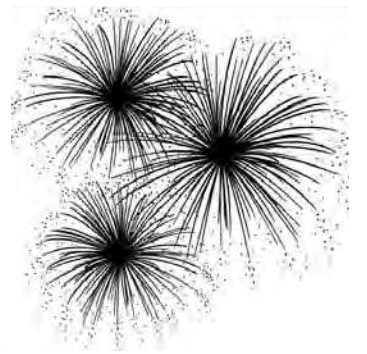




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WON'T LET IT GO!



**Councilwoman
Lisa Nanton**



**Councilman
Fernando Irizarry**

PERTH AMBOY - Several residents came up to speak at the 3/24 and 3/26 Caucus/Council Meeting. As in the past, two issues came up again. One was properties formerly owned by developers that were sold to the City or other entities within the City were questioned. Insurance fraud was also a topic.

Former Council President Kenneth Balut continued to hammer away at Council Member Fernando Irizarry. Irizarry was the chair of the Buildings and Grounds Committee when the Board of Education purchased property on Seaman Avenue. This property was purchased in 1997 to build another school. The property still has not been developed and is still an empty lot and an eyesore.

Board Member Kenneth Gonzalez has also been attacked because he had been on the Board of Education when Francis X. Gartland committed insurance fraud involving teachers health benefits.

Councilwoman Lisa Nanton finally responded to Balut's accusations. Talking directly to Balut Nanton commented, "You keep attacking Councilman Gonzalez about his tenure as a Board of Education Member when the insurance fraud took place. Remember, Perth Amboy was one of several town's when this insur-

ance fraud was committed. For you to continuously attack Councilman Gonzalez is ridiculous."

Another property in question is owned by City Resident and Developer Barry Rosengarten. This is the former General Cable Property located across from Middlesex County Vocational School on Washington Street.

This property was bought by the County Freeholders to be turned into a County Park when the City of Perth Amboy didn't have funds to purchase it.

Rosengarten paid for a bond to have a re-mediation done on the property to check for contaminants.

At the Caucus Meeting Business Administrator Greg Fehrenbach said that the property on Washington Street was described as being cleaned meaning no contaminants.

Council President Joel Pabon was confused and wondered how it could go from being clean in 1996 to contaminated now.

Fehrenbach said "We are now operating under the year 2011 regulations. ECO Science turned over all results to the County when the City decided not to purchase the property."

Balut said, "The value of the

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Abraham Pitre is Sworn In As Perth Amboy's New Fire Chief



Battalion Chief Administrative
Officer Edward Mullen



Mayor Wilda Diaz swears in Abraham Pitre as Fire Chief as
his family looks on



Father Thomas Ryan
Chaplain



Overcome with emotion



Signing the oath



The proud members of the fire department pose with their new Fire Chief Pitre

**Photos by Joe Bayona*

PERTH AMBOY - With family, friends, fellow firefighters, representatives from the Police Department and City Officials, Mayor Diaz swore in Abraham Pitre as the first Hispanic Fire Chief in the City.

Battalion Chief Adm. Off. Ed Mullen told those in attendance how much he respected and looked up to Abraham Pitre.

When the Mayor was intro-

duced by Mullen, she gave the reasons why Pitre was chosen for the position. She said, "I have full confidence in you and I am proud of all of our firefighters. You are the first Latino career Fire Chief in New Jersey, and you'll make a difference in the lives of many people."

The Mayor noted that Pitre's parents traveled from Puerto Rico to be here. She thanked

Pitre's wife and children.

Pitre was sworn in with his immediate family by his side with his parents holding the bible.

When Chief Pitre spoke after being sworn in, he became very emotional. He said, "I'd like to thank God. I am truly humbled by this honor and your presence here. I want

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Seaman Avenue Property
*Photos by Carolyn Maxwell

property will go down when housing cannot be built on it. I'm afraid that a park will not be built and the land will go back to the developer. This is a tangled web. History is repeating itself. The County should not have paid \$5 million dollars for that land."

Resident Alan Silber said a press release by the County did not give specifics about who bought or owned the park. The B.A. answered back, "The Anchor Marine Property might be part of the park. We are in the process of foreclosing on that property but he foreclosing process is not complete. The Mayor wants to see a park there and an expansion of the marina."

The Washington Street Property owned by Rosengarten was still on Silber's mind. "This property had an \$1.4 million assessment. If this is supposed to be a County Park, it would not be open to all. It

should be for leagues and not necessarily just for City Residents."

For months resident Stanley Sierakowski has been questioning the Washington Street property. He has constantly come to meetings, papers in hand, with information he has gathered and handed over to the Business Administrator and City Attorney. Sierakowski has mentioned

that he has turned over information to State Agencies. Sierakowski wanted to know if the environmental reports on the Rosengarten Property were available. "Will I have to do an OPRA request to get them?"

B.A. Fehrenbach replied, "Reports are available thru OPRA and the City does not have jurisdiction over any matters that concerns that property."

Fire Chief Sworn In

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The family of Fire Chief Abraham Pitre *Photo by Joe Bayona

to thank all the officials who came here and all the members of the Fire Department (paid and volunteer). The firefighters from the surrounding towns always responded when needed. A special thanks to my parents who came here to make this occasion more memorable."

He called out to his wife, Krystyna and children: Philip, Kaleb and Juliet and told them how much their support meant to him.

"There are those who came before me, and I want to thank them. I will work with integrity and always respect others. I have been a first in many respects as a member of the EMT's and Fire Department. I

am just proud to be a firefighter in the City of Perth Amboy."

He said, "I know first hand what it's like to lose everything in a fire. Please keep in prayer the family of former Perth

Amboy Firefighter Thomas Gawlick who recently passed away as well as the families of the two Boston firefighters who died recently in a fire."

The Family Will
Get Something

PERTH AMBOY - Resident David Caba talked about the shooting death which occurred 3 months ago. "I see one of the officers involved is back on duty. The family (of the deceased) hired an attorney to sue the City which we, the taxpayers are paying. We haven't gotten any answers or responses from letters the City sent to the Attorney General and Prosecutor. We hammered you guys but it's nothing personal. We need answers. A few years ago, a police officer was cleared when he shot and killed someone. Why was that family awarded \$1.3 million?"

City Attorney Blunda said, "We asked the Prosecutor and Attorney General if we could further assist them."

Councilman Kenneth Gonzalez asked Blunda if the Council can send a follow-up letter. Blunda answered, "Yes."

Super Bowl A Bust For Perth Amboy

PERTH AMBOY - Several residents were not happy when the Perth Amboy Police Department was assigned to security duty for Super Bowl XLVIII which took place in New Jersey.

This was questioned at the 3/24/14 Caucus Meeting. Ken Balut felt that this was another unnecessary police assignment. There were expenses the City had to pay for associated with the Super Bowl. Balut felt that the Super Bowl Committee should have been responsible for these expenses.

Police Chief Ben Ruiz responded to Balut's questions. "Police boats were assigned

to the Super Bowl in ten hour shifts, which the City paid for. We are part of the homeland security taskforce. New Brunswick had personnel, too. We also went down to Secaucus."

