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Pallone Roundtable Discussion on Puerto Rico & U.S. Virgin Islands Relief 12/4/17

PERTH AMBOY – Before introducing Congressman Frank Pallone, Mayor Wilda Diaz stated how devastating Hurricane Maria was. The storm affected 4.3 million residents of Puerto Rico. “Our Community has done everything in our power to help.”

Congressman Pallone then spoke. He thanked Mayor Diaz and the Perth Amboy Community for all that they've done from day one to help. “Remember, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands were hit by two hurricanes: Irma and Maria. Mayor Diaz has given me valuable information. I also want to thank Yvonne Lopez for all of her help, even before the storms.”

Newly elected Assemblywoman Yvonne Lopez made some remarks. She was speaking as Executive Director of PRAHD, “We serve everyone and have case managed 100 families that came in from

Puerto Rico. ShopRite and Walmart were able to provide some provisions. Besides the Mayor's Office, there have been many different coalitions that she (Mayor Diaz) has brought together in the City and State. I will be going to Puerto Rico for one day, myself. I want to thank Congressman Pallone for being an advocate for Puerto Rico.”

Pallone then spoke again, “The trip to Puerto Rico I was on was through the energy of commerce, which formed a committee. I'm the ranking member in Congress. We've had hearings in Washington and the trip was bipartisan. We left on a Friday and visited 3 regions: San Juan, a Mountain Area, and the Southern Caribbean Coast. We were hosted by Congresswoman Jennifer Gonzalez. I went to St. Croix and met with another Congresswoman and the Governors of



Congressman Frank Pallone led a Roundtable Discussion at the Brighton Avenue Community Center on 12/4/17. On the panel were: (L to R) Jose Montes, Ariana Moreau, Kevin Brown, Mayor Wilda Diaz, Congressman Frank Pallone, Assemblywoman-Elect Yvonne Lopez, Tashi Vasquez of the Department of Social Services in Perth Amboy (not shown)
**Photo by Paul W. Wang*

the Islands. The first emergency energy appropriation bill of \$30 million included relief to Puerto Rico, Texas, and the Virgin Islands. Another \$44 million is to be allocated. This is not enough. The Governor of Puerto Rico said the island alone needs \$100 million.”

Pallone compared these recent hurricanes with Superstorm Sandy, “Sandy hit the coastal areas of New Jersey. Irma and Maria, which had 9 continuous hours of devastating winds would be the equivalent as if the whole state of New Jersey were hit and heavily

damaged. We flew over the town of Dorado. Roofs were ripped off the homes. Every third house had a tarp covering the top. Some small remote cities had no more than 30% power and there's raw sewage ev-

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Puerto Rican Officials Hold Press Conference on Relief Efforts 12/8/17

PERTH AMBOY - Javier Jimenez Perez, Mayor of San Sebastian, Puerto Rico, and Felix Lassalle Toro, (Puerto Rico) District #16 Representative (Camara de Representantes) visited Perth Amboy City Hall to give a first-hand account on the relief efforts in Puerto Rico.

Mayor Wilda Diaz made opening remarks. She stated, “It's been 12 weeks since Hurricane Maria struck Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. A lot of the electricity is still out, and water is still needed. This is a humanitarian crisis. When Congressman Frank Pallone and other representatives came back from their visit, they were alarmed at the dire need that still exists. My mother and sister were in Puerto Rico when Maria hit. Much is still needed. I want to thank our Human Services Department, the Police, Public Works and my staff who helped to gather 2000 lbs. of goods. This also included hy-

giene products. The Puerto Rican Congress also helped. The Celebrate Perth Amboy Committee sent over \$45,000 worth of supplies. Over 100 families were relocated to Perth Amboy. Each of you care about these families, and that's why you're here. I also want to recognize Paterson City Council Vice President Luis Velez and other New Jersey Politicians for their help.”

After Mayor Diaz spoke, Mayor Javier Jimenez Perez of San Sebastian came forward to make remarks. He spoke mostly in Spanish which was translated into English by Dianne Roman. “I have been Mayor since 2005. I thank everyone for being here. Maria was devastating. There are many days that we were without electricity and water. There was a lot of sadness, but I thank the many people like Mayor Diaz and others. We will take away with us the gratitude you have shown



(L to R) Puerto Rican Political Activist Peggy Anastos, Councilman Fernando Gonzalez, Acting Fire Chief Ed Mullen, Councilman Joel Pabon, Assemblywoman-Elect Yvonne Lopez, Acting Police Chief Roman McKeon, Mayor Wilda Diaz, Mayor of San Sebastian Javier Jimenez Perez, Felix Lassalle Toro, (Puerto Rico) District #16 Representative (Camara de Representantes) Newark Deputy Mayor of Community Engagement Jacqueline Quiles, Paterson City Council Vice-President Luis Velez, Dianne Roman from the Office on Aging, Business Administrator Adam Cruz.
**Photo by Katherine Massopust*

us. It is my satisfaction to help people. I was a CPA for 20 years, and Mayor for 13 years. Life is helping others rise up. You have done this for us.

Many Puerto Ricans have immigrated here, but have never lost their roots. They are proud of their roots from childhood. I'm also glad to see someone sitting

in the audience that I haven't seen for 30 years. We are rising in Puerto Rico, but still have

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Puerto Rico & U.S. Virgin Islands

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erywhere. There were no roads, and they're trying to fix power lines and putting up temporary roads. I went to a disaster center where I saw a man crying. A FEMA Representative that was there had said it was because a family member had just died. The stats of reports on the death toll of 58 is not accurate. It's probably closer to 500. The power grid in Puerto Rico is at least 45 years old. I think the whole grid needs to be replaced. Billions of dollars are needed. The Army Corps predicts that 100% of the power should be restored by May 2018. This has got to be speeded up. There's no money for Medicaid. I asked the Governor about this. \$880 million for Puerto Rico for Medicaid requires a match of funds. They don't have the money. We need \$1.5 billion annual for the next 5 years. The majority of people in Puerto Rico are eligible for Medicaid. Most hospitals are open and eligible for funding. We are trying to get the money. The power situation in the Virgin Islands is the same. Their solar fields have been destroyed. Microgrids are a possibility. In a children's hospital in Puerto Rico, they've used Tesla Installed Solar Microgrids instead of the old aging power grids. In Christianson, the patients in a hospital had to be moved because of the mold. We need to see what can be done on a permanent basis. I'm not going to forget Puerto Rico."

