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Pallone Announces Legislation to Repair School Water Fountains Containing Lead

Press Release 8/26/16

NEW BRUNSWICK - Today, Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr. (NJ 06), Ranking Member on the House Energy and Commerce Committee, announced new legislation to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act and provide assistance to schools to replace older drinking water fountains that may contain lead. The bill H.R.5886, coauthored with Congressman Bobby Rush (D-IL), would establish a grant program to provide assistance to local educational agencies for the replacement of drinking water fountains manufactured prior to 1988. Pallone made the announcement at Woodrow Wilson Elementary School in New Brunswick. Dozens of New Jersey schools, including those in New Brunswick have reported lead levels over the federal action level this year.

"Lead in school drinking water is an immediate and serious threat for children in cities across New Jersey and this nation," said Pallone. "This important bill could quickly eliminate a main source of lead in schools, protecting countless schoolchildren. With another school year approaching, we need to take action on these issues as soon as possible."

The proposed bill would authorize \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2017 through 2021 to help replace older fountains and also to supplement the costs of monitoring and reporting lead levels in the drinking water of schools of a local educational agency receiving such funds, as determined appropriate by the Administrator.

Attendees at the event voicing support for the legislation were Nina Arce, Communication Coordinator for the Housing and Community Develop-



Congressman Frank Pallone

ment Network; Dena Mottola Jaborska, Associate Director of New Jersey Citizen Action; and Elyse Pivnik of the Director of Environmental Health, Isles.

Congressman Pallone has been a leader in calling for action to improve our water infrastructure and remove lead from our drinking water. In February, Pallone introduced the AQUA Act, which significantly increases water infrastructure funding authorization levels so local communities can repair and replace their aging water systems to ensure residents have access to clean and safe drinking water.

Earlier this year, Pallone led his colleagues in sending a letter to Cathleen Bennett, Acting Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Health (NJDH), asking for more information on the federal funding the state receives to help detect dangerous levels of lead in communities. Pallone asked for information on exactly

how these funds are used and if additional resources are needed to combat this serious public health challenge. The Christie administration has not responded to the letter.

Pallone also sent letters to the New Jersey Department of Health and New Jersey Department of Human Services raising questions about the management of a program to provide lead poisoning screenings for pregnant women, children, and uninsured adults in counties impacted by Hurricane Sandy. New Jersey earmarked \$11.7 million of funding for increasing access to blood lead screening and case management to address "new environmental hazards in New Jersey Homes" created by Hurricane Sandy. Yet, it appears that the state has only tested a fraction of the 220,000 individuals that it planned to screen annually for lead poisoning. The Christie administration has not responded to the letters.

Please Note, The 9/7/16 Issue of the Amboy Guardian will be Distributed on Wednesday 9/7/16 due to the Labor Day Holiday

Swearing in of Five New Firefighters Including Perth Amboy's First Female Career Firefighter 8/29/16



(L to R) Jordan Aquino, Arielle Bonilla, Chief Abraham Pitre, Luilly Gonzalez, Melvin Inoa, Robert Velazquez *Photos by Joe Bayona



Jordan Aquino



Arielle Bonilla



Luilly Gonzalez



Melvin Inoa



Robert Velazquez



A Standing Ovation

Press Release 8/26/16

PERTH AMBOY - On Monday, August 29, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. at City Hall Council Chambers Mayor Wilda Diaz and the Perth Amboy Fire Department held a ceremony for the swearing in of five recruits as firefighters, Jordian Aquino, Luilly Gonzalez, Melvin Inoa, Robert Velazquez Jr. and Arielle Bonilla, who is the first career female firefighter to be sworn in in the history of the department. All the five new firefighters are military veterans serving overseas during their deployments. Arielle Bonilla will be expanding a firefighter family as her two older brothers are both Career Firefighters in the department.

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POW/MIA Gold Star Mother's Recognition Day

HOMDEL - With POW/MIA Gold Star Mother's Recognition Day just around the corner, it is time to plan for your organization's wreath at our annual ceremony at the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Foundation, 1 Memorial Lane, Homdel

This year's ceremony will take place on Friday, September 16th at 11:00 am.

If you are planning on participating, we ask that someone from your organization notify us no later than Monday, September 12, 2016. If your wreath is currently stored at NJVVMF we will need to retrieve it from storage - so the deadline is very important. We would also would appreciate knowing if you are placing a live or artificial wreath. For more information contact: Gerry Appel, Office Manager, gappel@njvvmf.org or call 732-335-0033 ext. 100

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Sweeney, Vitale, Sarlo, & Singer Announce Plan To Aid Counties With Hurricane Preparations

Will Fund Offices of Emergency Management

Press Release 8/29/16

TRENTON – Millions of dollars in state assistance will help county offices of emergency management across New Jersey prepare for dangerous storms, under a new, bipartisan bill sponsored by Senate President Steve Sweeney, Senator Joseph Vitale, Senate Budget Chairman Paul Sarlo, and Senator Robert Singer.

The legislation was announced at a State House press conference this afternoon with various countywide elected officials and emergency management experts from across New Jersey.

“If there’s anything we learned from Superstorm Sandy four years ago, it’s that there is no substitute for good preparation,” said Sweeney. “The more resources we can put in the hands of county OEM professionals, the more lives we can protect and the better off our communities will be when the next storm hits.”