Former Councilman Fernando Gonzalez said, "The police and fire boats are costing the City. We shouldn't use them for any events that don't affect the City."

Resident Alan Silber agreed with both Balut and Gonzalez, "If Perth Amboy provides security for extraordinary events such as the Super Bowl, we should be compensated."

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This chic evening includes a wine tasting, passed hors d'oeuvres, unique art available for purchase, live music by the Victor Quezada Jazz Trio and more. Featured artwork includes; paintings of watercolor and oil, wall sculpture, photography, jewelry, ceramics and glass. Tickets cost \$50 pp and cash raffle tickets are available for \$10 each. To purchase event or raffle tickets contact the Foundation at 732-324-5374. Proceeds from the event benefit the medical center's Center for Women. Raffle winners need not be present to win.

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Correction

SOUTH AMBOY - In the 3/19/14 Issue of the Amboy Guardian, it was stated that Jerry Pizzillo was president of the South Amboy Historical Society. This is incorrect; Mary Szaro is the current president of the South Amboy Historical Society. Jerry Pizzillo, who spoke at the State of the City is an active member of the South Amboy Historical Society, not the president. The Amboy Guardian regrets this error.

Lenten Dinners

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

LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

A Joyful Occasion



The majority of the time when I go to City Hall, it’s to cover the Caucus and Council meetings.

On rare occasions I’ve also covered other municipal Board Meetings. Needless to say, the meetings have not always been pleasant and more often than not, there has been a lot of tension in the air.

The last time I attended an event at Perth Amboy City Hall was on Friday, March 28, 2014. I had the pleasure of being there when Abraham Pitre was sworn in as the new Fire Chief. I was also present at the swearing in of former Fire Chief Dave Volk - and that, too was a very joyous occasion.

Both times the Council Chambers were filled with proud family members and friends of those who were elevated to their new positions. This has included personnel in the Police or Fire Department who were being sworn in as new members.

The largest swearing in I attended included the promotion of eight firefighters and three police officers. I delight in watching the faces of those in the audience when their loved ones are sworn into office. This is something I never get tired of reporting or photographing.

It was as if it was yesterday when David Volk was sworn in as Fire Chief with his wife and three daughters standing beside him. Chief Volk’s delightful mother was there, but unfortunately his Dad was too ill to attend.



Former Fire Chief David Volk with New Fire Chief Pitre
*Photos by Joe Bayona

I was impressed when reading the biography of Abraham Pitre. I can see why he was chosen for this position. He is a quiet, soft spoken and very respectful individual.

I believe that there is one important quality that Chief Pitre will have in common with retired Chief Volk which is an open line of communication.

In the past I have called Chief Volk during the weekend to ask a question related to fires in Perth Amboy. He always called back the same day.

Listening to Chief Pitre speaking after he was sworn in, I had the same feeling that he will be just as accommodating.

My congratulations to the new Fire Chief and best wishes and happy retirement to Dave Volk.

Looking at the photo above, they both look like they are enjoying where they are right now.

C.M.

THE COMMUNITY VOICE

Direct to Customers?

The newspapers told of an electric automobile manufacturer that sells direct to its customers rather than through dealers. What’s wrong with

that?

Decades ago there was a policy of “fair trade” where a manufacturer dictated the retail price of its products. This anti-competitive policy was declared unconstitutional by the US Supreme Court. Sell-

ing direct to the public seems like a way to resurrect this outlawed “fair trade” policy. Who wants an anti-competitive policy in what is supposed to be a “free market”?

Ronald A. Sobieraj

The Future of Ukraine

The Russian’s got Crimea and they are waving the Russian flag now. From what I have found out, the pro Russian civilian force stormed those naval and air bases in Crimea, then Russian military took over by using force. Many are asking will Russia take over the rest of the Ukraine?

The IMF said it will give

money in grants and loans if the Ukraine go’s by their rules. President Obama has warned President Putin to back off - but will he? There are natural gas and oil pipelines that goes through the Ukraine and the Russians own it. The European countries are concerned and may ask NATO to send troops to protect the Ukraine. Here’s something many Americans are asking - should we get involved in the Ukraine? But if NATO has to go then our

military forces must go too because the U.S. has an agreement with NATO. Can this turn into a cold war between the U.S. and Russia? Or just two Presidents trying to show who the boss.

The only ones that are hurting is the Ukrainians and watching their country fall apart. Who will help them? What will be the future for Ukraine?

Orlando “Wildman” Perez

Old Time Crusades

When I was a kid in Depression era Perth Amboy I was greatly impressed by religious services exemplified by the priest. He looked so spiritual as he conducted the services in Carpatho-Russian and was accompanied by a first class acapella choir. I was further astounded when four men with baskets collected donations. In those days the folks contributed mostly coins. The only paper money was placed by businesses or professional people, the local numbers runner and the saloonkeeper. Boy! Priesthood was the future for me! I memorized the church services. However, I wondered who this guy Pappa Pius was who mentioned. I learned that he was Pope Pious XII the head of the Church. At that time we were under the jurisdiction of Rome by reason of a centuries old treaty. We were allowed to conduct our services in our own language, our priests were allowed to be married and the parishes conducted their own financial affairs. One priest in New York had nine beautiful daughters!

In the 1920s Rome decried that all of our priests had to be celibate, that our services were to be conducted in Latin and the bishop would control the local parish’s financial affairs. As young as I was I could not accept celibacy. I instinctively knew I wanted a family when I grew up!

A long costly legal battle followed. In the mid 1930’s

we prevailed and won! Some parishes remained with Rome. They were called “celibates.” Eventually our local parish joined many others in the Northeast and became Orthodox and kept their old customs as before. One of our sons Richard Smisko became Metropolitan Nicholas of the Diocese!

I am most sympathetic to the Catholic Church in my City. I attend my wife’s Catholic Church as well as my own St. John’s Orthodox Church. An old sinner like me needs all the help he can get. Meanwhile even though I love and enjoy my Catholic friends I wonder about the rigid attitudes of Rome. For instance for 1000 years after Christ there was one church. Then in 1054 the Pope and the Patriarch of the East excommunicated each other and split. The issue of celibacy was decreed by the Pope.

I believe the celibacy requirement of priests and the exclusion of women from the clergy together with the denial of the sacraments to divorced couples has had a very harmful effect. There is a shortage of priests for American Churches. Young men are simply not going in for the religious life as before. Women are being ordained as clergy in Protestant and Jewish religions. And they are doing great! As for instance the wonderful female Rabbi in our fair City.

Another restriction galling young people is the denial of sacraments to divorced couples. This drives them to other denominations. I, my-

self am not a strict adherent to religious dogmas. My primary belief is the philosophy of Jesus Christ. This includes Love, Good Will, Forgiveness, Patience, Charity and all other virtues.

He did not have time to establish religions as we know them. After all his ministry of earth consisted of only a few years. All these religions were founded long after his death by humans with all their faults and virtues. This has led to more religious strife than many other causes. Including the present one in the Middle East which is the modern version of the Crusades of the Christian West against the Muslim East. It is a no win situation as were the old time Crusades!

