happened on their watch. \$2 million in funds were misappropriated (disappeared). There seems to be a lot of money being spent on new programs. When teachers or administrators speak on whether or not these programs are effective, there is not a definitive yes or no answer.

I’m not saying that the Board of Education not have accomplished anything positive, but a person who is blind, deaf and dumb can feel the tension in the last few years.

Something that bothers me that is not in Ms. Skokan’s letter is the way the Board Members nonchalantly move around either leaving the Meeting while proceedings are going on or sometimes going into the audience to speak to someone. Then we have our famous sidebars where all of a sudden Board Members have get up to speak to the attorney before making comments. Yes, we know that is their right, but the frequency that this happens is unusual. At a previous Meeting, the Board Attorney spent at least 20 minutes going over the Board of Ethics Rules to the Members. Even after she read those statements, a Board Member committed an infraction at that same meeting.

Did the Attorney waste her time reading these Board of Ethics Codes? To add insult to injury one of the Board Members suggested to the Attorney that she didn’t know her job at the 5/10/14 Meeting. This Board Member, as in the last meeting disregarded the instructions of the Board President and would constantly shout out the Robert’s Rules as if they only apply when that Board Member was talking.

Why does a Board Member need to bring up where petitions can and cannot be signed? Perhaps they are comparing the petitions that were

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THE COMMUNITY VOICE

A Look at the Dixon Rodriguez Case

Look at this, the concerned citizens of Perth Amboy still want answers from the City officials from the shooting of Dixon Rodriguez. First of all, no cop wants to shoot anybody

unless their life is in danger. As for the two police officers who shot Dixon Rodriguez, well, that will be on the back of their minds forever. No police chief wants to talk about a shooting in public, and the Mayor wants it to go away. Will there be a law suit? YES! Behind closed doors. We have to understand that police shootings in Perth Amboy are very rare and the Police Chief wants it that way. As for Mr. Dave

Caba who wants to know the truth, he should ask the U.S. Department of Justice for an inquiry and they will see too it. I know this was investigated and looked at by the County and State Law Enforcement Agencies. By the way, no cop is above the law - nor under the law. We never ask for their permission to obey it.

Orlando “Wildman” Perez

Shades of Caffrey

My name is Barbara Skokan. I am a retired teacher of the PA School System. I loved every moment I spent teaching and working with the children of this City.

It is obvious you have no idea how important these young minds are. They are the future of this City. After we are gone, they will be here, some sitting in your seats. Will you leave them a legacy to be proud of? For the future of our children I must say what I have to say tonight.

The following opinions are my own:

9 people were elected to this Board of Ed – a job which requires them to work for the children and taxpayers of this City. But I also see some members on this Board working to promote a Charter School System formerly initiated by the Ex-Super of Schools Caffrey. How do I know this? I attend meetings and see Mr. Ortiz burying his nose in an electronic device from which he is obviously reading. I thought Caffrey was gone. It is so obvious that certain members of this Board are chasing the ghost of Caffrey. This is not a chess game. You are dealing with the lives and future of our children. Good education has been the cornerstone of every successful society. In fighting of this Board of Ed puts a damper on the education process in this City.

Whether you realize it or not, this PAEd System is under a

microscope. It is being viewed by many municipalities as a process gone awry. The dedication of our teachers so far has kept the system from collapsing in itself.

Why would a Board which professes to be dedicated to the advancement of our children have to deal with certain members who are not in since with the plan of promoting our children to a much higher degree of achievement?

Much of the conflagration between Board Members should never occur in an open forum. Personal differences should be sorted out in closed sessions. People’s names should not be called out to task. This opens the door to “worker never being done,” which is what is happening now. There seems to be a self-righteous wielding of authority such as a schoolyards bully would do – just to denigrate and degrade someone to feel the thrill of power.

I see before me a Board attempting to be open but what I really see is conflict among some members and accusations of mismanagement which will never be verified because they are untrue. SHADES of Caffrey!

Some people are making being contrary an art from or is it just a parlor game? Her strategy is thinly veiled. Their actions are deliberated counter-productive to the decorum of the Board of Ed.

The Board of Ed is still busy attempting to fill all the pot-holes left by Caffrey. There were many teachers who were vindictively suspended with pay by Caffrey that are now re-


turning to productive positions within the system. All this because of unfounded frivolous and unsubstantiated charges by Caffrey. All of these teachers had to pay for legal counsel. Our tax money was wasted on self-righteous whim on Ex Super of Schools Caffrey.

