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## Menendez, Pallone Visited Union Beach to Push Sweeping Flood Insurance Reforms to Fix Problems Exposed by Sandy

*Comprehensive, bipartisan legislation extends National Flood Insurance Program for 6 yrs., makes NFIP sustainable, affordable, fair & efficient*



Senator Bob Menendez  
\*Photos Submitted



Sen. Menendez (center) and Rep. Pallone (far right) are joined at a news conference by Union Beach Mayor Paul Smith (second from right), local officials, residents and advocates, including STOP FEMA Now founder George Kasimos (second from left) to discuss flood insurance reforms

Press Release 8/17/17

UNION BEACH - U.S. Senator Bob Menendez (D-N.J.), chair of the Sandy Task Force and a senior member of the Senate Banking Committee that oversees the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), and Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr. (N.J.-06), traveled today to Union Beach—a community on Raritan Bay devastated by Superstorm Sandy—to lay out proposed sweeping reforms to address the waste, abuse and mismanagement plaguing the system that led to delayed recovery for Sandy survivors.

In June, Sen. Menendez introduced comprehensive, bipartisan legislation, cosponsored by nearly a dozen Republicans and Democrats including Sen. Cory Booker, to extend the NFIP for six years while instituting a series of sweeping reforms. Reps. Pallone and Bill Pascrell, Jr. (N.J.-09) later introduced companion legislation in the House. “This legislation puts the lessons we learned after Superstorm Sandy into action, levels the playing field for policyholders, and attacks the rampant waste and abuse in the National Flood Insurance Program to create real savings and greater investment in mitigation and resiliency efforts to make our residents and communities safe,” said Sen. Menendez. “If we want a more sustainable system, the answer isn’t to slam homeowners with even higher premiums. Americans deserve a National Flood Insurance Program that is sustainable for taxpayers, affordable for homeowners, and accountable to everyone.”

“Superstorm Sandy devastated many communities in my district. In the wake of the storm, too many of my constituents found that, after responsibly paying for their flood insurance, their policy failed to provide the coverage they needed and deserved when they needed it the most. Many were prevented from repairing their homes and resuming their lives by a claims review process that moved too slowly and was riddled with fraud. As this was happening and people were suffering, the flood insurance companies made record profits,” said Rep. Pallone. “The SAFE NFIP Act takes concrete steps to make the program more affordable, increase oversight and transparency of the flood insurance companies, invest in mitigation efforts, and reform the claims process using lessons learned from Sandy. I look forward to working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to fight for this bill and our constituents.”

“Americans rely on the National Flood Insurance Program to protect their homes and rebuild their lives in the aftermath of a disaster,” said Sen. Booker. “We already know that NFIP reforms are needed to protect homeowners in New Jersey and across our nation from the waste and mismanagement we witnessed following Superstorm Sandy. This common sense, bipartisan legislation helps extend coverage to those who need it most while investing in resiliency and mitigation efforts that will help protect New Jersey families from future disasters.”

“At every turn my constituents faced obstacles in getting the support needed to repair their businesses and homes after Sandy. And they were frustrated by the waste, fraud, and abuse that plagued the claims review process. I am pleased to find fixes to these issues by joining Senator Menendez and Congressman Pallone on the bipartisan SAFE NFIP Act,” said Rep. Pascrell. “The SAFE NFIP Act creates investments in pre-disaster flood control and mitigation efforts, increases oversight and transparency of the flood insurance companies, and reforms the claims process in order to help protect New

## Delilah’s Den to Be Torn Down 8/16/17 Council Meeting

By: Joseph L. Kuchie

SOUTH AMBOY - Last Wednesday the city of South Amboy announced that the construction project to tear down Delilah’s Den on Route 9 is now underway.

Councilwoman Zusette Dato broke the news to residents during last Wednesday’s city council meeting, ending a long battle with the property owners to have the now closed property removed from the major highway.

“Finally, we can say hallelujah that building is coming down,” Dato said. “We feel it’s good for the city and it will make the appearance so much better, it’s a wonderful thing.”

“I’d like to thank the Mayor, our staff at city hall, our code enforcement and everybody for making that happen and pushing it along,” she added.

“I know this building has been an eyesore for a while but it goes back even further than that with years of litigation that we had to try and close that place down,” Mayor Fred Henry said. “It finally took place and now after quite a while it’s finally being demolished and I’d like to thank the people that were involved in all of that.”

The city also passed an ordinance approving a Historical Preservation Committee in South Amboy.

“They are there to advise the city planning board on different areas they identify as historical sites,” Mayor Henry said. “It allows them to apply for different grants and it is a step closer in helping preserve South Amboy’s great history.”



Mayor Fred Henry

“I was very happy to see that the historical preservation ordinance is moving forward, I think it’s a good thing for the town,” Councilman Tom Reilly said.

Mayor Henry read a proclamation declaring August 31 as Overdose Awareness Day in South Amboy. FED UP! 2017, a community event to bring awareness to the opioid addiction epidemic in South Amboy and the United States, will be held at South Amboy Middle High School on August 31 at 5:00 p.m.

All council members were in attendance. The next city council meeting will be held on September 20th at 7:00 p.m.

Jersey families in the future. We must use the opportunity to reauthorize the National Flood Insurance Program to make smart improvements before the next storm hits our nation’s shores and prevent our constituents from being left holding the bag.”

The Sustainable, Affordable, Fair, and Efficient (SAFE) National Flood Insurance Program

Reauthorization Act of 2017 tackles systemic problems with flood insurance, puts it back on solid fiscal ground, and re-frames our nation’s entire disaster paradigm to one that focuses more on prevention and mitigation to spare the high cost of rebuilding after flood disasters.