Mayor Diaz then spoke again, "The 3.4 million residents in Puerto Rico are not only surrounded by water, but also by sharks, snakes, and barracudas. I want to thank the Police Department, our Chaplains, and all the employees who helped to gather and send all these containers of supplies to Puerto Rico and to thank Pallone for bringing these problems to light. Puerto Rico has been treated differently and have made many contributions, but have been neglected. People are very depressed, and it's been especially hard on the children. We are coming together to help these families come together in the United States."

Pallone then talked about Puerto Rico not being part of the formula that is used in the United States when it comes to such programs as Medicaid. "They have a cap almost like it being a Block Grant. They are not eligible for highway money. The Governors in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands said they are treated as if they are another country. Because of the loss of power in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, some of



Perth Amboy Department of Social Services Representative Tashi Vasquez (L) translates for a woman (R) who spoke about the devastation in Puerto Rico. Her family is being helped by the City of Perth Amboy who helped her getting housing, food, schooling for her children, and other necessities. **Photo by Paul W. Wang*

the companies located there may have to relocate."

Tashi Vasquez, who is in the Department of Social Services in the City said, "We are helping over hundreds of families that came over. We've helped with housing, food, schooling, and Medicaid. I went to Puerto Rico for a few days and the mountain areas are in desperate need." Vasquez then introduced a young woman who talked about her experience during the hurricane and having to leave Puerto Rico and coming to Perth Amboy.

This woman explained her deciding factor was because New Jersey provided the assistance she needed for her special needs child, especially his education. Vasquez then explained, "Through the Department of Social Services, we were able to get assistance of Section Eight for this woman, and her children will be able to be enrolled in schools after they get their vaccinations and the paperwork in order."

Tashi Vasquez then stated, "We also helped 167 individuals, a lot who are senior citizens. On December 15, 2017 through the Mayor's Office we will have a festival (which includes food, music, and gifts) for these families and individuals for the holidays."

Kevin Brown, a Union Representative, who has members in Puerto Rico said, "We were discussing anti-labor reforms. As the Mayor says, there are sharks that have washed up on the island since the hurricane, and Hedgefund Managers have been taking advantage of the situation. We have a Natural Resource Committee looking into this. 50,000 jobs have been lost. Puerto Rico needs to have a sustainable economy, so they can rebuild for themselves and take control. We have to make sure our workers are protected. We reject privatization. We don't have coordinated service efforts as they do in New York. We have to make sure that the people who were eligible get their Medicaid, Medicare, and Food Stamps."

Ariana Moreau, who is a member of the New Jersey Hispanic Bar spoke about rebuilding Puerto Rico. "Right now, they do not have voting rights. There should be a repeal of the Jones Act. Our association has set up a comprehensive aid packet. We have sent over \$8,000 worth of supplies to Puerto Rico. 16 pallets of supplies were sent which included water. Our next project will be to collect toys for the children. Remember, they are suffering, too. They have a lot of psychological problems. Remember, it's pitch dark at night. The New Jersey State Bar Association website will have updates on how you can help Puerto Rico."

Congressman Pallone made a remark in regard to having a cup of coffee in Puerto Rico and said, "A lot of the coffee fields were destroyed, and they also lost a lot of their livestock."


The last person from the panel to speak was Jose Montes from PRAHD. "First of all, I am Puerto Rican, and there are a lot of impediments on the island. This is part of our journey. We have a coordinating committee working on helping the people of Puerto Rico. We are collecting monies which will be dedicated to the first responders in Puerto Rico who are also in need. We are working with the Latino Firefighter Unions and Grass Roots organizations such as churches and other local community centers. This will be a long-term commitment."

Perth Amboy Councilman Fernando Gonzalez had a question, "Puerto Rico has been treated as second class citizens. Why did it take this long to bring this to light after not being given statehood for so long?"

Pallone responded, "I really can't get into the status issue right now. I have a long fact sheet on Puerto Rico, and their status as to why they were never incorporated."

In order to see the complete press conference, go to: <https://www.facebook.com/RepFrank-Pallone/videos/10155451493487732/>

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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

The Guiding Sites

With the latest terrorist attack in New York that happened at the Port Authority on 12/11/17, was supposedly so far listed as a lone wolf. That's a myth. There is no such animal.

I believe every single one of these attacks, whether being done by an individual or group has been guided. Everyone knows there are sites that these people follow. It's a no-brainer.

How many times have some of the people that commit these atrocities have been on a watch-list of local and federal authorities? For some reason, there have been a fine thin line that you walk on when it comes to apprehending these suspects.

It's too late after lives have been mangled or murdered.

We do applaud law enforcement when they have prevented and thwarted these attempted terrorist attacks from taking place. A proposed attack on U.K. Prime Minister Theresa May was foiled on 12/5/17. The plan was to use an improvised bomb on Downing Street, London.

After the failed attack on Prime Minister Theresa May, I saw a related article where it showed how Prime Ministers are taught how to respond in case of an attack. It showed the late Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher a.k.a. Iron Woman in a simulated attack. In the video, she handled it so well that she admonished her security for not keeping up with her.

We know in the United States that there have been thwarted attacks that which have not been publicized for security purposes.

We believe that every terrorist attack, no matte how small is a dry run for something bigger. Who knows if the person purposely detonated the bomb strapped around him prematurely? Maybe the head wanted to see how the tail responds.

Don't forget the first attack on the World Trade Center was in 1993. Perhaps lone wolves are

sacrificial lambs.

Remember, after the arrest of Ramzi Ahmed Yousef, who orchestrated (with other terrorists) the 1993 bombing of the World Trade Center, he reportedly said, "This is only the beginning."

We want to say how impressed we were with Sarah Huckabee Sanders who read President Trump's remarks about the bombing at the Port Authority New York at the White House Press Conference (12/11/17)

The first few questions from reporters, who happened to be female were more interested in the women who were protesting in New York, who said they were sexually assaulted by Donald Trump. The reason we did not say President is because these allegations took place before he ever ran for office.

