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Water Problems, Recreation, Streets & Bridges on the Front Burner

5/7/18 Caucus

PERTH AMBOY – Councilman Fernando Irizarry questioned Ordinance No.1 regarding water rates. He asked if there would be an increase and if so, how much?

Business Administrator Adam Cruz answered, “There will be a 3% increase across the board. For the second part of the year, the average single-family home with a family of four, will average around a \$9 increase. This is a nominal increase year to year to satisfy a loan.”

Former Business Administrator Greg Fehrenbach was asked to come up since he is involved on a committee in order to get a new contract to replace Middlesex Water Company. Fehrenbach explained, “In the last couple of years, you’ve (the City)

had significant Capital pay-downs. You’re making improvements to an aging system.”

After Fehrenbach’s remarks, CFO Jill Goldy added some information, “The City has about \$80 million in bonds and notes plus NJEIT (New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure) loans, sought and achieved that we have to pay on. \$22 million is for the water and utility. There is \$11 million additional and some of this is for debt services.”

Piggybacking off of that Ordinance was Resolution R-183-5/18: Authorizing an agreement between BASF Corporation and the City of Perth Amboy to address and implement the IEC (Immediate Environmental Concerns) actions regarding the

CPS/Madison Industries Superfund Site.

Irizarry said, “I am in agreement of having BASF to clean up the contaminants in the water system.

Law Director Peter King explained the DEP (Division of Environmental Protection) lowered the contaminant level numbers and BASF is cleaning this up. “They are paying us back \$8000. The State DEP is the regulating entity. After 30 days, either party (BASF or the City) can break the agreement. The City has to review and agree to all terms. Our engineer has to follow up.”

During the public portion, Resident Ken Balut came up to

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Still Not Satisfied: Spillover From the 5/7/18 Caucus Plus Other Resident's Concerns

5/9/18 Council Meeting

PERTH AMBOY – Several Residents came up at the Council Meeting to discuss Ordinance No. 1 Amending an Ordinance entitled “Sewers” (Ordinance No. 373-85) adopted May 28, 1985. And Ordinance entitled “Water” (Ordinance No. 270-81) re: rates.

The first person to speak was Resident Ken Balut. Balut stated, “We’re paying for polluted water and we’re not getting clean water that I’m paying for.”

Council President Bill Petrick responded, “The water is coming from the Runyan Reservoir.”

Balut shot back, “We’re getting blended water.”

Petrick then stated, “This is the first we heard of blended water.”

Balut continued, “You need to put a filter on the water.”

Petrick then stated, “This (impurities) have been encroaching on our wells since the Otlowski Administration.”

Councilman Fernando Irizarry spoke up next stating, “DEP changed the standards. That’s why it has been remediated and reported. Stop trying to sensationalize this.”

Balut continued, “Newark is getting sued for the toxins in their water.”

Mr. Robert Mesy came up to speak next. He said he agreed with the previous speaker (Balut). “My water bill went up, even though I cut down on usage.”

Resident Alan Silber came up next and stated: “Don’t gloss over this problem. Remember Flint, Michigan.”

Irizarry responded, “It’s not as bad as Flint, Michigan.”

Silber then stated, “I didn’t say it was that bad. If we are drinking blended water now, what did we drink before?”

Petrick responded, “No one knew about the blended water until this was mentioned this past Monday (May 7, 2018).”

Silber’s last comment was, “We should get a discount on the water.”

Resident Jeremy Baratta came up to speak next. He asked, “Has anybody on the Council been drinking the tap water?”

They nodded “yes.”

Baratta then asked, “Do you feel it’s safe to drink?”

Petrick responded, “Yes, I do.”

Balut then came back up to speak on the agenda items, “The public should know what’s in the water and you didn’t know for years until you were told on Monday? An environmental

attorney never was hired to investigate this problem. Did the County care?”

Law Director Peter King responded, “BASF is the owner of the site. Equipment is being installed to remove the contaminants.”

Balut concluded, “Tell the public that the water quality is not safe.”

Resident Alan Silber came up to talk about resolutions R-190 – 5/18 - Seasonal Fixed Location Peddler lease at the Marina Parking Lot for a food concession truck with Perusa Deli for the sum of \$2,250 from May 23, 2018 to November 30, 2018. And R-191 – 5/18 – Two Seasonal Fixed Location Peddler Licenses with Perusa Deli for the leasing of a space in the train station parking lot for the sum of \$100 per space from May 1, 2018 thru October 31, 2018.”

Silber questioned, “Is this \$100 per space for the whole six months? How much are people paying for parking spaces?”

Business Administrator Adam Cruz clarified, “It’s \$100 per month per space.”

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez then spoke up, “Why are we

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Police Unity Tour 5/9/18

**Photos by Paul W. Wang*



Thomas E. Raji Memorial



Unity Tour Cyclists enter Staples Parking Lot, Rte 1 Iselin



Javier sings the National Anthem



Marisol Raji



Saluting the Flag during the National Anthem



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5/7/18 Caucus

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speaking. The water issue has been going on since the 1980's. The DEP didn't know about the contamination? How can you trust them? Only Fehrenbach seems to care about the City."

Resident Vince Mackeil came up to speak about the water. He stated, "In the 1980's, they tested the water and I appreciate you (the Council) asking questions. Perth Amboy at the time was losing one million gallons of water a day and I even talked to Mayor Otlowski about it."

During the Council Comments, Council President Bill Petrick said, "There was an expert from Rutgers who is working with BASF concerning the contaminants in the water."

There were several questions asked regarding the bidders for the new parking pay stations. B.A. Adam Cruz explained the bidding process. "Normally we advertise in the Star Ledger. There were three bidders. The one was: Amano-McGann; the second person to bid was: IPS Group; the third bidder was Pakeon-Devo Assoc. We recommended the first bidder: Amano-McGann because the other two companies wanted to implement a different kind of software than what we requested."

Council President Bill Petrick asked if we can rebid to see if we could get a lower bidder that can meet our specifications.

Parking Utility Manager Bryan Walenski explained that the other two bidders were Cloud based and each of their software is unique. These companies did not allow their software to be transferred to our server, but we can go out to rebid."

Resident Ken Balut had comments about this, "We paid \$35,000 in the past to a no bid contractor. We put in the Cloud. We also don't know who Walenski worked for before. Our money is being wasted. You need to look at those pay station contracts."

There was a discussion regarding Recreation in the City, especially when it comes to parks. Resident David Caba came up to speak. He stated that Councilman Joel Pabon had said in a previous meeting that we (the Council) have no control over the parks. Caba then continued, "The Mayor went to a Freeholders Meeting to fight for Barry's park. The youth have been waiting for 4 years for the park to be done. Pabon should ask the Freeholders when the park will be built for the youth. Is the land contaminated? We don't know whose running our City. Barry was paying \$35,000 a year (in taxes) on that property. Why be in office if you don't have the power? But you can ask the questions."

Pabon responded, "The land is not contaminated, and I will get you the information."

Resident Alan Silber came up to comment, "Somebody got \$5 million and we didn't get the \$140,000 that the prop-

erty would have brought in taxes over four years. The last I heard, Middlesex Vocational s supposed to take the park land." Silber then continued, "I see there is a special space for the Mayor at the Public Safety Complex. Does a City Employee have to notify the City if they have a private business in the City? Bryan Walenski was mentioned in a magazine as one of the 100 most influential persons in the state. He struggled over the budget questions. Was had a tree made which showed who every employee worked for."

The streets and bridges were also of concern to the Council and residents. Vince Mackiel asked, "Who is responsible for the railroad bridge being fenced off at Elm and Market Streets?"

Deputy Police Chief Larry Cattano said, "The reason for that is that the steel plates (on the bridge) were obliterated and it's New Jersey Transit's problem. We may have to put signage on that side of the bridge to have people cross on the other side of the street where the bridge is not caged off." Cattano then talked about the traffic light problems at High Street and Rte. 440. "The State said it's working as designed."

B.A. Cruz spoke up and said, "We're getting an estimate of a traffic study at that location."

Council President Bill Petrick commented, "We should get all of our local officials involved and they should also look at

some of the lights on State Street and High Street."

Councilman Irizarry said, "The City also needs to add speed bumps on Dillman Lane."

Petrick then suggested, "We should get input from Edison and Carteret who have special speed bumps installed on some of their streets."

Councilman Joel Pabon had a couple of comments and pointed out that all four bridges are dangerous. "That should be one of our top priorities."

Cattano responded, "DPW Director Hoffman already talked to NJ Transit about the bad shape of the bridges."

Pabon spoke again and told Cattano, "The residents appreciate the new lights installed on Bruck Avenue and Pine Street."

Business Administrator Adam Cruz had some information regarding the NJ Transit bridges, "The Fayette Street Bridge has been City owned since 1928 and the cost to replace that bridge will be millions. Money is being allocated to other parts of the County. \$500,000 has been allocated for RFP's. If we can't get grants, we'll have to use money from our budget. We've been talking to Senator Booker since 2016 and now Assemblywoman Lopez is trying to help us get money from the Department of Transportation (to help repair these bridges)."

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez was absent with an excuse.