The bill creates a program under the Department of Law and Public Safety that will dis-



(L to R) John Donnadio, Executive Director for New Jersey Association of Counties, Freeholder Chairman Frank Formica, Atlantic County, Michael Oppegaard, Emergency Management Coordinator, Monmouth County, Senate President Steve Sweeney, Senator Joseph Vitale, Freeholder Peter Palmer, Somerset County, Michael Laffey, Director of Operations, Cape May County, Vince Jones, Emergency Preparedness Director, Atlantic County *Photo Submitted

tribute aid annually to county offices of emergency management based upon that county’s risk exposure to natural disasters.

“Sayreville and other low lying areas in Middlesex County were devastated by Sandy storm surge,” added Vitale. “Providing communities with the ability to react quickly and efficiently to prepare in flood prone areas will help residents recover faster and more completely.”

“Storm damage is not limited to just a single area in our

state,” said Sarlo. “Both Moonachie and Little Ferry, in Bergen County, miles away from our coastline, were severely damaged by flood waters following Sandy. This bill is a forward-looking step to make sure New Jersey is as prepared as it can possibly be.”

Late August is the peak of the Atlantic hurricane season and already the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Admin-

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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

Thanks to You



Pink Ribbon Gala 2015
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On October 28, 2015 my editorial was titled, “A Sure Thing.” This editorial talked about the Pink Ribbon Gala (held on the Cornucopia St. Charles in Perth Amboy) which benefited Mary’s Place By The Sea (Ocean Grove, New Jersey). I mentioned how much I appreciated all of those who supported this event and made it successful. I need to refresh everyone’s memory about the importance of Mary’s Place by the Sea.

Mary’s Place by the Sea was the brainchild of Michele Gannon who was soon joined by her friend Maria McKeon.

Located in Ocean Grove, New Jersey, this non-profit facility is a special retreat for women who are currently in treatment for cancer.

What makes Mary’s Place so special, is that when women go there, they are not charged for the room, meals (breakfast and lunch only) or therapeutic services that they receive during their stay (up to two nights/ three days).

The original four bedroom Mary’s Place by the Sea House has been a retreat for over 5000 women since the house was opened up in 2009.

Because of the number of women who wished to stay at Mary’s Place for a relaxing environment, a larger facility was needed. Ground-breaking of a new facility began in May 2014. The dream of the new ten bedroom house became a reality with the ribbon cutting in early June of this year.

We wish to thank the Organizers, Committee Members, Businesses and Individuals who raised funds, donated goods and services and bought tickets to the Pink Ribbon Gala of 2015. The Founders of Mary’s Place were very appreciative of your support. We realized some would not be able to attend this year’s Pink Ribbon Gala but still would like to help in any way they can.

This year, we have added boosters and ads for those who wish to make a donation. As a non-profit, Mary’s Place by the Sea is grateful for any donations to defray the cost of operating the facility. Tickets are available by contacting Committee Members or see the ad for the Pink Ribbon Gala on Page 9. Some people have purchased tickets and then donated those tickets to someone they know is a cancer survivor or currently under treatment for cancer.

We urge you to visit the website www.marysplacebythesea.org so you can see and hear testimonials of women who have stayed there.

On a personal note, My grandmother, mother and sister all died from various forms of cancer. I only wish there was a Mary’s Place that they could have gone to before cancer took their lives.

The 2016 Pink Ribbon Gala will be held on Saturday, October 15, 2016 on the Riverboat St. Charles, Perth Amboy. We’re looking forward to having a bigger and better turnout and we hope to see you there. *C.M.*

THE COMMUNITY VOICE

It is the “Arts” that Save Us

While watching the Summer Olympics, whenever Ipanema Beach was mentioned. I could not help but hum “The Girl from Ipanema,” the song that touched off the Bossa Nova Craze of the 1960’s.

This song, along with another Bossa Nova Classic, “Desafinado,” were not only popu-

lar with listeners on the radio, but also with dancers at Clubs and Wedding Receptions.

The late Antonio Carlos Jobim, the creator of these songs and dozens of others is considered the most important Brazilian Composer.

Sometimes they play his music on FM Jazz 88 WBGO. Despite the Zika scare, poor water quality, street crime and whatever else is going on in Rio, it is the “Arts” that save

us.

Very Truly Yours,
Annette Book



On Campaign Contributions

There was an article that discussed the laws regarding campaign contributions. Just as a citizen is only allowed to vote once, so too, a restriction on campaign contributions

seems like a reasonable law. But the US Supreme Court ruled that campaign contributions are a form of free speech and can’t be regulated. Any local law can’t overrule the First Amendment or the Bill of Rights. Yet, some try to do so.

More attention should be given to NJ Senate bill S-3132

which attacks the people’s right to elect the members of local Boards of Election. Do we have too much democracy in NJ that we need to restrict it?

Ronald A. Sobieraj

Censorship Has Come to America

Facebook and YouTube will censor anyone if they post anything said or a video negative about Hillary Clinton, but it is not the case if you put something negative about Trump. If you do, it will be posted on Facebook or YouTube. What a way to go in America! NOW, we know who

controls the internet - those insiders with the big bucks! We all know what’s really going on with the Clintons, Inc. and their money making foundation. What was going on at the State Department when Hillary was in charge and her e-mails that leak out? How many newspapers were pro-Hillary and they know they were covering up for her? Yes, I know Mr. Trump is no angel, but let’s be fair on both sides. Censorship has come to America.

The 1st Amendment is destroyed for us on what we read and see from the news media. Sometimes I look at the American flag and what it stands for - FREEDOM from CENSORSHIP by those that control the system. I could imagine how this election will be at the voting polls and what group will control it or Obama somehow suspend it for a good reason.

Orlando “Wildman” Perez

Statement by Mayor Wilda Diaz Speaks out Against Trump’s Divisive and Hateful Message

Press Release 8/26/16
PERTH AMBOY – Mayor Wilda Diaz today voiced strong support for presidential nominee Hillary Clinton and her efforts to expose Donald Trump’s message of hate.