We write this editorial because the voters spoke on November 8, 2016. No matter how crazy we think some of his tweets are, he's still the President of the United States.

Right now, our concerns are on the safety and security of the United States and our allies.

Women in America, just remember this: you do have a recourse, unlike in some countries where adolescent girls and boys are sold into the sex slave trade for as little as \$1.50 per perpetrator. That's a shame.

As we stated in last week's editorial, we wish you had shown as much support and sympathy for those women who accused a sitting President. What is the point of doing this now over and over and over again? In 4 years, you will have a chance to vote Trump out. I'm pretty sure there will be a ton of candidates on both sides and maybe a strong independent candidate. It would not surprise us in the least if an independent got in. If an unseasoned candidate like Trump got in, anyone strong enough candidate can. *C.M. & K.M.*

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Invasion of The Body Snatchers
Art Imitating Life or Vice Versa

I had the opportunity to watch the original “Invasion of the Body Snatchers” a few months ago. I remembered that of all the Sci-Fi movies I’ve watched that one scared me the most when I first saw it in the 1960’s.

For those who haven’t seen the movie, it’s about aliens who came to earth to take over the human race. They try to do it by placing pods, kind of like big seed pods, in people’s homes or in close proximity to them so that when a person falls asleep the pods would assimilate their body and become an unfeeling creature devoid of emotion or creativity. Creating a world where all are the same and equal. Sound familiar?

All the people who were taken over appeared to be exactly the same as they were before they became “pod people”. They sounded the same and

looked the same but were not.

While watching the movie, I realized that this seems to be what has happened to this country. The conservatives fell asleep and woke up to a country infested with liberal progressives. To a country that has taken freedoms citizens in other countries envied and perverted them to the point where the people that used to envy us now laugh at us. To a country that honors the very people who seek to destroy the values this country was founded on.

This country’s initials, U.S.A., now stand for United Suckers of America.

Where you used to have a sponsor, promise of employment, and a physical exam to enter this country, now all you have to do is show up. You’ll be given housing, money, and medical all on the backs of working American suckers. And if you bring kids with you, even better, move right to the front of the line.

I just loved standing in line at the grocery store, after work,

with my package of chopped meat and bag of potatoes looking at the person in front of me, in the express lane I might add, with a basket full of food I couldn’t afford, and paying for it with a government card, and not having to work a day to get it. The list goes on and on.

- Men allowed in the ladies room.
- Not teaching our children to write.
- Defacing and removing statues of prominent people of our nation’s history.
- Omitting parts of our history that do not fit into liberal progressive views, even though it happened and is part of our culture.
- Infringing on our right to free speech in the name of “political correctness”.

The old argument, does art imitate life or life imitate art, has been around a long time. I think it’s a little of both.

Joe Bayona

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Holiday Fun @ Dowdell Library

Press Release 11/3/17

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Adults 18 years and older! Stop by for a night of tacos and gaming on Tuesday, December 12 from 6:30-8 pm. We'll have a taco station and play a few rounds of different games on the new PS4 gaming system!

Kids! Can't stay up late enough to see the ball drop? Celebrate the Eve of New Year's Eve Party on Friday, December 29 from 12 to 1:30 pm! We'll read a story, share our 2018 resolutions, create festive party hats and have our very own balloon ball drop. Don't miss out on this end of year celebration!

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Press Conference on Relief Efforts

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many challenges. 400 families lost everything. I'm very proud that Mayor Wilda Diaz is working with us."

Felix Lassalle Toro, (Puerto Rico) District #16 Representative spoke next. He thanked Mayor Diaz for supporting all the Districts in Puerto Rico. "We come from a small island with a large heart. Puerto Ricans in this country are proud of where they are from. I also want to let people know that Mayor Jimenez Perez went for days without resting. The supplies that you have provided has helped these small towns. We are rising, but can't be negative. There are still many without water and electricity. I believe in God Almighty. With God you can move mountains. Nature has now started to turn green and green means hope. We will become better than ever."

A question and answer period was next.

Q: The Amboy Guardian asked: "Could you update us on the situation of trucks with supplies, but not enough drivers to distribute the goods?"

A: Jimenez Perez answered, "We had organized groups that went door to door. Remember, no supermarkets or banks were open in the beginning. 400 families lost everything. We made sure that those who really



Mayor of San Sebastian Javier Jimenez Perez (R) with his good friend, Benny (L) **Photo by Katherine Massopust*

needed those supplies got it. I personally saw to it."

Mayor Diaz followed up, "Monetary donations can be made through PRAHD, The Red Cross, and the Boys & Girls Club."

Another News Outlet asked: Q:How was the response from President Trump?

A: Jimenez Perez answered, "We received a lot of aid from FEMA. Trump came to visit. Remember, we have no rights for representation. President Trump's visit was significant. It would be unfair to say that Trump has turned his back. He came. On behalf of our residents, I thank him."

The same reporter who asked that question responded, "This is quite a different response from Mayor of San Juan Carmen Yulin Cruz Soto."

A: Jimenez Perez answered, "I have no comments on what other mayors say about Trump. We have been getting water, and our debris has been picked up. Electricity is slowly coming along. The Federal Agencies have been helping. Complaining and crying reflects the capabilities of those mayors."

Felix Lassalle Toro then added, "Those who take advantage politically will be judged at their own specific time. Regarding federal aid, it's also what you do for your town."

Mayor Diaz concluded the press conference by stating, "Puerto Rico still needs our help. I can't do my job without the people behind me. The people of Perth Amboy always come together when the need arises."

Staff Tardiness Policy Under Fire 12/7/17 Board of Education Meeting

By: Katherine Massopust
PERTH AMBOY - At the 12/7/17 BOE Meeting, there was a moment of silence in remembrance of the anniversary of the Bombing of Pearl Harbor. Board Member and City Historian Anton Massopust stated that two Perth Amboy Citizens: Robert Arneson and Neal Lucey died in Pearl Harbor. Lucey was on the Arizona and Arneson died defending the Harbor. The flags were at half-mast in remembrance of that fatal day. "There is a song on Pearl Harbor we used to sing: Let's REMEMBER PEARL HARBOR

As we go to meet the foe.
Let's REMEMBER PEARL HARBOR

As we did the Alamo.

We will always remember how they died for Liberty.