The use of electronic devices should be banned during Board Meetings – Both open and closed sessions. It would be refreshing to hear original ideas generated by the Board instead of perpetual accusations against individual Board Members.

Instead of moving ahead, the Board is wasting their time, energy and money running in place with all this internal strife. Anyone viewing these meetings would see strategic controversy. In plain speak; they would see someone throwing a monkey wrench into the works.

Just imagine how much would be achieved if everyone pulled in the same direction. There seems to be a concerted effort by certain members of this Board to undermine the current Superintendent of Schools Rodriguez. We have been fortunate to return her to the position she rightly deserves. She has the special nuances and skills needed that would make this system run in an efficient manner. If you do not work together, nothing will be done. Don’t you see how you are hurting the children? It is so obvious you don’t.

Barbara Skokan



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Editorial

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circulating at the Richardson School to support the current Vice-Principal to become the permanent Principal.

Vanessa Fernandez (wife of Board Member Anthony Bermudez) spoke at that 5/7/14 Meeting. When her husband was running for the Board of Education, they had to follow strict guidelines as where they could have petitions signed, which she said they followed. Yet, Board Member Ortiz has to bring this up a year and a half later? To top this off, Ortiz is still bringing up the fact that ethics charges were filed against another Board Member and this has yet to be resolved. What does this have to do with what is going on now? NOTHING! Board Members should learn to address the present issues at hand. Do not go off on a tangent!

These past issues are well documented. Why drum them up? It's time for Perth Amboy's Board of Education to stop being the laughing stock and serve as entertainment of others. You need to get serious or perhaps the statement that Mel Knight made come true and the State may have to take over.

Remember Barbara Skokan's statement - these children are our future leaders. After we are gone, they will be here, some sitting in your seats. Will you leave them a legacy to be proud of?

C.M.

Sayreville
Post 4699

SAYREVILLE - Any one interest in parading with Sayreville Post 4699 on May 26,2014 at 10oclock A.M. Please contract Frank Straczynski Our Post Commander @732-651-1991 or 732-742-2448 for more information about the parade.

Spring Tea

SAYREVILLE - Golden Rule Christian Center of Trinity United Methodist Church, 815 Bordentown Ave. will be hold- ings its sixth annual Spring Tea on Sunday, May 18 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. All monies raised will help defray costs for the new playground for the pre-school.

The program will feature a fashion show of Victoria era fashions. The tea will include tea sandwiches, homemade desserts, sweets and of course, tea. Reservations are a must. Tickets are \$15. Please call Nancy at 732-727-1935 for reservations.

Perth Amboy Education Center 2nd Annual Red Carpet Gala - ZPA Hall - 5/2/14

*Photos by Joe Bayona



Recipient of the "Fortunata Valenty Outstanding Staff Member Award," David Grey.



Dianne Roman, winner of the "Ida Greene Life Longing Perseverance Award"



"Honorable Mathias E. Rodriguez Award" holder Kenneth Ortiz with Dr Robles and Luis Ortega



Honoree, Samuel Delgado, with Gala Co-Chair Dr. Senovia Robles



Mayor Wilda Diaz with husband Greg



Recipient of the "Eddie Trujillo Community Ambassador Award", Henry Rodgers, and his lovely wife Claudia.



Dr. Senovia Robles makes the welcoming remarks



Acting Superintendent Dr. Vivian Rodriguez



Winner of the Rose M. Lopez "Outstanding Mentor" Award Brenda Trujillo.