On January 5, 1964 Pope Paul VI and Patriarch Benedictos of Jerusalem met in the Holy Land on the Mount of Olives. The first meeting in five centuries between a Roman Catholic Pope and an Eastern Orthodox Church Patriarch. It is also the first papal pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

Hopefully the present actions of Pope Francis will lead to reform and an eventual reunion of the West and the East similar to the local St. John’s Parish before we won our freedom in the 1930s!

God Bless us all! God Bless America! It certainly needs it!

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

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Book Club

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

Community Calendar

Perth Amboy	
THURS. Apr. 3	Historic Preservation Commission, 7 p.m. City Hall, High St.
MON. Apr. 7	City Council, Caucus, 4:30 p.m. City Hall, High St.
TUES. Apr. 8	Library Board of Trustees, 5 p.m. City Hall, High St.
	• UEZ, 6 p.m. City Hall, High St.
	• BID, 7 p.m. City Hall, High St.
WED. Apr. 9	City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, High St.
THURS. Apr. 10	Board of Education, 6 p.m. PAHS, Eagle Ave.
South Amboy	
WED. Apr. 2	City Council, Business, 6 p.m. City Hall, N. Broadway
WED. Apr. 16	City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, N. Broadway
MON. Apr. 28	Board of Education, Business Public Budget Hearing, 6 p.m. SA Middle/High School, Harold Hoffman Pl.

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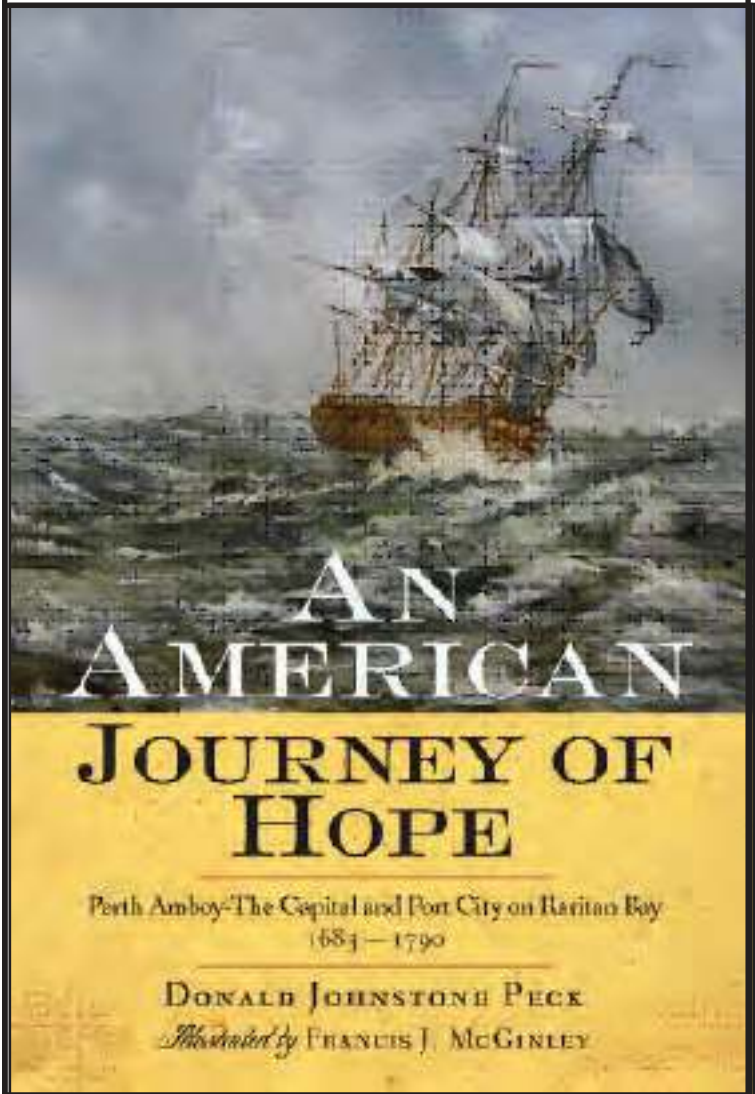
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Christian Vazquez - 2nd Place Winner - St. Barnabas Burn Foundation Art Contest *Photo Submitted



PERTH AMBOY - Christian Vazquez, a 6th grade student at Perth Amboy Catholic School, won 2nd Place in the Saint Barnabas Burn Foundation Art Contest. The contest theme was “Prevent Scald Injuries”. Christian received a \$75 gift card and received free tickets to attend the circus with his entire family from Saint Barnabas. This is the 2nd year in a row that Christian has won this contest. His artwork was submitted by his art teacher, Rose Lavin Pennyfeather. In Photo: Christian Vazquez and a representative of Saint Barnabas Burn Foundation.



PERTH AMBOY – An American Journey of Hope: Perth Amboy – The Capital and Port City on Raritan Bay 1683-1790 by Donald Johnstone Peck With illustrations by Francis J. McGinley

An American Journey of Hope is a vivid chronicle of how the original Scottish colonists of Perth Amboy, New Jersey transformed the city into a center of political and religious force that held forth the promise of a way of life that emphasized freedom, opportunity and plenty for all.

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BID Hires Law Firm

PERTH AMBOY - The BID held a special meeting on March 21, 2014 at 12 Noon at the City Hall Council Chambers. One of the items on the agenda had to do with hiring a law firm for the BID. A committee was formed to interview representatives from law firms that were contacted. The BID said the firms that they interviewed were all very capable. They decided on the Law Firm of Noris, McLaughlin & Marcus, PA. The BID hired Attorney Daniel R. Guadalupe from that firm.

Alan Papp, an attorney from Perth Amboy was also considered because he was there at the inception of the BID and helped draft the original by-laws.

One of the factors in deciding to hire Guadalupe was that he will review what other attorneys did when they worked for the BID. There would be no charge for telephone consultations.

The Board agreed that new blood was needed. Barry Rosengarten recused himself from voting because of a conflict of interest.

The attorney fees will be \$250/hour, \$9000 for legal services having to do with retaining business and \$1500 to review current by-laws. The grand total for basic services will be \$10,500/year.

A committee that interviewed the attorneys consisted of the BID Board Members: Reyes Ortega, Barry Rosengarten, Jamie Rios and Sergio Diaz.

Board Member Sergio Diaz said, “Mr. Guadalupe has a willingness to get involved with the City of Perth Amboy. He said even if we didn’t select him as our attorney, he would still be willing to assist us.”

BID Member Virginia Lugo thanked the committee who interviewed the lawyers and was familiar with Guadalupe’s work.

The Mayor suggested that the attorney come in and meet the entire BID Board.

Congratulations Kimberly Gonzalez (Annie) And the Cast of:



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Lego Drive

SOUTH AMBOY - The Sadie Pope Dowdell Library of South Amboy is looking for donations of LEGO's for future programs! We are asking that anyone that wishes to donate any regular model making size pieces to please drop them off at the library during our regular business hours. The library is located at 100 Harold G Hoffman Plaza off of O'Leary Blvd, adjacent to the High/Middle school. For hours and directions please visit our website at www.dowdell.org.