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**Spotlight on  
Norman  
Rockwell**

WOODBIDGE - "Spotlight on Norman Rockwell" Art & History Exhibit - Dates: August 12 - September 1, 2017  
Artist Reception: Tuesday, August 15, 2017 - 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. This exhibit focuses on the man behind some of the most iconic pieces of 20th century Americana, featuring pieces on loan from the collection of Colonia resident Jack Cassidy. Items on display will include lithographs signed by the artist as well as collectibles, artifacts and examples of Rockwell's famous covers for the Saturday Evening Post. Barron Arts Center, 582 Rahway Ave., Woodbridge. Contact 732-634-0413 for more information. FREE.

**Cool Down  
with These  
Hot Events  
@ Dowdell  
Library**

Press Release 7/7/17  
SOUTH AMBOY - Cool down with these hot events in August at the Dowdell Library including Celebrity Storytimes, James Zamouzakakis Live Music Studio, Solar Eclipse Viewing Party and the Summer Prize Party.

Join us for Ronald McDonald and Andy the Armadillo for stories and snacks! Ronald McDonald on Tuesday, August 22 from 3:30 p.m.-5 p.m.

Gaze upon the skies on Monday, August 21 from 2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. for our Solar Eclipse Party! We'll have refreshments, activities, and special Solar Eclipse viewing glasses that will let you safely view the magical show in the sky! Viewing for our area is predicted to occur around 2:45 p.m. Join us for this out of this world event!

There's still time to join the Summer Clubs for Kids, Teens & Adults to win weekly prizes. At the end of the summer, adult club members will have a chance to win a grand prize, a Kindle Fire, and kids and teen's grand prize is a gift card! Both prizes will be awarded at the End of Summer Party.

So, party with Dowdell at the End of Summer Prize Party on Thursday, August 24 from 2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. There'll be door prizes, refreshments and summer fun for ages 0-100. Kids could also win a backpack for school!

**Friends of  
the Library  
Meeting**

PERTH AMBOY - The Friends of Perth Amboy Free Public Library Meeting will be Tuesday, Aug. 22 at 6:00 p.m. at the Public Library, 196 Jefferson St., Perth Amboy. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more info call 732-261-2610.

**World War I:  
United States,  
New Jersey, and  
Woodbridge**

WOODBIDGE - In commemoration of the 100th anniversary of America's involvement in World War I, the Woodbridge Historical Association presents Brian Armstrong who will recognize the role area serviceman played in WWI on Monday, September 25, at 7 p.m. in the Downstairs Meeting Room of the Woodbridge Public Library. An independent historian and author, Mr. Armstrong also will discuss the history of the war, the political climate in which the United States entered the Great War and will bring to life Woodbridge area servicemen who died during the war with photos, letters, newspaper reports and military records. Brian Armstrong is the Vice President, Central Region, for the League of Historic Societies and frequently lectures throughout the state on local history.

The public is invited to the monthly HAWT meeting on September 25 at Woodbridge Public Library which is located on Amboy Avenue and George Frederick Plaza.

**Edison AARP  
Chapter 3446**

EDISON - Edison AARP Chapter 3446 is organizing a Myrtle Beach Show Tour for October 22-27. Included are 4 shows, narrated cruise on the intracoastal waterway, Georgetown tour, and more. Breakfasts & dinners are also included in the package. For information and reservations, call Bob at 732-885-1789. The trip is open to the public.

**Learn to  
Control Your  
Diabetes**  
*Free Workshop Series*

PERTH AMBOY - Are you a person with Medicare living with diabetes or know someone who is? Take control of your health through a free and fun program. Learn about preventing complications, healthy eating, exercise, dealing with stress and depression, medication management, communicating effectively with health-care providers, problem solving, and much more.

This free six-week workshop will be offered at the Raritan Bay Area YMCA on 357 New Brunswick Avenue in Perth Amboy, NJ 08861. Workshops are on Thursdays from September 14 to October 19, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. All attendees must register by the second workshop session. Each participant (one per household) will receive a complimentary textbook, Living a Healthy Life with Chronic Conditions, 4th edition (\$20 value).

**South Amboy Music-in-the-Parks  
Summer Series**

SOUTH AMBOY - Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. All Concerts are FREE. Call 732-745-3936 for more info. Raritan Bay Waterfront Park, O'Leary Boulevard South Amboy/Sayreville Beach Front. August 23 - Danny V's 52<sup>nd</sup> Street Band - A tribute to Billy Joel

Concerts will take place rain or shine. \*In the case of inclement weather, you will be directed to the South Amboy Middle/High School Auditorium by Park Rangers. Shuttle bus service will be available every week courtesy of Middlesex County Area Transit.

**2017 Benefit Golf Outing**

PRINCETON - The Perth Amboy AHEPA (American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association; <https://ahepa.org/>; <https://ahepadistrict5.org/>) Raritan Chapter 288 announces its 2017 Benefit Golf Outing to support Autism Awareness and the AHEPA Service Dogs for Warriors National Program. The Golf Outing is scheduled for September 17, 2017 beginning with 11:00 a.m. registration, an 11:15 a.m. lunch, followed by a 1 p.m. golf start time, and dinner beginning at approximately 5 p.m. - all taking place at the beautiful Bunker Hill Golf Course (<https://bunker.distinctgolf.com/>) in Princeton, NJ. We are accepting Tee Sign Sponsors, as well as food and beverage sponsors, and donations.



## A Response to Charlottesville

Press Release

PERTH AMBOY, NJ - We witnessed on last Friday in Charlottesville, Virginia, one of the worst clashes that we've seen in a long time with the rising of the Alt-Right, the Neo-Nazi Party and the Ku Klux Klan. Heather Heyer died standing up for justice; she is a martyr indeed. Lieutenant H. Jay Cullen and Trooper Berke M. Bates of the Virginia State Police, regrettably also lost their lives on this day when their helicopter crashed as they were aerially surveying this violent demonstration of white nationalist. There is no room in 2017 for hatred, bigotry or discrimination. Despite what some believe, there is no such thing as 'good Nazis'!

We have been no stranger to adversity for "We have come over a way that with tears have been watered." I want to encourage you to stand fast, to pray without ceasing, and now more than ever, let's build God's Church, let's stay together, let's teach our children. I add my agreement with the songwriter that "We'll walk hand and hand some day!"

