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## Early Morning Blaze in Perth Amboy

By: Joe Bayona

PERTH AMBOY - An early morning blaze gutted and apartment building in Perth Amboy at 485 State St. on Thursday July 5th. The alarm came in at 4:15 am. The fire was well underway when the fire apparatus first pulled up.

According to Chief Volk, the fire started in the kitchen on the second floor. When the residents fled the apartment, they left the door open allowing the fire to spread quickly to the hallway, up the stairs, and eventually into the cock-loft at the top of the building.

According to the director of Emergency Management, Larry Cattano, at 4:05 a.m. police officer Danny Gonzalez was dispatched to the area in front of the building to take a report of a hit and run accident. The residents of the building approached Officer Gonzalez to report the fire. Officer Gonzalez called in the alarm then entered the building and began knocking on doors alerting the residents to evacuate, saving precious time and lives.

All told, 10 Engine companies, 5 ladder companies, and a total of approx. 75 firefighters fought the blaze. There was also an engine and ladder company on standby at central fire headquarters.

As usual, the Salvation Army



Fire building - 485 State Street



Ladder 2 In Action

\*Photos by Joe Bayona

was there to provide food and drink for the emergency personnel at the scene.

Chief Volk praised the firefighters for their quick action and professionalism. Their skill and speed in trenching the roof, (a defensive tactic for containing a fire), prevented the fire from spreading to the

adjoining buildings and averting a possible disaster and loss of life.

There were no injuries reported. Approx 60 residents from the main fire building and 2 adjoining structures were displaced by the blaze.

### News Release

PERTH AMBOY— A five-alarm fire this morning at about 4 a.m. left nearly 43 people homeless from a 12-unit apartment building on State Street. A total of 60 residents from the main and neighboring buildings were also evacuated for safety and will not be able to return to their homes until the main building demolition tomorrow.

State Street will be closed between Buckingham Avenue

## Donation Fund For State Street Fire Victims

and William Street to vehicular and pedestrian traffic. No missing people and no fatalities were reported. Seven victims are being treated for minor injuries and smoke inhalation. Ten engine and five ladder companies responded, some include: Avenel, Kerasbey, Fords, Iselin, Edison, Piscataway, New Brunswick, East Brunswick, South Amboy and Sayreville.

Mayor Wilda Diaz, city officials, the American Red Cross and local organizations are

currently working to aid the fire victims, as done for the Cortlandt Fire victims nearly a month ago on June 3rd, where nearly 50 people were displaced.

The City of Perth Amboy and the Jewish Renaissance Foundation (JRF) have once again partnered to collect monetary and ONLY new clothing and shoe donations for the effected families, due to limited storage capacity. JRF will serve as a central collection point for the donation collections. Please

drop off any clothing/shoe donation at 149 Kearny Avenue, Monday – Friday from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

To make a monetary/gift card donation-- individuals, local businesses or corporations may visit the Jewish Renaissance Foundation website at: [www.jrfnj.org](http://www.jrfnj.org) or mail checks, money orders and/or gift cards to: The Jewish Renaissance Foundation  
Attn.: State Street Fire Fund  
149 Kearny Avenue

Perth Amboy, NJ 08861

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For donation information, please contact JRF, Tashilee Vazquez at: 732-324-2114 ext. 122 or email: [tvazquez@bgcpa.us](mailto:tvazquez@bgcpa.us). Members of the press may call the Office of the Mayor at: (732)-826-7121.

## The Amboy's

### Fireworks Make a Comeback! Joint Celebration is a Huge Success



PERTH AMBOY- A salute to our armed forces

\*photo by Paul W. Wang



SOUTH AMBOY - The Lights on the Outerbridge and the Raritan River make a dramatic backdrop during the fireworks display. \*photo by Aaron Beers

**Perth Amboy City Council Meeting Today - 7 p.m.**



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Perth Amboy Business District Examined  
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Council President  
Ken Balut



Barry Rosengarten



Councilman  
Fernando Gonzalez

PERTH AMBOY - Bicycle Lanes on parts of Smith and High Streets, Temporary Sidewalks extending into sidewalks on Smith Street, and mid-block bumpouts at crosswalks were just some of the concepts thrown out at the 6/25/12 caucus meeting.