Spring Tea

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

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

Easter Bunny Party

SOUTH AMBOY - Hippity Hoppity Children's Easter Party at South Amboy Elks #784, 601 Washington Ave., South Amboy on Sunday, April 13, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Dancing with DJ Bobby; Children \$5 (4 years and under Free) Adults \$10. Reservations are strongly recommended. Call Michele 732-718-3125. All are asked to bring 2 cans of non-perishable food items for our local community Food Pantry. Bring your cameras for pictures with the Easter Bunny.

Fish & Chicken Fry

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

Mother Goose

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

Knitting Circle

SOUTH AMBOY - There will be a Knitting Circle on the first and third Tuesday each month at 6 p.m. at the Dowdell Library, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. For more info call 732-72 1-6060.

Diabetes

Discussion Group

PERTH AMBOY - The Institute for Weight Loss at Raritan Bay Medical Center is sponsoring a free Diabetes Discussion Group meeting Wednesday, April 2, 7 to 8 p.m. at the Raritan Bay Area YMCA, 357 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy. Clinical specialists will lead an open discussion about diabetes and a question and answer session in both English and Spanish. Registration is required, call 1-800-DOCTORS.

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News Release 3/20/14

PERTH AMBOY - Raritan Bay Medical Center has again attained Magnet® recognition as part of the American Nurses Credentialing Center's (ANCC) Magnet Recognition Program®. This voluntary credentialing program for hospitals recognizes excellence in nursing and is the highest honor an organization can receive for professional nursing practice.

"Magnet recognition is a tremendous honor and reflects our commitment to delivering the highest quality of care to this community," said Raritan Bay Medical Center (RBMC) President and CEO Michael R. D'Agnes. "To earn Magnet recognition in 2004 and 2009 were great accomplishments and an incredible source of pride for our nurses. Our achievement of this credential for an additional four years underscores the foundation of excellence and values that drives our entire staff to strive harder each day to meet the healthcare needs of the people we serve."

Magnet recognition has become the gold standard for nursing excellence and is taken into consideration when the public judges healthcare organizations. In fact, U.S. News & World Report's annual showcase of "America's Best Hospitals" includes Magnet recognition in its ranking criteria for quality of inpatient care. To achieve initial Magnet recognition, organizations must pass a rigorous and lengthy process that demands widespread participation from leadership and staff and demonstrating qualitative and quantitative evidence regarding patient care and outcomes. The Commission on Magnet votes whether recognition will

be granted after an onsite review process. An organization seeking to reapply for recognition must provide documented evidence of how Magnet concepts, performance and quality were sustained and improved since its last recognition.

"Since our first Magnet recognition in 2004, we have continued to challenge ourselves and each other to build a culture of excellence," says Raritan Bay Medical Center Senior Vice President Patient Care Services, Chief Nursing Officer Joan Harewood, DNP, RN, NEA-BC. "Our achievement of Magnet status for the third time is proof of our commitment to continually assess, evaluate and improve how we deliver care. RBMC nurses love what they do and it shows in the exceptional experiences they provide to their patients."

Studies show improved patient outcomes in hospitals with higher rates of BSN-prepared nurses, those with a four-year college degree. RBMC invests in its nurses providing tuition reimbursement and encouraging them to attend workplace classes and off-site conferences. As a result of this commitment to professional development, forty-seven percent of RBMC nurses are BSN prepared, and nearly half have achieved national certification in their clinical specialty. RBMC nurses are, in turn, committed to the community, with a 14.8 year average length of service.

Only 6.9 percent of U.S. hospitals and 24 out of New Jersey's 73 hospitals meet Magnet Recognition standards. Hospitals must reapply for Magnet recognition every four years based on adherence to Magnet concepts and demonstrated improvements in patient care and quality.

Poet's Wednesday

WOODBIDGE - April 9 from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Workshop 7 p.m. Marcia Ivans, Bob Rosenbloom & Linda Johnston Muhlhausen at the Barron Arts Center, 582 Rahway Ave., Woodbridge. For more info call 732-634-0413.

Home Repair & Advocacy Program

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

Introduction to Meditation

SOUTH AMBOY - If you are seeking calmness, peace of mind, joy, greater energy, positive relationships and you wish to be stress-free, meditation is your answer. You can enjoy all of these benefits and much more, with meditation. On a physical level it can lower high blood pressure, increase energy level and improve the immune system. With regular practice anxiety decreases and your mind becomes sharper. Meditation makes you aware - that your inner attitude determines your happiness.

Guided Meditation will be led by Denise Morgan and Joey Stann. Denise is a Shaman, Medium, Paranormal Investigator, Intuitive and Yoga Instructor. Joey is a Shaman, Integrative Energy Healer, Lightarian Reiki Master, Certified Clinical Hypnotherapist, Intuitive, Teacher, Paranormal Investigator, and Musician. Join us on April 7th for An Introduction to Meditation. Part of the proceeds benefit, Christ Church, 220 Main Street, South Amboy. Time: 7:30 p.m. -8:30 p.m. \$10/person. Limited seating, pre-registration is required. For registration information please contact Denise @ 732-525-9536 Or Zumbasayreville@gmail.com

Don't Follow the Leads of Other Towns

PERTH AMBOY - There was an ordinance on the 3/26/14 Council Meeting Agenda to extend the hours of sale for alcoholic beverages.

Perth Amboy currently does not allow the sale of packaged goods (alcohol) until 12 Noon on Sundays. To make the City competitive with surrounding towns, the ordinance was seeking to change the hour form 12 Noon to 10 a.m.

Resident Ricky Aviles said "There seems to be a hypocrisy in this. Why would you want to extend the hours on a Sunday when you decided to close the bars an hour earlier during the week? Who did you ask to approve this change - the people in these neighborhoods where the liquor would be sold, the churches or the liquor store owners?"

Councilman Kenneth Gonzalez said, "I am Catholic and in the Church, wine is a part of the Eucharist. The reason that we wanted the bars closing

earlier at night is to prevent people who were coming in from other towns where they may have been drunk already."

Stanley Sierakowski said, "This is a quality of life issue. What prevents a person from buying packaged goods at 10 a.m. and going right to their car to drink it there?"

Alan Silber said, "We should not be taking our lead from other towns (who start selling packaged goods on Sunday at 10 a.m.). There is no spirituality involved in this."

Silber drew laughter from the crowd when he said, "Why would anyone want to buy liquor at 10 a.m. unless they run out of it at 9 a.m.?"

Former Councilman Fernando Gonzalez said, "I go to Costco and I can't buy liquor there until 12 Noon."

When F. Gonzalez asked who sponsored this ordinance, Councilman Bill Petrick answered that he did.

Abstention Give Us the Reason

PERTH AMBOY - Late starter Resolution R-175-3/14 Authorizing execution of a memorandum of agreement with the Policemen's Benevolent Assoc. Local #13 Regarding police academy graduates salary.

Former Council President and Retired Police Officer Kenneth Balut had an issue with this resolution. At the 3/26/14 Council Meeting, Balut said, "Young cops should get raises. Some of them have foreclosures on their homes. These young cops deserve more."

B.A. Greg Fehrenbach said, "Around January 3rd or 4th of this year, the Dynamic Salary Guide in the contract was inconsistent. Automatic step increases were stopped. We discussed this with the P.B.A. Seven officers will get the increase. The Public Employment Group decided to eliminate the Dynamic Salary Guide."