Our Churches must do more than survive!! We need to be a strong loud voice in the community. Politicians need to consult with Church leaders before they execute their plans!

We remember, we PRAY, we PROTEST, we PREACH, we PETITION, we PARTICIPATE...and we remain FULLY AWAKE! Speak up and speak often. I am determined that I will NOT BE SILENT! What we are seeing now has frightening implications for the future. The attack in Barcelona, Spain yesterday was egregious and troubling. Our heartfelt prayers, care, and concern are with the victims and families. While there seems to be a preponderance of evil rising in this world, we must remember the words of the Old Testament Prophet Micah, "Do good, love mercy, and walk humbly with thy God." (Micah 6:8)

I encourage you in this hour to stretch your faith and strengthen our institutions; especially our Churches. And The Lord be with you all. We truly are a great people, we possess great power, and we shall overcome.

Bishop Donald Hilliard, Jr., D.Min.  
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## Steak Night

SOUTH AMBOY - South Amboy Elks will be holding Steak Night on Thursday, August 31 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Dinner will include steak, baked potato, vegetables, coffee, tea, and desserts. The cost is \$15 per person. Tickets must be purchased in advance at the lodge located at 601 Washington Ave., South Amboy or by calling 732-727-7170



## Volunteer Firefighters Needed

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

## Painting with Mozart W/Irina Maryanchik & Dennis Connors

SOUTH AMBOY - Do you want to create inner clarity, calm your mind, reduce stress, and stimulate creativity? Immerse yourself in creative artistic expression while listening to the music of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. Watch as emotions flow from your mind into your hands and the paintbrush, releasing them into the canvas. \$25 includes supplies. Presented by the ARTS Council at South Amboy YMCA, 200 John T O'Leary Boulevard. Saturday, October 21, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. For workshops or for more information visit southamboyarts.org or call 732-316-0222.

## Cruise Nights on Broadway

SOUTH AMBOY - Come join DJ Richie, The Flash and Crew for great cruise nights the third Wednesday of every month from June to October from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Music from the 50's to the 80's Trophies will be awarded - Bring the Family! For additional information please contact carshowsRus@gmail.com or Mike Toth at mtoth1@optonline.net or 908-930-3497. Sponsored by the City of South Amboy.

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## "Garden Side Chat" Educational Event

PERTH AMBOY- Hackensack Meridian Health Raritan Bay Medical Center's Integrative Health Services team is providing a free "Garden Side Chat" educational event in The Learning Garden, Tuesday, August 22, 12:00 p.m. to 12:30 p.m., at Raritan Bay - Perth Amboy, 530 New Brunswick Ave. Nina Regevik, M.D., FACP, ABIHM, will lead the discussion on the nutritional and medicinal values of vegetables, herbs, and spices. The event will be held rain or shine and registration is required. For more information and to register, call 732-324-5257 or email integrativehealth@hackensackmeridian.org

## First Time Homebuyer Workshop

PERTH AMBOY - Attention Gateway Neighborhood Residents! P.A.R.T.N.E.R. is offering FREE Vouchers for Gateway Residents to attend the First Time Homebuyer workshop on September 12,13,14, 2017 from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. at the Perth Amboy Housing Authority, 881 Amboy Ave., Perth Amboy.

Know the 10 Steps to buy a home; get help with closing costs, down payment and credit repair. Register today - call 732-442-0384 or stop by the P.A.R.T.N.E.R. Office at 415 Fayette St., Perth Amboy.

This class will be in English/Spanish. You must attend all classes in order to receive certification for eligibility for down payment and closing. Registration Required. The Perth Amboy Housing Authority is a HUD Certified Housing Counseling Agency.

## South Amboy Business Breakfast

SOUTH AMBOY - Hosted by the City of South Amboy. Breakfast Sponsor - Frank Miatta, Signature Reality. Intro to Video & Social Media Content - Vincent Logozzo. Shop South Amboy - Glenn Kaye. The State of Real Estate - Frank Miatta. Event Date: Monday, August 28, 2017 -8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. at the Broadway Gallery, 141 N. Broadway, South Amboy 732-316-0222.

## Professional Best Practices for Artists

SOUTH AMBOY - Join Artist an Educator, Laura Petrovich-Cheney as she shares her advice on how to identify opportunities and get your work seen! Laura is an award-winning artist in education and collections of work are exhibited internationally. \$10 suggested donation. Presented ARTS Council at South Amboy YMCA, 200 John T O'Leary Boulevard. For workshops or for more information visit southamboyarts.org or call 732-316-0222. Saturday, September 23, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

## The Paradox Process: A Feeling Miracle

SOUTH AMBOY - Tired of letting your feelings define who you are? Join Author and NYC Psychotherapist Thomas M. Jones, Co-Developer of the Paradox Process for this powerful interactive session. Master simple techniques to break through your own barriers and make effective change now! Saturday, Sept. 9, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the South Amboy YMCA, 200 John O'Leary Blvd., South Amboy. Presented by the South Amboy Arts Council. \$25pp. For workshops or for more information visit southamboyarts.org or call 732-316-0222.



LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

Why Now?  
*Time for Conversation - Not Confrontation!*

In wake of the events that recently happened in Charlottesville, Virginia, and all around the Country we want to give our views on the matter of defacing and removing statues of Confederate Generals that have been around for over 100 years.

Why were these individuals demanding that these statues be torn down not insulted 50 years ago?? 25 years ago??? 10 years ago??? 10 months ago??? 1 month ago??? Why now??? What is the reason why these statues are suddenly so offensive?

A lot of people on both sides of the political spectrum were upset when Trump got elected President. Some still are upset. Many who supported him are now against him. Some people blame Trump as an excuse to deface and destroy statues.

Do any of these protestors even know what they are talking about or anything about the Civil War?

Listening to these different organizations and their representatives their argument is simple: these men fought for slavery; slavery is evil – we want these statues down. But things are not that simple.