““Since the presidential campaign began Donald Trump has been preaching a message of hate towards immigrants particularly Latinos and Muslims,” said Mayor Wilda Diaz. “His recent retraction of anti-immigrant sentiment and policies fools no one. Immigrants are the backbone of this nation. In my work as mayor I have tried to build bridges between communities not walls. I urge all voters to reject Trump and his philosophy of hate in November.”

Mayor Diaz concluded: “Donald Trump is the most uniquely

unqualified candidate ever selected by a major party as its presidential nominee. His temperament places our nation at risk fiscally, militarily, and morally.”

For months, Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump has been disparaging Latinos, Muslims, African Americans, and women. As he has begun to slip in the polls Trump has tried to redefine his message. However, his thin veil of pleasantries cannot conceal his bigotry.

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No. 15-9925

Title: Susan Batista, Petitioner

v.

Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., et al.

Docketed: June 27, 2016

Linked with 15A1087

Lower Ct: United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

Case Nos.: (15-1758)

Decision Date: December 23, 2015

Rehearing

Denied: January 20, 2016

Date

Proceedings and Orders

Apr 19 2016

Application (15A1087) to extend the time to file a petition for a writ of certiorari from April 19, 2016 to June 18, 2016, submitted to Justice Alito.

Apr 22 2016

Application (15A1087) granted by Justice Alito extending the time to file until June 20, 2016.

Jun 20 2016

Petition for a writ of certiorari and motion for leave to proceed in forma pauperis filed. (Response due July 27, 2016)

Jul 11 2016

Waiver of right of respondents Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., et al. to respond filed.

Jul 16 2016

Application (16A77) for a stay, submitted to Justice Alito.

Jul 21 2016

Waiver of right of respondents Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., et al. to respond filed.

Jul 22 2016

Application (16A77) denied by Justice Sotomayor. Justice Alito is recused.

Aug 5 2016

Supplemental brief of petitioner Susan Batista filed. (Distributed)

Aug 11 2016

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PERTH AMBOY - Update: Susan Batista’s case before the Supreme Court will be distributed for Conference on September 26, 2016.

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Carnival

SAYREVILLE - The Sayreville Police Auxiliary will be holding a carnival on Wednesday, August 31 through Saturday, September 3 at Kennedy Park on Washington Rd., in Sayreville. Free parking available at Sayreville War Memorial High School. Carnival hours are Wednesday through Friday 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. and Saturday 4 p.m. to 11 p.m. Rides, games, delicious food and great music. Come out and join us for some serious family fun! For more information visit sayrevillepoliceaux.org

Author Visit

PERTH AMBOY – Jordan and Joelle Hernandez will be reading their book “Twin Tales: Sasha and Sophie go to School!” on Saturday, October 1, 2016 at 11 a.m. at the Perth Amboy Free Public Library, 196 Jefferson St., Perth Amboy. Sponsored by the Friends of Perth Amboy Free Public Library. This event is free, but we are asking parents to register their intention to attend so they and their children can be accommodated comfortably. These books are geared toward children 4 to 7 years of age. Please call the friends at 201-381-1903 or email at friendsofperthamboylibrary@gmail.com Books will be available for purchase and signing.

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Pledge of Allegiance at the Twin Lights

WOODBIDGE - Though summer is just a memory you can still visit the shore and one of Jersey’s historic lighthouses and museums: *Navesink Twin Lights in the Highlands*. Come join the Historical Association on September 26, Monday, for a discussion of *The Pledge of Allegiance at the Twin Lights*, an award winning documentary produced and directed by Fred Frintrup. This film is the recipient of the 2016 Best Documentary Short of the Garden State Film Festival as well as the Best History Documentary of the Telly Awards in 2016. The HAWT meeting begins at 7pm in the Woodbridge Main Library (downstairs). Light refreshments will follow the program. For further information contact brendavelasco@twp.woodbridge.nj.us

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Heat Wave, High Temperatures

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2.) Raritan Bay Area YMCA gymnasium located on 357 New Brunswick Avenue;
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3.) Perth Amboy Public Library on 196 Jefferson Street;
(Check for Hours)

If anyone sees a person who needs help, they are urged to call the Perth Amboy Police Department at 732-442-4400. If needed, transportation will be provided by local emergency responders.
For additional information about the City of Perth Amboy, please visit: www.ci.perthamboy.nj.us.

Tricky Tray
WOODBIDGE - The Catholic Daughters of the Americas #769 is holding its Annual Tricky Tray Charity Fundraiser on Saturday, October 8th, 2016, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at St. James Church (lower level), Main St and Amboy Ave., Woodbridge NJ. Admission \$10 (no refund) includes coffee, tea and desserts. Grand Prizes - Flat Screen TV, Coach Bags, Wine baskets, Gift Cards and much MORE! Doors open at 12:30 p.m. For Tickets/Reservation call Mary Ellen O'Connor 908-294-0146 or pay at the door.

We Care Hunger Walk
PERTH AMBOY - We Care Hunger Walk on Saturday, September 17, 2016. Help raise money for local food pantries. Registration 9 a.m. at St. Peter's Episcopal Church 183 Rector Street, Perth Amboy. More information call 732-826-1594.

Fundraiser for South African Pilgrimage
PERTH AMBOY - Brunch Fundraiser for South African Pilgrimage on Sunday, September 4, 2016 at 11:30 a.m. St. Peter's Episcopal Church 183 Rector Street, Perth Amboy. Tickets \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 13 and younger. More information call 732-826-1594.

