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Special Public Meeting 11/14/16



William Kurzenberger

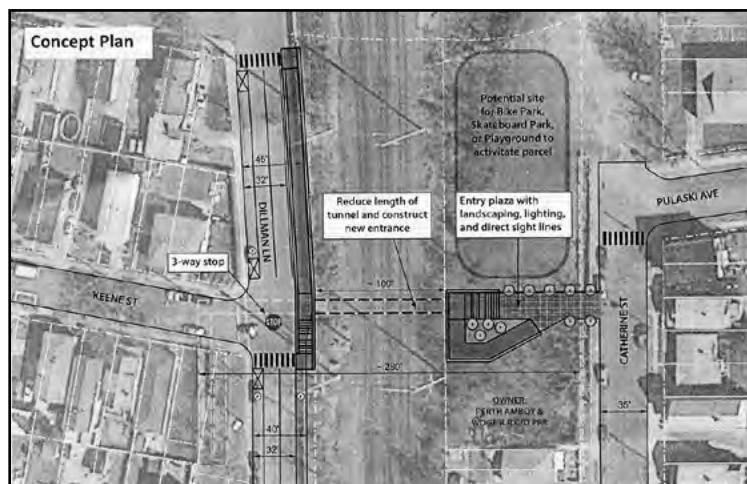
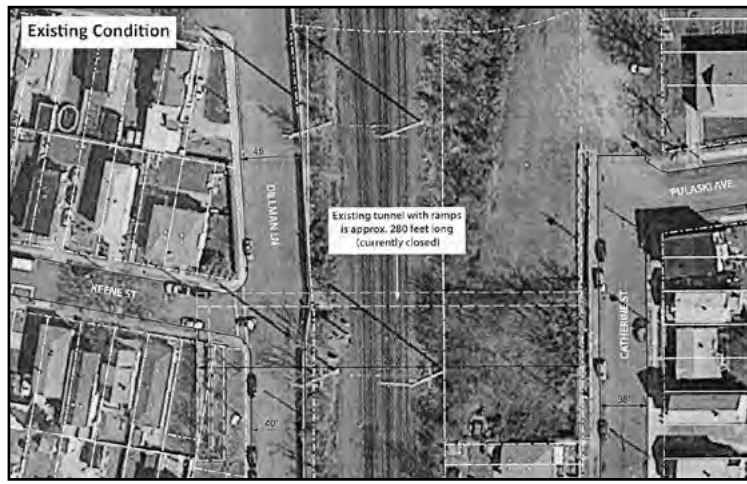


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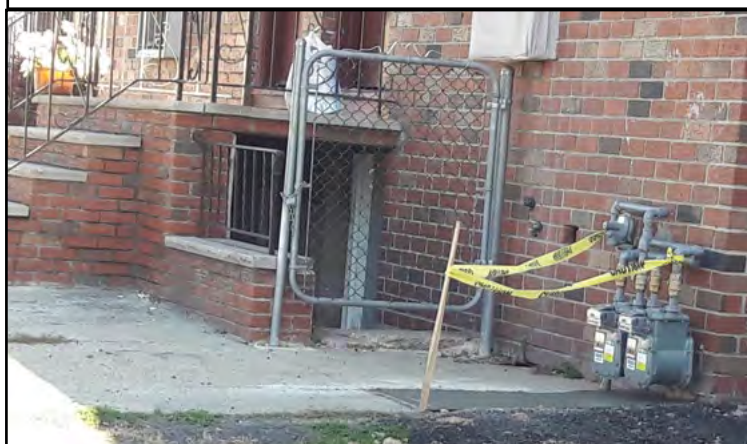
PERTH AMBOY - R-464 - Authorizing submission of an application to the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Transportation Alternatives Program.

There were questions about safety with the possible re-opening of a tunnel under railroad tracks. This connects Catherine Street and Dillman Lane near Perth Amboy High School.

William Kurzenberger, Program Coordinator, Office of Economic and Community Development came forward to shed more light on this resolution, "We want to remove some of the physical restraints and make improvements to the tunnel, shortening it from 200 to 100 feet. The proposed new entrances will have greater visibility, which will call for exterior and interior lighting. The design and engineering specifications we need requires more money. The \$70,000 cost was



Underpass Between Catherine Street & Dillman Lane



Gas Meters on the outside of homes

*Photo by Carolyn Maxwell

recommended by our City Engineer."

Business Administrator Adam Cruz stated, "The police will look at safety concerns first."

Councilman Fernando Irizarry said, "Sometimes light and security cameras are not fixed."

Cruz assured the Council that they are looking at all of these issues first.

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez said, "I want to make sure that the community (where they want to reopen the tunnel)

participates more. Only a few people attend community meetings. "There's no problem to get money for planing. The community involvement in the past has only been token."

B.A. Cruz agreed with Gonzalez, "Let's have the meeting in the community that this will affect."

Councilman Bill Petrick looked at the diagram of the plans supplied by Kurzenberger and pointed out to a section

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Mayor Fred Henry Comments On 2016 Election

By: Joseph L. Kuchie

SOUTH AMBOY - South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry commented on the recent 2016 U.S. Election at last Monday's council meeting.

People around the United States, including students and faculty at a number of colleges and universities in New Jersey, have taken to the streets to protest Trump's victory. Trump (290 electoral votes) defeated Hillary Clinton (232 electoral votes) on November 8th despite Clinton receiving over 1 million more total votes than Trump.

Henry, a Democrat, acknowledged that United States citizens have the right to protest, but hoped that they would stay as peaceful as possible. He also noted that our country was great for a reason and citizens must trust the process.

"There have been protests, we all know that, but we have a great country for a reason," Henry said. "We have a constitution that lays the ground work for how a person is elected. It has worked for over 240 years."

"We're never going to agree with the person that is elected but the person is our President, whoever that might be, and in this case it is Donald Trump," he continued. "We need to move forward and hope that he does what is best for all Americans. I'd like to think positively on things and I think that he will."

"We just need to make sure that these protests that are going on stay as peaceful as possible," he added. "We know people have the right to protest, but we need to move on as a nation, he will be our President, and we need to wish him well and surround him with



Mayor Fred Henry

good people."

"Come January 20th we need to accept him. As President Obama said 'If he succeeds, we all succeed', and that's what it's all about."

Despite Clinton winning New Jersey's 14 electoral votes and taking Middlesex County with about 55,000 more votes than Trump, Trump actually won South Amboy by over 300 votes (1,870-1,506). Clinton had also lost South Amboy to Bernie Sanders during the Democratic Primary, and South Amboy was one of just three municipalities in Middlesex County that voted Sanders over Clinton (Milltown, Spotswood).

Mayor Henry also congratulated councilman Tom Reilly and councilwoman Zusette Dato on their re-election to the city council, and welcomed Democrat Brian McLaughlin, who will fill the seat left by Councilman Donald Applegate after defeating Independent Barbara Pasternack 681-161.

Councilman Applegate was not in attendance for the meeting. The next and final city council meeting of 2016 will be held on December 21 at 7:00 p.m.

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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

Time to Stop the Division & Give Thanks

I was wrong. I think the sky did fall and some rocks came tumbling down and have hit a lot of people in the head.

In last week’s editorial, I sympathized with the people who were distraught over Hillary Clinton losing the election. With these continued protests, I’m becoming more convinced that a lot of these protests are charades. They are much too organized and I noticed that they are taking place when the weather conditions are favorable.

How many hard-nosed protesters were there during the horrible weather last Tuesday (Nov. 15)?

I remember years ago when Oprah Winfrey built a school in Africa for young girls who were so grateful because they were able to learn and have uniforms and other basic supplies just to do so. I bet those girls who had just the basic tools and perhaps not even computers had more knowledge and smarts than some of those college kids with an abundance of technology at their fingertips.

There was a time when after you graduated from high school and went on to college, it was your first taste of adulthood and independence.

Now colleges are more like going to summer camps for adolescence. You have to have a safe place. It’s now popular for some students and other young people to have symbols such as safety pins to let people know you are safe with them.

We had our safe places when we were growing up. It was called our homes and even our neighborhood. At that time people not only knew the neighbors on their block, but those residents in the entire local area. College was not there to coddle you but to educate you so you can be a functioning member of society. Presently, it seems like it’s doing just the opposite.

It sort of reminds me of the show, “Mork and Mindy.” Mork was an alien (from another planet) who was very unique. On the planet he was from, when you were born you came out old and every year you became younger until eventually you became less mature and more adolescent.

I remember a very funny joke that stated, “When you are born, you start out wearing diapers and eventually if you become very old you end up wearing diapers, too.”

It’s time to get out of the diapers and put on your big boys and big girls pants. Life is going to hand you lemons and when it does, you’re supposed to make lemonade out of it - not cry in it!

There was a time when immigrants or poorer working class people worked their butts off to send to send their children to college. They were so proud of their children and boasted of that child who was the first child graduate in that family.