Let’s talk a little about the Civil War. The Civil War was referred to in the South as the War of Northern Aggression. There were good men on both sides. Most of the Officers who fought during the Civil War knew each other, many of which went to West Point and graduated together. Many Northern Officers were best friends with Southern Officers. There were families who had brothers that were divided on their allegiances. These men accepted their command positions because they were soldiers, and they did what they believed was right.

Robert E. Lee was one of the most accomplished leaders in the American Army. He was President Abraham Lincoln’s first choice to be Commander of the Union Forces. Lee declined because he felt in his heart that he could not betray his home State of Virginia.

During the war, when the Irish Brigade of the Southern Forces stood over the field of Freder-

icksburg, Union Forces were approaching. Lee sat down and spoke to Stonewall Jackson before the battle, “This is where I met my wife. These fields supplied the starving Irish during the Potato Famine with food. We sent them corn. This is Fredericksburg, and we want to protect our land and our heritage.”

Although a slave owner, Lee believed slavery was wrong. Slaves had little to do with Lee’s life. After the war, his plantation became Arlington National Cemetery.

When his church became integrated, a black man knelt at the railing for communion and no one came near him. A grey-haired man came up from the rear of the church and knelt beside him. It was Robert E. Lee.

Stonewall Jackson was not a slave owner. He was a teacher at Virginia Military Academy and a very religious man. He fought for the Confederacy since he was from the South and a soldier.

Okay, so you knocked down a statue. What did this accomplish? Attacking people and destroying property is a crime. Those committing these crimes should be arrested. You’ve even get some people who mistakenly defaced or vandalized the wrong statues – dumbbells! Maybe they should read the inscriptions first.

People forget that the first thing that the Taliban did when they took over Afghanistan was to destroy all the religious statues. Sound familiar?

Worse of all are the politicians and leaders from other professions who are jumping into the fray. How is this helping your constituents? Are you providing healthcare, increasing jobs, or helping national security? What about our nation’s infrastructure? Last time we checked, the trains, roads and bridges are in dire need of repair. Taxpayers dollars are paying your salary. Shouldn’t you be focusing on more constructive matters than destroying our history?

Presently in Chicago there are certain individuals who want to change the names of parks and remove some statues. Isn’t there more important matters to attend

to? What about the over 4000 people who have been murdered in the city since 2009. Unfortunately most of these murders are gang related. So far in 2017, 439 people have been murdered in Chicago.

Yet, many individuals would rather concentrate on destroying statues that a lot of people probably walked by and never even read the inscriptions on them. Do you think these generals will rise from the dead and start a Civil War now?

There has been a lot of hostility towards police lately. Many accuse certain police officers as being racist and many police officers are targets for attacks. The police are here to serve and protect the public, not get objects thrown at them or get shot at. Some people even argue that the police are outfitted with equipment that is more geared up for combat. If I were a police chief and saw some of the objects that were hurled at my officers, you better believe I’d have them outfitted in full armor and equipped with heavy artillery so they can perform their duties safely while protecting you. Police should not be targets. Hopefully the increased use of bodycams will solve many of these disputes.

There’s a lot of people that go around and don’t even think about other parts of the country where people are being destructive. You know why? Because they’re trying to decide where their next meal is coming from or where they’re going to sleep. Will they have a roof over their head? How will they be able to divvy up their medicine? Or how to get one of their loved ones off drugs which has destroyed many families and running ramped throughout the country.

We also have a little problem with Kim Jong-un, Leader of North Korea who has vowed to wreak havoc on America starting with Guam. He’s still testing nuclear missiles.

When Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his supporters were going to go march with the sanitation workers, it was two-fold. Many politicians and law enforcement officers were members of the Klan. The last thing that was on Dr. King’s and his supporters’ minds were Civil War statues. The first day of the march there was some violence, but Dr. King had none of that, and said that the next day there will be a peaceful march. Unfortunately, Dr. King was assassinated before the second march took place.

THE COMMUNITY VOICE

*Behind the Violence*

On Saturday August 12, 2017 in Charlottesville, Virginia, a group of peaceful protesters were protesting about a Robert E Lee statue and other issues. Now those insiders invited the KKK and the Nazi hate groups to stir violence for civil unrest in Charlottesville, VA. Was this really about the Robert E. Lee statue or something else? And why was the KKK and the Nazi hate group stopped before the protest started? The city officials knew that violence was

Nowadays it seems lately it’s a prerequisite to march for a cause, you must have a course on how to be violent. It seems that people would rather have conflicts instead of trying to have a conversation with someone that they don’t agree with. What happened to listening to the opposing point of view? What happened to the loyal opposition?

What’s even more pathetic is that the MTA is more concerned about replacing tiles that they thought might be offensive to people because they think the design too closely resembles a Confederate Flag. I think they should be more concerned about the rat infestation that is a health threat to the people who, by the way pay their salary.

Daryl Davis is a Black American R&B and blues musician, author, actor, and band leader who has gotten over 200 Klan Members to denounce their ways through his friendship with them. There’s a lesson to be learned here.

Oprah Winfrey, whom I believe is one of the smartest women because she knows how to use her TV show to give people who she may not agree with a chance to give their views. On one show we recommend is when she had a panel of 4 which included skinheads and KKK members on why they did not like black people. After the show, she was upset and vowed never to give a voice to those people again. But several years later, she was pleasantly surprised when two of those people came back to apologize and to say how ashamed they were for their beliefs. One of the ex-skinheads said shortly after that show, he was arrested, jailed and was assigned to a work crew that was all black. Even the jailer was black. Even though they knew he was a skinhead because of all of his tattoos proclaiming this, they did not hold this against him. Because of the way they treated him in spite of his history, it gave him respect for

going to happen and some are asking where was the police when it started (HMMMM!). For me, I think this was planned by those insiders. The Mayor of Charlottesville is blaming President Trump for this. Here’s the real story about this a master mind person with lots of cold cash who is funding this to divide America and is not happy about President Trump in office. Oh, by the way, Hillary Clinton signed a deal with the U.S. Dept. of Justice and I wonder why?