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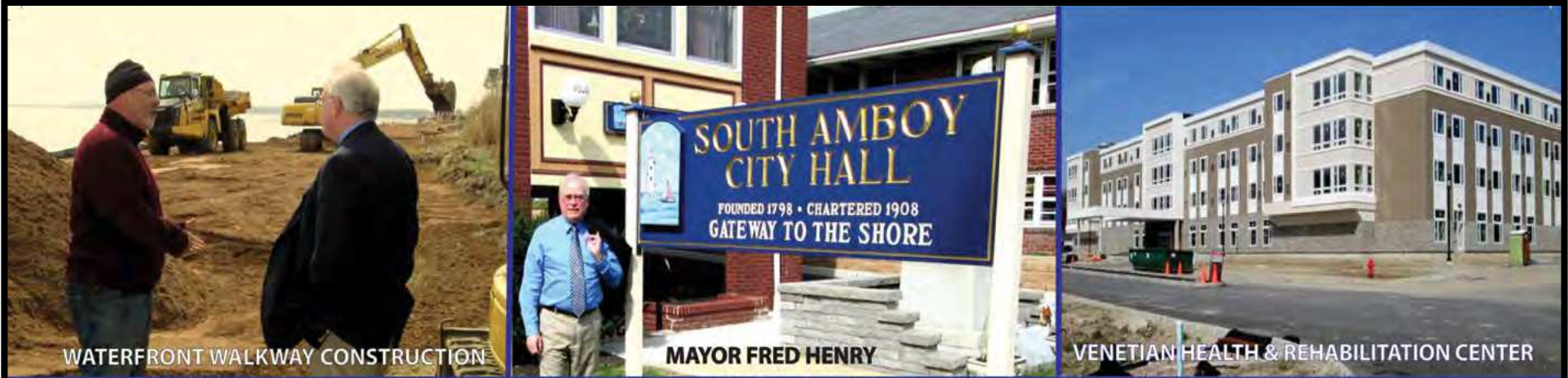
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- ★ South Amboy to New York City ferry is in final phase for construction and ready to go - just waiting for state approval.
- ★ New, smart and sensible developments in town with good ratables like Venetian Health Care facility which is set to open in June.
- ★ Received over \$2.7 million in FEMA money and over \$1.6 million in grant money. This money is being used to improve the waterfront walkway, areas affected by Sandy, and to improve the city’s infrastructure.
- ★ Upgraded communications to better inform residents in case of any emergency with reverse 911, Nixle, improved website and TV station.
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Greek Festival by the Bay *Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church, Perth Amboy*

News Release

2014 Dates: May 30th, May 31st and June 1st (rain or shine) Hours: Friday, May 30th: 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. (Lunch Special offers a free pastry with purchase of an entrée), Saturday, May 31st: 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., Sunday, June 1st: 12 p.m. to 7 p.m. Donation: \$2.00 per Adult: Children under 18 are Free, Parking: Ample, on-site and off-street free parking. The community of St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church, 41-47 Wisteria Street, invites the public to its annual Greek Festival by the Bay.

This three-day event offers traditional Greek delicacies, Greek and American Music and Greek folk dancing by the “Church’s Greek Youth Dance Group” (Friday 7:00 PM & 9:00 PM, Saturday 6:00 PM & 9:00 PM; and Sunday 4:00 PM). Tours of our church will be announced throughout the day. A variety of vendors will be present, especially of Greek imports, as well as, “board-walk” games, and activities for the kids and also, raffles for the adults. This event will assist the Church in raising funds for its community and cultural activities and parish

ministries.

Live Greek Music will be performed Friday & Saturday evenings after 6:00 pm and Sunday from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Our Greek Festival By the Bay will transport guests to Greece through traditional Greek music and folk dances, as well as Greek foods such as souvlaki and gyros, spanakopita (spinach pie), dolmades, (stuffed grape leaves), mous-saka (baked eggplant); and delicious desserts such as baklava (walnut strudel), and loukoumades (honey puffs). All food and pastries are made fresh on the premises by Festival volunteers. Imported Greek beer and wine along with non-alcoholic beverages will be available. Visitors can either dine inside the air-conditioned community center or outside under the comfort of a large tent.

Guests have a chance to participate in a merchandise raffle as well as weekend long hourly 50/50 raffles. Vendor booths are available for \$75.00 per day. A 6 foot table will be provided. Please call for reservations.

For more information about

The Saint Demetrios Annual 2014

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the Greek Festival by the Bay, the public is welcome to call St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church, 732.826.4466 and / or email to STDGOA@gmail.com. The community of St. Demetrios looks forward to provid-

ing the best Greek food, pastries and cultural experience to each visitor year after year! “We look forward to seeing you and your family at our Festival!”

Fashion Show

PERTH AMBOY - Historic St. Peter’s Episcopal Church, celebrating 329 years of Ministry is hosting their 9th annual “Fashions by the Bay” Fashion Show. This fundraising event will help raise money to benefit the church and many community outreach programs that they sponsor. The show will be held at the Raritan Yacht Club on Thursday, May 22. To purchase tickets call 732-826-1594.

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.