Mr. Lustberg of Arteriel Inc. was commissioned by the BID in November 2011 to explore the possibilities of how to improve Perth Amboy's business district. Lustberg mapped out short and long term goals that he believed would improve to make the downtown area more pleasing to not only the residents but also to any visitors that came into town.

Some of the short term goals would be inexpensive but have a high impact in the downtown district. Lustberg took into consideration the history and cultural aspects of Perth Amboy. He mentioned the need to have appropriate bicycle parking. "Something as simple as replacing the trashcans which are presently in open containers with something that there is a cover would be less upsetting to those who are dining in open air restaurants. Perth Amboy is unique - especially on Smith Street because of the heavy vehicular traffic going all the way down to High Street. Because High Street is very wide, it could be use for a bike lane. The north side of Smith Street has very long blocks which makes it harder for pedestrians to cross to the south side. Therefore people tend to cross in the middle of the street." He proposed mid-block bumpouts with seating there. "Also on Smith Street," Lustberg continued, "There are signs covering up the historic value of the building." He suggested having signs place higher up and protruding outward over the sidewalk from the buildings. "Temporary sidewalk extensions are also a possibility for restaurants that would like to have outside dining on narrow streets. Temporary sidewalk extensions would force the restaurants to

give up 2 or 3 parking spaces outside their restaurant. The restaurant owners may have to request this to be done by the Council by ordinance or permit. This would allow for 6 feet of additional space.

Council President Ken Balut said he has seen these designs in other states. "For this to work in Perth Amboy Smith Street would have to become a one-way street because of the congestion." In addition Balut explained that the city does not have outside dining liquor consumption licensees like in other cities.

Lustberg named San Francisco, New York and Chicago as examples of having temporary outside dining utilizing parking spaces outside of the restaurants. Lustberg made it clear that these were only suggestions made before the UEZ/BID. Nothing has been decided yet.

Perth Amboy developer Barry Rosengarten spoke after Lustberg's presentation. He addressed the Council and said the UEZ/BID is looking at signage for the business district and is pursuing a \$44,000 from the CDBG for this purpose. "We haven't adopted any of the items that Mr. Lustberg has presented in his presentation." Rosengarten hopes that the Council will work with the UEZ/BID to improve the districts so others can enjoy shopping and dining at a consistent level. "We had a volunteer who was very good with making sure that the facade and signage program was consistent but that particular

volunteer left. The program was not followed through after their departure. We have now formed a committee to make sure things are kept on top, but the UEZ/BID funds have dried up."

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez said that he has seen the same faces on UEZ/BID and he agreed with Council President Balut that millions of dollars were misused by the organization. Rosengarten disagreed with that statement. Rosengarten brought up the planter program which involves maintenance and replacement of flowers around the base of trees on Smith Street. "But we have to look at the cost before this plan can be implemented. Programs are listed on a priority basis."

Council President Ken Balut said, "The traffic studies can be done by the police department. As far as Smith Street is concerned the hours between 2:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. is when the school busses clog up that street. Millions of dollars were used to dig up perfectly good sidewalks. The poorer businesses should be the first ones to get work done to improve their appearances. Smith Street will be required to become one-way for some of the proposals by Lustberg to happen."

Councilman Kenny Gonzalez said that the Council appreciated the creativity and volunteerism of UEZ/BID members. He then thanked them for coming to the Council meeting to present their ideas.

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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL



A Working Vactation

Two things did happen while we were off that we predicted. One: People asked what happened to the Amboy Guardian even though we mentioned that we would be off the week of July 4<sup>th</sup>. Two: We would be more active the week we were off than if we actually had to produce a paper.

Let’s start off with a phone call that we received on June 28th. It came from Bert Baron Director of Creative Services and Program Director of WCTC 1450 AM Radio. He invited us to join them at the radio station when he interviewed the mayors and two councilmen from Perth Amboy and South Amboy. This was our first time being in a broadcast booth during a live show. We were thrilled when Baron plugged the Amboy Guardian on the *New Jersey Today* Broadcast on July 2<sup>nd</sup>. The show was to promote the joint venture between the Amboys for the fireworks display on July 3.

Just before the show ended there was an announcement that WCTC Bert Baron would be broadcasting from the Raritan Bay Yacht Club in Perth Amboy again on July 3<sup>rd</sup> with the mayors and some of the sponsors of the fireworks display.