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5/9/18 Council Meeting

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putting peddlers downtown?”

Silber continued asking questions about the peddler at the train station, “Who negotiated this? They’re paying more for the lot with no meters than they are at the train station. Are taxes being paid to use those spaces in the train station? Hope they’re not selling tap water.”

Cruz responded, “They’re selling Italian Ices. They have to pay a license fee of \$500 besides \$100 a month per space. They also have a \$1 million Insurance Policy for having that space at the Train Station.”

Law Director King then added, “You (the Council) can change the Ordinance. These spots were advertised.”

Councilman Helmin Caba then spoke up and voiced the following concerns, “Do we have in writing what they can sell? If not, we need to have it in writing. I have concerns it will hurt the businesses downtown.”

Resident Jermy Baratta came up next, “It makes sense to have food trucks at the Marina because the other restaurants are sit-down. You should table the resolution. There should be competition with the same kind of businesses, but not with food trucks.” Baratta then had a question regarding R-184-5/18 - Authorizing termination of the City’s contract with Todd Harris Company for pool maintenance and service at the Public Safety Complex Community Center. Baratta asked “Why does the City have to pay for this service?”

Petrick responded, “It’s City property and the City’s responsibility.”

Councilman Irizarry commented about R-190 & R-191 involving the peddlers at the Marian and Train Station. “If we have an ordinance on the books, and the peddler followed the rules, can they do something if we reverse the ordinance now?”

King responded, “They can file a complaint.”

Irizarry then stated, “Should we punish that person because he is the only one who applied (for the spaces)?”

Gonzalez then questioned, “Did we have an amount as to how much a person had to pay for the spaces?”

King replied, “Gary Muska (Purchasing Agent) sent out the specs and he’s one of the best purchasing agents.”

City Clerk Elaine Jasko told the Council information they requested on Monday (5/7/18) regarding the amount of Handicapped Spaces. “There are 620 and the total actually went up. Many were deleted, but there were applications that were already on file (that took those spots) plus some additional ones.”

Councilman Joel Pabon spoke about R-190 & R-191. “We messed up. We may be taking businesses away from the downtown businesses. We can change the ordinance next year. This is the same thing that happened last year with the festivals. We talk about it (the problems) after

the fact. The vendor should not be punished for something that’s our fault.”

Irizarry then said, “I don’t agree with R-191, but the person who bid (on those spots) did the correct thing and shouldn’t be punished.”

Petrick then said, “We can vote “yes” or “no” now and change the ordinance for 2019”.

When it came time to vote on the Resolutions, R-177 thru R-190, and R-192 thru R-195 was moved by Councilman Irizarry and Seconded Helmin Caba. R-191 was asked to be pulled by Councilman Gonzalez to be voted on separately. When it came time for the vote it was moved by Councilman Joel Pabon and seconded by Councilman Fernando Irizarry. Councilman Gonzalez was the only one to vote “no.”

City Clerk Elaine Jasko then spoke up and told the Council, “There has to be a public hearing on R-176-5/18,” Adopting the amended CY2018 Budget. “And it has to be voted on separately by the Council.”

When this Resolution was open to the public, Balut was the only person who spoke. He complimented the Council telling them: “You did the proper thing by not raising the taxes which was the right thing for the taxpayers. You should keep the budget the same as last year. The Mayor was hiring more people who worked on the campaigns. Thank you for stabilizing the taxes.”

The Resolution was moved by Irizarry and seconded by Caba.

During the last public portion, Resident Roisin Dowling came up to speak. She stated she is a member of the Zoning Board and a member of the DVRT Team. She told the Council, “I admire you, but you let me down.” She then stated that the Council put someone on a Board with a current record of breaking the law. She indicated we’ve all done things in the past done things that we regret. She stated that nothing personally has been done to herself but this person had criminal activity in the recent past. This person had felony charges as a stalker and peeping tom. I have proof of this. She stated that police know him, and that she has a hard time sleeping because of this. You put that person on the Board even though you knew of the background and some of you are fraternizing with this individual. She asked the B.A. if he knew about the criminal activity of this person. You all were given information.

Law Director King asked, “Please provide us with documents.”

Dowling then proceeded to give copies of more documents to the Council Members and Administrators who were sitting up front.

Resident Stephanie Márquez-Villafañe came up to speak and said she was addressing the Council as a Member of the UMoP. “I’m inviting you to our walk on 5/19/18. The City is supporting the walk. I want to thank Bryan Walensky, Parking Utility Supervisor and Business

Administrator Adam Cruz for the free parking at the train station (For those participating in the walk). I’m excited that the elevator in City Hall is fixed and that we’ll be going back (For future meetings).

Businessman Danny Gonzalez came up next. He told the Council, “The streets are looking good and there are a lot of positive things happening (such as with the parks). At Lucey Center, there used to be a boxing gym. There are a lot of gangs here and the neighboring towns. We have a golden glove boxer and also a nephew of a well-known boxer in town. I reached out to the police and Kenny Ortiz for a need to have a boxing program. We need to utilize vacant spaces for boxing and we need the City to participate. The YMCA is a good place. All you need is a ring, a good coach and a punching bag.”

Resident Ken Balut came up to speak. He still had questions about Bryan Walensky. “His name appeared in an article where he talked about Wilda Diaz being one of his top clients. He only had an 8-hour course to run the Parking Utility. I’m probably more qualified to run the Parking Utility since I probably have given out more tickets in my career. Investigate how and why he was hired.” He then talked about how the County paid for the park in East Brunswick that was many more acres and less money than what the County paid for the proposed park in Perth Amboy. “We lost the fire house. The City recently has sexual harassment classes. You put in the same class the accuser and the accused. You guys don’t get to ask questions because things are dropped in your lap (in the last minute).”

Irizarry responded, “You don’t know what you’re talking about, but you act like you do.”

Petrick also responded, “We want to hear the facts.”

Resident Jeremy Baratta came up to speak, “I see a lot of postings on Facebook. Balut sat on the Council for 4 years. People who come up to speak do their research. You get paid and spend a lot more time than 4 meetings a month. You sit on different committees and Boards. Board volunteers work a lot with no pay. There are a lot of boards with volunteers and they still have vacancies. There are a lot of rumors and gossip. There are things that happened 10 – 20 years ago.” He then said as a speaker said before, people have done things that they regret. “With Board volunteers, it’s always a thankless job. Laws have changed, and people bring up prior things that have happened. If you want to complain, this is the place to do it.”

Resident David Caba came up to speak, “I was challenged to go to a Freeholders Meeting. We were supposed to get a park on High and Washington Streets. The owner of that property got \$4 million from the County for that land.” Caba then read an article from 1996, “We have no school or park. I agree with Mr. (Danny) Gonzalez that we are losing our youth. People

are saying we have no problem. You can attract some of these youth by providing activities. Have you asked the Freeholders why the park hasn’t been built? It will probably be finished in 2020, the election year.”

Resident Alan Silber came up, “The Mayor went to a Freeholders Meeting with a City Employee to say we needed Rosengarten’s property for a park. That was 4 years ago. We could have gotten close to \$1 million (including interest) for this property. We are not getting our tax money. Did we receive the Freeholders? Did the Freeholders bond for the money to pay \$4 million for the park? We shouldn’t have to look out for the vendors. Look at Walensky’s resume. Where did he work? The article doesn’t say he worked for the City, but that Wilda was his client. He worked in Hoboken for that Mayor’s campaign. Fairview Insurance gave money through PACS. Rosengarten couldn’t get rid of that property for 20 years.”

Department of Recreation Director Kenny Ortiz came up to speak about some of the playgrounds and activities for City’s youth. He stated, “I talked to the Director of Parks. They’re waiting for the Department of Engineers to issue the permits. The Vocational School will have first preference for using the park facilities once it’s built. We trade off with the school’s facilities. We’re exploring more ways to work with the Y, especially with the boxing program.”

Councilman Helmin Caba spoke up commenting about the peddler’s ordinance, “We need to remove the part where we have peddlers at the Train Station.” He then asked if the Board of Education needs to come here to talk about the safety issues regarding the new High School and Elementary School. “We need to have the Rutgers Professor come here to talk about our water problems.”

Councilman Joel Pabon then stated: “I remember when representatives from Middlesex Water would come here (to give us an update) about our water/wastewater issues. They were very knowledgeable and we should have them come back.”

Council President Bill Petrick then stated, “The DEP is influenced by a lot of politicians.”

Law Director King then remarked, “The water utility has annual reports of what’s in the water.”

B.A. Cruz then made a couple of remarks, “The underground water has affected our wells. We follow California’s (higher) standards, even though the DEP didn’t want us to use those standards. We would shut down the wells if the water (dioxide levels) weren’t acceptable. The reports are in the system.”

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez talked and said, “You can give us a short synopsis of the water. I am embarrassed that we didn’t know about the problems with the water. You (Cruz) knew about this a year ago.”

Cruz responded, “No one is hiding anything.”

Gonzalez replied, “We’re buy-

ing water from Middlesex. Just keep us informed.”