Let's REMEMBER PEARL HARBOR

And go on to victory."

Students who got perfect scores on the PARCC (Language Arts and Mathematics) & NJASK (Science) Perfect Scores were honored with certificates given out by Dr. Rodriguez, Dr. Medina, and Mr. Heideberg.

There was a second presenta-

tion on the Bi-literacy Bilingual Program by Ms. Daisy Rodriguez.

During Public Comments on Agenda Items Only, PAFT President Pat Paradiso spoke out against the present policy on Staff Members who come late to school. "Staff Members who come late after 4 times are docked a half day's pay. Sometimes a staff member comes in only one minute late, or are late 4 times for a total of 4 minutes and are docked a half day's pay. In many cases, this didn't interfere with instruction of students. Sometimes parents are dropping off their kids or staff are trying to find parking. Many of the staff donate their own money to buy books for children at book fairs. Being marked late for sometimes one second for 4 times is a harsh punishment. People should be on time, but we are human."

Donna Fox, a Teacher at Wilentz School spoke about the lateness policy as well. "Last year, I was on a committee who recommended policies for tardiness with teachers. At the time, our policy was not considered. Many of our staff have to park on the streets. I've heard that have to get out of their cars

to move garbage cans. Snowstorms limits parking. There are unforeseen circumstances, accidents on the highways and parents with sick kids. In my day, the Victory Bridge could be open so I would call in if there were delays due to an accident and I was able to call the High School and tell them I would be late. Staff Members volunteer many of their hours. This punitive policy is a very extreme penalty and does not fit the infraction. Please revisit the policy. I'd be happy to sit on a committee to revise this policy."

Donna Tartza spoke about the policy as well. "The consequences for tardiness are extremely harsh. Fair labor standards state you can only dock pay within reason. \$232.88 docked pay for (3 hours of no pay) for staff members is too severe."

Parent Mary Lee Torres spoke about the need for a special education teacher for her daughter. Superintendent Dr. David Roman directed her to the Director of Special Services.

During the Business Portion of the Meeting, Dr. David Roman pulled the Tardiness Policy from the Agenda due to the

concerns that were spoken by the Union Representatives.

During the Public Portion, Donna Stewart spoke on behalf of the PTO. "More parents are getting involved. The parent workshop on the current immigration laws was well attended. It is district wide. We want to raise awareness. We always have a speaker and we wish to empower the community."

The Board honored Board

Member Manuel Nunez who was not present at the Meeting. Nunez lost the election in November 2017 and his term as a Board Member is over. The Board thanked Nunez for his service. Board President Ken Puccio accepted the plaque in his honor.

The Board wished everyone Happy Holidays for the last Meeting of 2017.

PARCC & NJASK Perfect Scores 2017

**Photo by Katherine Massopust*



Students with perfect scores on the PARCC (Language Arts and Mathematics) and the NJASK (Science) were honored at the 12/7/17 Board of Education Meeting. Superintendent Dr. David Roman, Board President Ken Puccio (L), Assistant Superintendent Dr. Vivian Rodriguez and Dr. Damian Medina (R) pose for a photo with the students.

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Spaghetti Dinner
PERTH AMBOY – The Perth Amboy Volunteer Fire Department Parade Committee will be holding their 8th Annual Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, January 20, 2018 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at St. Stephen's Church Hall, 490 State St., Perth Amboy. \$10 pp. Children under 5 are free. ALCOHOL IS NOT PERMITTED. Dinner includes salad, spaghetti and meatballs, bread with butter, soda/water, dessert, and coffee/tea! Come have dinner with our local heroes! Enter through the rear of the school from Mechanic Street parking lot. Tickets available at the door.

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Santa Fly-In Help & Contribute

Press Release
PRINCETON - Forty two years ago, the idea of having Santa fly into the Princeton Airport for the area children to watch was brought to life. Throughout the years, this has evolved into a wonderful annual event for local families and those less fortunate.

The tradition will continue this year on Sunday, December 24th, when the Nierenberg family owners of the airport, will open the hangar doors to children awaiting Santa's arrival. Santa is planned to arrive at 11:00 A.M. Parents are advised to bring the children prior to then, as the Princeton Airport Flying Tigers will be serving cocoa and cookies, and local folk singer Pat McKinley, starting at 10:30, will be leading the audience in holiday songs during the wait for Santa.

If parents would like to have a gift waiting for their child, they should bring a wrapped gift with the child's name on it in large print to the Princeton Airport lobby. Gifts should be no larger than 12" to accommodate Santa. If parents have more than one child participating, the gifts should be wrapped in the same paper and tied together to speed up the distribu-

tion. Also, to have their child participate, parents need to bring a gift for the less fortunate as well. You must also bring an equal number of unwrapped gifts for NEEDY children. This is the most important feature of this event.

These gifts must be new and unwrapped, and will be collected by the Mercer County Board of Social Services. Personal checks made out to the "Food-Bank Network of Somerset County", as well as canned or boxed food will also be collected at the airport. Donations from non-participants are kindly accepted as well.

The collection of the gifts will begin the day after Thanksgiving and will end on Saturday, December 17th in order to enable county workers to arrange the best matches for the needy. The gifts can be deposited in the "chimneys" in the lobby of the airport between 8:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. Once Santa's plane lands, he will head into the hangar, along with all the participants, to distribute each gift individually. In fairness to all, Santa will distribute the gifts in the order in which they are received at the airport. Children will also have the opportunity to take a picture on Santa's lap. Usually, distribution is completed by 1:00 P.M. and Santa continues his journey. There is no charge for this event.

The Princeton Airport is located in Montgomery Township, 3.5 miles north of Princeton on Route 206. The full address is 41 Airpark Road,

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Trolley Tour

SOUTH AMBOY – Have a holly, jolly holiday riding in our trolley on a tour of South Amboy featuring historical sites as well as the contest winner & the runners up in the “Holiday House Decorating Contest.” Tours will be given on Friday, December 15, 2017 starting at 5:30 p.m. Contact the Recreation Office: 732-525-5965 or email: Events@SouthAmboyNJ.gov to reserve your seating is very limited. First Come – First Served. Opened to South Amboy Residents only.

Spread Joy with a Toy!!!