What do modern day parents say now? “I’m so glad that my child who is going to college to protest something that hasn’t even come into fruition yet and may never occur.”

At this point I’m speechless. In the past, when students protested in college it was for a concrete cause and not an imaginary cause.

New York Mayor DeBlasio and other mayors in major cities have come out to say that they will not divulge the list of people who have signed up for Municipal ID Cards.

I have rhetorical question: supposed you have two people who are both here illegally?

Scenario: I’m going to emphasize the word ILLEGAL. Two illegal immigrants of the same sex and age are arrested. One is arrested in a raid at a business who employed illegal workers. The other person arrested had been deported many times for felonies. Both are put in the same cell together. Would you feel comfortable if you knew that the person in the same cell had committed heinous crimes? I don’t think so.

Would it be that person’s right to be separated from that person? Let me tell you something: there are a lot of people here legally who have committed heinous crimes and have been let out of jail in a short period of time on technicalities. A few of them have committed crimes again shortly after being released. I don’t feel comfortable with that.

As I understand it: President Elect Trump said that he wants to get rid of the people who are here illegally that have continuously committed heinous crimes. Some of these people have been deported back four or five times to their own country and were able to get back into the United States.

Anybody with an ounce of common sense whether you are here legally or illegally should want people like that deported and not be allowed back into the United States.

I am going to get very real here because I am very tired. If you are a certain ethnic or religious group, you will have a chance of having your battle cry being heard more than others. There are a lot of people here from many other countries that have overstayed their visas, but they don’t make waves and bring attention to themselves and just go with the flow and act more “American” than natural born Americans.

Nowadays, it seems certain people have to be handled with kid gloves. Heaven forbid someone feels one moment of discomfort. (They need to Google The Little Rock Nine to see what students went through to make it easier for you.) The next item that will probably be a very big hit will be the Linus Security Blanket (from the Peanuts Comics) . Perhaps we can have our own bubbles such as in the movie, “The Boy in the Plastic Bubble.”

In closing, I want to say there are more people that are NOT PROTESTING that are protesting. There are a LOT MORE people from different religions, ethnic backgrounds and sexual orientation who are GETTING ALONG JUST FINE. There are A LOT OF COLLEGE STUDENTS who are NOT PROTESTING who are doing wonderful work academically and helping those less fortunate in a much more constructive manner. Happy Thanksgiving. C.M. & K.M.

“They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety. Those Who Sacrifice Liberty For Security Deserve Neither. He who would trade liberty for some temporary security, deserves neither liberty nor security.” -Benjamin Franklin-

THE COMMUNITY VOICE

A Wake-Up Call

Hillary Clinton is crying the blues over her loss on Election Day. Boy is she mad about this loss of not being elected President. It’s so funny that she said the FBI made her lose the election over the emails. Those paid protesters are upset about Trump winning BIG TIME. This was a wake-up call for Obama and Congress. Many of those Democratic voters thought Hillary was going to win. I’ll bet many of them voted for Trump because they were tired of political system from those Democratic politician’s promising NOTHING but hot air. Those Bernie Sanders supporters realize what the Democratic Committee did to

Bernie and now he is talking about what? Let’s look what the news media did, like CNN (Cartoon News Network) and NBC, CBS, ABC, and so on was paid by the Clinton Inc. to make Hillary look good to be the President. Plus, the newspapers are covering up for Hillary’s LIES. Here’s another thing that’s crazy: many cities will protect those illegals and why we ask? Let’s understand something: it’s time for America to get back on its feet and the people have spoken on election day. They want Donald Trump for a reason. I don’t choose sides in politics I just see it as it is and this was a wake-up call for America.

Orlando “Wildman” Perez

Undocumented

These two words seem interchangeable these days, and they are not. I’m speaking, of course, about guns. What were you thinking?

Illegal guns would be the ones that are sold illegally to gang bangers, dope dealers, Mafia types... basically criminals. People who would use these weapons to kill people, rob law abiding citizens, commit rapes... the list seems endless.

Undocumented guns are guns that the government does not know about that are sold privately between private citizens or at gun shows and the like. These are usually used to hunt, to add to someone’s collection, shooting sports... things like that.

The “anti-gun” groups constantly say that they want more gun control laws. Mandatory background checks are one of the laws they want implemented. This law would be aimed at undocumented guns, because I don’t think there are any criminals who submit to background checks before buying their illegal guns.

Close the “gun show loophole” is another chant used by the ill-informed. Again another mantra targeting undocumented guns. Are some guns sold at gun shows used in crimes? I’m sure there are some, but I think that is a small fraction of the illegal guns.


So where do these illegal guns come from? Good question. Some come from people

who travel to states with less restrictive gun laws, who buy them then cross state lines to sell them, (already illegal). But the bulk, I think, comes from sources that might surprise the anti-gun lobby. I think they come from some of the people who contribute to the \$250,000 a plate fundraiser that these liberal anti-gun politicians are running. People with enough money to open a company overseas or across the border to buy guns in bulk legally from legitimate gun manufacturers, for a large discount, then bring them back to this country illegally and sell them at a 500% profit. If you don’t believe me, dig deeper into operation “Fast and Furious”.

Instead of targeting these people and people of their ilk, the anti-gunners go after the legitimate gun owners. People who have no criminal intent or record, the “Law Abiding Citizen”.

It’s the same principal as the government targeting sport fisherman. We have limits on the fish we catch, the size of said fish, the months and days that we can fish for them. We even have to register with the government to be able to fish in the ocean and bays or we will be fined. Their reasoning, fish are being over fished and some species have disappeared completely. Anyone who remembers going fishing for whiting off of the Long Branch pier can attest to that.

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Community Calendar

Perth Amboy

MON. Dec. 12	City Council, Caucus, 4:30 p.m. City Hall, High St.
WED. Dec. 14	City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, High St.

South Amboy

WED. Dec. 7	City Council, Business, 6 p.m. City Hall, N. Broadway
WED. Dec. 21	City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, High St.

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Safety Announcement From Mayor Wilda Diaz Regarding the Recent Incidents in NYC and NJ

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Hungarian Homemade Nut Rolls

WOODBIDGE – There will be a Homemade Nut Roll Sale at the Calvin Hungarian Reformed Church, 94 N. James St., Woodbridge. Available: English Walnut, Poppy Seed, Prune-Lekvar, Apricot and Raspberry. Each individually hand rolled are made from the best ingredients, each weighing 1lb 8oz. Price \$16. Orders accepted by Sunday, November 27, 2016. Orders will be available for pick-up on Friday, December 16, 2016 between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall of the Church. Please use Ross Street Entrance. All orders must be paid in full upon ordering. Call Mrs. Forette Pastor at 732-636-2868. Sponsored by the Lorantffy Women's Guild of the Calvin Hungarian Reformed Church, Woodbridge.

Food Stamps Assistance

PERTH AMBOY - Every Wednesday there will be a Food Stamps Assistance Program 10 a.m.- 5 p.m.: JRF's Family Success Center families to come in and meet with a representative from the Community Food Bank of NJ to assist with food stamps application and eligibility guidelines. For additional information please call 732-638-5063 or visit our office located at: 149 Kearny Ave. Perth Amboy (Rear of Proprietary House).

Charity Basketball Game

SOUTH AMBOY - The 5th annual Friends of South Amboy charity basketball games at South Amboy High School on December 17th. Proceeds from this event will benefit Breanna Hathcock, a local resident and South Amboy Middle High School graduate who is currently battling cancer. 2:00 p.m. - South Amboy Middle School Boys -vs- Calvary Christian 4:00 p.m. - South Amboy Girls Varsity -vs- Calvary Christian 6:00 p.m. - Sayerville Boys Varsity -vs- Bishop Ahr 8:00 p.m. - South Amboy Boys Varsity -vs- Calvary Christian Visit our Facebook page for more information . <https://www.facebook.com/FriendsOfSouthAmboy/>

Ask the Rabbi

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

P.A.M.A. Awards Dinner Rescheduled

PERTH AMBOY - The P.A.M.A. Award Dinner new date is Thursday, December 8, 2016 from 6:30 p.m.. to 11:30 p.m. at the Cornucopia Cruise Line: Riverboat St. Charles

Pet First Aid Class

PERTH AMBOY - Raritan Bay Medical Center, a member of the Hackensack Meridian Health family is providing a Pet First Aid Class Saturday, November 5, to Saturday, December 3, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Raritan Bay Area YMCA, 357 New Brunswick Ave. Perth Amboy, NJ. Learn how to handle minor emergencies with cats and dogs, when to call poison control and take your cat or dog to an emergency veterinarian. Cost is \$35. Please do not bring your pet. For more information and to register, call 1.800.DOC-TORS(1.800.362.8677).

Special Meeting 11/14/16

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highlighted in orange and asked him if that was for a handicapped ramp.

Kurzenberger responded, “Yes.”