Orlando “Wildman” Perez.

black people and their willingness to give him a chance.

When one of the ex-skinheads came back to tell his story, he began to choke up and start crying. Sometimes when you look at yourself from the outside, you see things that you didn’t before and have an epiphany.


Another Oprah show had the Little Rock 9 (Black Students) who integrated a school in Arkansas in 1957. In 1996 on Oprah, the Little Rock 9 appeared along with their former tormentors of 40 years ago. Now all adults, those tormentors apologized to the Little Rock 9 for their behavior when they were young. They explained their unacceptable behavior and how they just followed what everyone else was doing without giving it much thought. One of the former tormentors came on stage and started to cry and began to hug each member of the Little Rock 9 that was present.

What will this world be 20 years from now if things proceed as they are? Will it be Ray Bradbury’s Fahrenheit 451 where all books are burned because everything is offensive to everyone? Or George Orwell’s 1984 where history is constantly being rewritten and freedom is just an illusion?

It’s time that we start listening to each other. Enough of the mob mentality and the confrontations which are getting us nowhere. The time is now to put hatred aside and have a face to face conversation with all sides

We’d love to have a roundtable discussion with all sides represented. It could be videotaped and shown on YouTube. We just need the participants who will follow the rules that will be set in place. So are you in?

To quote the well-known philosopher Confucius. "A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step." Will you make the first step? *C.M. & K.M.*



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Dominican Festival, Perth Amboy Waterfront 8/11-13/17

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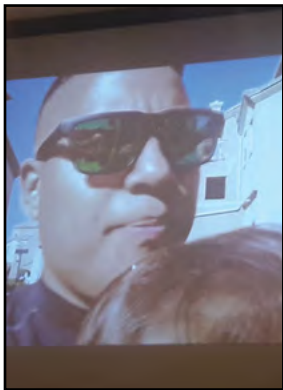
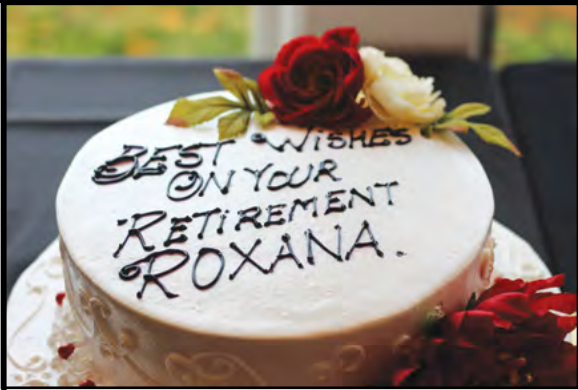


PERTH AMBOY - Helmin Cabais the first elected Dominican Perth Amboy Council Member and Perth Amboy Democratic Chair. Irving Lozada, Sergio Diaz and Milady Tejada were recognized for their hard work in making the Festive a success.



Retirement Party for UEZ/BID Coordinator Roxana Troche, Royal Yacht Club, 8/12/17

\*Photos by Eric Salvary, Katherine Massopust & Carolyn Maxwell







## Moonlight Music Series

PERTH AMBOY - Perth Amboy Artworks is partnering with the Historic City of Perth Amboy's Ferry Slip Museum to present a Spring/Summer 2017 live music series at the Ferry Slip. Enjoy great live music, the moonrise over Raritan Bay and check out the Ferry Slip Museum. The free live music events are from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. at 200 Front St, Perth Amboy.

Saturday Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> - Proper and Joseph Frame

## Vote! 3D Art Competition

Press Release 8/16/17

SOUTH AMBOY- Technology has pushed art in different directions, allowing artists to engage in multi-dimensional ways. View the Dowdell Library's innovative 3D art exhibition this summer!

The Dowdell Library's 3D art exhibition /competition may be viewed at the Broadway Gallery (141 N Broadway, South Amboy, NJ 08879) starting Wednesday, July 19th and will run through Wednesday, August 30th. The 3D art was designed by South Amboy residents using the library's 3D pen or 3D printer. Themed categories include: the waterfront, pets and floral themes and the competitive age categories include children ages 8-10, young adults 11-17 and adults 18+.

The Broadway Gallery hours are Wednesdays and Fridays 6-8 pm and Saturdays 11 am -1 pm. The library is part of the arts district and is partnering with South Amboy ARTS [www.southamboyarts.com](http://www.southamboyarts.com).

The community is encouraged to support these efforts and vote for your favorite creation! There will be prizes awarded, so voting is limited to one vote per age category.

If you happen to have a problem accessing the exhibition during gallery hours, contact the library at [comments@dowdell.org](mailto:comments@dowdell.org) or 732.721.6060.

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

The Dowdell Library's summer hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Wednesday and Friday from 10 am to 5 pm. For more information, please visit [www.dowdell.org](http://www.dowdell.org), or contact the Library at 732-721-6060 or [comments@dowdell.org](mailto:comments@dowdell.org).

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## Tom's Tax Tips

### Learn From "The Best Places to Work"

Courtesy of Tom Ploskanka C.P.A.

Google, Facebook and Southwest Airlines are among the top five companies on job search site Indeed's "Best Places to Work for 2017" list. You may not have the resources of these large companies, but you can incorporate some of their ideas into your company's culture.

**Respect.** The best companies cultivate a culture of respect, according to a poll conducted by the Society for Human Resource Management. Leaders listen to staff and vice versa. Employees feel valued by their leaders and their coworkers regardless of their background, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or gender.

**Opportunities for growth.** Leaders at the best companies evaluate staff regularly and look for ways to challenge them in new areas. Many of these companies have developed mentorship or cross-training programs to prepare staff for more advanced roles.

**Communication is key.** At the best companies, leaders and staff talk constantly. The organization regularly seeks feedback about its culture, practices, and operational challenges. Leaders are accessible and open to discussion about business problems and successes.

**Clear goals.** The best companies openly state and clearly define objectives, and the steps required to achieve them, according to Fortune magazine. Status updates or one-on-one meetings between employees and their leaders allow regular discussion about progress towards employees' individual goals.