Councilman Helmin Caba wanted to thank Danny Gonzalez about bringing attention about the possibility of boxing programs. “The PAL (Police Athletic League) are interested and excited about bringing boxing into town. We have gangs and at-risk kids. We need this program to attract these kids. It will have the kids and police working together and the police will become their mentors. The Superintendent of Schools is open to the idea of collaborating with the City for a boxing program.”

Deputy Police Chief Cattano came up to speak, “We have much younger officers on the force that embrace these programs. The people who were mentioned at the Meeting have a 501c boxing program, and they have their own building in New Brunswick.”

Councilman Caba spoke up and said, “The biggest challenge is financing. If you have all these entities come together (Y, schools, police department, recreation department) you will not need financing.”

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez said, “More lighting is needed downtown to help decrease crime. There are 30 lights out at night from Maple Street to High Street. On my block 10 lights were out. We have a large paid staff to see what lights are out at night. Someone is not watching the store.” On Huntington Street, he mentioned, “There’s a mattress and a tree about to fall. Have Transit fix the bridge.”

Fernando Irizarry spoke next, “I’m not saying the situation with the water is not serious. We became aware of the water problems the same time that the public knew. It’s serious, but until we know what is going on, let’s not sensationalize this. We need a dedication by a Rider to show where the PILOT money will go to next year. There is also property on Buckingham Avenue that has concrete dumped and asphalt on it.”

Petrick responded, “It’s Harbortown property.”

Irizarry then questioned, “There were mounds of asphalt and is it proper for them to have it there?”

Joel Pabon spoke up next, “BID is having good programs coming up.” He voiced concerns about people crossing against traffic lights.”

Cattano came up to address Pabon’s last statement, “We are going to have Police stationed at those hotspots (where people cross against the lights a lot).

Councilman Gonzalez had a problem because he said, “When street paving was taking place, people said the signs were confusing when you can park. Cars were being towed.”

Cattano responded, “We gave residents whose streets were being paved warnings to move their cars.”

Gonzalez then said, “I saw none of those actions taken.

Cattano concluded his remarks to let the Council know that May 15, 2018 is National Law Enforcement Day.

LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

National Law Enforcement Day
Saluting Those Who Serve, Have
Served, and Made the Ultimate Sacrifice
May 15, 2018



THE COMMUNITY VOICE

Raising the
Minimum Age
Police and Fire
Pension Changes
(s-5) More Work
Needed

Would raising the minimum age to 21 to purchase a firearm really prevent gun violence? That wouldn't stop someone from misusing their parent's firearms, like that case in New-

town CT, or elsewhere. There's a site from CCHR that links the use of psychotropic drugs (like Prozac) to the mass shootings that have occurred over the past two decades. No psychotropic drugs were in use until the late 1990s. School shootings were unknown before

the 1968 Gun Control Act when firearms were more common. Since 1968 the number of violent firearms deaths have more than doubled.

Ronald A. Sobieraj

on the job and only 1 retired member (either a retired police officer or fire fighter). The one vital change needed Gov. Murphy failed to recommend. The current bill still allows the board to CUT PENSIONS AND BENEFITS. Gov. Murphy did make one change in this area. Instead of a simple majority it would take a 2/3rds majority. Local 9 of the New Jersey Retired Police and Fire wants this provision that would allow cuts

to be dropped COMPLETELY. Please write, email or call Assembly Speaker Coughlin, Assemblywoman Lopez and Sen. Vital and let them know "NO CUTS" to benefits or pensions of current retirees. Please protect those who spent their lives protecting YOU!

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Parade

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research university right here in New Jersey, is receiving federal funding to continue its ground breaking scientific work," said Pallone. "I look forward to seeing results of this research." The research and work made possible by the grant will be used to develop learning materials for undergraduates and also featured in the Skidmore Encore lecture series for adults 55 and over.

Bike Rodeo

PERTH AMBOY - Safety First! There will be a Bike Rodeo on Saturday, May 19, 2018 at Dr Herbert N. Richardson School located at 318 Stockton St., Perth Amboy from 12 noon-3 p.m. Teaching children ages 5 through 10 the importance of riding a bicycle safely, fun bike road course and other bike activities for children. To register or more for information, call 732-638-5063.

South Amboy
State of the
City Address

SOUTH AMBOY - Mayor Fred A. Henry will deliver the State of the City Address on Wednesday, May 23, 2018 at 12 Noon at the South Amboy Senior Resource Center, 106 S. Stevens Ave. Please RSVP by May 17, 2018. RSVP to kudelkak@southamboynj.gov or call 732-525-5932.

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Historic Surveyor
General's Office

PERTH AMBOY - The Historic Surveyor General's Office, which is adjacent to Perth Amboy City Hall, is now open for tours. At one time, this structure was the meeting place of the East Jersey Board of Proprietors & housed their records. Presently the Surveyor General's Office is displaying artifacts from the John Watson (1685-1768) archaeological site along with other items from Perth Amboy's rich history. Perth Amboy history DVDs are also available.

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Community Calendar

Perth Amboy

MON. May 21 City Council, Caucus, 4:30 p.m.
City Hall, High St.

WED. May 23` City Council, Regular, 7 p.m.
City Hall, High St.

THURS. May 24 Historic Preservation Commission, 7 p.m.
City Hall, High St.

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Police Unity Tour 5/9/18

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Unity Tour Gathers for the 10-Year Anniversary
Memorial Ceremony for Officer Thomas E. Raji

Press Release 5/8/18
PERTH AMBOY – The Perth Amboy Police Department will be holding a remembrance service in honor of Officer Thomas E. Raji, the first and only officer killed in the line of duty in the history of Perth Amboy. Officer Raji lost his life in a motor vehicle collision on August 22, 2008. A monument dedicated to Officer Raji was erected in 2011 and placed in front of the Perth Amboy Police Headquarters. As National Police Week continues, the Police Unity

Tour participants will be gathering at his memorial site located in Woodbridge, NJ to memorialize his anniversary along with other officers lost in the line of duty. Over 300 participants will be departing from 1 World Trade Center “Ground Zero” Manhattan, NY and traveling to Woodbridge, NJ for a brief memorial ceremony. The following officers ride as a unit in honor to Officer Thomas E. Raji and will individually ride for those listed below:

- P.O. Frank Cristiano rides for

- Mark Diebold, Tarrant County, Texas
- P.O. John Marcinko rides for Anthony Raspa, New Jersey State Police
- Det. David Guzman rides for Miosotis Familia, New York Police Department
- Ret. Sgt. Joe Breyta rides for Justin Leo, Girard Ohio, Police Department
- Lt. Joe Jankowski rides for Alvin Williams, Woodbridge, NJ

Support Staff Includes: Det. Mark Celecki, P.O. Arcadio Ri-

vera and Det. Carlos Rodriguez.

The primary purpose of the Police Unity Tour is to raise awareness of Law Enforcement Officers who have died in the line of duty. The secondary purpose is to raise funds for the National Law Enforcement Officer’s Memorial and Museum. To learn more about the Police Unity Tour visit: <http://policeunitytour.com/>

Roman McKeon, Acting Police Chief, Perth Amboy Police Department, Immediate Family

of Officer Raji, City Officials, and Over 300 Police Unity Tour Participants participated in the ceremony for the Police Unity Tour/ Officer Thomas E. Raji, 10-year anniversary starting on Wednesday, May 9, 2018 approximately at 1:00 p.m. (depending on arrival time for cyclists) in Woodbridge, NJ corner of Green Street & Route 1 (Staples Parking Lot Area).

National Day of Prayer: Perth Amboy City Hall Circle 5/3/18

*Photos by Paul W. Wang



Update on New High School; District Student Council; Update on Communications Academy; 2018-2019 School Budget

5/7/18 Board of Education Meeting

By: Katherine Massopust
PERTH AMBOY – The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by President Ken Puccio. The Board immediately went into executive session and returned at 7:16 p.m.

There were 4 presentations. The first presentation was given by Charles McKenna CEO of the SDA (School Development Authority) on the new Perth Amboy High School.

McKenna stated that the SDA must make sure all the buildings have the following:

- 1) District Early Site Work - All is clean land. This is determined by a Site Mediation expert who is licensed by the DEP (Department of Environmental Protection).
- 2) The Program /Concept Phase – Look and feel of the building itself.
- 3) Schematic Design Phase
- 4) Bridging Design Phase – Take the concept and build. We hire a contractor who has a partnership with an architectural firm to build the building.
- 5) Design-Build Procurement
- 6) Design-Build Phase
- 7) School Occupancy – ready by Fall 2023

The architect gave a presentation on the schematics of the new high school. A simulation of what the new high school will look at was presented.

Superintendent Dr. David Roman spoke about the 9th Grade Program: “The transition to see through a bridge what the design was. When on the 9th Grade Level, you can use a lot of the facilities. There was a lot of thought went through these plans.”

McKenna stated, “We collaborated with the district. It’s the largest project we took under construction by the SDA.”

Dr. David Roman stated, “I’m proud to work with this administration. This Administration, this Board are not here to argue with anyone. We all can’t get what we want. It’s about the children. There is but only ONE purpose – student focus. Everything we do in this district is to perform.”