Councilman Bill Petrick said, "We don't negotiate union contracts."

When it came time to vote on this resolution, all voted "Yes" except for Councilman Fernando Irizarry who abstained.

Balut questioned Irizarry's abstention. He told Irizarry, "When you abstain, you should give a reason why. You

voted for the Chief's raise."

Irizarry said, "I abstained on this resolution on the advice of the lawyer. (City Attorney Mark Blunda)"

Balut asked Irizarry if he could give a reason for his abstention.

Irizarry asked the lawyer who was there in Blunda's place if he had to answer that question.

Irizarry was told he didn't. B.A. Fehrenbach told Balut that what Irizarry said was true.

Balut told Irizarry that he didn't have a problem giving the Police Chief a raise. (At a prior Council Meeting)

Irizarry answered, "My abstention should not be misconstrued. I support the whole Police Department."

Resident Ricky Aviles questioned, "Did the attorney tell Irizarry that he couldn't give a reason why he should abstain?"

Addressing Council President Joel Pabon, Aviles said, "When speakers come up to the podium, they should be addressing you. When the Mayor or a City Employee is sitting in the audience and they come up to speak, they should follow the same time limit as the other speakers. If not, they should come and sit up front with you if they need more time."

Her Art Show

PERTH AMBOY - In honor of International Women's Day there will be a group art exhibition: Through Her Eyes, By Her Hand Art Show will run March 20th thru April 10th at the Perth Amboy Gallery Center for the Arts, 339 Reade St., Perth Amboy. Gallery Hours are Mon. - Wed. 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. and by appointment. Free and Open to the Public. For more info call 732-826-1690 ext. 4325.

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We Keep You Moving

OLD BRIDGE - The Human Motion Institute at Raritan Bay Medical Center is sponsoring a free "We Keep You Moving" Total Joint Replacement Education session Wednesday, April 2, 8 a.m. to 11 a.m., at the medical center's Old Bridge location, 3 Hospital Plaza. Sessions will be presented by clinical specialists. Registration required, call 732-535-4746.

26th Anniversary of the Feast in Honor of Lady of the Martyrs

PERTH AMBOY - Blessed John Paul II Parish is celebrating the 26th Anniversary of the feast in honor of Our Lady of the Martyrs on Saturday, April 26 and Sunday April 27 at Our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima Church, 188 Wayne St., Perth Amboy. There will be traditional homemade pastries, BBQ food, raffles and many more surprises. The parking lot will be covered by a tent for better comfort. All are welcome.

Food Pantry

SEWAREN - The First Baptist Church of Woodbridge is offering a free food program for families in need of food assistance. To register, please complete the application form on the day of distribution and present one form of identification. Acceptable forms of ID are: Driver License, Non-Driver ID, Photo ID, Other ID. Food Pantry Hours: Wednesday's 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. For More Info Call: Deacon Jones 347-930-4764 or Trustee Jones 732-442-3629. The First Baptist Church of Woodbridge is located at 130 Sewaren Ave., Sewaren, Rev. Neva Lawson, Pastor www.firstbaptistwoodbridge.org. If you need - we feed.

Vendors Wanted

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

Our Lady of Peace Prepare Patriotic Crosses for Veterans *Photos Submitted



FORDS - Mrs. Kristina Olenchak's 2nd grade class at Our Lady of Peace School in Fords prepared patriotic crosses for the Veteran's Home in Edison in honor of World Wide Vietnam Veteran's day on March 29th. This day is recognized around the country as a moment of reflection and a day of commemoration. It is a time to pay respect and to acknowledge Veterans who sacrificed so much during the Vietnam War. This project was the brain child of OLP religion teacher Mrs. Lori Clark. Students are encouraged to visit their local American Legion or VFW on this special day

Tax Facts

Courtesy of Tom Ploskanka
Need More Time To File Your Return?

If you need more time to file your 2013 income tax return, you can get an extension - and no explanation is necessary. You may have a very good reason for wanting more time to file your 2013 individual income tax return. For instance, you might want to hold off funding a retirement plan such as a Keogh or SEP until you can save more money. Perhaps you're waiting for a tax form from a trust, a partnership, or an S corporation. Or maybe you've just been busy. It doesn't matter. Whatever the cause or motivation, you can usually put off filing for up to six months beyond April 15. That means you could have until October 15, 2014, to finalize your return - assuming you follow the rules. Here's what you need to do:

- Estimate your total tax liability for 2013, subtract what you've already paid in withholding or estimated payments and remit most or all of the balance, and
- File an extension request

form (generally Form 4868 for an individual return) by April 15.

You can file the extension request form electronically, by phone, or by mailing it to the IRS. If you owe taxes, you can pay with an electronic funds transfer, your credit card, or a check.

Requesting an extension for your personal return also gives you additional time to file a gift tax return for 2013. The gift tax return extension is automatically included. You don't even have to check a box. But if you owe gift tax (or generation skipping transfer tax), or are requesting an extension only for a gift tax return, you'll need to use Form 8892.

One more quirk: If you live and work outside the United States, you may qualify for an automatic two-month extension of time to file without having to send in a form. However, if you're out of the country and expect to meet the requirements for foreign tax exclusions or deductions after April 15, you might need to file Form 2350.

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**Friday Lenten
Dinners**

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

Polish Night

PARLIN - Our Lady of Victories Knights of Columbus Council # 2061 will be holding a Polish Night Celebration on Saturday, April 26 from 7 p.m. to 12 a.m. at the Councils Victorian Hall located at 775 Washington Rd across from the Parlin post office. Tickets are \$ 35 pp. and include a buffet dinner, open bar and music by “The Polka Family Band” from Pennsylvania. If interested, please contact Joe Halmi @ 732-721-4563 or Jim Poltrictzky @ 732-254-8896 to reserve your spot or a table today.

**Summer
Camp Fair**

News Release
BRANCHBURG - Community Child Care Solutions is sponsoring a Summer Camp Fair at the Conference Center at Raritan Valley Community College, 118 Lamington Road, Branchburg, New Jersey, on April 12, 2014, from 10 AM to 2 PM. Families are invited to learn about summer programs near you, including Day Camps, Specialty Camps, and Overnight Camps. Find out if you may qualify for tuition assistance for summer camp.

Participating Camps will be offering incentives for families participating on April 12th. Our goal is to connect families in Somerset and Middlesex Counties to summer programs that meet their needs and provide a safe environment and enrichment activities.

Community Child Care Solutions is contracted by the State of New Jersey to be the Child Care Resource and Referral Agency in Middlesex and Somerset Counties. Many communities know us as the agency that assists families who qualify for financial assistance to help pay for child care. However, one of our important tasks is to help all families, regardless of income to understand and find quality child care programs. We will work with any families that may qualify for financial assistance in paying for summer camp.

For more info, please contact Community Child Care Solutions at 732-324-4357.