PERTH AMBOY - Perth Amboy Chiropractic Health Center is conducting a TOY AND DIAPER DRIVE to assist Helping Hands Ministry in Perth Amboy which serves many needy children in Perth Amboy and at the Life Choices Resource Center in Metuchen. Please drop off toys and diaper donations (until December 15th) at our location: 613 Amboy Avenue, Perth Amboy, NJ 08861. If you have any questions please call us at 732-442-5552. Thank you and Happy Holidays.

Charity Fundraiser

Hurricane Maria

FORDS - Our Lady of Peace Knights of Columbus Council #9199, of Fords is sponsoring a special fundraiser to benefit the victims of Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico. ALL proceeds will go to benefit Hurricane Maria victims. We will have a Spaghetti & Meatball dinner on Friday, January 5, 2018, from 5:30PM to 8PM. The dinner will be held in the OLP Parish Center (no stairs!) on Franklin Ave, Edison. Franklin Ave is off of Amboy Ave, Edison, about one block from the Church. The Parish Center sits back off the road. Plenty of parking!

The menu includes: Spaghetti with Marinara sauce, meatballs, salad, bread, desserts, coffee and tea. Cans of soda, iced tea and bottled water will be available. BYOB (beer & wine only). The cost is \$10/ adults, \$5 for children under 12 and a special family price of \$20. (A family consists of 2 adults and any children under 12). Take out is also available.

We will also accept cash donations. Make the check out to: K of C 9199 and mail it to our mailing address of: K of C 9199, PO Box 333, Fords, NJ 08863. For more info, call Tony at 732-233-4473 or email of Bigt9199@yahoo.com

Christmas Carol Sing-Along

SOUTH AMBOY – There’s no better way to warm your soul and cheer your heart than with Christmas Cookies and Hot Chocolate. Join Chris Deibert and the Saint Mary Choir for a fun night of Christmas nostalgia and a carol Sing-Along. The concert will benefit the choir’s pilgrimage trip to the Vatican in 2019. Concert is Friday, Dec. 22, 2017 at 7 p.m. Saint Mary Church, 256 Augusta Street, South Amboy NJ, 08879. Free admission (donation appreciated).



Cookie Walk

PERTH AMBOY - St. John The Baptist Orthodox Church, Perth Amboy is having a Cookie Walk on Sat. Dec. 16th 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!

27th Annual Holiday Model Train Exhibit

WOODBIDGE - The Barron Arts Center Presents The 27th Annual Holiday Model Train Exhibit On View Nov 25 – Dec 30, 2017 CLOSED DEC 25. Exhibit Hours Mon – Fri. 11am-4pm Sat & Sun 2-4pm Reception & Tree Lighting Ceremony Friday Dec. 1, 2017 ~ 5-7pm In the tradition of family exhibitions for the Holiday Season, In the tradition of family exhibitions for the Holiday Season, the Barron Arts Center in Woodbridge, New Jersey will once again host an exhibition of model trains curated by Colonia resident Michael Gelsky. The exhibition will be free to the public but donations are always greatly appreciated. This event is sponsored by Access Self Storage of Woodbridge located at 135 Amboy Avenue, Woodbridge, J.J. Elek Realty Co. located at 117 Main Street. Middlesex Water Company located at 1500 Ronson Road, Iselin & Wegmans Food Market located at 15 Woodbridge Center Drive, Woodbridge. This year’s show is also sponsored by The Mom’s Club of Edison.

Edison AARP Ch. 3446

EDISON - Edison AARP Chapter 3446 will meet on Monday, December 18, 2017 at 11:30 a.m. for their annual Holiday Party. The meeting will be held at the Pines Manor in Edison, NJ. Music will be provided by The Everly Brothers. Items for nursing homes and hospitals will be collected at the meeting, as well as canned food for MC-FOOD.

On December 17, the chapter will participate in “Wreaths Across America” for deceased veterans.

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

Advent, Christmas & New Year’s Services

PERTH AMBOY - The members of St. John's Lutheran Church at 664 Amboy Ave, Perth Amboy NJ would like to invite everybody to our Advent and Christmas Eve services. Advent services will be conducted every Sunday at 10 a.m. A Christmas Eve Candlelight Carols service with Holy Communion will be held at 6 p.m. on December 24th. Also, we will be conducting a New Year's Eve service December 31st at 10 a.m. with carols and a New Year's Day service with carols at 10 a.m. on January 1st. We invite the public to join us in our worship services.

Santa Run

SOUTH AMBOY – Parents – do you want to surprise your child with a visit from Santa Claus this Christmas while donating to a good cause? Enterprise Hook & Ladder of the South Amboy Fire Department is having a Santa Claus fundraiser. With a donation to Enterprise Hook & Ladder, members will show up to your house with Santa on the Fire Truck. Santa can even deliver a special gift (you provide the present) For a \$20 Donation Santa and the Fire Truck will visit for 10 minutes; For a \$40 Donation Santa and the Fire Truck will visit for 20 minutes. Santa will make his visits December 19th & 21st from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday December 23rd from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. There are a limited number of slots per night, so call 732-588-6174 or email SAFDTruck8@gmail.com to make your reservation. All gifts must be delivered to Enterprise Hook & Ladder, 107 George St. that night before clearly labeled with your name and address on each gift. Note: ALL dates & times are subject to change due to fire calls & other unforeseen emergencies that we must respond to! Open to South Amboy Residents Only.

Pictures With Santa

WOODBIDGE – Donate a non-perishable item and take your picture with Santa Claus! Parker Press Park, 400 Rahway Ave., Woodbridge on Saturday, December 16, 2017 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. For more info contact the Recreation Department: Woodbridge Community Center, 600 Main St., Woodbridge – 732-596-4048 or go to www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us



Jersey Devil Lecture

Press Release 11/30/17
WOODBIDGE TOWNSHIP - The story of the Jersey Devil is one of the most popular myths of New Jersey history. The problem is that everything you think you know about the Jersey Devil is wrong. It is not about a spectral winged horse, demon, but rather the bare-knuckled political and religious upheavals and fights of colonial America. The real story of the Jersey Devil’s birth is far more interesting, complex, and important than anyone thinks. It is a product not of witchcraft, but innuendo, scandal, rumor mongering, and media hype. It illuminates a forgotten part of American history. While a tale of early America it could have been taken from the tabloids and internet gossip of today.