Petrick showed concerned about this because the ramps appeared to be going away from the High School, “Maybe these should be relocated to the other side. We also have speeding issues on Dillman Lane which is a safety hazard.”

Irizarry agreed with Petrick and wanted to know, “How can we do something about the speeding? Residents have been complaining. We even thought about having speed bumps but were told no because of insurance issues.”

Cruz said, “I will discuss this with the Deputy Police Chief.”

Council President Lisa Nanton wanted to know, “What caused the closing of the tunnel in the first place?”

Criminal activity that happened in the tunnel was cited as the reason for its closure.

Councilman Joel Pabon responded, “At one time there

was a person in that tunnel for security purposes. Like Councilman Gonzalez says, we’ve got to get the community involved.”

Nanton asked Kurzenberger, “Can the money can be applied for another project besides the reopening of the tunnel? And is this money just for the approval of these plans and then the implementation of the plans? Is there a deadline for the grant?”

Kurzenberger responded, “The deadline has passed. The resolution is needed for approval to get it going.”

The Resolution was moved by Councilman Bill Petrick and seconded by Councilman Fernando Gonzalez. Everyone voted “Yes.”

R-465 - Accepting the base bid and authorizing a contract with B&W Construction for emergency repairs to the Perth Amboy collection system in an amount not to exceed \$800,000.00

Councilman Joel Pabon was curious to see when these repairs would be started.

Luis Perez Jimenez - Director of Operations at the at the

USA-PA (Utility Service Associates Perth Amboy) Middlesex Water Company) answered, “We’re ready and we’re just waiting to get a resolution passed.”

This prompted Council President Lisa Nanton to ask, “For this Resolution, you are saying that you can get the repairs started and not go over the \$800,000 amount?”

Perez answered, “Yes.”

Nanton then smiled and said emphatically, “Do it for less.”

Acting Attorney Rainone said, “\$800,000 was the best price and it was based on a unit price bid.”

After Resolutions were voted on, Councilman Fernando Gonzalez was the first one to speak. “There are a lot of roads in town in bad shape. When I’m driving on parts of Amboy Avenue, I thought I was in Vietnam. Is somebody keeping track of these conditions? And will something be done? Amboy Avenue was repaved about 3 years ago. After the utility companies finished digging up paved roads, they left them in worse condition than before.”

B.A. Cruz responded, “Half of the roads were redone.”

Gonzalez responded back, “Isn’t there a requirement for what has to be done before the work starts? We allow them (utility companies) to do whatever they want. I talked to someone from the Board of Public Utilities about the gas meters that are placed in front of buildings. The gentleman I spoke to said, “That’s not allowed.” Gonzalez continued, “A new building on Madison Avenue has 5 gas meters in front. Please ask the engineer about this. We need to create some kind of policy. The town of Elizabeth went into a war about this.”

Council President Nanton talked about her concerns, “We should talk to Elizabethtown Gas about this. Parts of Gordon, Water and some of the streets by the High School were patched - not paved.”

Cruz responded, “Elizabethtown Gas went on site where Gas Meters are placed on the front of buildings and residences and our City Engineer went with them. Jeff Rauch (Perth

Amboy City Engineer) will be present at the next Caucus Meeting.”

Nanton had other concerns: “I want Jamie Rios (Director of Code Enforcement/Administrative Officer to the Planning and Zoning Board) here about the overflowing garbage cans. They’re attracting rats, raccoons, etc. I see a lot of them at night. Someone had the wires of their car chewed up by these pests. If we go to the expense of getting garbage cans with lids, people who violate these ordinances should be fined.”

Councilman Bill Petrick had concerns about a sewer collapse near 778 Robbin Street. Petrick also mentioned River-view Drive which is very bumpy when you access it through Herbert Street. At least PSE&G took some responsibility for that action.” He offered congratulations to those who participated in the November 8th election and congratulated the winners.

PARCC & NJASK Perfect Score Recognition; Hiring Practices Discussed 11/17/16 Board of Education Meeting

By: Katherine Massopust
PERTH AMBOY – During the 11/17/16 Board of Education Meeting there was a presentation of awards to students who achieved a perfect score on the Science PARCC & NJASK by Dr. Damian Medina.

After a 3½ hour Closed Session, the Board Meeting resumed. There were several topics discussed including the Department of Recreation using the school buildings for their services.

Board Vice-President Israel Varela stated, “A lot of recreation is provided to a lot of students. We need it. It’s great the Department of Recreation will to continue to use our facility.”

Board President Sam Lebreault stated, “I wish to highlight the relationship between the Board and the City. They depend on us for indoor recreational facilities and we depend on them for outdoor activities.”

Another topic of discussion later on in the Meeting was the procedure for the hiring of individuals. Board President Israel Varela addressed this issue, “When we are appointing staff, there is a procedure. The Board of Education does nothing without the evaluation made by supervisors. We go by their recommendations. When people are interviewing, we are the last ones to get in on the process. If you didn’t meet the standard, then con-

tinue working hard to meet the standard. We want there to be no more rhetoric and put the information out there.”

Board President Sam Lebreault then added his words on this topic, “It took the supervisors and committee to sort through all the interviews. Subsequently to that, to move forward to have conversations with the candidates. Principals have another round of discussion. Some have five interviews before we see these individuals. There are two here today (New Instructional Leader in Mathematics, William C. McGinnis School, Ms. Jillian N. Grimm and District Supervisor of Educational Technology Ms. Courtney Pepe). It’s not an easy process. When Dr. Roman asked to interview someone – is the candidate a fit? They may have the credentials but are they a fit? To all who apply to the district (for employment): we are going to become a district of distinction.”

Board Vice-President Israel Varela then added later in the Meeting in reference to the newly hired Supervisor of Educational Technology, “Since I met Ms. Pepe, I hope we do work on something. A lot of parents do not have Wi-Fi. We hope you use the technology (in the classrooms).”

During the second public portion Linda Nagy came up to speak. She referenced the significance that former Head



Students who achieved a perfect score on the Science PARCC & NJASK were given recognition by Dr. Damian Medina. Here they pose for a group photo with the Board of Education, Superintendent Dr. David Roman, Assistant Superintendent Mr. Richard Chromey, Board Secretary Derek Jess and Dr. Damian Medina at the 11/17/16 BOE Meeting
*Photo by Katherine Massopust

Nurse Carmen Arroyo was to the Clinic. “Many people will not realize that Carmen Arroyo has gotten this district over \$1 million in vaccinations and epipens. 95.5% of all parents utilizing the Clinic are *Spanish Only* speaking. We recommend a Spanish Speaking Nurse. We hope that Dr. Roman and HR will follow this recommendation.”

Board President Sam Lebreault addressed Nagy’s concerns, “I want to recognize the achievements of Pam Campbell and Carmen Arroyo and what they’ve done for this district.”

Lebreault continued on the issue of replacing Arroyo who recently retired. “For fulfilling her position, Dr. David Roman and Assistant Superintendent Mr. Richard Chromey are well aware of the value of that clinic. The Board has had two

nurses at that Clinic. The hiring process is a thorough deep process. The Clinic is not where Carmen (Arroyo) had it.”

Board Vice-President Israel Varela said, “I’m happy the Doctor in charge of the Medical Clinic is also in the loop. Suppose he is not comfortable (with the choice of nurse). If he wants to work with her or he doesn’t.”

Board President Sam Lebreault added, “It’s the Superintendent’s job. I will work with Dr. Roman to fill that position.”

Dr. David Roman added, “We take suggestions from everyone but reality steps in. I have to make the recommendations and it goes to the Board of Education.”

During the closing comments, Board Vice-President Israel Varela made the follow-

ing comments: “One of the staff’s daughter in the Wilentz School is an Olympic God Medal Winner in Gymnastics (Laurie Hernandez) and now is on Dancing with the Stars. Her parents are strongly committed. Also parents, teachers and the community all help. Please vote for Laurie Hernandez on Dancing with the Stars. It feels great for one of our own! Remember to vote for Laurie!”

Board President Sam Lebreault then added, “There will be a Board of Education Meeting in December for a date to be determined.” The meeting adjourned at 10:40 p.m. Board Member Anthony Bermudez was not present because he had to work late. Assistant Superintendent Dr. Vivian Rodriguez also was not present at the Meeting.

Tom’s Tax Tips

Questions to Ask Before Signing a Business Loan

Courtesy of Tom Ploskanka C.P.A.