Rabies Vaccination and Pet Vendor Day - Perth Amboy - 4/26/14

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A Bloodhound in line for its vaccination



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City Employees pose with Dr. Perrine

Senator Vitale & Mayor Diaz Visit the Girl Scouts- Perth Amboy - 5/9/14

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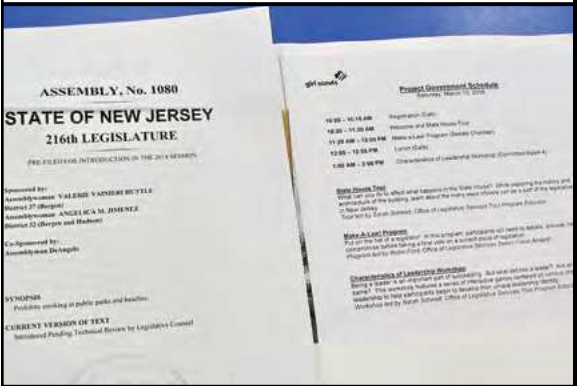
Senator Joe Vitale and Mayor Wilda Diaz explain how the Senate passes laws



Senator Vitale and Mayor Diaz pose with the Girl Scouts and their Troop Leaders



The Girl Scouts pose as "Senators," signing a Bill into Law



Senate Bill for banning smoking in public places

PERTH AMBOY - The Perth Amboy Girl Scout Troop was visited by Senator Joe Vitale and Mayor Wilda Diaz on Friday, May 9, 2014 at the Patten School. Senator Vitale explained to the Girl Scouts how a bill is passed into a law in the Senate. Posing as "Senators," the Girl Scouts each signed the "Bill" which banned smoking in public places into "Law."

Principal of the Patten School, Dr. Dulce Rodriguez presented a signed NY Giants Football that will be auctioned off to help raise money for the Fireworks Spectacular on July 3, 2014.



Senator Vitale, Principal of Patten School Dr. Dulce Rodriguez, Mayor Diaz and VP of Patten School Althea Rogers-Baker with a NY Giant's Signed Football which will be auctioned off to raise money for the Fireworks Display July 3, 2014.



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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.

Edison AARP 3446

EDISON - Edison AARP Chapter 3446 will meet at the American Legion Hall, 167 Brower Avenue, Edison at 1PM, Monday, May 19. A program called "K-Nine Companions" will be presented by Ms. Barsik. Reservations for the installation of officers luncheon at "The Rosewood" on June 16 are now being taken. Call Adele at 732-985-0150. An Atlantic City trip is planned for May 28. Call Mary Ann at 732-287-3659. Subscriptions for the Paper Mill Playhouse 2014-15 season are now being allotted.

Call Doris at 732-603-8788. Canned food for MCFOOD and miscellaneous items for nursing homes and hospitals will be collected at the meeting. Metal can tabs will be collected for Ronald Mc Donald house.

In addition we are now collecting eyeglasses. For additional info visit our website www.edisonaarp.org

Cat Pajamas at the Resorts Casino Trip

SAYREVILLE - Sayreville Seniors Thursday Club Presents Cat Pajamas at the Resorts Casino in Atlantic City, Sunday, June 22. \$25 pp. Show ticket plus \$10 slot play. Bus Leaves Sedlak Parking Lot at 11 a.m. and returns approx. 9 p.m. Any questions or for reservations please call Jack or Ann at: 732-254-7263. Please make checks payable to: Jack Floersch, 12 Nimitz Place, Sayreville, NJ 08872. None Members Welcome.

All You Can Eat Filet Mignon Dinner

SOUTH AMBOY - The Rotary Club of Sayreville, South Amboy, and Old Bridge is hosting its 6th Annual Ultimate Beefsteak on Friday, May 30th. Proceeds from this all you can eat filet mignon dinner will benefit area food banks. The event takes place at Sacred Heart Memorial Hall, located at Main Street and Washington Ave. in South Amboy. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m., and is once again catered by "Real Housewives of New Jersey's The Brownstone. The menu includes cold antipasto, sliced beef tenderloin, penne in tomato basil sauce, French fries, dessert, and hot and cold beverages. Cost is \$40 pp. A DJ will be on hand for your listening and dancing pleasure. For more information, or to purchase tickets call Glenn at (732)921-1468, or Jeff at (732)921-1466. Tickets may also be purchased at Pride Landscape Supply, 350 Ernston Rd., Parlin. Space is limited so reserve now.

Play Trip

SOUTH AMBOY - The South Amboy Seniors are planning a trip to Hunterdon Playhouse on June 17, 2014, for a dinner and show (Better with a Band) a summer musical. Cost is \$82. Bus is leaving from the South Amboy Senior building on Stevens Avenue at 9:00 am. If interested call Mary Ann at 732-721-3894.