BBQ Showdown
SOUTH AMBOY - BBQ Showdown Sunday, September 25, 2016 (3rd annual) from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Raritan Bay Waterfront Park, 1 Keenan Way, South Amboy. Join the city of South Amboy and iRun New Jersey for the return of BBQ Showdown, the hottest BBQ festival in central New Jersey. Held at the beautiful Raritan Bay Waterfront Park. BBQ Showdown features the best gourmet BBQ food vendors in the area with plenty of retail vendors and exhibitors. There will be live music on stage all day, with the local bands. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, families, friends and most of all, your appetites! Free admission. Vendors Needed! Arts and crafts vendors wanted. Direct sales vendors wanted. To request vendor information or application; sponsorship information; or to schedule a consultation please call or email. For more info Contact Diana St. John at 855-478-6888 or email moc.yesrejwennuri@ofni Event Website: <http://www.irunnewjersey.com>



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PRESS RELEASE

PERTH AMBOY - "Celebrate Perth Amboy/Pink Ribbon Gala" is pleased to announce that it will be sponsoring its Second Annual **"Pink Ribbon Gala"**.

The GALA is a formal attire event. The attendees may wear Pink or Black **ONLY**. It is scheduled to take place on October 15, 2016 at the Cornucopia – St. Charles Vessel, 401 Riverview Drive, Perth Amboy, NJ. The cost of the ticket is \$125.00 per person. The cost includes dinner and dancing. The donations are tax deductible.

The event honors "Mary's Place by the Sea" which is a non-profit organization located in Ocean Grove, NJ. "Mary's Place" provides an innovative approach to caring for women with cancer during and after treatment. It provides a comfortable place for women to rest during their cancer treatment. The services provided to guests of "Mary's Place by the Sea" include: Reiki Therapy, Oncological Massage, Spa Services, Guided Meditation, Yoga, and Nutritional Counseling.

To purchase tickets, contact Raquel (732) 586-2799 or mail your check to: "Celebrate Perth Amboy – Pink Ribbon Gala", P.O. Box 1905, Perth Amboy, NJ 08862.

For further information please call: (732) 586-2799.

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Honoring Mary's Place By The Sea

Saturday, October 15, 2016

7:00pm—11:00pm

Cocktail Hour 6:00pm

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Hurricane Preparations

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istration has tracked seven named storms.

“We’ve all heard the saying, ‘an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure,’ well this is a great example of that,” said Singer. “Recent studies have shown that a dollar spent on storm mitigation and preparedness saves between three and four dollars on recovery costs.”

“Powerful hurricanes are only going to get more frequent and more powerful, and the extent to which we can prepare for them the better we are all off,” said Senator Jim Whelan, a co-sponsor of the legislation. “I applaud the Senate President for working on this issue and for taking a proactive approach to storm preparedness.”

The money can be used for a variety of storm preparations including purchasing supplies, maintaining equipment and staging for rescue operations.

The counties most at risk to storm damage would receive the majority of the money.

“I want to thank Senate President Sweeney, Senator Vitale, Senator Sarlo and Senator Singer for their appreciation of the role that county governments play in protecting residents from dangerous weather,” said Frank Formica, Freeholder Chairman from Atlantic County. “No one knows more about how to defend their residents from storm damage than the people who live and work in the effected counties.”

“As a long time emergency management official in Monmouth County, I’ve seen how crucial preparation is to successfully surviving a storm,” said Michael Oppegaard, Emergency Management Coordinator for Monmouth County. “On behalf of county OEM officials across the state, I thank the Senators for helping us do our jobs more effectively.”

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Alameda Center For Rehabilitation & Healthcare: 30 Years Of Clinical Excellence In The Heart Of Perth Amboy

Press Release 8/24/16
PERTH AMBOY - August 16, 2016. Renowned for its outcome-oriented rehab, Alameda Center For Rehabilitation & Healthcare is proud of its outstanding 30-year reputation of clinical excellence and the stellar team of specialized professionals that uphold this prestige. Among them, Maryann Cook, MSN, APN-BC, Nurse Practitioner at Alameda. Alameda Center is a 250-bed facility offering an impressive suite of clinical programs that include Cardio-Pulmonary Rehabilitation, Orthopedic Care, Respiratory Therapy, Wound Care, and Re-hospitalization Prevention. “The core of our clinical excellence is the high caliber of our staff, and Maryann Cook is personifies this standard” says Alameda’s Administrator Jay Berger, LNHA, emphasizing Cook’s impressive clinical experience of over 25 years that includes positions as Nurse Manager of the Telemetry Unit and Nurse Case Manager at Raritan Bay Medical Center in Perth Amboy, NJ. Cook’s strong ties to the community, and her impeccable reputation as a highly qualified Nurse certainly play an

important role in the overall patient experience at Alameda Center, as she excels in examining and developing the plans of care for each new admission, and performing extensive risk assessments – both pivotal elements in a patient’s successful rehabilitation. A graduate of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, and certified as an APN by the New Jersey Board of Nursing, Maryann Cook states “I firmly believe that the heart of clinical excellence is relating to every individual as a person – not just as a patient, and being meticulous when developing each plan of care because it marks the beginning of the patient’s rehabilitation and, many times, it can imprint in the patient the positive mindset needed to boost the rehabilitation process”. Located in the heart of Perth Amboy, Alameda Center was voted “Best of The Best”, for physical therapy in the Home News Tribune Readers Choice Contest in 2014 and 2015. To schedule a tour, please contact Junel Hutchinson, Executive Director of Admissions & Marketing at (732) 442-9540 option #5.