Are you thinking of taking out a loan to buy new machinery or additional inventory for your business? Before you sign that loan document or credit application, consider the following questions: What’s the true cost of borrowing? The interest rate on your business loan may be variable, fluctuating over the life of your loan. Calculate the impact of potentially higher future payments on your ability to pay other debt, such as amounts you owe your vendors. Include fees in your assessment. Your lender may ask for loan origination fees, application fees, administrative fees, and fees for gathering financial information about your company. Consider intangible costs too, including how long you have to wait before the loan is finalized and what opportunities you’re missing while waiting. How will the loan be secured? Your lender will most likely require you to provide collateral, meaning you’ll be asked to pledge assets as security to ensure loan repayment. If

you’re unable to pay the loan back, you run the risk of losing those assets. In some cases, you can use your business inventory or accounts receivable as collateral. Keep in mind those assets will be unavailable for other business borrowing. Alternatively, depending on the size of your business, you may have to use personal assets, such as your house or cash savings, as security. Make sure you have assessed the risk of loss before finalizing the loan. Can you wait to make the purchase? Saving for purchases may be old-fashioned, but you’ll be investing in your business, with no lender to repay and no interest expense or other fees. In addition, you retain control of all your assets. Here again, opportunity cost will play a role in your decision, as you may miss out on taking advantage of good deals or possibilities for business growth. When you’re ready to evaluate your financing options, give us a call. We can help you make the right choice. Tune into 1450 WCTC to hear Tom’s tax tips!

Rent or Buy? It’s A Matter of Perspective

The buy-or-lease question is a common dilemma, whether you’re asking as a homeowner, or for your business. For perspective, think of the big picture. In either case, you’re paying for the exclusive use of an item over a set period of time. With that as a point of reference, the difference boils down to two main considerations: cash flow and exit strategy. The cash flow associated with buying a home is straightforward. After making a down payment, you commit to a long-term obligation. Purchasing a home also offers a tax deduction for interest and real estate taxes. In contrast, renting may mean a monthly payment lower than what you’d pay on a mortgage. However, as a renter, you generally won’t benefit from tax breaks. Business owners receive a tax deduction whether the final decision is to rent or to buy, but the timing of the deduction can vary. Lease payments are generally deductible

over the life of the lease. Purchasing offers an immediate tax write-off in the form of accelerated depreciation or Section 179 expensing. The time value of money can play a role in your decision, as money you have today can be worth more than the same amount in the future. What about exit strategy? When you rent a home, you know you’ll likely have to move at the end of your lease term, and you won’t benefit from any increase in real estate values. Home ownership has the potential for an increase - or decrease - in the value of your investment. This is especially true the longer you intend to stay put. Exit strategy can be less of a decision factor for your business, especially if your policy is to keep equipment until it wears out. Do you routinely replace old equipment? A lease might offer an advantage. Need help resolving the rent-or-buy decision? Contact our office for an in-depth analysis.

Conceptual Design for Greater Pedestrian Access:

Press Release from Office of the Mayor
PERTH AMBOY - The bicycle and pedestrian plan called for improved conditions that would allow for easier policing and return pedestrian access to the community. The new design would need to reduce the length of the tunnel and improve the sight lines into and throughout the tunnel. In its current state, the tunnel runs two hundred and eighty feet with entrances

that do not provide any visibility to the street on either side. This project reduces the overall length, which provides the opportunity to create and expand open space on the eastern side of the tracks. On the western side of the tracks, the tunnel would open up directly to the street in place of the current opening which is a long ramp that descends on a parcel across the street next to a private residence. Such improvements

would create clear sight lines into the tunnel from both streets and activate the area with daylighting techniques that will allow for nearby residents and safety patrols to observe the tunnel’s traffic. The end result of these improvements will provide a much needed link in the City’s pedestrian network that residents feel secure using. As a proposed design, there are no funds or imminent plans for future construction.

Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey and Hackensack Meridian Health Expand Network Agreement and Increase OMNIA Tier 1 Options

Press Release 11/16/16
EDISON - Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey (Horizon BCBSNJ) and Hackensack Meridian Health announced that effective January 1, 2017, Raritan Bay Medical Center and Palisades Medical Center will both be Tier 1 hospitals for OMNIA health plan members. As a result, every Hackensack Meridian Health hospital will be an OMNIA Tier 1 hospital beginning in 2017. Raritan Bay Medical Center is currently in Horizon’s network, but has been participating in OMNIA Health Plans as a Tier 2 hospital. Palisades Medical Center is both joining Horizon’s

network and becoming an OMNIA Tier 1 hospital. “Providing our communities with patient-centered, affordable, quality care has always been the goal of Hackensack Meridian Health,” said Patrick Young, president of Population Health for Hackensack Meridian Health. “By broadening our collaboration with Horizon, we’re able to further advance our mission of delivering integrated care while providing affordable access to more OMNIA health plan members.” “Horizon and Hackensack Meridian Health share a commitment to working collaboratively to transform the delivery

of health care to lower costs, improve quality outcomes, and enhance the patient experience. These changes build on our already strong relationship to promote our shared priorities of delivering coordinated, patient-centered care at a lower cost,” said Allen Karp, Horizon BCBSNJ’s senior vice president for Healthcare Management. OMNIA Health Plan premiums are 15 to 20 percent lower than Horizon’s broad network plans and OMNIA members who receive care from Tier 1 providers or at Tier 1 hospitals save more through lower out-of-pocket costs.

Pallone & Army Corps of Engineers Announce New Contract for Second Phase of Hurricane and Storm Damage Reduction Project in Port Monmouth

Press Release 11/17/16
LONG BRANCH - Today, Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr. (NJ-06) announced that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has awarded a second contract for Phase II of the Hurricane and Storm Damage Reduction Project in Port Monmouth. The \$23,146,120.00 Contract 2 includes constructing a levee/floodwall, pump station, and a storm gate, tying into the existing Keansburg levee. The funding is part of the \$110 million allocated for Port Monmouth in the Sandy relief package that Pallone worked to secure in 2013. The contract was awarded to Anselmi & DeCiccio of Maplewood, New Jersey. The overall project is broken up into six contracts, and includes constructing a system of levees, floodwalls, a tide gate, road closure structures, mitigation, road raising and pump stations. The first contract of \$13,696,687.00 for Phase II was awarded in July to Kyle Conti Construction of Hillsborough, New Jersey. “Many in Port Monmouth faced serious flooding during Sandy and I am glad to see another important step taken towards phase two being com-

pleted,” said Pallone “All along the Bayshore, flooding has become an increasingly common phenomenon as severe storms have become more frequent and residential and commercial development has increased. The work being done here will strengthen our local infrastructure, reduce future damage, and keep our communities safe.” “The award of the Port Monmouth Hurricane and Storm Damage Reduction Project Contract 2 is another critical step in the Corps’ efforts to increase resiliency measures for this community,” said COL David Caldwell, Commander, USACE, New York District. “Large storm events will always be a threat, so it’s critical we continue to do all we can to help mitigate potential flood damage and increase resiliency to vulnerable communities like Port Monmouth. That’s why we now have a second announcement of a contract award for the next elements just 30 days after breaking ground on Phase 2 of the Port Monmouth Hurricane and Storm Damage Reduction Project. I am pleased to say we’re moving to construction as aggressively as

possible thanks to the support of the community, leaders, and elected officials. Port Monmouth is on its way to becoming much more resilient.” The first phase of the project was successfully completed in June of 2015 and included dune restoration, beach replenishment, groin work, extension of the fishing pier, and construction of protective dunes. The entire \$110 million effort will offer significant protection to the area, which has suffered frequent flooding, erosion and damage from rain and coastal storms in recent years. The Army Corps of Engineers hopes to complete the entire project by 2020. Last month, Congressman Pallone joined Colonel David A. Caldwell, Commander of the New York District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Bob Martin, Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection and Middletown Mayor Gerard Scharfenberger, to mark the beginning of construction for Phase II of the project in Port Monmouth.

Mayor Wilda Diaz Introduces Members of The Perth Amboy 2021 Strategic Planning Task Force

Press Release 11/16/16
PERTH AMBOY- Mayor Wilda Diaz announces the establishment of the Perth Amboy 2021: Strategic Planning Task Force. The Taskforce will bring together community members and leaders from across the state to assist in formulating a strategic plan that will serve as a resource to City’s continued local progress for her administration’s next four years.

The mission of the taskforce is to draft an inclusive and expansive vision of growth and development for Perth Amboy. The Taskforce will evaluate the City’s overall operations, department functions and services to the public, opportunities for job creation and targeted investment in our downtown business community.

“I am honored to have been trusted by the voters to lead this great city for another four year,” states Mayor Wilda Diaz. “Perth Amboy has undergone a transformation since I took office eight years ago, from a city riddled with debt to a stable city budget and thriving with new investments. Together with the citizens of this great city, I want to develop a strategic plan that will put the citizen’s well-being and our children future at the center of my next term in office.”

The Task Force will be made up of six committees where local citizens and professionals with expertise on each program area will come together to review program priorities. A open public meeting will held thereafter to gain input and feedback from local residents to create the committee reports. The reports will be released early in the New Year and will serve as a guide to the current administration.

“This taskforce represents diverse perspectives, expertise, affiliations and experiences of professionals who are familiar and highly involved in our community and across the state,” said Mayor Wilda Diaz. “Our goal is to continue to best serve our residents and with the guidance and recommendations of these members, we will develop a plan that will guide my administration’s work for the next four years.”