**Accountability.** The best companies make sure workers are confident they'll be rewarded for performance and held responsible for achieving their objectives, according to a study conducted by Fortune. Bottom line: When you treat your employees with respect and keep challenging them, they're less likely to leave for greener pastures.

## Emerging Civic Leaders

PERTH AMBOY - Emerging Civic Leaders for a Healthier Community Recruitment. Want to address the health needs in your community, gain leadership skills, and earn extra money? To be eligible, one must be between the ages of 14-21 and must be a Perth Amboy Resident. The Emerging Civic Leaders for a Healthier Community Institute provides youth with hands on experience in community health and the opportunity to make lasting change in their community. Applications will be accepted until September 1, 2017. For more information, visit [www.jrfnj.org](http://www.jrfnj.org)



# This Week in World War II 75 Years Ago

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

Marshal Philippe Pétain, head of the Vichy French government, on August 21, 1942, praises German forces for repelling the Allied attack on the French port of Dieppe. President Roosevelt says the perpetrators of barbarism in occupied countries “will have to stand in courts of law, in the very countries which they are now oppressing, and answer for their acts.” U.S. Marines repulse the first major Japanese land offensive on Guadalcanal at the Battle of the Tenaru River. Some 765 (85%) of the 900 Japanese attackers are killed, at a cost of around 43 Marine lives.

Under heavy pressure from the U.S., Brazil declares war on Germany and Italy on August 22. Also tipping the scales on the Brazilian decision are attacks made by German submarine U-507 in Brazilian waters that have killed over 600 people from neutral countries inside of a week. Japan is excluded from Brazil's declaration of war. In Europe, stiff resistance by the Red Army slows the German advance into the Caucasus.

On August 23, Hitler orders that Stalingrad be captured. The Luftwaffe begins a 48-hour-long air raid there that involves over 4,000 sorties with incendiaries and explosives. The city erupts into a sea of fire as oil-storage tanks pour their flaming contents into the Volga River that flows for some 25 miles through the city. Over 40,000 civilians perish in the attack, as the city is reduced to rubble. The German 6<sup>th</sup> Army punches a five-mile-wide gap in the Soviet 62<sup>nd</sup> Army's defenses as the 14th Panzer Corps crosses the Don River and reaches the Volga, north of Stalingrad. Hoth's 4th Panzer Army is held up by stiff Red Army resistance south of Stalingrad. The Germans make further progress on the Kuban Peninsula on the Black Sea. A German platoon hoists the swastika flag on the top of Mt. Elbrus, the highest peak in the Caucasus.

The Naval Battle of the Eastern Solomon Islands takes place on August 24. The American aircraft carrier *USS Enterprise* is badly damaged; the Japanese lose one light carrier. To alleviate a labor shortage because of American farm workers going off to war, the U.S. and Mexico formally agree to permit Mexican temporary laborers to work on U.S. farms in every U.S. state. An exception is Texas, where Mexican authorities are concerned about discrimination. Some 200,000 Mexican *braceros* (manual laborers) will work in the U.S. during the war. The German Sixth Army moves into the northern suburbs of Stalingrad. A thousand miles to the north, Soviet forces launch a major offensive in the Leningrad area. In Germany, Hitler appoints Otto Georg Thierack as Reich Minister of Justice and gives him the power to set aside any and all laws.

On August 25, the Swedish ship *SS Gripsholm* arrives in New York, carrying 287 Allied officials, missionaries, correspondents and teachers who have been exchanged for Japanese diplomats. Among them is America's longtime ambassador to Japan, Joseph Grew. Grew issues a statement describing the treatment that the ship's passengers had endured while interned in Japan, many “in solitary confinement in small, bitterly cold prison cells, inadequately clothed and inadequately fed and at times subjected to the most cruel and barbaric tortures.” In the Soviet Union, the city of Stalingrad is declared to be in a state of siege. Efforts are made to evacuate some citizens.

On August 26, two thousand Japanese troops accompanied by small tanks land at Milne Bay, on the tip of New Guinea, southeast of Port Moresby. Their goal is to capture Allied airfields there and then move on toward Port Moresby. In Europe, the Soviet Air Force launches raids over Berlin and other German cities. Meanwhile, German Army Group B moves closer to its target of the oilfields of Grozny, in the Caucasus. The *Times of London* publishes an article describing a new antibiotic drug called penicillin, discovered in 1928 by Alexander Fleming and developed at Oxford University.

The Red Army on August 27 launches counterattacks from the Leningrad pocket. At the same time some 440 miles to the southeast, the Red Army's offensive on the Moscow front continues. Gen. Georgy Zhukov is appointed Stalin's First Deputy Commissar for Defense. In France, the Vichy government begins cooperating with German authorities to “deport” Jews to Auschwitz, in Occupied Poland. Cuba declares war on Germany, Italy and Japan.

## ESL Classes

WOODBIDGE - LiteracyNJ will be having a free registration for upcoming ESL (English as a Second Language Classes) at the Woodbridge Main Library, 1 George Frederick Plaza, Woodbridge, on Wednesday on August 23, from 5 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. These classes are free and registration is open to all adults. Individuals do not need to be residents of Woodbridge Township to register.

## A.C. Trip & Tribute Show Holy Rosary Seniors

HOPELAWN – The Holy Rosary Seniors are sponsoring a bus trip to Resorts Casino in Atlantic City October 25, 2017. Includes 3:30 show, a tribute to The Beach Boys, Beatles, Bee Gees, and Motown; \$10 slot play; \$20 food credit; bus and gratuity. Cost is \$70 a person. Bus leaves Church parking lot at 10:00 am. For more details please call Ronnie 732-442-5252.

## Frog Hollow 5K Run & Health Walk

SOUTH AMBOY - Frog Hollow Swim and Tennis Club's 40<sup>th</sup> annual 5K Run and Health Walk will be held Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. 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 + \$3.25 Sign-up Fee. Registration Ends September 8, 2017 at 11:59 p.m. For more information or to download a registration form, go to [www.froghollowswim.com](http://www.froghollowswim.com).