Raritan Bay Medical Center Foundation Hosts 32nd Annual Harbor Lights Ball

Honoring Constance and James J. Elek with the Norman Tanzman Award, Verasoni Worldwide with the Business of the Year Award, and Joseph H. Davi with the Executive of the Year Award

Press Release 8/24/16
PERTH AMBOY - Raritan Bay Medical Center Foundation announced the 32nd annual Harbor Lights Ball will take place on Saturday, September 10, 2016 from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at The Grand Marquis in Old Bridge, N.J. The fundraising event, chaired by Dr. George and Jessica Smith, will support Raritan Bay Medical Center’s Integrative Health Program while honoring special members of the community who have been valued partners of the hospital.

At Raritan Bay, Integrative Health treats the whole person, not just the disease, and gives patients more opportunities to participate in their care, enriching their health and well-being. State-of-the-art health care has been redefined by combining the latest medical advances with complementary therapies. This approach to health care is rapidly becoming the new standard, introducing broader possibilities for healing and nurturing the body, mind and spirit. In 2015 alone, the Integrative Health Program provided over 2,200 inpatient visits at no charge for treatments such as guided imagery, music therapy, Reiki, Qigong and Tai Chi.

“This is an extremely excit-

ing time at Raritan Bay, having recently become a part of the Hackensack Meridian Health family,” shared Michael D’Agnes, FACHE, president of Raritan Bay Medical Center. “With our extended network, we have the opportunity to offer the community the best possible care while strengthening our local programs, such as Integrative Health. The Harbor Lights Ball and continued philanthropic support make a huge impact on our mission to provide the best health care experience.”

The Harbor Lights Ball is the premier annual fundraising event for the medical center where three awards will be presented to deserving community representatives. Honorees were selected based on their dedication and philanthropic commitment to Raritan Bay and the surrounding community. Honorees include:

- Executive of the Year Award: Joseph H. Davi, president and CEO, Med-Matrix. Mr. Davi is a strong philanthropic supporter of Raritan Bay, while also at the helm of one of our most successful health care vendors.
- Business of the Year Award: Verasoni Worldwide, accepted by founder and CEO, Abe Kasbo. Verasoni Worldwide

delivers integrated marketing, public relations, advertising, and digital strategies across channels to clients in the US, Europe, the Middle East, and Southeast Asia. Verasoni has been a partner of Raritan Bay Medical Center for over seven years.

• Norman Tanzman Award: Husband and wife Constance and James J. Elek. Mr. and Mrs. Elek are well-known and beloved in the business and philanthropic communities that Raritan Bay serves, with Jim owning J.J. Elek Realty in Woodbridge, NJ. They have both been deeply involved with Raritan Bay for decades.

The fundraising event will feature a cocktail hour, followed by dinner and dancing with music by REIGN, a silent auction and a 50/50 cash raffle. There are many opportunities for individuals, organizations and corporations to sponsor the event and to place ads in the program.

For more information about how to support the Harbor Lights Ball or to receive a formal invitation, contact Linda Hill, PharmD, executive director of Raritan Bay Medical Center Foundation, at 732.324.5374 or linda.hill@hackensackmeridian.org.

Candidates Convery, Iglesias, and Vazquez Applaud Legislation to Keep the Board of Education Elections in November

Press Release 8/24/16
PERTH AMBOY – The Stronger Together slate of Board of Education candidates and Mayor Wilda Diaz held a joint press conference on August 24, 2016 to praise the passage of legislation requiring the city’s school board elections to be held in November.

Convery told followers at the rally that, “after multiple attempts by the current board to move the elections to a time known to have lower voter turnout, and add more expenses for taxpayers, I’m glad that the legislature has insured that more people will participate in our democracy and Perth Amboy will get an opportunity to elect candidates with the best interest of their children as their top priority.”

Iglesia said that, “the parent and children in Perth Amboy deserve a strong Board of Education that places the best interest of our children ahead of

their own. The current board has failed all of us and this November parents will have an opportunity to change that by electing three new board members. We hope to have a strong voter turnout.”

Vazquez said, “the Board of Education elections often get overlooked and get low voter turnout, as a candidate who wants to improve education for all of the children in Perth Amboy I am glad to see more parents will get to decide their children’s future this November. I look forward to fighting for a better education for all of our children.” Vazquez continued, our children are not political puns and it is time for our Board of Education to stop

playing politics with them, and to place the education of Perth Amboy children ahead of their political gains.”

Mayor Wilda Diaz said, “we are please the Legislature acted to keep the Board of Education elections in November, not only does it save the taxpayers money, but more importantly November elections typically have a higher voter turnout, involving more of our voters. The current Board of Education seems to be happy with excluding voters and spending taxpayers’ money unnecessarily, but this is fiscally irresponsible and anti-democratic.”

Election Day is November 8.

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Saturday, September 10, 2016

English Session: 10:00 AM –11:30 AM

Spanish Session: 12:00 PM –1:30 PM

Raritan Bay Area YMCA

357 New Brunswick Ave

Perth Amboy, NJ 08861



This Week in World War II 75 Years Ago

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

On August 29, 1941, Finnish troops take Viipuri, about 75 miles northwest of Leningrad. Of the town's 6,287 buildings, 3,087 have been destroyed in the fighting. The Finns move on to take Zelenogorsk, Russia (formerly Terioki, Finland), and halt there, unwilling to advance beyond what had been Finland's 1939 border. In Iran, fighting has come to an end. In Yugoslavia, the Germans — in an attempt to mollify Serbs — appoint Gen. Milan Nedić, former Minister of the Yugoslav Army and Navy, to lead the government of Occupied Serbia. In the Occupied Netherlands, Jews are forbidden from attending public schools. In Australia, Arthur Fadden becomes the nation's 13th prime minister.