Vendors Wanted

PERTH AMBOY- Vendors Wanted for the Annual Flea Market at Samuel E. Shull School, 380 Hall Ave, on June 8th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Rain or Shine. Tables \$10 we supply. You can contact Ms. Kucaba at 732-376-6062 or evakucaba@paps.net

Family Fun Night

SOUTH AMBOY - The South Amboy Youth Athletic Association (SAYAA) is planning a trip to see the Somerset Patriots. Tickets on sale now \$10 each. Game - Wednesday, June 11. Time - 7 p.m. at TD ballpark in Somerset. Contact Valerie @ 732-254-2808 to order tickets or for more information visit website www.league-line-up.com/sayaa

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E-Book Classes

SOUTH AMBOY - There are free E-Book Classes on Thursdays from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Dowdell Library, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. For more info call 732-721-6060.

Golf Outing Date Changed

OLD BRIDGE - Sponsored By The South Amboy Fire Department 125th Anniversary Committee. MONDAY - JUNE 9TH at the Glenwood Country Club - Old Bridge. \$125 Per Golfer. \$30 For Non Golfers At the 19th Hole 7:30 a.m. Registration - 9 a.m. Shotgun Start. Register By April 22nd. Visit Us On Facebook For Ongoing Info, Please Contact Mike Toth @ 908-930-3497 Or Mtoth1@Optonline.Net

Mother Goose

SOUTH AMBOY - Mother Goose from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Mondays at the Dowdell Library of South Amboy, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. For more info call 732-721-6060.

Book Sale

SOUTH AMBOY - Please join us on Saturday May 17th from 10am-3pm for a book sale fundraiser to benefit the LIVESTRONG at the YMCA Program! All proceeds will benefit the LIVESTRONG at the YMCA program, a physical activity program for cancer survivors, held at the South Amboy Branch YMCA. For more information please contact Lois Griffin, LIVESTRONG connector 732-316-8219 or email livestrong-southamboy@ymcaofmews.org

Exotic Car Show Event



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Mother's Day at Terrazza Restaurant Perth Amboy 5/11/14

*Photos by Carolyn Maxwell



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Helen Horan and her family



Edison Jaquez and family

PERTH AMBOY - Mother's Day 2014 was a perfect sunny day. Terrazza Restaurant was filled with families celebrating that special day. Besides the indoor seating, the outside glass enclosed seating area was packed with bright sunshine gleaming upon the families seated there.



NJ Flower Show in Raritan Expo Center Displays 2/14
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Cinco De Mayo - Perth Amboy 5/4/14

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Free Car Seat Safety Event

PARLIN - Free Car Seat Safety Event on Tuesday, May 20th from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Aquatic and Fitness Center 333 Cheesequake Road, Parlin.

Tricky Tray

SAYREVILLE - The Music Association for the Visually Impaired Students (MAVIS) of New Jersey will hold a Tricky Tray Auction on Friday, May 16 at Monsignor Dalton Hall at 42 Main St., Sayreville. Doors will open at 6 p.m. Drawings will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. MAVIS is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing free musical instruments and subsidized music lessons for youth and adults with visual impairments living in New Jersey.

This event will feature prizes including electronics, gift certificates, patio furniture and grill, HD television, premium designer handbags, jewelry, and hundreds of gift baskets.

Admission is \$10 and patrons must be 18 years old to be admitted. Complimentary cake and coffee will be available.

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Spring is Here!
Don't Let Knee Pain Stop
Your Running Routine

By: Kenneth G. Swan, Jr., MD
PERTH AMBOY - Spring is finally here to stay! For many of us this means we can hit the streets and get back to a running routine. Running is a great form of exercise and an important part of many people's lives. However, the joys of running and all the mind and body benefits do sometimes bring some collateral damage. Runner's knee is one example. Runner's knee can mean different things to different runners, trainers and physicians. I will discuss three knee conditions often seen in runners with knee pain: IT Band syndrome, Hoffa's syndrome, and osteoarthritis.

My wife developed knee pain while training for her first half-marathon last summer. There was lateral sided knee pain (pain on the outside part) that started to bug her midway through her longer training runs, and became really painful by the end of the run. There was no swelling or stiffness. It was troublesome for her because there was no obvious injury, and she was concerned it would stop her from finishing the Philadelphia Rock and Roll Half Marathon. Her exam was typical for ITB syndrome seen in runners: strong thighs, good range of motion in terms of knee bending, and no swelling. But she had very tight IT bands, or iliotibial bands, which are the long, soft tissue structures that go from the outside of our hips to just below the knee. They often become tight in runners, and can be painful and tender anywhere along their course. This condition can be seen in non-runners as well. We treated my wife with a therapy regimen that focused on stretching and massaging her IT band, and she was able to not only compete in the half marathon, but finish at a very high level!