## Volunteer Drivers Needed For Meals on Wheels Program

Press Release  
HIGHLAND PARK – Jewish Family Services of Middlesex County (JFS) is in need of volunteer drivers to deliver meals to homebound senior adults in the Highland Park area for the Kosher Meals on Wheels Program. The program delivers meals Monday – Friday mornings. A commitment of at least 2 days per month for regular volunteers is required. Also seeking substitute drivers who can fill in as needed throughout Middlesex County. Must have valid driver's license. Please contact the JFS Volunteer Coordinator for more detailed information at 732-777-1940 or visit [www.jfsmiddlesex.org](http://www.jfsmiddlesex.org) under the Volunteer Tab

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## A.C. Bus Trip San Salvador Seniors

PERTH AMBOY - The San Salvador Seniors are sponsoring a bus trip to Caesar's Casino in AC on Thursday, Sept. 7, 2017. 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.

## PAHS Class of 1967 Reunion

PERTH AMBOY - The Perth Amboy High School Class of 1967 will hold its 50th Reunion on Saturday, October 21, 2017, at the APA Hotel on Wood Avenue in Iselin, NJ. The night before we are hoping to have a tour of our beloved "Halls of Ivy" with Mr. Anton Massopust. After the tour, our classmate, Les Kennett is hosting a private "Classmate Party" for the Magnificent Class of 1967. Please contact Dena Moore at [denabanda@aol.com](mailto:denabanda@aol.com) or [reejost@aol.com](mailto:reejost@aol.com) or 732-266-8550 for more information.

## Pet of the Week



Betty plays with her brother Fermin, sleeps with her brother Justin, enjoys walking with her brother Jeremy, but she especially loves to spend time of her Grandpa Ernesto - Jose and Tania

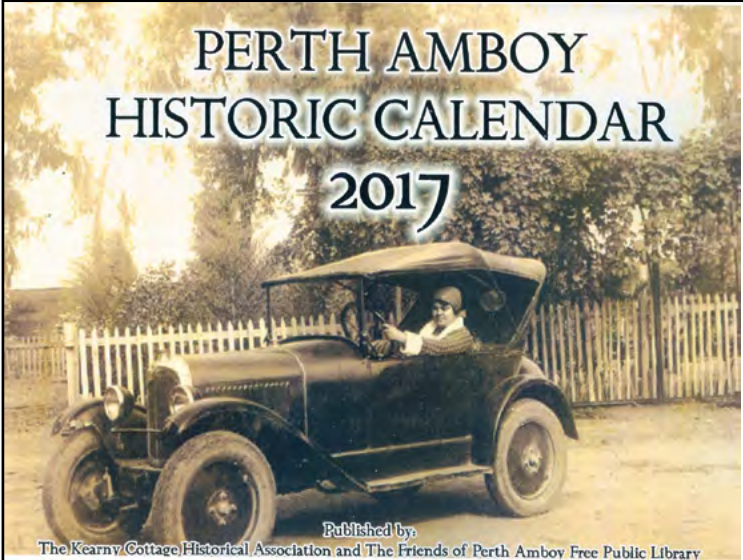
## The Machine Performs Pink Floyd

SAYREVILLE – Also: Mikell's Plot & Raftree at the Starland Ballroom, 570 Jernee Mill Rd, Sayreville, NJ 08872 Saturday, September 30, 2017 at 7 p.m. - 11 p.m. For more info call: 732-238-5500 or email: [info@starlandballroom.com](mailto:info@starlandballroom.com)

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

PERTH AMBOY – A trip to the Resorts Casino in Atlantic City will be held on Wed. Aug. 23, 2017. Cost \$30 pp.; \$25 back in slot play. Bus will depart from behind St. Stephens Church parking lot on Mechanic Street at 9:30 a.m. Call Bobbi to reserve a seat: 732-636-2867.

## 2017 Historic Perth Amboy Calendars



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



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.*

Back-2-School Give-A-Way

PERTH AMBOY – Please donate bags filled with school supplies for the Back-2-School Give-A-Way on Sunday, Aug. 27, 2017 at the Cathedral International, 277 Madison Ave. after all services at 9:30 a.m. For more info go to [www.cathedralinternational.org](http://www.cathedralinternational.org)

Movie Night at the Park

PERTH AMBOY – The City of Perth Amboy and P.A.R.T.N.E.R present “Movie Night at Patten Park,” on Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup> from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. at 339 Reade Street, Perth Amboy Featuring “Finding Dory.” Activities start at 7 p.m. Showtime starts at 8:30 p.m. Light refreshments and snacks provided. Learn about the plan for the Gateway Neighborhood. Connect with your Community. FREE and open to the public. All ages welcome. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets. For more info call: P.A.R.T.N.E.R - 732-442-0384 or the Office of Recreation – 732-826-1690 ext. 4350.

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PISCATAWAY - You're invited to a Flapjack Fundraiser breakfast to support Community Child Care Solutions at APPLEBEE'S® at 1282 Centennial Ave Piscataway, NJ 08854. Tickets: \$10 on Saturday, September 16th, 2017 8 a.m. -10 a.m. For more info contact: 732-934-2825 or email [fundraising@communitychildcaresolutions.org](mailto:fundraising@communitychildcaresolutions.org)

September 11<sup>th</sup> Memorial Service

Press Release  
SAYREVILLE - The Borough of Sayreville will be hosting the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Memorial Service to remember the victims of September 11, 2001. The Memorial Service will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 rain or shine at the Sayreville Borough 9/11 Memorial in Burke’s Park, Washington Road. Those wishing to attend are asked to arrive by 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact Robert Bruce, Program Coordinator at 732-322-5514.