The second presentation was on the District Student Council. The Students, each of which represented a different Perth Amboy School spoke about what the District Student Council does. They emphasized that there is no doubt that power can create change. “We get to meet with the administrators and learned what it means to be a leader.” The students were asked if school should close at an earlier time and were given the opportunity to make the best decision for everyone.

For “Read Across America,” the older students read to the younger students in the elementary schools. This gave them opportunity to influence other people. By inspiring a person, you can do anything. “A better version of me.” One rises above and beyond to see people feel valued. “We are honored and

proud to have an opportunity to have a voice. The time is now. Great things are on the horizon.”

The third presentation was given by Mrs. Daisy Rodriguez and Mr. Wilson who spoke about the Communications Academy. Communication, Information, and Media – what it takes to take a concept and make something out of it. Some students submitted a film and some photos.

Student Ana Camila Gutierrez of Perth Amboy High School Main Campus made a film: “Dandelion.” It won Grand Prize for Best Documentary for Visionaries: Grades: 9-12 at the 2018 Montclair Film Festival Emerging Filmmaker Competition. “Dandelion” also won third place in Film Now: An International High School Film Festival. To view the film “Dandelion” go to PA-TV: Video on Demand (<https://www.paps.net/domain/202>). It’s also available on YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8K3spPmZrV8>)

“I’m a student and I have a voice and you’re listening to it.” – Ana Camila Gutierrez

Dr David Roman stated, “Ana expresses the plight of many Perth Amboy Students.”

The fourth presentation was given by Superintendent Dr. David Roman and Board Secretary Derek Jess on the 2018-2019 School Budget. Jess explained that as of next year there will be no debt left and all bonds will be paid off. The Total budget for the 2018-2019 school year is: \$283,476,506. That covers all the expenses of all the schools in the district for the year 2018-2019. Jess explained that there is less money in the surplus this year because of some increased expenses. \$11,306,240 is appropriated to the Charter School. The new Charter School will have 180 students. Medical benefits cost 7.5% more this year for premiums. Jess then explained that the SDA is building two schools: Seaman Street Elementary School and the new Perth Amboy High School.

Dr. David Roman stated that curriculum and instruction: “We evaluate everything going in and out of this district. We get monitored by the state for everything. There are different programs. All met the growth rate. We are moving up. We are successful. The results are not denying it. I assure you I am here to bring this District to Distinction. That’s what it’s about. Every single child in this district deserves it. We must be doing something right – all of us. They deserve the world. We’re delivering it to them.”

According to Assistant Supervisor Richard Chromey in a statement sent to the Amboy Guardian:

The District was recently recognized by NJ Department of Education: “Perth Amboy restructured their administration in order to provide strategic and targeted supports, upgraded facilities, increased outreach with

parents, and gave greater autonomy to their teachers and leaders. As a result, their Graduation Rate grew more than 16% in 4 years.”

- Samuel E. Shull and William C. McGinnis Middle Schools will exit “Focus” status on June 30, 2018. Focus Schools comprise about 10% of schools with the overall lowest subgroup performance and need improvement in areas that are specific to the school.

- The Dual Language School is recognized as the first and only stand-alone dual language school in New Jersey. The Dual Language School will expand to include sixth grade for the 2018-2019 school year.

- The District’s NJ Quality Single Accountability Continuum (QSAC) rating on Instruction and Program increased from 32% to 65%.

- The High School graduation rate increased to 76% and met its 2017 targeted graduation rates as established by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

- The number of Seal of Biliteracy recipients jumped to 111 this year, an increase of 29%. The New Jersey Department of Education State Seal of Biliteracy identifies graduating high school students who are able to demonstrate proficiency in English in addition to one or more world languages.

- For his commitment to English Language Learners, Dr. David A. Roman was selected as the 2018 Superintendent of the Year for the New Jersey Seal of Biliteracy by the NJTESOL/NJBE (New Jersey Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages/New Jersey Bilingual Educators)

- Senior class students have been accepted to more than 40 colleges and universities including Fairleigh Dickinson University, George Washington University, University of Hartford, Hawaii Pacific University, NYU, Kean University, University of Miami, New Jersey Institute of Technology, and The College of New Jersey.

During the first public comments on agenda items only Perth Amboy Federation (AFT) President Pat Paradiso read a letter advocating for social workers whom the District decided not to renew for the 2018-2019 school year. The letter is available to read on www.amboyguardian.com

Former PTO President, Resident, and Parent Donna Stewart came up to speak stating that Social Worker Ms. Wanda Hernandez saved her daughter’s life. “My daughter is a middle child. Ms. Wanda gave us moral support. Every week she met with my daughter and me. If it wasn’t for Ms. Wanda – she helped save her life! Now at age 23 my daughter will be closing on her first home!”

Wanda Hernandez, School Social worker at the Wilentz School spoke next. “I have worked at the Wilentz school for 18 years. Eliminating positions will have a critical impact

on our students. We also have kids that appear well put together but are silent sufferers. I have seen what our kids in Perth Amboy are up against. Our social workers had a part of this and I commend you all. As social workers, we don’t want to lose what really matters. You spoke, Dr. Roman, that it’s about our children. Yes, it is, to make our emotions visible. To be able to do that is incredible. To help them succeed both academically and emotionally. With problems increasing, we need more social workers – not less. I thank all social workers for making a difference in our lives and I hope you will, too.”

Donna Fox, Elementary Teacher at the Wilentz School spoke next. “Due to the growing population in our district, we are building more schools, yet you are cutting our staff who have direct impact on the emotional health of the wellbeing of our students. Social workers impact on students emotionally, socially, and academically and provide services that teachers and guidance counselors are not qualified to do. We need more services for our students – not less.”

Norma Cardona, a School Based Social Worker at Ceres Elementary School spoke about how social workers help students emotionally, behaviorally or psychiatrically who are having grave difficulties. This includes students who have attempted to run out of their classrooms, the building or attempted to throw chairs at their piers and staff. “Students at a time have required my attention for hours at a time. The students have gone through it all. With the elimination of my position, the students will not have access to the behavioral and emotional support they deserve. There is a huge link to success with emotional health. Letting 5 social workers go – I don’t believe that will help us.”

Resident Stephanie Márquez-Villafañe responded to two Vice-Principals of the High School being replaced. “What will be considered? We do have a large high school population and losing two Vice-Principals at once will be difficult.” Stephanie then asked everyone to close their eyes, “You’re 9 years old. The live you had at home has changed. You go from living with the person that takes care of you to living with strangers, not knowing what’s going on. Knowing you’re forced to go to school because you have to – not knowing where your next plate is coming from. All of a sudden 10 people are involved. You might even be displaced from your own town. The only thing stable in your life is your school. Nothing is certain. Teachers, classmates, social workers. These are the people that are there for you. This is your escape. You purposely go to bed at 8 p.m. to avoid not being fed that night. The only people who can dedicate their time to you are social workers.

Social workers do a job that is so indescribable. You cannot let them go. For the first time I am begging you not to let these vital people go.”

Social Worker Jackie Santiago stated, “The statistics speak for themselves. In that first year we had crises. We sent 20 students out for psychiatric evaluations. We need to look at what a school based social worker does. The truth is our students aren’t as resilient as we are. When you remove that one stable person in their life, what do they have? If you want to talk about certifications, we have them.”

Superintendent Dr. David Roman said a few words, “The multitude of issues faced upon us are larger than just one aspect of this conversation. At no point in time are we talking about the quality of work that social workers do. We are not getting rid of social workers. We are reallocating. We need to be in compliance.”

Mr. Rodriguez came up, “In many ways we want to continue the support of our students. Right now, our schools do not have dedicated child study teams.” Dr Roman said, “At this point we have no issues with what the individuals are doing right now.” Dr. Roman stressed the fact that the district is not in compliance now, and by putting the proper personnel in place the district would then be in compliance.

Assistant Superintendent Dr. Vivian Rodriguez said, “This plan will have two counselors in each school, Psychologists”

Dr. David Roman stated when making this decision, all the Director of Guidance, Director of Special Services, and all the Principals were involved.

Assistant Superintendent Richard Chromey then added that this plan will address the needs of special education students with a child study team.”

Mrs. McAdam came up to speak, “One if the most significant challenges issues we have to face is the behavioral issues at the preschool and elementary level. One of the most important positions is a school psychologist in a non-traditional role. Some of our case managers were serving over 60 students. By increasing the amount of positions on the Child Study Team we will be able to address these issues. We all want what’s best for our students. We’ll have two school counselors, a behaviorist and a full Child Study Team with a learning specialist.” When asked, McAdam answered, “Right now we don’t have a full Child Study Team in every school. This will give us an opportunity to do so. Those teams will be increased in size in the Middle and High Schools.”

Dr Vivian Rodriguez added that a new code of conduct will be implemented to help students when they stumble.

The Board then went into another executive session. It was

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Pallone Statement on SCOTUS Repeal of PAPSA and Sports Betting in New Jersey

Press Release 5/14/18
WASHINGTON, DC- Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr. (NJ-06) released the following statement on the Supreme Court's repeal of The Professional and Amateur Sports Protection Act of 1992, which will allow New Jersey to legalize sports betting.