Join Professor Brian Regal as he examines The Secret History of the Jersey Devil at the Woodbridge Main Library on Monday, December 18 at 7:00 pm.

Brian Regal, PhD teaches the history of science, technology, and medicine at Kean University. He is the author of numerous books and articles on the more esoteric realms of the past including Searching for Sasquatch: Crackpots, Eggheads and Cryptozoology (2013). He has appeared on radio, television, blogs, and Op Ed pages around the world. His upcoming book is The Secret History of the Jersey Devil from Johns Hopkins University Press.

This program is free and open to all. The Woodbridge Main Library is located at 1 George Frederick Plaza, Woodbridge, NJ. For more information please see <http://woodbridgelibrary.org/> or call the Main Library at 732-634-4450.

Pancake Breakfast

SOUTH AMBOY - Pancake Breakfast at the South Amboy Elks #784, 601 Washington Ave. on Sunday, December 17, 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Cost \$9.00 per person; Children 7 and under are \$4 This Served Buffet includes: Pancakes, Scrambled eggs, Ham, Bacon, Home Fries, Danish, Breads, Juice, Coffee, and Tea. Tickets available at the door. For more information call: 732-721-7170



Knights of Columbus Events

SOUTH AMBOY –
NJ Devils Outing - December 29th. For all of you hockey fans, Saint Mary’s Church and the South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 are sponsoring an outing to see the New Jersey Devils battle the Buffalo Sabres Friday, December 29th at 7 p.m. at the Prudential Center. Cost of \$60 includes lower level reserved ticket to the game and \$10 worth of food and beverages. If you're interested, deadline to purchase tickets is November 22. For more information, call Chris at 732-735-1737 or Steve at 732-727-1707.
Breakfast with Santa - December 17 - South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 hold their annual Breakfast with Santa Sunday December 17 from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the K of C on 308 Fourth St. South Amboy. Enjoy a hot breakfast and bring your camera for photos with Santa Claus. Cost is \$8 Adults, \$3 Children 2-12. under 2 are FREE. For more information call 732-721-2-25.

Comedy Night Fundraiser - January 6 - South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 host a special comedy night Saturday January 6 to benefit the victims of the recent hurricanes. Doors open at 7 p.m., and the show begins at 8 p.m. Comedians Donna Vaicels, Tim Hayes, and Sean Morton will entertain. Dinner and show tickets at \$35 in advance, \$45 at the door. For ticket reservations call 201-240-2091.

Spaghetti Benefit Dinner - January 26th - South Amboy Columbiettes and Knights of Columbus host a spaghetti dinner to benefit the Cheer Dream Scoliosis Foundation on Friday January 26 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the k of C on 308 Fourth St. South Amboy. Cost is \$10 Adults and \$7 Children. RSVP to Daniela by January 19th at 732-721-2025.

This Week in World War II 75 Years Ago

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

In North Africa, Gen. Bernard Montgomery's British Eighth Army begins to move westward through Libya again on December 11, 1942, after a rest, refit and reorganization period. It engages Rommel's *Panzerarmee Afrika* at El Agheila, Libya. On the Eastern Front, the Germans realize that their attempt to take Baku and the rich oilfields of the Caucasus has failed, and they begin to withdraw to the north.

In Russia, Gen. Erich von Manstein, commanding Army Group Don, launches "Operation Winter Storm" on December 12 to try to relieve the Sixth Army at Stalingrad. Manstein has a hastily assembled force of 13 divisions, including three Panzer divisions with about 230 tanks. In North Africa, four Allied ships are sunk in the harbor of Algiers, Algeria, by Italian midget submarines.

On December 13, The Japanese make successful landings north of Buna, Papua-New Guinea. In North Africa, Field Marshal Erwin Rommel begins withdrawing his force towards Tunisia despite Hitler's insistence that he stand and fight at El Agheila.

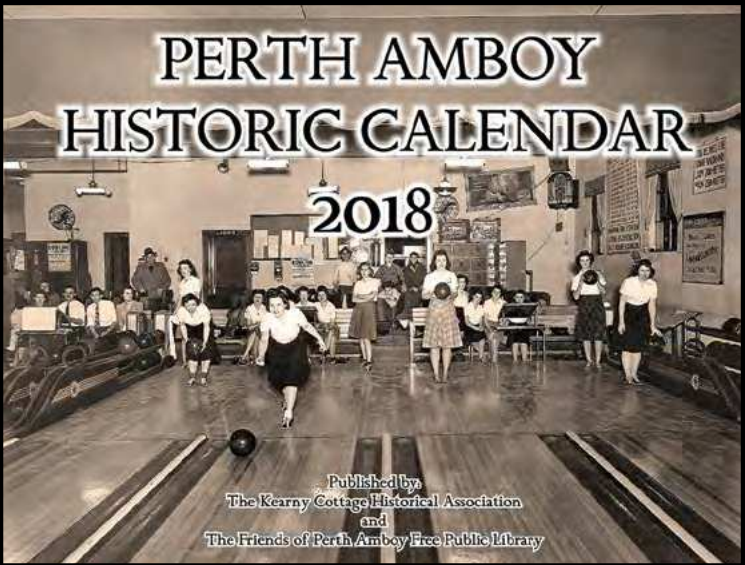
A three-day tank battle begins south of Stalingrad on December 14. In Africa, Ethiopia declares war on Germany, Italy and Japan.

Gen. Bernard Montgomery on December 15 tasks the 2nd New Zealand Infantry Division of the British Eighth Army with trying to outflank and surround the retreating *Panzerarmee Afrika*. They are unsuccessful.

The Red Army on December 16 begins another offensive in the direction of Rostov-on-Don to cut off the German forces in the Caucasus. To the north, the Soviet 63rd Army, with T-34 tanks and fighter-bombers, attacks the Italian 8th Army outside of Stalingrad. Outnumbered almost 9-to-1, the Italians' precarious position on the River Don threatens the German Stalingrad relief attempt. In Berlin, *Reichsführer-SS* Heinrich Himmler orders that all people of Romani (gypsy) blood be sent to Auschwitz, in Occupied Poland, for extermination.