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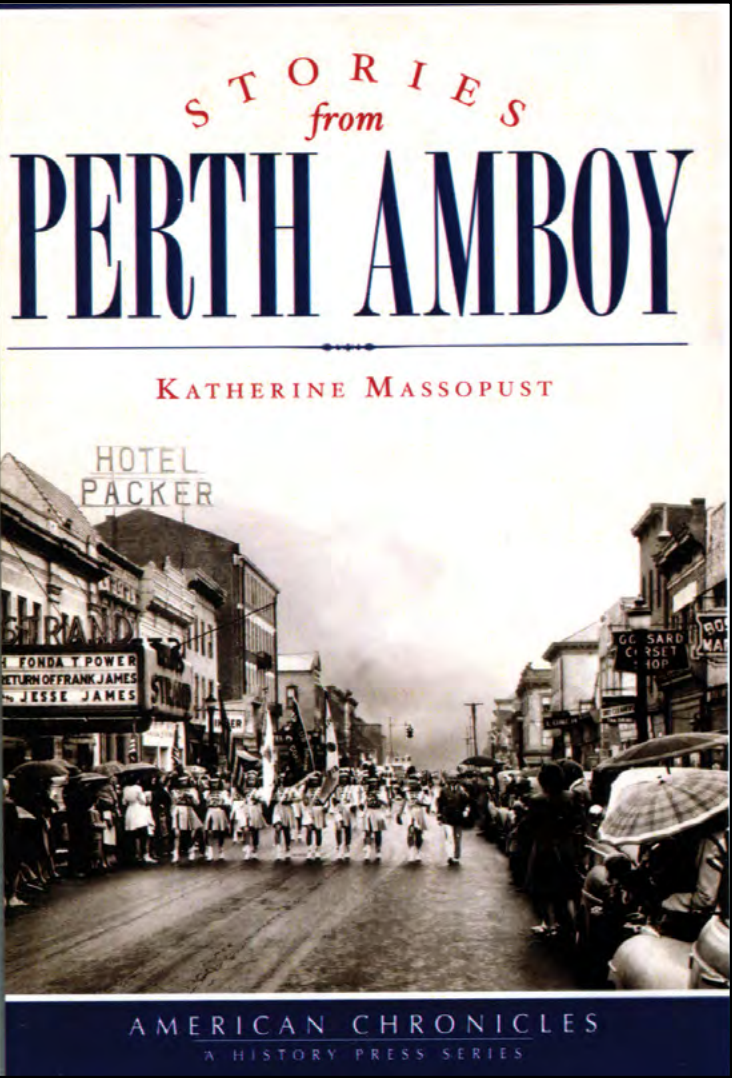
PERTH AMBOY - American Gas Station on Amboy Avenue. Note Shull School Building in the background. Circa 1970's

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Senior Scene Happenings

- Perth Amboy**  
TUES. Aug. 22 Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.  
• Good Shepherd Tuesday Seniors (HS) 12:30 p.m. Msgr. Gambino Hall, Florida Grove Rd.  
WED. Aug. 23 St. Stephen’s Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.  
• Good Shepherd Wednesday Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Msgr. Gambino Hall , Florida Grove Rd.  
• Holy Trinity Seniors, 1 p.m., Church Hall, Lawrie & Johnstone St.  
THURS. Aug. 24 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.  
MON. Aug. 28 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.  
TUES. Aug. 29 Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.  
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WED. Aug. 30 St. Stephen’s Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.  
• Good Shepherd Wednesday Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Msgr. Gambino Hall , Florida Grove Rd.  
THURS. Aug. 31 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
- South Amboy**  
MON. Aug. 28 Sacred Heart Seniors, 12 Noon Memorial Hall, Wash Ave.  
TUES. Sept. 5 St. Mary’s Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.  
WED. Sept. 13 South Amboy Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.

Attn: If Your Club changes its Schedule due to the Holidays or if you have Community Events to Submit Please give us two weeks advanced notice! 732-896-4446 or 732-261-2610 [AmboyGuardian@gmail.com](mailto:AmboyGuardian@gmail.com)



Stories From Perth Amboy

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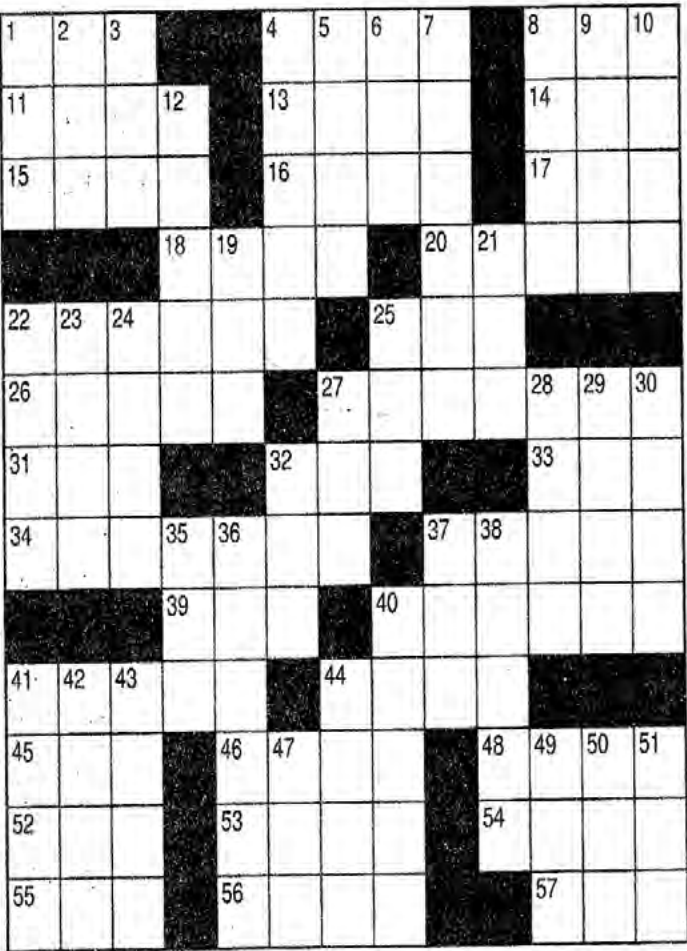
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