Greek Flag Raising - Perth Amboy City Hall Circle - 3/22/14

**Photos by Joe Bayona*



George Petrakakis welcomes the crowd



Invocation by Rev. Angelo J. Michaels



Mayor Wilda Diaz addresses the audience



Chief of Police Benjamin Ruiz



Keynote Speaker
Kateina Ganiaris



Kayla Rodriguez, of the Visual and Performing Arts and Media Academy, sings the National Anthem



St. Demetrios Youth in traditional Greek attire



Raising of the Greek Flag



Greek Flag flies over City Hall Circle



Benediction given by Reverend Gregory Pabon



Helen Coutros Horan introduces the Greek Orthodox Youth Association



Data Profile of Perth Amboy/Keasbey Community Details Rates of Depression, Related Health Conditions in Sandy-hit Areas Federal Project to Improve Behavioral Health Services for Medicare Recipients Will Help Prepare for Future Disasters

News Release 3/13/14

EAST BRUNSWICK - Some older adults and disabled residents in the Perth Amboy and Keasbey community may be at increased risk of deteriorating health, depression, anxiety/adjustment disorders, and isolation as a result of Superstorm Sandy. A new behavioral health profile, developed by Healthcare Quality Strategies, Inc. (HQSI), the federally designated healthcare quality improvement organization for New Jersey, provides data that can help determine the storm's impact of depression risk factors.

The Perth Amboy and Keasbey profile is one of 10 community and 10 county profiles developed as part of an ambitious Medicare-funded project, Enhancing Coordination of Behavioral Health Services after Superstorm Sandy: Planning for Future Disasters. The profiles focus on areas hardest hit by the storm.

The project aims to help local communities understand how the storm affected the behavioral health of older adults and the disabled, as well as plan for future disasters. Another goal is to encourage greater use of depression screening, a covered service for Medicare beneficiaries that can help identify those with deteriorating health related to depression.

HQSI used Medicare claims and other data to analyze rates of depression and related disorders, and the use of behavioral health services, among Medicare fee-for-service beneficiaries living in selected communities during the 21-month period prior to October 2012. For example, the data shows that in Perth Amboy and Keasbey during this period:

- 26.6 percent of Medicare Fee for Service beneficiaries experienced depression or related disorders, such as anxiety or adjustment disorders.
- The Medicare FFS beneficiaries residing in the Perth Amboy and Keasbey community were at a higher risk of Alzheimer's disease and related disorders or senile dementia (5.0%) and substance or alcohol abuse or tobacco use (9.4%) than those residing in Middlesex County.
- There was no utilization of the Medicare depression screening benefit in the Perth Amboy and Keasbey community for calendar year 2012. Depression screening became a Medicare benefit in October, 2011.

"Collecting this baseline data is the first step toward understanding how Superstorm Sandy affected the behavioral health of Medicare recipients," said HQSI Quality Improve-

ment Specialist Nicole Skyer-Brandwene, MS, RPh, BCPS. HQSI plans to update the profile with post-Superstorm Sandy data in early spring to determine the impact of the storm on behavioral health issues and services.

HQSI is reaching out to community leaders and mayors in Perth Amboy and Keasbey to discuss how this data can help increase the rate of depression screening and support a community-based approach to behavioral health services after a disaster.

"Older adults are especially vulnerable to physical and behavioral health issues after a disaster and, unlike other conditions, behavioral health issues are often underdiagnosed," said Ms. Skyer-Brandwene. "Unfortunately, in our society, the stigma associated with behavioral or mental health may prevent people from seeking care. Since depression can also affect physical health, screening is an important health tool. That's why we want to spread the word that depression screening is a covered Medicare benefit."

The community profiles, and the county profiles HQSI developed for the New Jersey counties declared federal disaster areas after Superstorm Sandy, are available at www.hqsi.org.

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Free Medicare Annual Wellness Day Held In South Amboy



Participants at the Annual Wellness Day



Dr. Robert Boyd and his staff

*Photos by Joe Bayona

By: Joe Bayona

SOUTH AMBOY - On Wednesday, March 26, a free "Medicare Wellness Day" was held at The Charles W. Hoffman Senior Center located at the South Amboy YMCA.

The "Wellness Day" was the brainchild of Dr. Robert D. Boyd of the Woodbridge Medical Group. "It all started as a screening for people at risk for falling," said Boyd, "When Medicare and

associated insurance companies did an audit and realized that they were spending an exurbanite amount of money on fall related injuries, mainly broken hips."

It was then that Dr. Boyd got the idea to put together a 10 page questionnaire that people could fill out. By answering a series of questions they would be able to screen for people who were most at risk for falling and take preventative actions.

From there Wellness Day blossomed. "I made it up as it went along" said Dr Boyd. Some of the participants would say, why don't you test for this or look for that. So a series of non invasive tests were added. These tests would look for things that are not normally looked for in a typical annual checkup. Things like peripheral artery disease, abdominal aneurysms, and bone density scans, to name a few.

We started conducting the screening for people at risk for falling last March", Said Lesly Abril Administrative assistant for the Woodbridge Medical Group. "We conduct about 65 of these a year through Middlesex county and parts of Union County". Medicare picks up the tab with no deductible. There is absolutely no charge to the people who participate.

JRF'S Adult Basketball League Wraps Up Their 4th Season

News Release March 28, 2014
Perth Amboy - It started with a vision: to provide an athletic program for young adults that would offer tangible benefits and rewards such as life skills, networking, and strengthening of the mind and body. "As a child, I've always played in sports and found that the freedom to play was the greatest gift to have. Coming on board as a program coordinator with the Jewish Renaissance Foundation's Civic Justice Corps (CJC), allowed me to implement the plan of the Young Adults Basketball program" stated Edison Jaquez.

The Civic Justice Corps (CJC) is a youth serving program model that assists disconnected, court-involved or formerly incarcerated youth between the ages of 16-24 to reconnect with their communities. It is the first-ever national service program to affirmatively recruit people with criminal records. For more information, please contact Edison Jaquez at (732) 376-0506

Communion Breakfast

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

Civil War Round Table

WOODBIDGE - The Robert E Lee Civil War Round Table of Central New Jersey will hold its next meeting on Monday, April 7th at The Woodbridge Public Library at 7 p.m. This month's speaker is Malcolm Gross and his topic will be "The Trial & Execution of John Brown." The meeting is open to the public and all are invited.

Fresh Hungarian Kolbasz and Nut Roll Sale

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

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

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

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

Annual Fish Fry Dinners

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

Perth Amboy Catholic Schools Reunion

PERTH AMBOY - Perth Amboy Catholic Schools will be holding its first Alumni Reunion on Saturday May 17, 2014. A special Alumni Mass will be held at 4:30 p.m. at the Most Holy Rosary Church on 625 Florida Grove Road, Perth Amboy. Immediately following the Mass, a Cocktail Reunion Reception will be held downstairs from the church in the Msgr. Gambino Hall from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

For ticket information, please contact Karen Ninehan at 732-266-8706 or email ks9n@msn.com. Please RSVP before April 25th.

The graduating classes of 1988 through 2007 will be honored. A splendid time is guaranteed for all!