The following members have been appointed to serve on the executive and steering committee and future members will be added to the taskforce:

- Co-Chairs**
- Mo Butler, Managing Director, Mercury Public Affairs
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 - Rosemary Oarsley
 - Emilia Perez
 - Leonardo Lopez
 - Janice Clark

The composition of the task force reflects a community partnership that ensures inclusivity and agreement on a common vision and direction that will lead to a high level investment in the City of Perth Amboy. The strategic plan will span for a total of 4 years, from 2017-2021.

For additional information about the City of Perth Amboy, please visit: www.ci.perthamboy.nj.us.

Pallone Celebrates Removal of Atlantic from Final Offshore Drilling Plan

Press Release 11/18/16
WASHINGTON, DC – Today, the Department of the Interior unveiled its final 2017-2022 Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program. The final plan does not include a dangerous provision from the Draft Proposed Plan that would have authorized new offshore oil and gas leasing along the southern Atlantic coast. Pallone worked relentlessly to remove the Atlantic from the proposal, sending two letters to the Department of the Interior raising concerns about the risks posed by offshore drilling to New Jersey and communities throughout the Atlantic coast. He – along with Senators Menendez and Booker – joined concerned residents of New Jersey fighting to #KilltheDrill, and Pallone spoke directly with senior Administration officials to reiterate the need to prevent Atlantic drilling.

Earlier this year, Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr. (NJ-06), led 73 of his colleagues in sending a letter asking President Obama to permanently protect both the Atlantic and Arctic Oceans from any future offshore oil and gas leasing. This week, he asked President Obama to put the ban into place before President-elect Trump is sworn into office.

“I am pleased and relieved that the Department of Interior’s final plan abandons its earlier proposal to allow drilling in the Atlantic from Georgia to Virginia,” said Pallone. “That proposal was incredibly shortsighted, and would have threatened the ecology and economy, and public health all along the Atlantic coast, including our New Jersey coastline.”

Rep. Pallone has been a longtime leader in the fight to protect the Atlantic coast, sponsoring legislation since

2010 to prevent expansions of offshore drilling. The current version of his legislation, the COAST Anti-Drilling Act (H.R. 1977), has 30 House cosponsors and companion legislation was introduced by Senator Menendez. Pallone wrote to the Secretary of the Interior in 2010 voicing strong opposition to a plan to enable drilling in the Atlantic. He did this even before the Deepwater Horizon disaster brought offshore drilling to the forefront of the news.

“As I have said before, drilling in the Atlantic Ocean is a risk-reward proposition: coastal communities face all of the risk so that Big Oil can reap all of the reward,” said Pallone. “We need to continue to reject efforts to drill along our coastline, and to transition to cleaner and more efficient energy sources along our coast.”

FAFSA Information Sessions

PERTH AMBOY – Attention Parents and Students!!! Have you completed the FAFSA? Don’t wait! Get assistance today! Learn about the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FASFA), a financial form that can be submitted annually by current and prospective college students (undergraduate and graduate) in the United States to determine their eligibility. Questions??? Contact the Office of Economic Community Development at: 732-293-1638. Sessions are at the Alexander F. Jankowski Community Center, 1 Olive St., Perth Amboy. Session #2: Wednesday, Dec. 14 at 6 p.m. FREE.

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732 826-4300 Ext. 4307

Attend Public Meetings - Have Your Voice Heard!

Humpback Whale Spotted in Perth Amboy

**Photos by James Erwin*



PERTH AMBOY - A humpback whale was spotted in Raritan Bay on Thursday, November 17, 2016.

Do you or someone you know have Old Photographs or Documents?

The Kearny Cottage Historical Society is Looking for Old Photos and Documents of Perth Amboy, South Amboy, Woodbridge, Fords, etc. (Local Area)

For an Archiving Project - Your Photos & Documents will be scanned into digital format & returned to you.

For more info please call 732-293-1090

Holiday Open House and Cooking Class

Press Release 11/15/16
SOUTH AMBOY – The Dowdell Library of South Amboy invites you to join us for our annual Holiday Open House Monday, December 5 from 4-8 pm. Join us as we kick off the holiday season with this fun and festive event. From 4-6 pm MIY (Make It Yourself) fun for all ages and from 6-8 pm, enjoy holiday festivities with music, door prizes and refreshments!

Millennials ages 18-34, join us on Tuesday, December 13 from 6:30 – 8 pm for a hands on cooking class and learn how to turn simple ingredients into fast and delicious appetizers and desserts! Space is limited, so please call 732-721-6060 or email comments@dowdell.org

The Dowdell Library’s hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday from 10 am to 8 pm, Wednesday and Friday from 10 am to 5 pm and Saturdays from 12-4 pm. For more information, please visit www.dowdell.org, or contact the Library at 732-721-6060 or comments@dowdell.org.

Innovative November Programs @ Dowdell Library

Book Buddy Dog, Sewing Workshop and Historical South Amboy

Press Release 10/17/16
SOUTH AMBOY – Join us @ Dowdell Library this November for NEW and innovative programs for all ages which includes reading to the Library’s book buddy dog, a sewing workshop where you could create and finish a holiday table runner and a historical program on South Amboy. For dates and times, please see below:

Weird and wonderful South Amboy: On Tuesday, November 29th from 6:30 p.m. – 8 pm, the library will open its archives to the treasure within! Hear all about quirky and weird facts about South Amboy!

The Dowdell Library’s hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday from 10 am to 8 pm, Wednesday and Friday from 10 am to 5 pm and Saturdays from 12-4 pm. For more information on the Library, please visit www.dowdell.org, or contact the Library at 732-721-6060 or comments@dowdell.org.

Free Family Movie Matinee

SOUTH AMBOY – The South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council #426 are showing the movie: “The Polar Express” on Sunday December 4, 2016 at 2 p.m. at 308 Fourth St., South Amboy. Free admission. Snacks and beverages will be sold before and after intermission. For more information, call Daniela at 201-240-2843 or the Knights of Columbus at 732-721-2025.

Seeking Items to Help the Homeless During the Winter Months

NEW BRUNSWICK - At last night’s Middlesex County Human Services Advisory Council (HSAC) meeting, it was brought to everyone’s attention that the Point-in-Time Homeless Count & Project Homeless Connect is seeking items to help the homeless during the winter months. The most needed items include: Gently used coats, new warm hats/scarves, new gloves/mittens, blankets, new warm socks, hygiene kits.

For more information about Project Homeless Connect or to arrange for delivery of donated items, please contact Harriet Slonim at 732-745-4041or harriet.slonim@co.middlesex.nj.us.

Faith Basics

A Monthly Class On the Basics of Judaism and Christianity

PERTH AMBOY - Faith Basics - A Monthly Class On the Basics of Judaism and Christianity. What: Session 1: Who is a Jew? Who is a Christian? on Tuesday, December 6th, 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at Congregation Beth Mordecai, 224 High Street, Perth Amboy. The first of five monthly sessions exploring the basic concepts of Judaism and Christianity. This month, we will explore the ever-changing nature of Jewish and Christianity identity through the ages, including a close look at the different denominations of Judaism and Christianity. Cost: \$10 per session or \$25 for all 5 sessions. Please RSVP to Rabbi Ari Saks (ari.saks@gmail.com), Reverend Anne-Marie Jeffery (ajeffery04@yahoo.com), or via our Facebook Event page - Faith Basics: Who is a Jew? Who is a Christian?. This program is jointly sponsored by Congregation Beth Mordecai and St. Peter’s Episcopal Church. Future Classes - Jan 3, Feb 7, Mar 7, Apr 4

Holiday Auction

PERTH AMBOY – Sponsored by the Women’s Guild of the Magyar Reformed Church, Perth Amboy on Sunday, December 4, 2016 in the Church Center on the corner of Fayette Street and Kirkland Place. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. Admission \$7.00 (includes 1 Board) Many different raffles 50/50 raffle. Door Prizes Appliances, Holiday Gifts & More! Food will be available: Cabbage noodles, Palacsinta (Crepes), Hot Dogs, Kolbasz Sandwiches and Soda, Coffee and Cake. Please – NO OUTSIDE FOOD MAY BE BROUGHT IN. Join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship.

Edison AARP Ch. 3446

EDISON - Edison AARP Chapter 3446 Events - Tickets are now available for our holiday luncheon at The Pines on December 19, 2016.

On December 31, 2016, join us for New Year’s Eve at Noon - Doolans Shore Club at Spring Lake. Call Mary Ann at 732-287-3659 for information.

We will be collecting holiday gifts at the meeting; Male & Female for the Edison Veterans Home.

For additional information on the chapter, visit our website at www.edisonaarp.org.