On December 17, U.S. and Australian troops begin a combined assault on Japanese positions at Buna, Papua-New Guinea. By means of "A Joint Declaration by Members of the United Nations" published in London and New York, the Allied governments "condemn in the strongest possible terms this bestial policy of extermination" of Jews by the Nazis. The American submarine USS Drum lays mines in the Bungo Channel, a strait between the Japanese home islands of Shikoku and Kyushu. In Russia, the Volga River freezes over, allowing the resupply of Red Army troops in Stalingrad.

2018 Historic Perth Amboy Calendars



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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, Jan. 4, 2018. 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 – A trip to the Resorts Casino in Atlantic City will be held on Wed. Dec. 27, 2017. Cost \$30 pp.; \$25 back in slot play. Bus will depart from behind St. Stephens Church parking lot on Mechanic Street at 9:30 a.m. Call Bobbi to reserve a seat: 732-636-2867.



Sands Casino Bus Trip Holy Rosary Seniors

HOPELAWN - The Holy Rosary Seniors are sponsoring a bus trip to Sands Casino in Bethlehem Pennsylvania on February 1, 2018. Cost is \$30 and Includes bus, gratuity, \$20 back in play and \$5 food voucher. Bus leaves Church parking lot 10:00 am. For more details please call Ronnie at 732-442-5252.



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. Presently due to lack of shelf space we are NOT accepting any donations of books.

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: Saturdays: Jan. 13 & 27; Feb. 10 & 24. We will be there from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. (weather permitting). For more info, e-mail us at friendsofperthamboylibrary@gmail.com Book Dealers are welcome. !!!!

Ask the Rabbi

PERTH AMBOY/EDISON - On December 13 and 20 Rabbi Sara Metz of Congregation Beth Mordecai of Perth Amboy will be at Menlo Park Mall food court (near Panera) from noon to one. She will speak on various topics of interest and answer any and all questions as it relates to Judaism.

Storytime at Sewaren Library

SEWAREN – Featuring Elizabeth and Kara. Children ages: 3-7 years old & their accompanying adult can enjoy, story, fun, snack & more on the first and third Saturday of every month. The first Storytime this fall begins on: November 4th from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sign up is required for each month. Stop by or call the library at 732-634-7571 at Sewaren Free Public Library, 456 West Ave., Sewaren, NJ. This free event & all Sewaren Library activities & usage is open to families of all towns, not just Sewaren.

Fundraising Event

SOUTH AMBOY - This Year's Friends of South Amboy fundraising event will be held on Saturday, December 16th at South Amboy Middle High School. Proceeds from the event will go to the Midtbo family who have a five-year-old daughter battling leukemia. The day of the event we will be having a Tricky Tray and are asking for donations of baskets that can be part of the auction. If you would like to support this worthy cause, and can donate a basket for our event, please contact Janet Kern at 732-824-3494.

As in years past the event will feature local high school basketball games, as follows:
4:00 South Amboy Varsity Girls vs Calvary Christian
6:00 Bishop Ahr Boys Varsity vs Sayreville
8:00 South Amboy Boys Varsity vs Calvary Christian

DVD/Media Drive

SOUTH AMBOY - Please place your unwanted DVDs, Blu-Ray, CDs, and video games in good condition, into the collection boxes at the Dowdell Library, or Madura Pharmacy Your contributions will be donated to the Dowdell Library to help enhance its current collection. Larger collections call Grace at 732-721-6592 for pick-up Thank you for your support! This on-Going Collection Drive is Sponsored by the Dowdell Library Foundation, Inc.

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Volunteer Firefighters Needed

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

Food for Fines

PERTH AMBOY - From November 1st to December 31st bring in canned or dried goods to the Perth Amboy Free Public Library to pay for fines. One can or boxed good is equivalent to \$1 and we will accept goods for up to \$20 in fines. All donations will go to support Middlesex County Food Organization and Outreach Distribution Services which distributes nonperishable items at no cost to over 80 local food pantries and soup kitchens throughout the County, as well as an additional 25 agencies including: residential facilities, shelters, social service agencies, programs for women and children, senior citizen housing facilities and other outreach services that are also a part of their network.

No expired food, glass, or damaged cans will be accepted. Only Perth Amboy Library overdue fines will be waived. Thank you for helping us support the community.

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.

Miraculous Invocation to St. Theresa

Oh Glorious St. Theresa, whom Almighty God has raised up to aid and counsel mankind, I invite your miraculous intercession. So powerful are you in obtaining every need of body and soul, our Holy Mother Church proclaims you a "prodigy of miracles. The greatest Saint of modern times." Now I fervently beseech you to answer my petition (mention here) and carry out your promise of doing good upon earth of letting fall from heaven a shower of roses, henceforth Dear Little Flower, I will fulfill your plea to be made known everywhere and I will never cease to lead others to Jesus through you. Amen.
Say prayer every day for 9 days. By the 4th day ask for a sign if prayer is to be answered between 4th and 9th day you will see a rose in a magazine, TV picture, or receive roses, also can get a strange scent of roses in home even if no roses present. Must promise publication. A.L.S.

Remember to
Say Your Novenas!

Petition to St. Jude

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world, now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us. St. Jude worker of Miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, helper of the hopeless, pray for us.
Say this prayer nine times a day for nine days. It has never been known to fail. Publication must be promised.
Thank you, St. Jude **D.S.P.**

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Prayer to Blessed Mother - Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen. **F.M.F.**