"The Supreme Court's ruling is a win for New Jersey and the rest of the country. PASPA was clearly unconstitutional, and the ban on sports betting has now rightfully been rejected by the Court. I have long believed that New Jersey should have the opportunity to proceed with sports betting. Now that the Supreme Court has struck down this unlawful and confusing law, it is time for Congress to move the GAME Act forward to ensure that consumer protections are in place in any state that decides to implement sports betting."

Last year Congressman Pallone introduced the GAME Act, which allows states to legalize sports betting and online gambling if appropriate consumer protections are also in place.

The GAME Act would provide states with the legal framework to adopt sports betting at their discretion.

Congressman Pallone has long advocated for the repeal of PAPSA and giving states the opportunity to legalize sports betting. In September 2017 he filed an amicus brief with the U.S. Supreme Court in support of the Petitioners in the case – the State of New Jersey and the New Jersey Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association, Inc. In that brief Pallone stated, "By ordering New Jersey to maintain prohibitions on sports gambling that its State legislature has considered and repealed before, Congress is coercing the State of New Jersey to govern according to Congress's instructions. As this form of coercion is unconstitutional pursuant to the guarantees to the States in the form of the Tenth Amendment, this court should hold that PASPA is unconstitutional."

Congressman Pallone has also been an advocate for Monmouth Park to have the opportunity to offer sports betting.

Bunco Night

SAYREVILLE – The Friends of the Sayreville Public Library present: "BUNCO NIGHT" to benefit the Museum Pass Program -Thursday, April 26th at 7:00 p.m. - \$10 donation -Location: Knights of Columbus, 775 Washington Rd, Parlin.

Pirohi Sale

PERTH AMBOY - St. John's Orthodox Church will be holding their Pirohi Sale at \$8.00 Per Dozen. Orders may be called in from May 7-10, 2018 at 732-826-7067 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Orders may be picked up on May 15 or 16 at 404 Division Street, Perth Amboy, NJ beginning at 2:30 p.m.

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5/7/18 Board of Education Meeting

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9:44 p.m. They returned at 11 p.m.

During the Board President’s Report, Ken Puccio mentioned three former teachers who passed away: Mr. William Gaytas, Mr. William Urbanski, Mr. Michael Servia. Puccio offered condolences to all who lost loved ones.

After the agenda items were approved, there was a discussion on the approval of the 2018-2019 School Year Budget. Board Member Junior Iglesia stated, “After analyzing the budget for the last 5 years, we had surpluses. In most cases we transferred the funds to the capital reserve. We don’t need to raise property taxes to our citizens.”

Board Member Tashi Vasquez stated, “Before voting on the current budget. This is the first time we are voting. Unfortunately, we have time constraints. We have to pass the budget. I just got the budget on Friday (5/4/18).”

Board Member Junior Iglesia read a statement on the figures on the old 2017-2018 budget comparing them to the 2018-2019 budget. He made a motion to amend the budget as to not include the surplus funds. He said, “Raising taxes for our hardworking citizens isn’t a decision we should take lightly. After analyzing our history in finance and the budget for every school year, we have met all of our financial obligations. In most cases we transferred the surplus to the capital reserve. As an elected Member of the Board I feel we have to do something about this. Every time we raise property taxes then the cost of living in Perth Amboy gets higher. It trickles down for our students having less food on their table. I would like to propose to amend the budget (to let the surplus be used to supplement the monies appropriated in the budget) This will result in no property tax increase to our hardworking families in town.”

Board Member Tashi Vasquez stated, “I did not get this budget until Friday (5/4/18). This is the first discussion we are having. The current budget as proposed I will publicly say “No” because we have not had time to discuss it. I was voted on this Board to serve the community and I will not be saying I am doing this due diligence if I vote “Yes” on this budget as presented today.”

Board Member Junior Iglesia stated, “I made a motion to amend this budget.”

Board Member Lissett Lebron seconded the motion.

Board Member Anton J. Masopust asked, “I understand what Mr. Iglesia is asking as a taxpayer, but I ask the experts on budgets what would be the outcome if we accept Junior Iglesia’s suggestion?”

Board Secretary Jess stated, “If I’m right, you are looking to reduce the amount of surplus being used.”

“So, we can cover the property tax increase,” Junior Iglesia stated.

Board Secretary Derek Jess stated, “When the budget is submitted to the County it is locked. If we make changes tonight, we have to resubmit it to the County. If you reduce the amount of surplus you want to use, then you are reducing a revenue. Therefore, you have to reduce an appropriation as well.”

Tashi Vasquez said, “The idea behind the motion is the \$1.2 million increase. Take 1.2 and add it to the \$42 million and put a zero increase in taxes.”

Board Secretary Derek Jess stated, “There are years our surplus goes up. This is one of those years our surplus has gone down.”

Vasquez insisted, “We know for certain \$42 million is what we have.”

Puccio asked, “What are the implications here?”

Jess answered, “If you amend the budget, and you want to reduce the tax base by \$2 million, our appropriation will have to be \$2 million less. The surplus is already being applied to the budget. What purpose the surplus is used for is to help balance the budget for the following year. If you want to reduce taxes, you have to reduce expenditures – not the surplus.”

Board President Ken Puccio then stated, “On this second motion, whatever funds we were going to fund, we have to go into the budget and remove funds that had to be utilized. We will be short \$2 million. It’s all part of the master budget.”

Tashi Vasquez, “We have to be consistent in our numbers.”

Jess said, “This is a preliminary budget prepared in March. The final adopted budget was on the screen. Once submitted to the state, you cannot change the budget.”

Board Attorney Isabel Machado stated, “The county will take the last budget submitted and that will be put in the County’s hands.”

It was stated that if there was a tax increase it would be approximately \$113 per year or roughly 31 cents a day.

Board Member Tashi Vasquez then stated, “Let’s not bring it to cents a day. Any increase that is going to hurt our taxpayers who have been paying an increase every single year. We’ve gone up over \$6 million in the past 5 years.”

Board President Puccio then stated, “Let’s not forget that

the State is building us a \$250 million high school a \$55 million elementary school. 80% of our budget is comes from outside of the City of Perth Amboy. The taxpayers here have benefited from being a special needs district over the past 30 years. The taxpayers here are not in the same situation as in East Brunswick or Woodbridge. Right now, were playing with this budget. We’re taking it to a vote.”

Board Member Anton J. Masopust, asked, “What happens if we don’t approve the budget?”

Board Attorney Machado answered, “The County looks down on districts that don’t pass their budget.”

Board Member Lissett Lebron said, “Have we done our due diligence? Where do we stand?”

Board Member Iglesia stated, “As chair of the Finance Committee we had no meeting on this budget.”

Superintendent Roman said, “I recommend we move forward with the budget. I want to build a high school. I want to build an elementary school. I want to implement our programs. We have done our due diligence. We will reevaluate this process in the future. I would ask the Board what would you consider cutting?”

“The Board has not had time to go over this budget. We don’t want to make cuts. I cannot ask questions about these numbers. We did not have time to look at it,” Vasquez stated.

“The County Superintendent would review the budget and go from there.”

Board President Puccio stated, “We have 12 minutes. We are voting on the second motion.”

Iglesia, “The motion is to amend the proposed budget, so we don’t have a property tax increase next year.”

Board Member Tashi Vasquez, Lissett LeBron, and Junior Iglesia voted “Yes.” Board Member Anton J. Massopust and Board President Ken Puccio voted, “No.” Motion passes. 3-2. Since the Budget was not passed, it went to the County.

No one spoke at the second public portion.

The Board Meeting ended at 11:53 p.m. Board Vice President Milady Tejada, and Board Members Jesus Martinez, Randy Convery were absent. Board Member Obi Gonzalez left after the second executive session due to illness.

McKeon, Jasey & DeAngelo Legislation Allowing Gross Income Tax Deductions for Contributions to the NJBEST Program Clears Assembly Panel

Press Release 5/7/18

TRENTON – Legislation sponsored by Assembly Democrats John McKeon, Mila Jasey and Wayne DeAngelo to allow gross income tax deductions for contributions concerning the New Jersey Better Educational Savings Trust (NJBEST) Program cleared the Assembly Higher Education Committee on Monday.

The bill allows a taxpayer to deduct the amount of the taxpayer’s contribution to an account created under the NJBEST Program, New Jersey’s federally qualified tuition program, from the taxpayer’s gross income for the taxable year in which the contribution is made.

“College tuition costs are simply unmanageable for too many New Jersey residents,” said McKeon (D-Essex/Morris). “Providing a tax deduction through the NJBEST Program will help students and their families immensely; and could even be the extra funds needed for many to be able to make ends meet.”

The maximum deduction per taxpayer allowed under the bill for a taxable year is \$5,000, or \$2,500 for a married taxpayer filing separately.

“The tax deduction provided by this program can serve as an incentive to participate,” said Jasey (D-Essex/Morris). “It will also help taxpayers to meet the ever-increasing costs of higher education.”

A number of states currently offer special state tax benefits for the state’s own federally qualified tuition program. Of the states that offer special benefits, some offer a full tax deduction for the contributions and others place a limit on the amount of deduction.