In the front of the knee, behind the knee cap and patellar tendon is a structure referred to as Hoffa's fat pad. In runners it can become inflamed and painful, causing a very sharp and pinching pain. The treatment may include a steroid (cortisone) injection into the affected area, which often resolves the inflammation. Other times, a knee arthroscopy ("knee scope") may be required to get the runner back to their tiptop form. Hoffa's Syndrome may mimic chondromalacia patella, a cartilage condition that also causes pain behind the kneecap, or patella.

This can occasionally be seen in runners, but is treated differently, usually focusing on therapy, taping and bracing.

Arthritis is a controversial topic when it comes to running. Does distance running lead to arthritis of the knee? If it does, should we avoid running? Physicians may disagree on this second question, but I strongly believe that if there is an exercise that helps our overall health and helps relieve stress, then we should be encouraged to do it. Our society is overweight, and many people are over worked. Go run, and enjoy it!

But to answer the first question, several studies show that distance running at the recreational level does not increase the risk of knee arthritis. This is not to say that people with pre-existing knee arthritis are not going to develop any knee pain if they run. They may. Indeed, higher impact activities like basketball, racquetball, and high-volume long distance running may have a detrimental effect on the already arthritic knee. There are things all runners can do to lessen this load, however: 1) Replace sneakers every 300-500 miles. 2) Consider running part of your run on a local track---the surface is usually spongier and more forgiving. 3) Cross train, to give muscle groups and joints a break. 4) Stretch.

The jury is still out on the risk of arthritis in longer distance, higher volume runners. As my wife and I noticed last summer: the human body may not be made for running really long distances, including half- and full marathons. These are great feats to accomplish, but injuries and conditions are bound to develop along the way. Seeing your doctor early can help get you back on the road quickly, and can rule out other serious conditions such as stress fractures. Happy Running!

Board certified orthopedic surgeon Dr. Swan is a member of the Human Motion Institute at Raritan Bay Medical Center, a comprehensive musculoskeletal program dedicated to returning patients to normal activities quickly and safely with help from a nurse navigator who guides patients and their families through surgical care. Dr. Swan has offices in Perth Amboy and New Brunswick, NJ, to make an appointment, call 855.5.MOTION.

Perth Amboy Residents Invited To Help Build
A More Sustainable Future

News Release – 5/8/14
PERTH AMBOY - The Citizens Campaign invites Perth Amboy residents to apply for appointment to the new Perth Amboy Green Team to make a positive impact on the City's environment and to help ensure an improved quality of life for all residents.

The Perth Amboy City Council adopted a resolution on February 12 to participate in Sustainable Jersey, a certification program for municipalities in New Jersey that want to go green, save money and take steps to sustain their quality of life over the long term.

The next step is to appoint the City's first-ever Perth Amboy Green Team, a volunteer network of citizen problem-solvers. The Citizens Campaign is encouraging Perth Amboy residents to volunteer to serve and apply at the City Clerk's office by May 21.

The Sustainable Jersey program offers a checklist of more than 150 action steps and best

practices that use evidence-based best practice solutions to ensure responsible environmental planning and conservation, bolster the local economy & arts, promote diversity in government, and empower residents of the community to assist in making the City more sustainable.

"Sustainable Jersey's program allows residents and City officials to constructively work together towards a mutual goal of ensuring improved quality of life for all of our residents," said Harry Pozyski, a Perth Amboy resident and chairman of The Citizens Campaign, which facilitated the creation of the Green Team.

"Now that our City officials have taken the first step, it's time for Perth Amboy residents to step up," said Pozyski.

Several City residents and nonprofits have already begun working with the administration on action steps to certify the City for the Sustainable Jersey program. Last Saturday,

the Mayor and City Council, in partnership with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, sponsored a free tree seedling giveaway to replace trees damaged by Superstorm Sandy.

For more information on Perth Amboy's Green Team there will be a Perth Amboy Green Team meetup Monday, May 19 at 6 pm in City Hall, or contact City Green Team leader Andrew Toth at (732) 826-0290 x.4046 or Aneil Mohammed at The Citizens Campaign at (732) 548-9798 x.3.