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From Puzzle
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LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY - 1938 - John Petrick, Dee Petrick Ziemba, and Jerry Yaros with their Dalmatian and her puppies.
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Senior Scene
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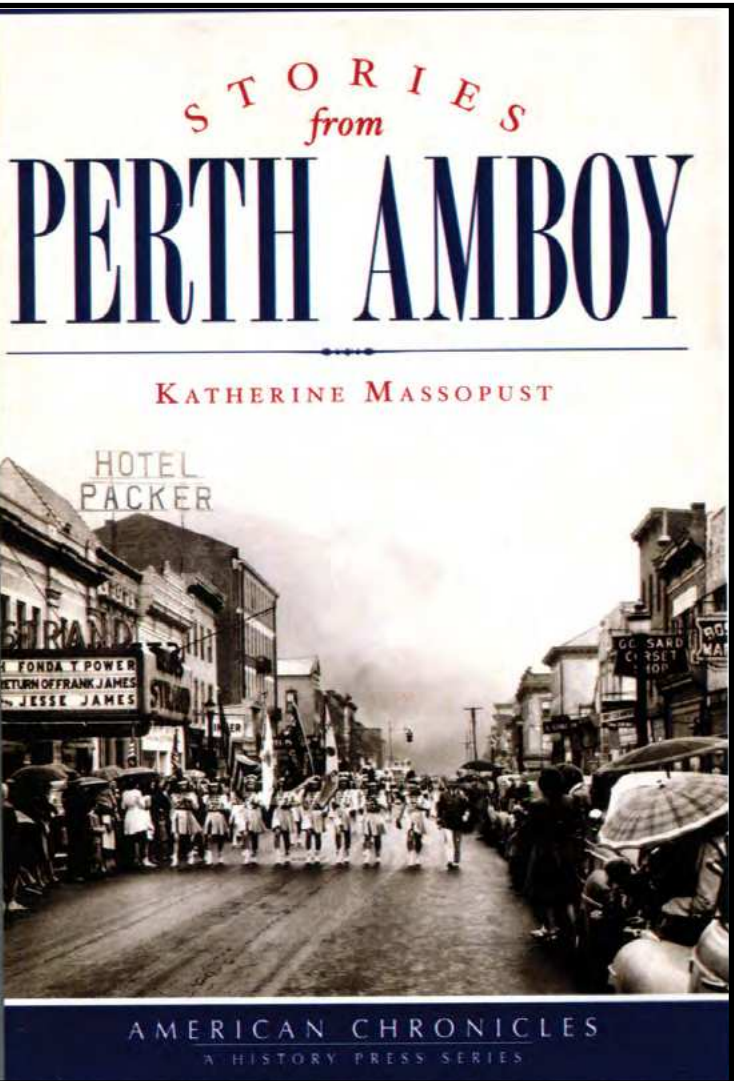
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- TUES. Dec. 12 Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.
- Good Shepherd Tuesday Seniors (HS) 12:30 p.m., Msgr. Gambino Hall, Florida Grove Rd.
- WED. Dec. 13 Good Shepherd Wednesday Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Msgr. Gambino Hall, Florida Grove Rd.
- THURS. Dec. 14 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
- Ukrainian Assumption Seniors, 12 Noon Reo Diner, Amboy Ave., Woodbridge
- MON. Dec. 18 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.
- TUES. Dec. 19 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. Dec. 20 Good Shepherd Wednesday Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Msgr. Gambino Hall, Florida Grove Rd.
- Holy Trinity Seniors, 1 p.m., Church Hall, Lawrie & Johnstone St.
- THURS. Dec. 21 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.

South Amboy

- WED. Dec. 13 South Amboy Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
- MON. Dec. 18 Sacred Heart Seniors, 12 Noon Memorial Hall, Wash Ave.
- TUES. Jan. 2 St. Mary's Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.

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18 Shoe part
20 Exclamation of discovery
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22 Popeye's favorite
26 Windy mo.
27 Broker's advice
28 ____ creek (2 wds.)
29 Jaguar, e.g.
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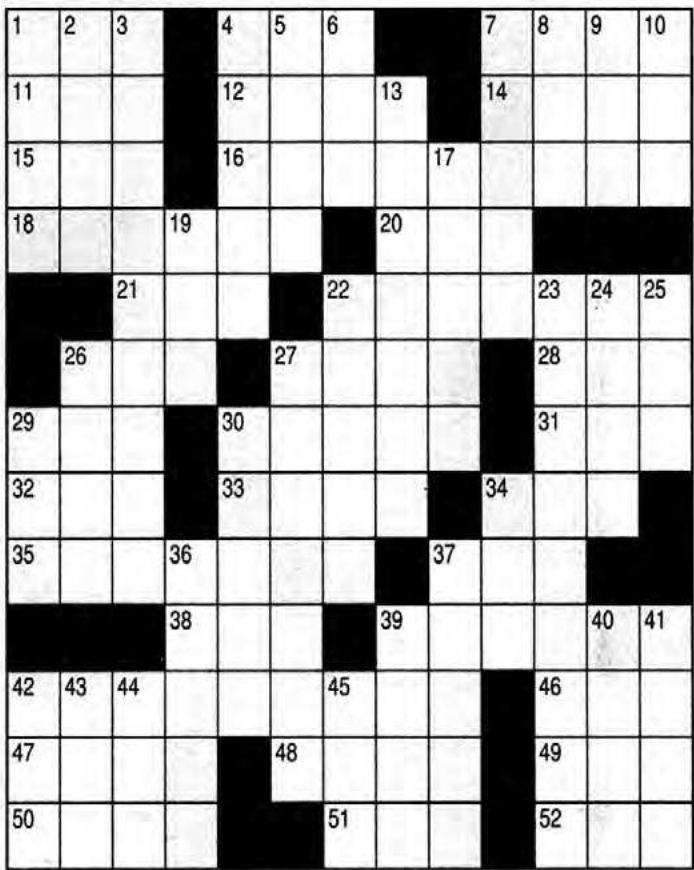
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8 Biography, for short

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22 Used a Singer
23 Star's signature
24 Accountants' initials
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26 Disabling spray
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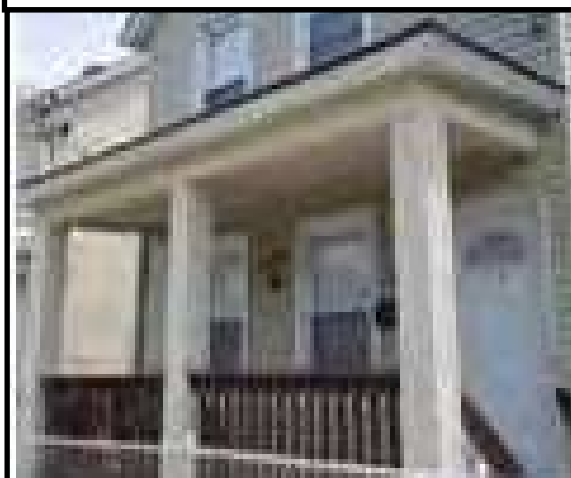
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