“By investing in the NJBEST Program, this bill would allow students to receive money back from what they have paid into college tuition,” said DeAngelo (D-Mercer/Middlesex). “This money could then be used for the many other major costs of higher education such as books, room and board, and meal plans.”



Friends of Perth Amboy Free Public Library Meeting

PERTH AMBOY – The Friends of Perth Amboy Free Public Library are having a meeting on Tuesday, May 22, 2018 at 6 p.m. at the Perth Amboy Free Public Library (upstairs regular library), 196 Jefferson St. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more info, call 732-261-2610.

Events at the Dowdell Library

Press Release – 5/7/18

SOUTH AMBOY - Stop by the Dowdell Library this May for fun storytimes, a workshop on starting a business and the monthly knitting and crocheting club.

Join us for a “Starting a Business in NJ,” presented by the State Department of Treasury on Monday, May 14 from 4:30-6:15. Find out about different business structures, as well as registering a business in New Jersey. Limited to 25 participants. To register, please contact the Dowdell Library at 732-721-6060 or email comments@dowdell.org

Party like a princess or a pirate on Wednesday, May 16 from 3:30-4:30 pm. Whether you are royalty or a scallywag, enjoy a quest for treasure, receive a crown or a gold coin printed from the 3D Printer, use the 3D pens and enjoy food for the good and the rotten! Costume contest! Ages 3+

Do you have knitting or crocheting questions? Stop by and enjoy working on your knitting projects while chatting with friends. Meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month. 6 - 8 pm.

Coming in June! Adult Tea Party, Essential Oil Basics and Help with Alzheimer’s Problems. Inquire about the daylong event on Monday, June 18 starting at 4 pm.

To learn more about upcoming library programs, sign up for the monthly eNewsletter at <http://dowdell.org/newsletter-signup.html>

The Dowdell Library’s hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 10 am to 8 pm, Wednesday and Friday from 10 am to 5 pm, and Saturday from 12 to 4 pm. The library is closed on Saturdays starting Memorial Day Weekend, May 26 through Labor Day Weekend Saturday, September 1. For more information, please visit www.dowdell.org, or contact the Library at 732-721-6060 or comments@dowdell.org.

Ads Sell! Call Carolyn 732-896-4446

Flea Market

SAYREVILLE - The First Presbyterian Church of Sayreville will be having their annual Flea Market on Saturday June 2, 2018 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. We are located at 172 Main Street, Sayreville, directly across from the Borough Hall. Our rain date is June 8th. Come out and see if you find your treasures. Check out our various vendors, have a good meal and just enjoy the day.

Flea Market

EDISON - Our Lady of Peace Church 3rd Annual Flea Market will be on Saturday, June 2, 8 a.m.–2 p.m., OLP Parish Center, Franklin Ave & Amboy Ave in Edison. Want to be a vendor? \$15 a space, contact Michael at 732-221-0976 or mchundak@gmail.com.

Movie Review: Avengers: Infinity War



By: Anton Massopust III

Oh Avengers! I hope they remember you!"

In this huge epic saga, the long-awaited “Avengers Infinity War,” the continuing events after “Thor Ragnorak” shows the story of The Avengers that partly concludes this two-part epic. “

“Avengers Infinity War” has as many Marvel heroes you can count in multiple locations. Marvel’s heroes come to grips with Thanos (Josh Brolin), the mad Titan who wants to claim all the Infinity Stones to add to his gauntlet. This gauntlet will make him invincible.

We do a lot of global hopping starting in space where Thor is picked up by the Guardians of the Galaxy. If you’ve seen Thor Ragnarok, you’ll remember that Thor was facing down a huge spaceship and he seems to be the only Survivor. He runs into

the Guardians the Galaxy and then divides their forces into two teams. One team is led by Star-Lord who goes to get one of the remaining Infinity Stones and reclaim it before Thanos does. The other group is led by Thor (Chris Hemsworth), Rocket Raccoon (Bradley Cooper), and Groot (Vin Diesel). They journey to a distant planet to ask the dwarves to make him a new hammer. Meanwhile on Earth, Doctor Strange (Benedict Cumberbatch), Ironman (Robert Downey Jr.), and Spider-Man (Tom Holland) eventually journey into outer space after they were attacked by the Thanos’s Blackwater, a group of villains that work for Thanos. The rest of Thanos’s henchmen attack Wauconda as Captain America (Chris Evans) and his group of Heroes tried to protect Vision (Paul Bettany) and the Scarlett Witch (Elizabeth Olsen). Vison

has one of these Infinity Stones implanted in his mind.

Everyone is given plenty of screen time here and there is plenty of tears and jokes. There are many funny one-liners, too many to repeat here. If you love action, you’ll get plenty of it here. The movie moves very quickly, some action scenes are just like an epic graphic novel. The two main components of this movie are a huge Shakespearean Epic, as many heroes find their final fate. The other is Thanos’s journey for Infinity Stones. We discover why this complicated character is doing this.

The ending will leave you breathless. The question is who is not in this movie? There’s a huge all-star cast. Everyone can see this movie, and please do not spoil it. Try to let everyone see it for themselves. You will definitely enjoy it.

300th Anniversary

Press Release

PERTH AMBOY - Perth Amboy was settled in 1683, but it did not become a city until 1718. During 1718, the citizens of Perth Amboy petitioned Royal Governor Robert Hunter for a City Charter. As a Perth Amboy resident, Governor Hunter was sympathetic to his neighbors and granted a Royal Charter.

Before our Royal Charter was bestowed, there was no city government. So, the year 2018 is very special, as it marks the 300th Anniversary of our Mayor's Office, City Council, Police Department, City Clerk's Office, and Business Administrator's Office. And while Royal Charters were typically given out to Townships & other land-holdings, Perth Amboy was the first in the entire Colony Of New Jersey to receive a Royal Charter specifically as a city. Perth Amboy's Royal Charter also called for elections, which was the beginning of our local democratic process.



Portrait of Royal Governor Robert Hunter c.1718
*Courtesy of John K. Dyke

Channel 34 and You Tube will soon be airing a documentary short entitled: "Perth Amboy's 1718 Royal Charter", which brings forth rare images as well as original documents from that timeframe. Universities, historical societies and archives from across the nation have all contributed to this film, which is a John Dyke Production. Check your local Comcast, Fios and You Tube listings.

Annual Re-Enactment of The Royal Governor’s Arrest

*Photo Submitted

PERTH AMBOY - Proprietary House Association has announced “Arrest of the Royal Governor, a Dramatic Re-enactment” on Sunday, June 10th. Doors open at 12:30 PM and the performance starts promptly at 1 PM. Everyone is invited to the Proprietary House Museum for the annual re-enactment of the June 1776 arrest of Royal Governor William Franklin by American Patriot forces. ADMISSION IS



FREE for this special event. Donations are most welcome and will benefit restoration of Proprietary House and its museum operations.

Following the Performance, until 4 PM: FREE Tours of the Museum; Light Refreshments; Museum Gift Shop. Proprietary House Museum is disabilities accessible.

The Proprietary House Museum is located at 149 Kearny Avenue, Perth Amboy, NJ, 08861. For information - Phone: (732) 826-5527; Email: info@theproprietaryhouse.org.

2018 Knights of Columbus Shield Awards

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FORDS - Our Lady of Peace Council 9199 of Fords presented their annual Shield Awards to an Edison police officer and an Edison Fireman. Patrolman Joseph De Pasquale was honored for his service to the community. Lt. Michael Mintchwarner, Joseph’s supervisor stated that approximately 15% of the officers go “Above and Beyond” the call of duty in service to the community. Lt. Mintchwarner commended patrolman De Pasquale for constantly being in the 15% and going above and beyond to serve and protect the residents of the community. Captain Andrew Toth, Jr was the Edison Fireman honored by the Knights, but he wasn’t available to receive his award.

Also honored was Jeff Clement, who was chosen as the PREP Teacher of the year. PREP stands for Parish Religious Education Program and used to be called “CCD”. An award was also presented to Emma Clement for being the winner of the Council’s Free Throw Competition in the 12-Year-Old Division. Emma made 24 out of 25 free throws and went on the District level competition. In the photo, from left to right are: Lt. Mintchwarner, Deputy Grand Knight Emil Ferlicchi, Patrolman De Pasquale & family, Emma Clement, Jeff Clement and Grand Knight William Herring.

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Free Programs for People with Diabetes Offered in English and Spanish in Perth Amboy in May

PERTH AMBOY - Are you a person with Medicare living with diabetes or know someone who is? Take control of your health through a completely free and fun six-week workshop series. Meet others going through similar challenges and learn about preventing complications, healthy eating, exercise, medication management, dealing with stress and depression, action planning, and much more.

The program has helped over 1,000 graduates in New Jersey eat healthier, lose weight, regulate their blood sugar levels, and live a healthier life.

“I have learned more in this workshop than I have in 10 years of fighting this disease,” said Marian, a woman with Type 2 diabetes who graduated from a previous workshop.

Free diabetes self-management programs will be offered in both English and Spanish at the Raritan Bay Area YMCA on 357 New Brunswick Ave in Perth Amboy, NJ 08861.