German forces on August 30 capture Mga, near Leningrad, cutting the last railroad link between Leningrad and the rest of the U.S.S.R. Southeast of Smolensk, the Red Army begins a counteroffensive at Yelnya.

In Iran on August 31, Soviet and British troops link up at Qazvin, in the northwestern part of the country. On the same day, the first Allied Arctic convoy arrives in the Soviet port of Arkhangelsk, having sailed 10 days from Iceland without any incidents. In Russia, a Red Army counterattack re-takes Mga from the Germans. In London, the British War Cabinet releases a report bemoaning the fact that only one aircraft in three is able to put its bombs within 5 miles of its target. In the U.S., "The Great Gildersleeve" — a spin-off of the popular comedy "Fibber McGee and Molly" — debuts on the NBC Radio Network.

On September 1, advancing German armies are within artillery range of the city of Leningrad, with some units beginning to shell the city. The Germans are nearing the shores of Lake Ladoga, on the eastern outskirts of the city. In Washington, the U.S. Navy's Atlantic Fleet announces the formation of a Denmark Strait Patrol, allocating two heavy cruisers and four destroyers to the force. The Navy is now permitted to escort convoys in the Atlantic that include American merchant vessels. All Jews under German rule are ordered to wear a yellow Star of David badge with the word "Jew" written clearly on it. In addition, they are forbidden to live with or marry non-Jews, and they may not leave their towns without written consent of the government.

In Italy, the fascist newspaper *Il Popolo d'Italia* reports on September 2 that Hitler and Mussolini propose to unify Europe and foster the "harmonious cooperation of all European peoples."

On September 3, SS-Hauptsturmführer (Capt.) Karl Fritzsch experimentally uses the cyanide-based pesticide Zyklon B to execute 600 Soviet prisoners of war *en masse* at Auschwitz concentration camp in German-annexed Poland. Eventually the material will be used to kill about 1.2 million people, mostly at Auschwitz. The British aircraft carrier HMS *Victorious* launches air attacks against German installations in and around Tromsø, in northern Norway, but little damage is done. In Tokyo, the Japanese are officially informed that a meeting between Prime Minister Prince Konoe and President Roosevelt will not take place. In the Mediterranean, the Italian cargo ship *Andrea Gritti*, conveying supplies to North Africa, is sunk by British warplanes. Of the 349 aboard, only two survive. In the United Kingdom, the British Chiefs of Staff — with the approval of Winston Churchill — begin development of an atomic bomb under an organization code-named "Tube Alloys."

In the North Atlantic on September 4 the German submarine *U-652* fires a torpedo at the American destroyer *USS Greer*, escorting a convoy between Iceland and Newfoundland, but misses. *Greer* engages and attempts to sink the U-boat with depth charges but it escapes. President Roosevelt cites the incident as an example of German aggression against the U.S. In the Soviet Union, the first American fuel oil reaches the Pacific Ocean port of Vladivostok, in the far eastern U.S.S.R. In Russia, German forces begin an artillery bombardment of Leningrad.

Have a Special Pet?

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Garden Guru Postponed

PERTH AMBOY - Due to the maintenance at the Kearny Cottage The demonstration of the Garden Guru on Sunday, August 28th at the Kearny Cottage, 63 Catalpa Ave., Perth Amboy has been postponed. For more information call 732-293-1090.

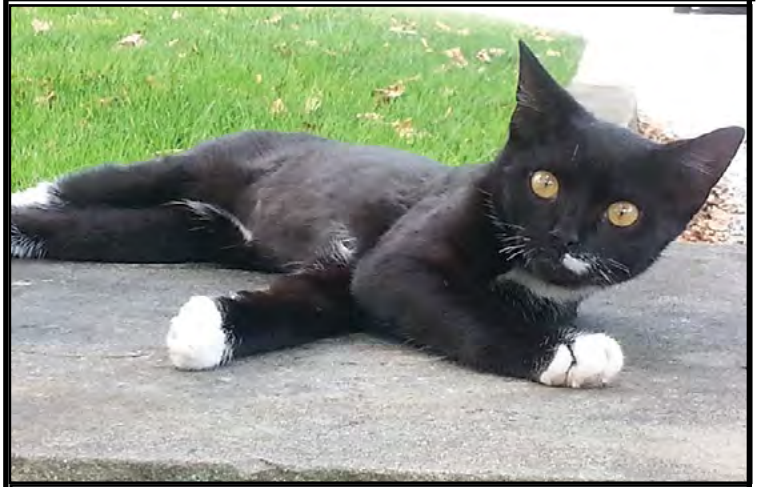
A.C. Bus Trip San Salvador Seniors

PERTH AMBOY - The San Salvador Seniors are sponsoring a bus trip to Caesar's Casino in AC on Thursday, September 1st. 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.

Free Diabetes Self-Management Program

PERTH AMBOY - Are you a person with Medicare living with diabetes or know someone who is? Perth Amboy Public Library has partnered with Quality Insights Quality Innovation Network and will be offering free six-week diabetes self-management workshops as part of the Everyone with Diabetes Counts (EDC) program. The free evidence-based workshops developed at Stanford University cover a variety of topics including preventing complications, setting goals, the importance of healthy eating and portion control, exercise, medication management, communicating with healthcare providers, dealing with stress and depression, and much more. The workshops will be taking place at the Perth Amboy Public Library at 196 Jefferson Street, Perth Amboy, NJ 08861. Workshops are on Tuesdays, August 23, 2016 to September 27, 2016, from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm. For more information or to register, call Jarmaine Williams at (732) 955-8168.