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Raritan Bay Medical Center and Joslin Diabetes
Center Announce Affiliation

By: Kenneth G. Swan, Jr., MD
PERTH AMBOY - Spring is finally here to stay! For many of us this means we can hit the streets and get back to a running routine. Running is a great form of exercise and an important part of many people's lives. However, the joys of running and all the mind and body benefits do sometimes bring some collateral damage. Runner's knee is one example. Runner's knee can mean different things to different runners, trainers and physicians. I will discuss three knee conditions often seen in runners with knee pain: IT Band syndrome, Hoffa's syndrome, and osteoarthritis.

My wife developed knee pain while training for her first half-marathon last summer. There was lateral sided knee pain (pain on the outside part) that started to bug her midway through her longer training runs, and became really painful by the end of the run. There was no swelling or stiffness. It was troublesome for her because there was no obvious injury, and she was concerned it would stop her from finishing the Philadelphia Rock and Roll Half Marathon. Her exam was typical for ITB syndrome seen in runners: strong thighs, good range of motion in terms of knee bending, and no swelling. But she had very tight IT bands, or iliotibial bands, which are the long, soft tissue structures that go from the outside of our hips to just

below the knee. They often become tight in runners, and can be painful and tender anywhere along their course. This condition can be seen in non-runners as well. We treated my wife with a therapy regimen that focused on stretching and massaging her IT band, and she was able to not only compete in the half marathon, but finish at a very high level!

In the front of the knee, behind the knee cap and patellar tendon is a structure referred to as Hoffa's fat pad. In runners it can become inflamed and painful, causing a very sharp and pinching pain. The treatment may include a steroid (cortisone) injection into the affected area, which often resolves the inflammation. Other times, a knee arthroscopy ("knee scope") may be required to get the runner back to their tiptop form. Hoffa's Syndrome may mimic chondromalacia patella, a cartilage condition that also causes pain behind the kneecap, or patella. This can occasionally be seen in runners, but is treated differently, usually focusing on therapy, taping and bracing.

Arthritis is a controversial topic when it comes to running. Does distance running lead to arthritis of the knee? If it does, should we avoid running? Physicians may disagree on this second question, but I strongly believe that if there is an exercise that helps our overall health and helps relieve stress, then we should be

encouraged to do it. Our society is overweight, and many people are over worked. Go run, and enjoy it!

But to answer the first question, several studies show that distance running at the recreational level does not increase the risk of knee arthritis. This is not to say that people with pre-existing knee arthritis are not going to develop any knee pain if they run. They may. Indeed, higher impact activities like basketball, racquetball, and high-volume long distance running may have a detrimental effect on the already arthritic knee. There are things all runners can do to lessen this load, however: 1) Replace sneakers every 300-500 miles. 2) Consider running part of your run on a local track---the surface is usually spongier and more forgiving. 3) Cross train, to give muscle groups and joints a break. 4) Stretch.

The jury is still out on the risk of arthritis in longer distance, higher volume runners. As my wife and I noticed last summer: the human body may not be made for running really long distances, including half- and full marathons. These are great feats to accomplish, but injuries and conditions are bound to develop along the way. Seeing your doctor early can help get you back on the road quickly, and can rule out other serious conditions such as stress fractures. Happy Running!