The free series in Spanish will be offered on Tuesdays, May 15 to June 19 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The free series in English will be offered on Thursdays, May 17 to June 21 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. To register for either free program, call Brenda Guilles, Director of Healthy Living at the Raritan Bay Area YMCA, at (732) 442-3632 ext. 6530.

Complimentary healthy refreshments and free literature will be provided. All attendees must register by the second workshop session.

The free programs are being offered by Quality Insights as part of the national Everyone with Diabetes Counts (EDC) program, which is funded by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). Learn more at www.qualityinsights-qin.org.

***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.*

The U.S. Army's Eighth Air Force destroys three U-boats during a raid on Kiel, Germany, on May 14. Off Queensland, Australia, the Australian hospital ship *AHS Centaur* — well-lit, and marked with red crosses — is torpedoed by a Japanese submarine, most likely *I-177*. *Centaur* sinks within five minutes; of the 332 medical personnel and civilian crew aboard, only 64 survive, including only one of 12 nurses. The survivors are discovered and rescued after spending 36 hours in the water. In Burma, Japanese troops capture Maungdaw, at the Indian border.

In Moscow, Joseph Stalin on May 15 announces the dissolution of the Comintern (the Communist International), an organization that had been working for world communist revolution since 1919. (Observers feel Stalin makes the move to ease the worries of the Allies, and to reduce suspicions that the Soviet Union is attempting to foment revolutions in other countries.) In the Atlantic, roughly midway between Newfoundland and Ireland, the neutral Irish freighter *SS Irish Oak*, carrying phosphate fertilizer between Tampa, Florida, and Dublin, is torpedoed and sunk by German sub *U-607*, despite being well-lit and marked with large Irish flags and the word "EIRE" in large letters painted on her sides. All of Irish Oak's crew of 13 survive and are rescued from lifeboats 8 hours later.

The Warsaw Ghetto Uprising ends on May 16. The ghetto is destroyed; burned-out buildings are razed. Some 14,000 Jews have been killed in the fighting, 22,000 sent to concentration camps, and 20,000 more to labor camps. German troops destroy Warsaw's synagogue, and seek out any remaining Jews still in hiding. German casualties number 17 dead and 93 wounded. Over Germany, RAF Wing Commander Guy Gibson leads a night attack by 19 aircraft of No. 617 Squadron ("The Dam Busters") against dams in Germany's Ruhr Valley. Specially developed "bouncing bombs" breach the Mohne and Edersee Dams causing severe flooding. Over 1,600 civilians are killed, but little damage is done to industrial installations. Gibson is later awarded the Victoria Cross, the highest award in the British military honors system.

The Germans on May 17 launch a fifth offensive in Yugoslavia to destroy Partisans led by Josip Broz Tito. The crew of the "Memphis Belle" — a B-17F Flying Fortress heavy bomber — becomes the first aircrew of the U.S. Army Air Forces' Eighth Air Force to complete its 25-mission tour of duty. Both the plane and the men return to the U.S. to assist in the sale of War Bonds.

The Japanese on May 18 launch a new offensive along the Yangtze river, 250 miles northeast of the Nationalist capital of Chungking. With Tunisia captured, the Allies begin the bombing of Pantelleria, an island in the Mediterranean 100 miles from Tunis and 60 miles from Sicily. From the Vatican, Pope Pius XII appeals to President Roosevelt to have American bombers spare Rome from destruction, citing the city's many "treasures of religion and art."

The U.S. Army Medical Corps on May 19 clears the antibiotic penicillin for use in all military hospitals. The drug had been in limited use since 1942, but technical developments enable higher production levels, allowing wider availability. In Germany, Nazi Propaganda Minister Joseph Goebbels announces that, after two months of work, Berlin is "*Judenfrei*" (cleansed of Jews). In Washington, D.C., British Prime Minister Winston Churchill addresses a joint session of Congress. In his speech, broadcast nationwide over the radio, he says, "We will wage war at your side against Japan while there is breath in our bodies and while blood flows in our veins."

On May 20, the U.S. Navy forms the Tenth Fleet, the mission of which is anti-submarine operations in the Atlantic. In Asia, the Chinese launch a counteroffensive along the Yangtze River.

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**A.C. Bus Trip
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PERTH AMBOY - The San Salvador Seniors are sponsoring a bus trip to Caesar's Casino in AC on Thursday, June 7, 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
Holy Rosary Seniors**
HOPELAWN – The Holy Rosary Seniors are sponsoring a trip to the Golden Nugget Casino A.C. Tuesday 6/5/2018. Bus leaves 10 a.m. from church parking lot. Cost \$30. \$25 back in play; \$5 food voucher. Any questions: call Ronnie at 732-442-5252.

**A.C. Bus Trip
St. John Paul II
Seniors**
PERTH AMBOY – A trip to the Resorts Casino in Atlantic City will be held on Tues. May 29, 2018. Cost \$35 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.

**Monthly Tour
of The Berkow
Maternity
Pavilion**
PERTH AMBOY - Hackensack Meridian Health Raritan Bay Medical Center-Perth Amboy monthly tour of The Berkow Maternity Pavilion and family health information open house will be held Wednesday, May 16, at 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Newly expectant parents are invited to tour and learn about the maternity unit's modern comforts, designed to provide a calm and relaxing birthing experience. Participants are asked to meet in the main lobby of Raritan Bay-Perth Amboy, 530 New Brunswick Ave. Registration required, call 1-800-560-9990 and reference zip code 08861.

**First Aid
Course**
PERTH AMBOY - Hackensack Meridian Health Raritan Bay Medical Center-Perth Amboy, is having a First Aid course Wednesday, May 16, 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Centennial Hall A, 530 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy, NJ. Learn basic first aid training to manage many medical and traumatic injuries. Participant practices use of gloves, bandaging and use of Epinephrine pen (trainer). Cost is \$80.00 per person. Registration required, call Mary at 732.324.5393 or email michelle.norek@hackensackmeridian.org or call 1-800-560.9990 (reference zip code 08861)

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**"Weight Loss
Surgery:
The Facts"**
PERTH AMBOY - The Center for Bariatric Surgery at Hackensack Meridian Health Raritan Bay Medical Center-Perth Amboy is holding a free seminar "Weight Loss Surgery: The Facts" Thursday, May 24, 6:00 p.m., in Centennial Hall A, 530 New Brunswick Ave., Raritan Bay-Perth Amboy. Center for Bariatric Surgery Medical Director Karl Strom, M.D., will discuss the benefits of weight loss surgery. Registration required, call 1-800-560-9990.

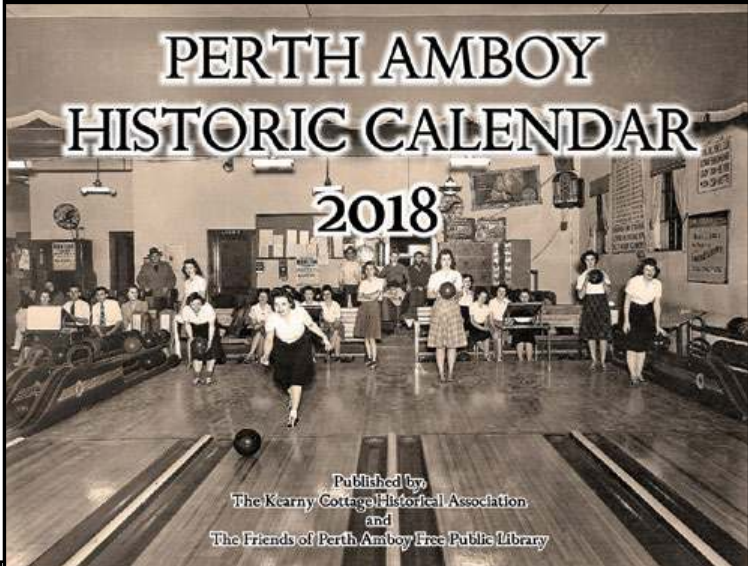
Pet of the Week



Omar with Nala.

**Music at
St. Mary's**
SOUTH AMBOY - MASM is pleased to present the 10th Annual Mozart Festival as our final concert of the season. The Saint Mary Chamber Orchestra, under the baton of Maestro Christopher M. C. Deibert will feature teenage piano sensation Matthew Tricarico in a stunning performance of Mozart's Piano Concerto # 12 in A Major. Additionally, the concert will feature the winds of the orchestra as they perform Mozart's Serenade No. 11 for Winds in Eb Major. The program will conclude with Symphony No. 40 in g minor. Come and help us toast the middle of springtime with this unparalleled music. Sunday, May 20, 2018, 4:00 p.m., at Saint Mary Church, 256 Augusta Street, South Amboy NJ, 08879. Free admission (\$15 donation suggested). A celebratory wine and cheese reception will follow the concert. For questions call MASM @ 732-857-0202

**2018 Historic Perth Amboy
Calendars**



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The Kearny Cottage Historical Association
and
The Friends of Perth Amboy Free Public Library

2018 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.

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!