The Salvation Army Christmas Kettles

Position: Bell Ringer
PERTH AMBOY - Seasonal Job - Full time; \$9.00 per hour; 5 days per week (Tuesday’s thru Saturday’s) - 11:00 a.m.- 7:00 p.m. Need to have Social Security and State ID. November 25 thru December 24. The Salvation Army of Perth Amboy, 433 State Street, Perth Amboy, N.J. For more info contact: 732-826-7040

Small Business Saturday

Shopping Spree
SAYREVILLE - The Friends of Sayreville Public Library is hosting a Small Business Saturday Shopping Spree on Saturday, November 26, 2016, 11:00 a.m.– 3:00 p.m. at the Sayreville Public Library, 1050 Washington Road, Parlin, NJ. The event is located in the main lobby, conference and young adult rooms, featuring Handmade Crafters & Direct Sales Vendors from our community. Friends of the Sayreville Public Library Membership will be available.

Dowdell Library’s Annual Holiday Open House

SOUTH AMBOY – Open House on Monday, December 5th from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. SADDIE’S STUDIO - Make it yourself (MiY) fun for all ages! 3D printer, 3D pens, jewelry making, etc. 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. HOLIDAY CHEER - Refreshments & Music Meet your neighbors! You never know, Santa might drop in!! Adjacent to South Amboy High School - off O’Leary Blvd. 732-721-6060 or email comments@dowdell.org www.dowdell.org

Christmas Cake Sale

PERTH AMBOY - St. John The Baptist Orthodox church Perth Amboy is having a Christmas Cake Sale on Nov. 28th to Dec. 1st Call 732-826-7067 to place an order between 9 a.m. and 12 noon. Pick up your order at 404 Division Street, Perth Amboy. All Gourmet items Homemade and Handmade, therefore call early before the maximum is reached. Cake: Poppyseed, Walnut, Prune, Apricot and Raspberry. \$12:00 each. The order time is Nov. 28th to Dec.1st. The pick-up date is Dec. 5th to Dec. 7th. Pick-up will begin at 2:30 p.m. Thank you for your order!

Accelerated Childbirth Education Class

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

Ads Sell!

Call Carolyn

732-896-4446

The Community Voice

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Meanwhile commercial fishing companies, even those from other countries, throw their nets in the water and catch fish by the ton with impunity. Makes sense to me, not!

Many if not all in the anti-gun community love to vilify the N.R.A. They say that they are the arm of the gun companies. Well in a way I guess that is true. But who are the gun companies going to contribute to, Nancy Pelosi?

In reality the N.R.A. is a civil rights group, just like the AFL-CIO, N.A.A.C.P., or the A.D.L. The N.R.A. defends the people's right to keep and bear arms guaranteed to them under the 2nd amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

We do not need more gun laws. We need to enforce the ones that are already in place, and we need to increase the penalties for the infraction of these laws.

Case in point: A person in Monmouth County was convicted and sentenced to 20 years for dealing drugs. This same person was found to be in possession of two illegal AK-47s. For this he was sentenced to an additional 10 years. He should have gotten life for this offense.

For a list of federal gun laws go here:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gun_law_in_the_United_States

For a list of New Jersey gun laws go here:

<http://www.state.nj.us/njsp/info/pdf/firearms/njac-title13-ch54.pdf>

For those without a computer they can be found at your local library.

Most people reading this will probably not bother to use the links above to research these laws for themselves. They would rather listen to media reports on the news, and politicians getting up on their high horses about gun control and quoting skewed statistics to further their point.

Funny thing about statistics, you can skew them any way you want to further your own agenda.

Crime statistics can be found from various organizations. They will tell you how many murders, attempted murders, home invasions, and rapes have occurred in a given place at a given time, but what they don't tell you is how many have been prevented because a firearm was present.

All this being said, I have some questions. Why are some of our politicians screaming about the need for controlling the flow of illegal guns, but targeting the laws at the people who are law abiding and buy their guns legally, and not the criminals? Why are they not enforcing the plethora of gun laws already in place? What is their real agenda?

Joe Bayona

Letter From Mayor Wilda Diaz

Dear Perth Amboy Residents:

I write to you with most sincere gratitude in the trust that has been placed upon me to continue leading our great city as mayor. Over the course of the past eight years, our city has grown tremendously and I look forward to continuing the progress for these next four years. I want Perth Amboy to be the model urban city in the State of New Jersey. I am committed to seeing the work my administration has started through and will stop at nothing to make Perth Amboy prosperous for generations to come. You, our residents, deserve nothing less.

My team and I know there is a lot of work still to be done and we are excited to not only continue the progress we have started, but we are committed to meeting the challenges our city still faces. Therefore, I have established the 2021 Strategic Planning Taskforce to serve as a resource for my administration.

The taskforce is compiled of community leaders and experts from across the state, who will draft an inclusive and

expansive vision of growth and development for Perth Amboy. Additionally, the task force will evaluate the city's overall operations, department functions and services to the public, opportunities for job creation and targeted investment in our downtown business community.

However, in order to continue serving you as mayor to the best of my abilities, I am going to need your help. Now that the elections are over, I ask that you hold all elected officials in our city, including me, accountable to execute the duties of each respective office. Personal and political agendas must be put aside and now it is time to get to work, together. I am committed to working with ALL members of our elected City Council to make sure our city's interest are first and foremost at the heart of every decision I make as mayor.

Candidly, over the course of the past year, it has been difficult to work with the majority of the members of the city council because the council president was set on using her position solely for her political agenda. Even today, after the voters have spoken outgoing Council President Nanton continues to attempt to use her office to undermine my administration – the office that I have

been entrusted to oversee by the residents of this city. The majority of our residents have spoken and the Council President should learn when enough is enough with putting her agenda above that of the overwhelming majority of residents.

The title of city council president has been used as a tool to disparage our hard working employees and purposely halt progress on policies I believe would be of great benefit to our residents. However, with new council leadership, I am encouraged that the injection of politically driven initiatives that limit my administration's ability to implement policies that benefit you, the taxpayers will be limited to a Nanton led council only.

We as a community truly are stronger together and I intend to work collectively on all of my initiatives with the new city council and board of education for the betterment of this city.

At a time when our country is startlingly divided politically and socially, we must send a clear message that here in Perth Amboy we are on the same team and want this city to grow and succeed.

Sincerely,
Mayor Wilda Diaz

What Do You Think? *Send Us a Response!*

Begin Holiday Shopping in Perth Amboy On Small Business Saturday City and BID Celebrate Start of Yuletide Season along Downtown Streets on November 26 at Noon



Press Release 11/14/16

PERTH AMBOY - Perth Amboy's merchants are bursting with holiday cheer and they are ready to celebrate Small Business Saturday on November 26 beginning at noon. Small Business Saturday, which was started in 2010, is dedicated to supporting Perth Amboy's local businesses, and celebrating downtown shopping districts in communities across the nation. Shoppers can start experiencing holiday joy by coming to Fink Park, at the corner of Madison Avenue and Smith Street.

Mayor Wilda Diaz, the City of Perth Amboy and its Business Improvement District (BID) are organizing activities and events along Madison Avenue on Small Business Saturday. Together with the Jewish Renaissance Foundation (JRF) and P.A.R.T.N.E.R., which are local nonprofit organizations, the City and BID are providing face painting and a balloon artist, as well as special \$3 and \$10 coupons to shoppers on first come basis. Holiday characters in reindeer and elf costumes will handout treats.

Once again, the BID formed an alliance with American Express to launch the holiday shopping season for small businesses in Perth Amboy. Similar celebrations are taking place across the United States. The BID earned the "Neighborhood Champion" designation for actively and successfully promoting Small Business Saturday. Merchants and re-

tailers can contact the BID at 732.826.0290, ext. 4050 or by email: rconvery@perthamboy.org to request Small Business Saturday signs, tote bags, and marketing materials.

The BID stands ready to assist retailers, merchants and restaurants by boosting their presence on social media as holiday shopping season begins. By using Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, and many more social media resources, local businesses can present their merchandise, restaurants and stores to local residents, people in the Garden State and across America.

During Small Business Saturday, students from Academy for Urban Leadership Charter High School are helping place holiday decorations around planters in the downtown shopping district.

Merchants and shoppers can find out more about Small Business Saturday and shop-



Small Business Saturday

**Photo Submitted*

ping locally by visiting the BID's Facebook page or going to ShopSmall.com.

About Small Business Saturday

November 26th marks the seventh annual Small Business Saturday, a day to support the local businesses in communi-

ties everywhere. The event was created to help small business owners' solve their most pressing need: attracting more customers.

***This Week in World War II
75 Years Ago***

By: Phil Kohn. *Dedicated to the memory of his father, GM3 Walter Kohn, U.S. Navy Armed Guard, USNR, and all men and women who have answered the country's call in time of need. Phil can be contacted at ww2remembered@yahoo.com.*

On the Eastern Front, Rostov-on-Don, in Russia — an important hub on the southern front — is taken by the Germans on November 21, 1941. In Libya, the British 70th Infantry Division attempts a breakout from Tobruk, which it accomplishes after a day of heavy fighting.