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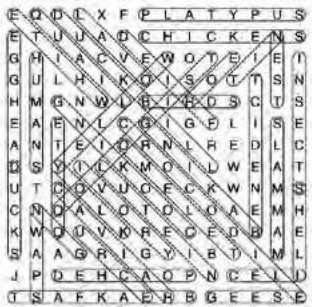
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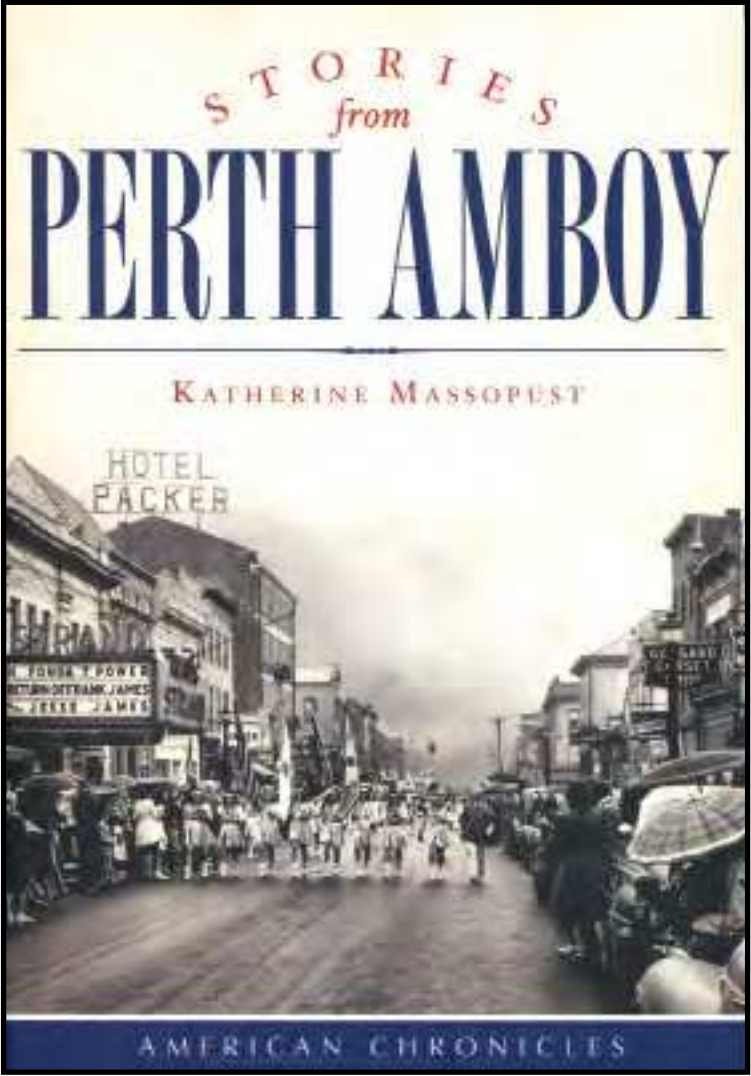
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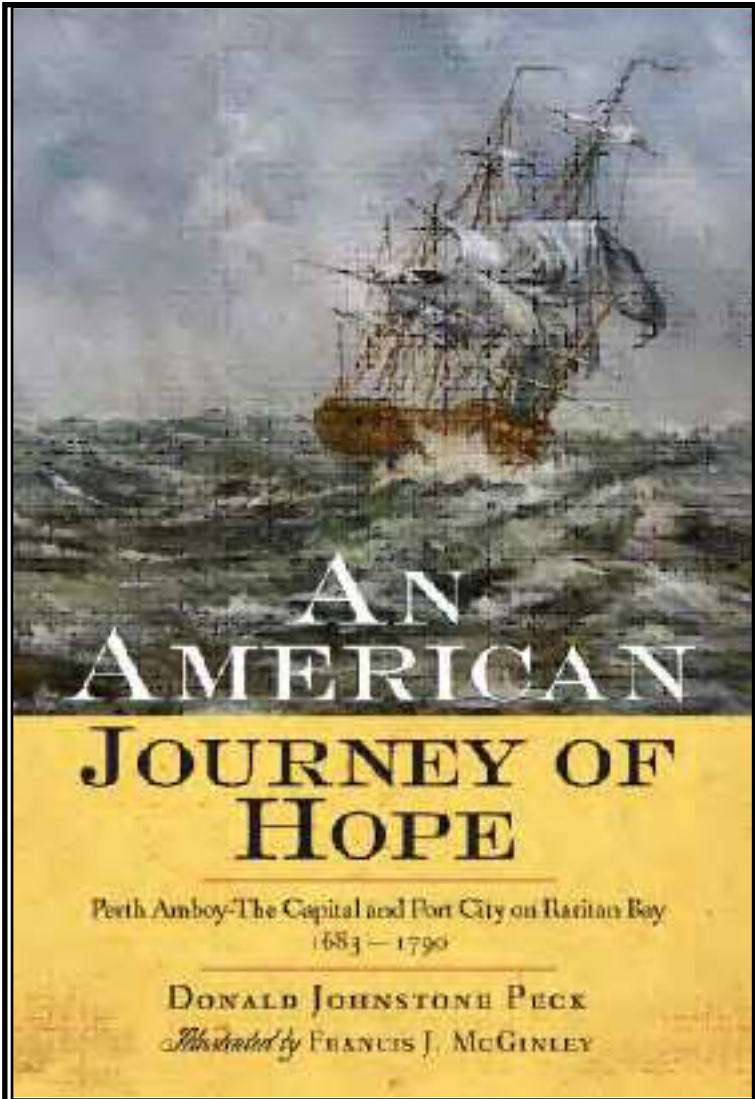


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