A Legacy of Resilience 2

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

Trip to Ocean City MD

SAYREVILLE - The Sayreville Seniors Thursday Club presents a 4 day/3 night trip to Ocean City, MD on May 12 - 15, 2014. There is a \$50 pp deposit due with reservation. Non-members welcome. Price: \$409 pp double occupancy; single supplement: \$85 additional. For further info and reservations contact: Jack & Ann Floersch 732-254-7263. Note: Festive Holidays recommends trip cancellation insurance for cancellation due to medical or legal reasons. Insurance payment should be submitted directly to insurance company.

Free Adult ESL Classes

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

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Institute for Weight Loss, Old Bridge

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Thursday, April 17 - 6 to 8 p.m.

RBMC Perth Amboy

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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.

Xbox Galaxy

SOUTH AMBOY- Xbox Galaxy at 3 p.m. on Mondays at the Dowdell Library of South Amboy, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. For more info call 732-721-6060.

Morgan Lions Club 60th Anniv.

Charter Night

MORGAN – The Morgan Lions Club has planned a gala celebration for their 60th Anniversary in Lionism. A Dinner-Dance will be held on Sunday, May 4, 2014 at the VFW, Jernee Mill Road, Sayreville from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. \$45 pp.

All You Can Eat Breakfast

PERTH AMBOY - The Holy Name Society of Ukrainian Assumption Church will hold an "all you can eat" Breakfast on Sunday, April 6 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Assumption Catholic School Auditorium, 380 Meredith St. Tickets are \$10 per adult, \$5 for teens aged 12-17, under 12 years free. Tickets can be purchased at the door or by calling 732-254-3966. Menu includes eggs, omelets, pancakes, sausage and more.

Grand Centennial Celebration

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

Easter Bake Sale

PERTH AMBOY – St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church, 404 Division St., Perth Amboy is having an Easter Bake Sale. Order Monday, March 31st to Friday, April 4th between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Call 732-826-7067. All gourmet items are handmade: cake – nut, poppy seed, apricot, raspberry and prune - \$11. Pickup dates are April 8th ,9th & 10th between 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Atlantic City Casino Trip

PARLIN - OLV Knights of Columbus are hosting an AC bus trip to Resorts Casino on Sunday May 4th. The bus will depart The Knights Council Home located at 775 Washington Rd., Parlin directly across from the Parlin post office at 10 am and return at 8 p.m. The cost is \$ 35 PP and includes transportation to and from casino, \$ 25 back in slot play, a light breakfast in the Councils Keegans Pub, and snacks and beverages on the bus. Please R.S.V.P if you are interested by April 24 to Charlie @ 201-320-3077 or Katie @ 732-553-1898.

Senior Scene

Happenings

Perth Amboy

- WED. Apr. 2 Simpson Seniors, 10 a.m., Williamson Hall, High St.
- Holy Rosary Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Auditorium, Florida Grove Rd.
 - St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.
 - Holy Trinity Seniors, 1 p.m., Church Hall, Lawrie & Johnstone St.
- THURS. Apr. 3 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
- MON. Apr. 7 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.
- TUES. Apr.8 Holy Spirit Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Church Hall, Brace Ave.
- Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.
- WED. Apr. 9 Simpson Seniors, 10 a.m., Williamson Hall, High St.
- Holy Rosary Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Auditorium, Florida Grove Rd.
 - St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.
- THURS. Apr. 10 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
- Ukrainian Assumption Seniors, 12 Noon Church Basement, Alta Vista Pl.

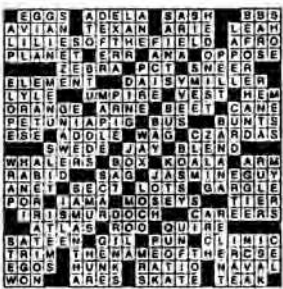
South Amboy

- MON. Apr. 7 St. Mary's Seniors, noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
- WED. Apr. 9 South Amboy Seniors, noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave

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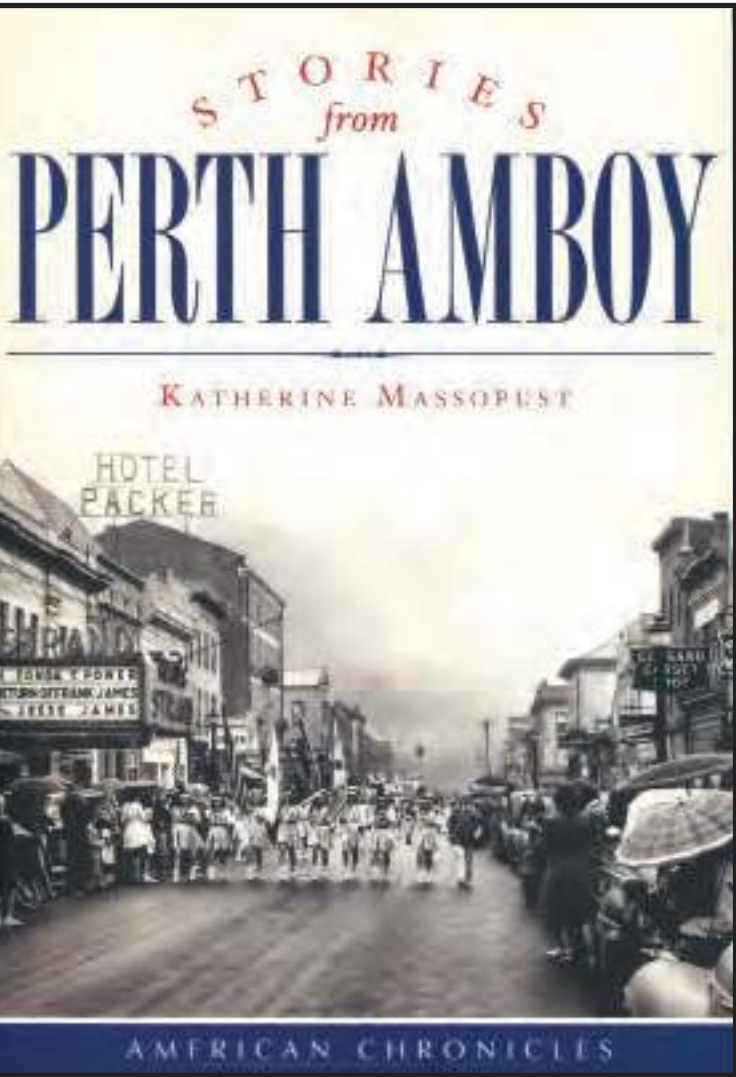
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LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY – George Otlowski with young parishioners of St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church. Greek Flag Raising 1989. This was the last time there was a Greek Flag Raising in Perth Amboy until March 22, 2014. *Photo Courtesy of Gary Ahladianakis Esq. This Photo was restored under a grant for the Kearny Cottage Archiving project by the Middlesex Cultural and Heritage Commission



Stories From Perth Amboy

PERTH AMBOY - Stories From Perth Amboy by Katherine Massopust is available at the Barge Restaurant, 201 Front St., Perth Amboy. For more info call Katherine at 732-261-2610 or call the Barge at 732-442-3000 - A Great Gift!