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Movies@ Main: Daddy Issues

Press Release 4/11/18
WOODBIDGE - On May 11 the Woodbridge Main Library will begin a new film series scheduled Friday afternoons at 2 PM that will focus on fathers and fatherhood. The first movie is *Beginners*, a romantic comedy drama based on the true story of an elderly man's exploration as an openly gay man. Christopher Plummer received the 2011 Academy Award for Best Supporting Actor for his performance in this film. On May 18, we will screen *Place Beyond the Pines*, a crime drama with Ryan Gosling, Bradley Cooper, Eva Mendes, Emory Cohen and Dane DeHaan. May 25 will feature *Nebraska*, a film chronicling a father – son road trip from Montana to Nebraska. *Delivery Man*, a comedy about a slacker who donates to a fertility clinic, will be shown on June 4, followed by *Walking Out*, an adventure film about the survival of a father and son stranded in the Montana wilderness. Our series concludes on June 15 with *Glass Castle*, a biographical drama based on Jeannette Walls' memoir of the same name

Our films are sponsored by the Friends of the Libraries of Woodbridge Township. Light refreshments are provided by the Woodbridge Library Foundation. The Woodbridge Public Library is located at 1 George Frederick Plaza, Woodbridge.

Eating Heart Smart Event

PERTH AMBOY - Hackensack Meridian Health Raritan Bay Medical Center-Perth Amboy is holding an Eating Heart Smart event Thursday, May 10, 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Raritan Bay Medical Center-Perth Amboy, 530 New Brunswick Ave., NJ. Join our registered dietitians as they share advice on foods that can help lower your blood pressure. Cooking demos and samples will be provided. Registration required, call 1-800-560-9990 or visit HackensackMeridianHealth.org.

Cardiovascular Event

PERTH AMBOY - Hackensack Meridian Health Raritan Bay Medical Center-Perth Amboy is holding a Cardiovascular event Thursday, May 31, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., in Centennial Hall, Room A, Raritan Bay Medical Center-Perth Amboy, 530 New Brunswick Ave., NJ. Learn the link between diabetes and the risk of heart disease. Registration required, call 1-800-560-9990.

South Amboy Republican Organization

SOUTH AMBOY - Hello Amboy Residents, recently the South Amboy Republican Organization has been formed and we are thrilled to be open to the public to grow our party and ideas. Our next meeting will be on the 23rd at Buddies Tavern at 7:00 p.m. in Parlin. We also have a Facebook group titled the "South Amboy Republican Organization". Thank you for reading and we hope to see you there!

Senior Scene Happenings

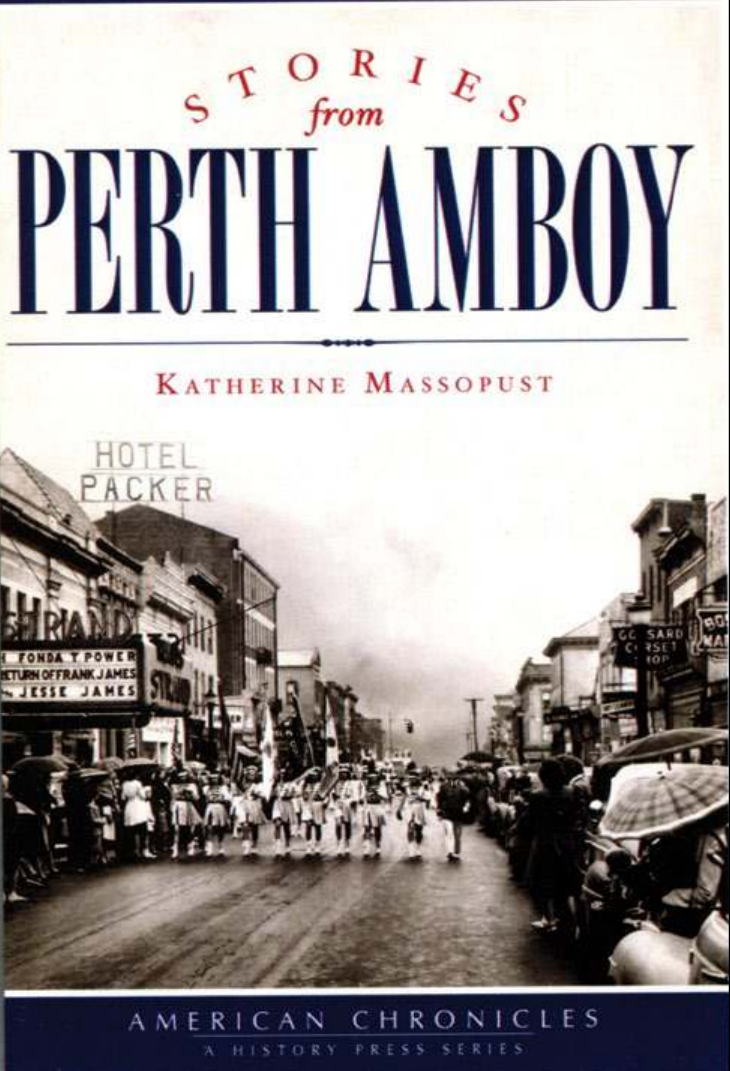
Perth Amboy	
TUES. May 15	Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.
	• Good Shepherd Tuesday Seniors (HS) 12:30 p.m. Msgr. Gambino Hall, Florida Grove Rd.
WED. May 16	Good Shepherd Wednesday Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Msgr. Gambino Hall , Florida Grove Rd.
	• St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.
	• Holy Trinity Seniors, 1 p.m., Church Hall, Lawrie & Johnstone St.
THURS. May 17	The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
MON. May 21	St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.
TUES. May 22	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. May 23	Good Shepherd Wednesday Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Msgr. Gambino Hall , Florida Grove Rd.
THURS. May 24	The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
South Amboy	
	Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
MON. May 28	Sacred Heart Seniors, 12 Noon Memorial Hall, Wash Ave.
WED. Jun. 6	South Amboy Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
MON. Jun. 11	St. Mary's Seniors, 12 Noon,

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LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY - Slovak Heritage Day circa 1970 Perth Amboy City Hall, Perth Amboy Mayor, Helen Sipos, Mrs. Kisko, and Mrs. Sudzina, Slovak Women in sunglasses, Pastor of Holy Trinity Church Msgr. Michael Churak
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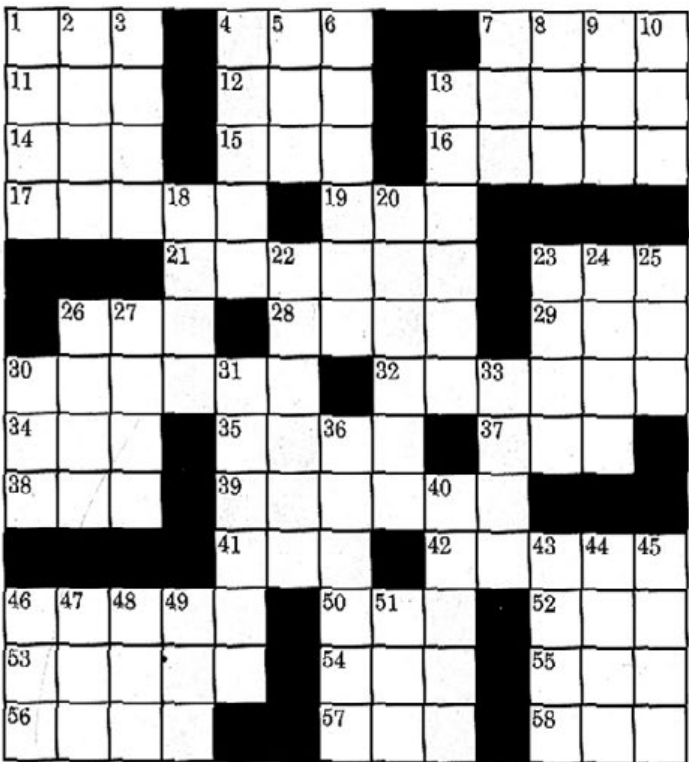
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4. Also
7. Make
- 15-Across
11. Gershwin brother
12. Chest bone
13. Honking bird
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15. Malt beverage
16. Great civilization of the ancient Middle East
17. Journal recording
19. Strong longing
21. Declare
23. Whirlpool bath
26. Animal companion
28. Sacred image
29. Mouth part
30. Neighbor-hood bar
32. Take away
34. Monkey's kin
35. Look boldly at
37. Annoy
38. Golf score
39. Sharp sides of knives
41. Wager
42. Stage-struck /artiste

46. Got up
50. McMahon and Sullivan
52. Paul Bunyan's tool
53. One who gives generously
54. Take to court
55. Pod vegetable
56. Has a debt
57. Mr. Danson
58. Conclude

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1. Flying toy
2. Tehran's land
3. Pub missile
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5. Lubricate
6. Followed (orders)
7. Marshy place
8. Cowboy Rogers
9. Psychic's gift
10. Dry's opposite
13. Kind
18. Fixed price
20. Disintegrated
22. Unmarried
23. Harmful remark
24. Choose
25. Likely (to)
26. Mama's mate
27. Always
30. Light touch
31. Bank thief
33. Phonograph record, for one
36. Most recent
40. Relieved, as pain
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