British heavy cruiser *HMS Devonshire* on November 22 sinks commerce-raiding German auxiliary cruiser *Atlantis* off Ascension Island in the South Atlantic, ending the longest warship cruise of the war. (*Atlantis* has been at sea for 622 days without in-port replenishment or repair). During her cruise, *Atlantis* has sunk 22 Allied merchant ships. The United Kingdom issues an ultimatum to Finland: End its war with the Soviet Union or it will face war with the Allies. The 2nd New Zealand Regiment captures Ft. Capuzzo, Libya, near the Egyptian border. To the west, Rommel begins a counteroffensive, re-taking Sidi Rezegh, south of Tobruk; British tank losses are heavy. In Russia, sixty trucks carry food and other supplies across Lake Ladoga on an ice road to the defenders of Leningrad. It is the first of hundreds of such truck convoys.

On November 23 the U.S. forges an agreement with the Dutch government-in-exile whereby the U.S. will occupy Surinam (Dutch Guiana) on the northeast coast of South America to protect bauxite mines there. A bomb explodes at the U.S. consulate in Saigon, Indochina. Much damage is done, but there are no injuries. German progress is being made on a 50-mile front northwest of Moscow, with some units less than 35 miles from the city. Fierce fighting occurs south of Sidi Rezegh, Libya, with the Germans and Italians suffering heavy losses; they now have fewer than 100 tanks. To the northeast, at Gambut, Libya, New Zealand infantry captures German Afrika Korps headquarters and much German communications equipment.

On November 24, the U.S. grants Lend-Lease benefits to the Free French. In the North Atlantic, German sub *U-124* sinks the British light cruiser HMS Dunedin. Of a complement of 486, only four officers and 63 enlisted men survive. The Germans begin a siege of Sevastopol in Ukraine's Crimean peninsula. In Russia, German Field Marshal Gerd von Rundstedt, concerned that his force is in an untenable situation, disobeys Hitler's direct order to hold Rostov-on-Don and withdraws from the city. In addition to being attacked in their rear by the Red Army, von Rundstedt's troops are short of food, fuel, ammunition, vehicles and winter clothing.

In the Mediterranean, German sub *U-331* on November 25 hits the battleship *HMS Barham* with three torpedoes. The British vessel's magazines explode and she rolls over and sinks quickly with only 343 surviving from her crew of 1,184 officers and men. In East Africa, Allied forces take Tadda Ridge, 7 miles from the Italian stronghold at Gondar, in northwestern Ethiopia. From Berlin, German foreign minister Joachim von Ribbentrop denounces Franklin Roosevelt as "the chief culprit of this war." In Libya, the 7th Indian Brigade repels an attack by the German 5th Panzer Regiment at Sidi Omar, while Australian and New Zealand troops link up near Ed Duda, southeast of Tobruk.

In Washington on November 26, U.S. Secretary of State Cordell Hull delivers a note — "Outline of Proposed Basis for Agreement Between the United States and Japan," known as "the Hull Note" — to the Japanese ambassador. The note demands, among other things, that Japan withdraw its troops from French Indochina and China and stop all other Southeast Asian incursions. The Japanese request two weeks to formulate a response. In Japan, a fleet of 33 warships and auxiliaries, including six aircraft carriers, commanded by Japanese Vice Admiral Chūichi Nagumo leaves Hitokapu Bay for Pearl Harbor under strict radio silence. In North Africa, the Germans withdraw from Sidi Rezegh, Libya, allowing the British 7th Armoured Division to retake the town. Lt. Gen. Alan Cunningham is relieved as commander of the British Eighth Army, replaced by Maj. Gen. Neil Ritchie. In the Middle East, the commandant of Free French forces in the Levant proclaims Lebanon to be "independent," even though the country is still governed by the Free French and Allied occupation troops remain in place.

On November 27, German panzer units reach the outskirts of Moscow. The Red Army retakes Rostov-on-Don in southern Russia. The last Italian armed forces in East Africa surrender to Allied troops at Gondar, Ethiopia. In Tokyo, the official government news agency Domei Tsushinsha reports: "There is little hope of bridging the gap between the opinions of Japan and the United States." The U.S. government issues a war warning to its overseas military commanders, advising that negotiations with Japan have reached a stalemate and that Japan might take hostile action at any moment. The Philippines, the Malay Peninsula and Borneo are listed among potential targets of a Japanese attack, but the Territory of Hawaii is not.

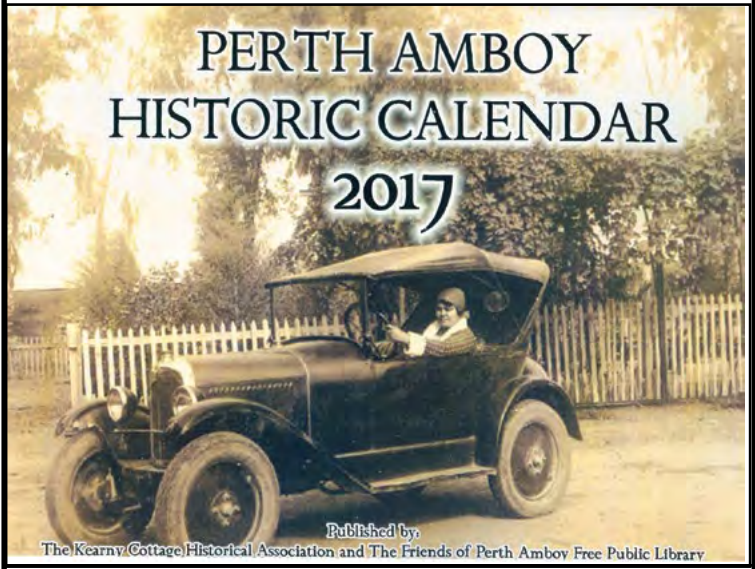
Book Sale
PERTH AMBOY - Pick up a book or two (\$.50 for paperbacks/\$1 for hard cover) ...or select a "bag of books" for a price of only \$5. Book Dealers Welcome.

Visit us at the Brighton Ave. Community Center located at the corner of Brighton Ave. and Sadowski Pkwy. in Perth Amboy. The schedule is as follows: Saturday, December 10th. We will be there from 1:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m. (weather permitting). For more info, e-mail us at friendsopferthamboylibrary@gmail.com

**Become A
Member of the
South Amboy
First Aid &
Safety Squad**

SOUTH AMBOY - Serve the Emergency Medical Needs of Your Community! A Unit of A.R.C. If you are at least 16 years old and have a few available hours in your day each week to give to others, contact us at Southamboyfirstaid.org or call (732) 721-1005. South Amboy First Aid Squad serves our residents 24 hours-a-day, 7 days-a-week, 365 days-a-year. The squad is an independently run private organization, completely staffed by dedicated volunteers and supported by tax-deductible donations. Join your fellow residents with service to our community. Neighbors Helping Neighbors! All training courtesy of the South Amboy First Aid Squad. See how a little bit of your time can benefit so many. Become A Volunteer Member Now! South Amboy First Aid Squad - PO Box 328 - South Amboy, NJ 08879

**2017 Historic Perth Amboy
Calendars**



2017 Historic Perth Amboy Calendars are now available at the Barge Restaurant, 201 Front St., Perth Amboy 732-442-3000 or at Fertigs Uniform Store, 195 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy 732-442-1079, Perth Amboy City Hall or Call Paul or Katherine at 732-293-1090. Back by popular demand the Calendars feature old photographs from Perth Amboy. Sponsored by the Kearny Cottage Historical Association and the Friends of Perth Amboy Free Public Library. Calendars are \$10 Each.

Pet of the Week



Ajax the bulldog, enjoys the day after a walk at Perth Amboy's Waterfront! Daniel

Have a Special Pet?
E-mail us your Pet Photos to AmboyGuardian@gmail.com with Pet of the Week in the Subject line and explain why your pet is special. Please include Name and Phone# for verification.

Bingo
SAYREVILLE - FEELING LUCKY! Get out of the house and off the couch - come enjoy an evening or afternoon playing Bingo. St. Stan's Parish, 225 MacArthur Ave., Sayreville - has Bingo each Thursday evening, with doors opening at 6 p.m. and games beginning at 7:30 p.m. We also have Sunday afternoon Bingo each week, with doors opening at 12 Noon and games beginning at 1:30 p.m. Our kitchen is open for great homemade lunch and dinner specials along with a nice selection of snacks to munch on. Please call our Parish Office at (732) 254-0212 for more info. See you there!

Cookie Walk
PERTH AMBOY - St. John The Baptist Orthodox Church, Perth Amboy is having a Cookie Walk on Sat. Dec. 17th at 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The address is 404 Division Street, Perth Amboy. All Gourmet items Homemade and Handmade. Hope to see you at the Cookie Walk!