Novena to St. Francis For Our Animal Friends

Heavenly Father, our human ties with our friends of other species is wonderful and special gift from You. We now ask You to grant our special animal companions your Fatherly care and healing power to take away any suffering they have. Give us, their human friends, new understanding of our responsibilities to these creatures of Yours. They have trust in us as we have in You; our souls and theirs are on this earth together to give one another friendship, affection, and caring. Take our heartfelt prayers and fill Your ill or suffering animals with healing Light and strength to overcome whatever weakness of body they have. *(Here mention the names of the animals needing prayer).* Your goodness is turned upon every living thing and Your grace flows to all Your creatures. From our souls to theirs goodness flows, touching each of us with the reflection of Your love. Grant to our special animal companions long and healthy lives. Give them good relationships with us, and if You see fit to take them from us, help us to understand that they are not gone from us, but only drawing closer to You. Grant our prayer through the intercession of good St. Francis of Assisi, who honored You through all Your creatures. Give him the power to watch over our animal friends until they are safely with You in eternity, where we someday hope to join them in giving You honor forever. Amen.

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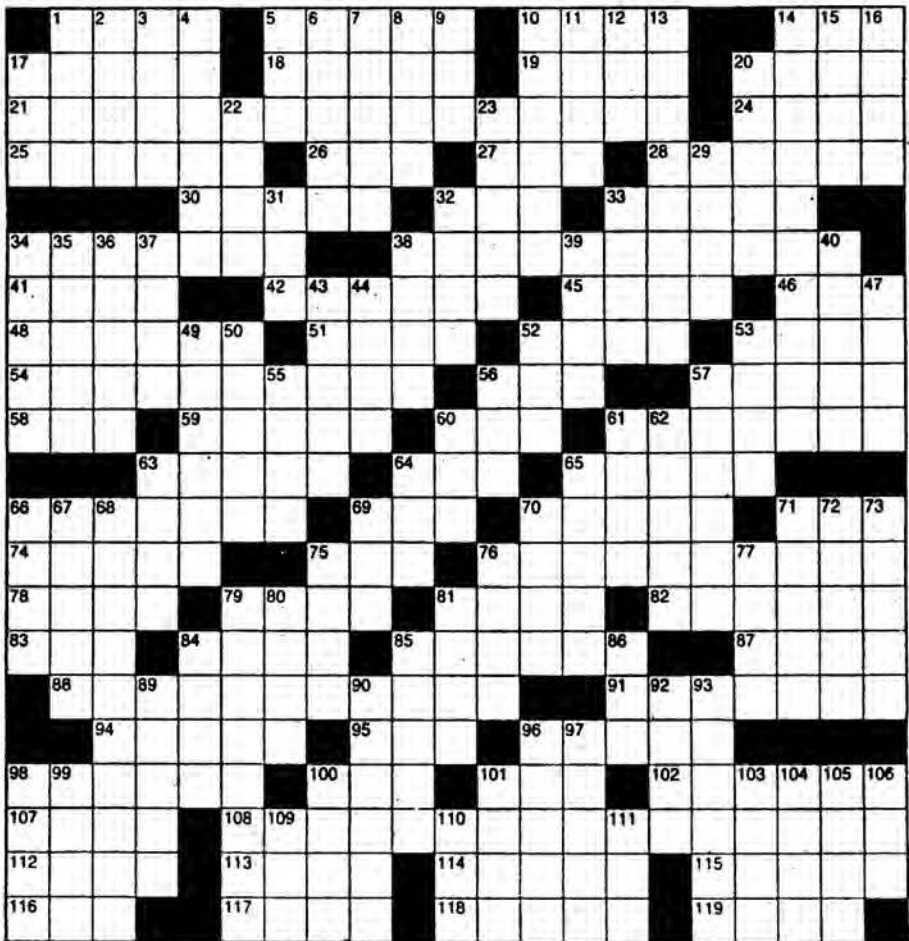
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20 Rachel's sister
21 Sidney Poitier film
24 Natural hairdo
25 Telescope sighting
26 Be off base
27 Santa —, Calif.
28 Stand in the way
30 Endangered African
32 Pt. of the whole
33 Villain's look
34 Fire or water
38 Henry James work
41 Lovett or Waggoner
42 Diamond authority?
45 Part of a suit
46 Part of a part of a suit
48 Sherbet flavor | 51 British composer Thomas
52 Borscht veggie
53 "Bat Masterson" prop
54 Warner Brothers sow
56 Help a waiter
57 Hits a grounder
58 Nationality suffix
59 Rattle one's cage
60 Samoyed's smile?
61 Hungarian dance
63 Nobel, for one
64 Actor North
65 Mixture
66 Hartford team
69 Make money hand over
70 Adorable
71 It's up your sleeve
74 Frenzied
75 Slump
76 "A Different World" star
78 Without — (daringly)
79 Splitter group
81 Oodles
82 Use mouth- | wash
83 "— favor"
84 "— Camera" ('55 film)
85 Saunters
87 Wedding-cake layer
88 "The Sea, the Sea" author
91 Long-lasting jobs?
94 Book of maps
95 Milne creature
96 One-twentieth of a ream
98 Glossy cloth
100 Actor Gerard
101 Groan
102 Healing place
107 In good shape
108 Umberto Eco novel
112 Corporate clashers
113 Slab
114 Proportion
115 Of interest to Homblower
116 Gained the prize
117 Omery
118 Use
119 Furniture wood
DOWN
1 Demonic
2 Mexican "monster" | 3 Put on the pounds
4 Head wind?
5 From — Z
6 Put on hold
7 Newsboy's cry
8 Bolger/Haley costar
9 Deauville donkey
10 New Orleans eleven
11 Neck of the woods
12 "— vous plait"
13 Party animal
14 In advance
15 Blocks the way
16 Sole support?
17 Matterhorn, e.g.
20 Boutonniere location
22 British Uzi
23 Prima — (at first sight, in law)
29 Pound with pebbles
31 A/C measure
32 Skin
33 "Peter Pan" pirate
34 Rush to the judge
35 Ancient instruments
36 Gladden
37 Vittle statis- | tics?
38 Scratch the surface
39 Monsieur Montand
40 Oscar de la —
43 Syrup source
44 — -dieu (kneeler)
47 Kid's room, usually
49 Tackled a bone
50 Duck down
52 Be a pest
53 Cottage cheese
55 Computes
56 Sound like a hound
57 Bite for Bonzo
60 Tussaud's medium
61 Chowder
62 Woody Allen film
63 Skirt feature
64 Run for one's life?
65 Much too encouraging?
66 Envelop
67 Asian capital
68 Eccentricity
69 Hit a homer
70 Jackson or Smith
71 Certain marble
72 School fool | 73 Mike of "Wayne's World"
75 Trauma aftermath
76 Rib
77 "Ziegfeld Follies" designer
79 Actress Eggar
80 Flightless birds
81 Plumb crazy
84 Presque —, Maine
85 Dough
86 Biol. or chem.
89 Stuff
90 Makes a martini disappear
92 Roguish
93 Let up
96 Share
97 Incompetent
98 Bouillabaisse or burgoo
99 Mythical ship
100 Wilder or Hackman
101 Summit
103 "Dies —"
104 PBS science show
105 Author Dinesen
106 "Aladdin" frame
109 "Ben- —"
110 "— Doubtfire"
111 Low digit? |
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