Pet of the Week



Beanie strikes a yoga pose while sunbathing

Tom's Tax Tips

Keep Your Business Safe with Internal Controls

Courtesy of Tom Ploskanka
Employee fraud can cost your business real money - perhaps more than you may realize. A 2016 study of occupational fraud published by the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners found that small businesses accounted for approximately 30% of fraud incidents, with a median loss of \$150,000.

Implementing a system of policies and procedures known as internal controls can help keep your business from becoming a statistic. While limited staffing may make it difficult to establish some internal control best practices, you do have options. Here are suggestions for protecting your business from financial loss:

Vet your employees. Fraud prevention begins before an employee starts work. Perform background checks (with authorization from the prospective employee), online searches, and resume verifications. Segregate and define duties. Assign related financial duties to several employees. For example, a good accounts payable internal control practice is to separate the duty of signing checks from the job of bank statement review and reconciliation. You'll also want to clearly define which employee is responsible for each task, and limit who has access to your business bank account. Review reports. A simple scan of payroll reports and vendor payments to ensure you recognize all names can help deter "phantom" employees or fraudulent vendor schemes. Open bank statements yourself, or be the first to review the statement online, and perform or oversee monthly reconciliations.

Restrict credit cards. Limit use of business credit cards

and credit lines to authorized purchases only, with a firm policy of allowing no personal use.

Set a good example. As the owner, practice leading by example. Internal control procedures may seem silly when your employees are trusted friends. But your job is to make it clear that internal controls are important in all circumstances.

Do you need help reviewing the financial operations of your business and establishing effective controls? Contact us for suggestions.

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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.

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

**Frog Hollow
Annual 5K Run
& Health Walk**

Press Release 6/3/16
SOUTH AMBOY - The Frog Hollow 5K Run & Health Walk has will take place on Sunday, September 11, 2016. Proceeds will benefit the city of South Amboy’s Fire and First Aid departments. There will be a free youth Fun Run, awards, t-shirts, post race picnic, and all day swimming and tennis for race participants. Entry fee is \$20 in advance and \$25 day of race. For more information or to download a registration form, go to www.froghollowswim.com or register in person at the club 7:30 AM on race day. Fun Run steps off at 8:30 AM and the 5K Run starts at 9:00 AM. The Frog Hollow Swim and Tennis Club is located on Ferris St. off of South Pine Ave. in South Amboy, NJ. For additional information call race director, Danny McCrone at 732-721-6592 or go to www.froghollowswim.com

Petition to St. Jude

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

**Welcome Back
Sunday**

PERTH AMBOY - Welcome Back Sunday -Sunday, September 11, 2016 at 10 a.m. service St. Peter’s Episcopal Church 188 Rector Street, Perth Amboy. Special Prayers for 15th Anniversary of 9/11, Blessing of the backpacks, and festive potluck coffee hour. All are welcome. For more information, call 732-826-1594.

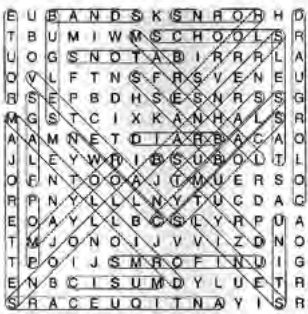
**Raritan Bay
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WOODBIDGE- Tuesdays from May 10th - Sept. 27th from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. at Pizza Hut, Rte. 9, Woodbridge (Wal-Mart Parking Lot) Weather Permitting. Trophy’s Awarded + 1 Cancer Trophy Award. For More info: Call 732-585-7365