**Yoga &
Beer/Wine**
SOUTH AMBOY - Yoga and beer/wine may seem like an unlikely match, but if you give it a try you may be surprised. The relaxed feeling you get when you have that first drink will help you feel less anxious and more confident. This is a great way to try something new, easy and relaxing Yoga in a safe comfortable environment. Make new friends, release tension and stress from everyday life and experience something different. Grab a friend, bring a mat and join us on December 2nd to relax and release. You may need it the holidays are coming !This event will be held at the Knights of Columbus #426, 308 Fourth St., South Amboy. Friday, December 2nd 6:30 p.m. - 8:30p.m. \$20/pp Participants must be over 21. Price includes: 50 minute Yoga Class and 1 Pint or 1 glass of wine. For more information or to register please call Denise Morgan, CPT, CGEI, Certified Yoga Teacher 732-525-9536 or email: healthandfitnesswithdenise@gmail.com . Part of the proceeds go to The Columbian Club #426.

**Ads Sell!
Call Carolyn
732-896-4446**

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.*

Remember to Say Your Novenas!

Answers From Puzzle On Page 15

A.C. Bus Trip San Salvador Seniors

PERTH AMBOY - The San Salvador Seniors are sponsoring a bus trip to Caesar’s Casino in AC on Thursday, Dec. 1 2016. Bus leaves 12 Noon from the Perth Amboy Knights of Columbus, High Street, Perth Amboy. Cost 30 pp. Receive \$30 back in slot dollars. For more info call Joe at 732-826-0819.

A.C. Bus Trip St. John Paul II Seniors

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

Bingo

PERTH AMBOY - Magyar (Hungarian) Reformed Church Hall, 347 Kirkland Place, Perth Amboy Will be starting a weekly \$1000 Bingo on Mondays Beginning September 26, 2016. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Bingo starts at 7:30 p.m. Kitchen will be open for more info call 732-442-7799.



Sands Casino Trip

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

K of C Breakfast with Santa

SOUTH AMBOY – The South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 will hold their annual Breakfast with Santa on Sunday, December 18 from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at 308 Fourth St., South Amboy. Enjoy a hot breakfast with your family and bring your camera to take pictures of your children with Santa Claus. Cost is \$8 Adults; \$3 Children 2 to 12; under 2 FREE. For more information call 732-721-2025.

Bag Bingo

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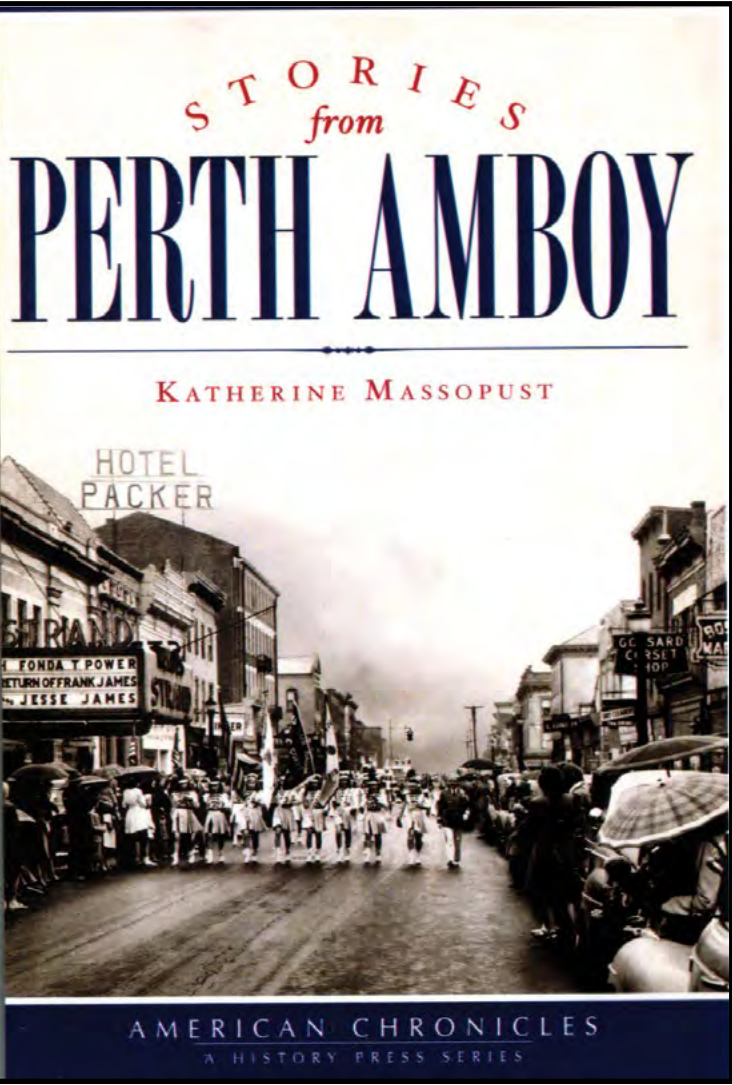
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TUES. Nov. 22	Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.
WED. Nov. 23	St. Stephen’s Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.
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	• Good Shepherd Wednesday Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Msgr. Gambino Hall , Florida Grove Rd.
MON. Nov. 28	St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.
TUES. Nov. 29	Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.
	• Good Shepherd Tuesday Seniors (HS) 12:30 p.m. Msgr. Gambino Hall, Florida Grove Rd.
WED. Nov. 30	St. Stephen’s Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.
THURS. Dec. 1	The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
South Amboy	
MON. Nov. 28	Sacred Heart Seniors, 12 Noon Memorial Hall, Wash Ave.
WED. Dec. 7	St. Mary’s Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
MON. Dec. 12	South Amboy Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.

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5 Position

8 Alan of
"Shane"

12 Tackle box
item

13 ___ Khan

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starting point

16 Removed snow

18 Small café

20 Packs tightly

21 Half a fly

22 Brontë's "Jane
___"

24 Biol., e.g.

26 Singer Guthrie

28 Compact disk
movies (abbr.)

32 Bear ___

33 Winter coat

35 Seeing organ

36 General Robert
___ (2 wds.)

38 Yummy

39 No longer
working
(abbr.)

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Adams

42 Brylcreem unit

44 More skilled

47 Lend a hand

50 Serene

53 Carson's

predecessor

54 Talk excitedly

55 New York time
(abbr.)

56 Waffle brand

57 Lather

58 ___ jacket ('60s
style)

59 Cozy abode

DOWN

1 Smooth-talking

2 German car

3 High standing

4 Stools, e.g.

5 El ___, Texas

6 "Gross!"

7 Eastern "truth"

8 Eyed

villainously

9 "It's ___ blur"
(2 wds.)

10 Per ___

11 June honorees

17 It hooks up to
the TV

19 Harvest

22 Judy's brother
on "The
Jetsons"

23 ___ Ono

24 The girl

25 ___-de-sac

27 Fury

29 Wordiness

30 Tie-___

31 Collection

34 Attaches

37 Removes the
video cassette

41 Pyrite, e.g.

43 Colorado
resort

44 Tax times
(abbr.)

45 Gentleman
caller

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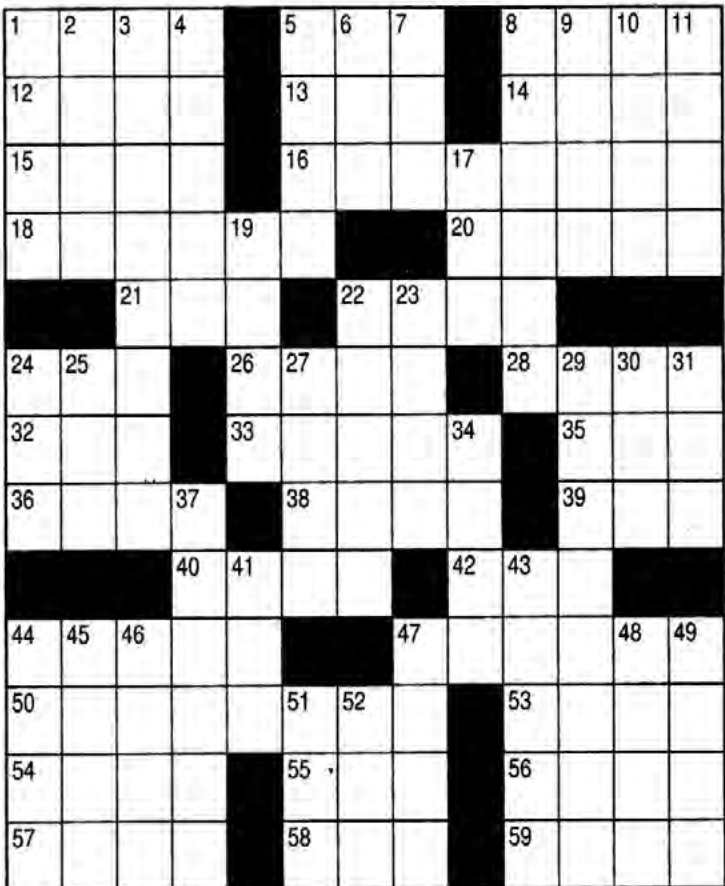
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