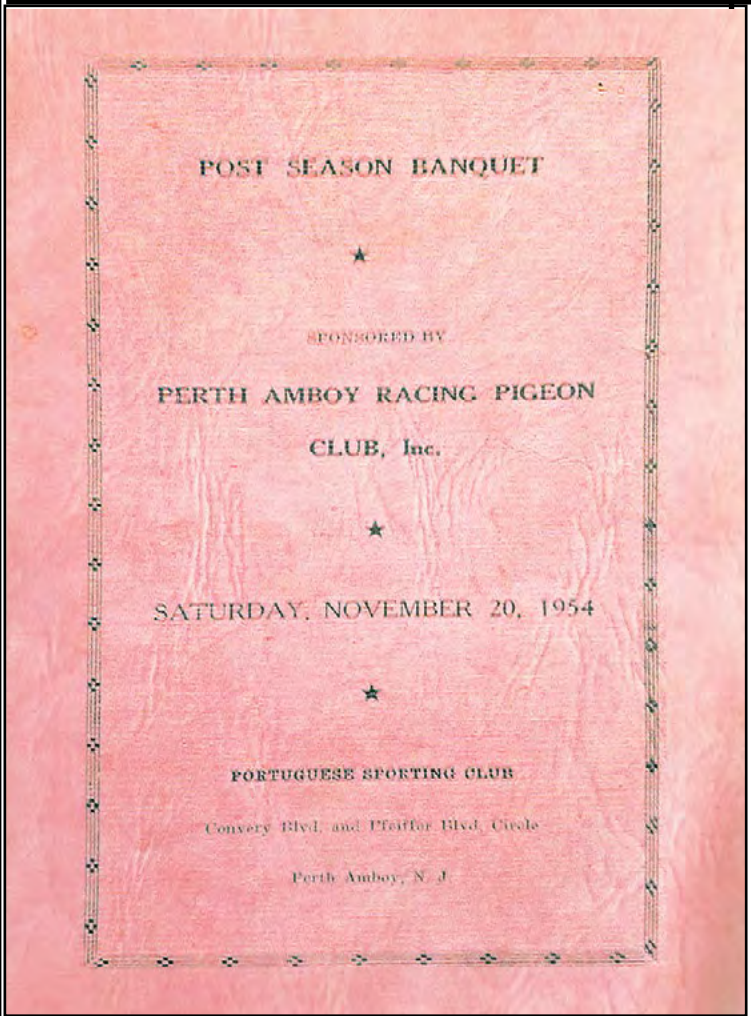
**2nd Reunion of
Old Friends**

PERTH AMBOY - ZPA Hall, 281 Grace Street, Perth Amboy. Saturday, September 24, 2016 from 7 p.m. to 12 a.m. Tickets are \$55.00 pp. Check or Money Order. Tickets available from Committee: Hilda Williams -732-442-2505; Sara Hunley - 732-261-1148; Shirley Jones - 732-442-3629; Patricia Bowers - 732-697-1124; Faye Robinson -732-439-6268; Catered Buffet - Cash Bar - Music & Dancing & Prizes.

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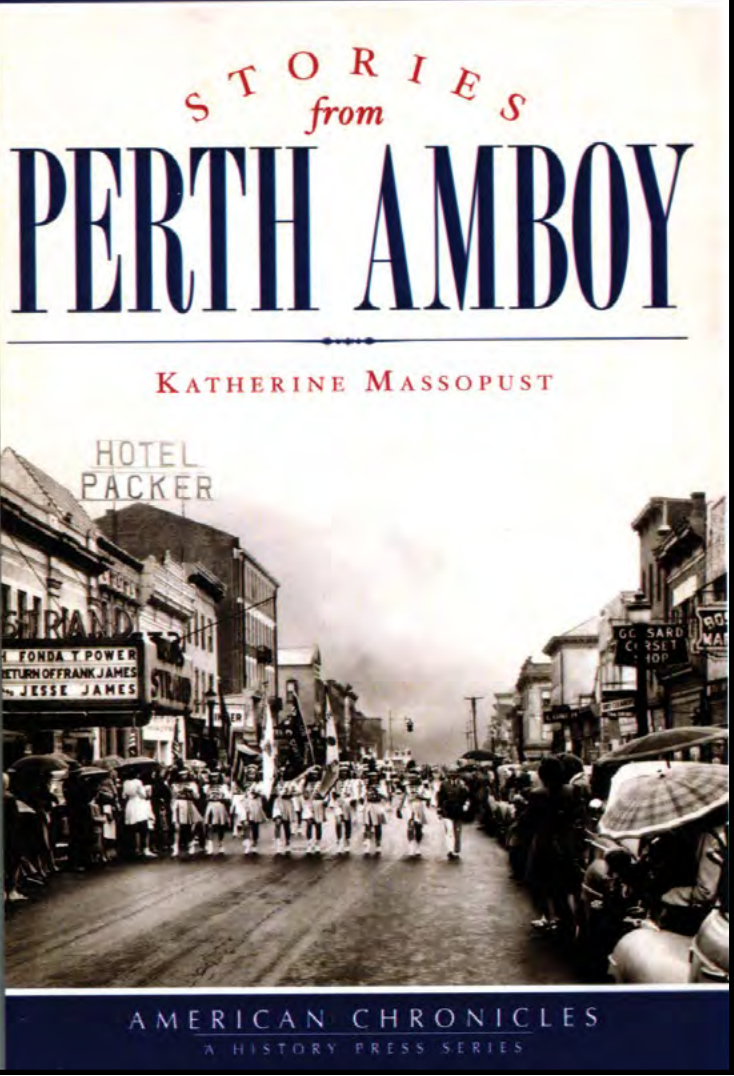
PERTH AMBOY - Program for Post Season Banquet, Perth Amboy Racing Pigeon Corp, Inc. Sat. Nov. 20, 1954. Portuguese Sporting Club, Convery Blvd. and Pfeifer Blvd. Circle.

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**Senior Scene
Happenings**

Perth Amboy
WED. Aug. 31 Holy Rosary Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Auditorium, Florida Grove Rd.
• St. Stephen’s Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.
THURS. Sept. 1 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
MON. Sept. 5 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.
TUES. Sept. 6 Holy Spirit Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Church Hall, Brace Ave.
• Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.
WED. Sept. 7 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.
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THURS. Sept. 8 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
South Amboy
WED. Sept. 7 St. Mary’s Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
MON. Sept. 12 South Amboy Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
MON. Sept. 26 Sacred Heart Seniors, 12 Noon Memorial Hall, Wash Ave.

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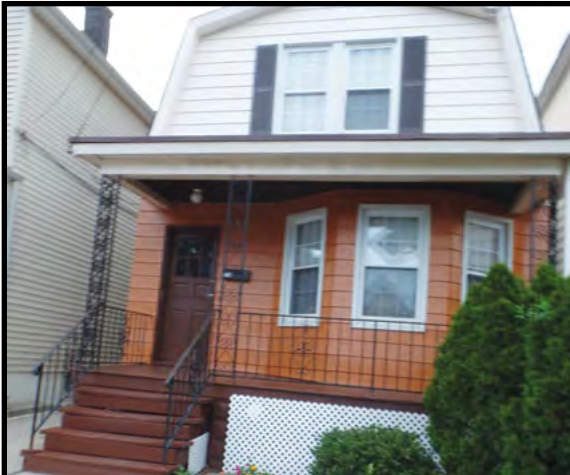
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