We decided to have our videographer do a live taping of some of the broadcast. Unfortunately I received an email at the last minute that he was sick and he was unable to do the taping. Therefore I called up Paul and Katherine to go take photographs of the broad-

cast. I was enjoying my lunch down at the waterfront when Paul and Katherine drove by so we went back to the yacht club and I decided to try my hand at videotaping some of the broadcast with my android phone. (which I have a love/hate relationship with). Look at [www.AmboyGuardian.com](http://www.AmboyGuardian.com) for VERY RAW video recording of the broadcast and a brief interview that Katherine did with Bert Baron. (please ignore the first 10 seconds of each video - remember I’m an amateur at this - thank God I don’t do this for a living.)

We would like to thank Bert Baron a second time for plugging the Amboy Guardian as he was signing off on his program on July 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Yacht Club.

I could feel the excitement in the air as I was walking down Madison Avenue along with a throng of people towards Sadowski Parkway in anticipation of the fireworks display.

It was not disappointing. I tried to photograph all the people lined up against the railings, sitting on blankets on the grass, but unfortunately, I could not get my android phone to function properly. But thank God I was able to get spectacular video of the fireworks display.

After the fireworks were over we were happy to see all of the people enjoying themselves at the Barge, Armory and Bay-side Creamery. The fireworks went off without a hitch and we look forward to next year’s extravaganza.

C.M. & K.M.

THE COMMUNITY VOICE

Random Thoughts

B.O.E. - Enough Already! They all have to go. They are the problem. Can’t make a decision, can’t vote, family members working in the school system. They have to leave. Put people with some common sense on this Board

because by their action or interaction they are why this system is not moving forward.

To the gentleman with parking problems on Market Street. He should get up early and try to make a turn from Second Street onto Market Street. He will see what it means that a city is overcrowded. Try count the people coming out of the

houses and how many cars disappear from the streets in his side of town, then he can call the code officials and see if they will do anything about the overcrowding conditions that exist that we all know about.

E.F. Jennigs

Public Involvement to End Use of Electronic Gadgets While Driving

The media, radio, television and newsprint have been pointing out the abuse of handheld electronic equipment while operating a motor vehicle. Law enforcement cannot cope with the volume of offenses. Phones, i-pods, text messaging

systemes are everywhere.

Accidents which are caused by distracted drives are numerous. Death by auto is frequently attributed to these abuses.

I suggest that those of us who care about our safety on the roads must act to assist in overcoming this menace to everyone on the roads. A simple but annoying method to let offending motorist know that you are aware of their law violation is to blow your horn as you pass their vehicle. I have done this many time with the resulting end being a glaring

look an often times the finger. Most times the phone or other device is put down.

Horn blowing for this purpose may not be totally acceptable to non-offenders. Saving one life is worth all the horn noise this will create.

Respectfully;  
Robert A. Brown  
Edison



Abusing the Doctrine of Necessity?

Please allow me to make a few comments regarding the Perth Amboy Board of Education. It would seem to me that there are some Board members that wish to make the Board their own little fiefdom. Members should realize there is but one Education professional on the Board, and that is the Superintendent of Schools. No elected member of het Board is considered to be a profession in the field of Education. Board members should be citizens of the community who may set policy, but most important of all act on the recommendations of the Superintendent. Board members do not “run” the district - the Superintendent does. The Superintendent follows the guidelines and mandates set by the County and the State. He or she may also accept the advice and suggestion of the Board.

On the subject of the Doctrine of Necessity. While a valuable tool, it should be used only in the matters of Extreme importance. It should not be used over and over again until

one gets the result they seek. This doctrine makes an otherwise illegal vote legal. Members in conflict use this tool to vote. I have an opinion that if one is a conflict with one item, they may be in conflict with another, if not all matters to come before the Board.

On the subject of closed sessions. Closed sessions are just a way of trying to get members to see things as a majority group. Closed sessions can certainly be private, but once the matter is resolved, it must be reported to the public.

In conclusion, let the Superintendent do her job. If you are in conflict, reconsider your position. Stop this ego trip and get down to business of the Board. If anyone has an agenda other than a thorough and efficient education for our community. Step down.

Remember, a term is three years. Next election you may be out. The next Board will start anew.

R.J. O’Reilly  
Perth Amboy



PERTH AMBOY - Congratulations to Peter Book who celebrated his 90th Birthday! A party was thrown in his honor courtesy of his daughter, Bea at Ed & Mary’s. Many of his family whom he had not seen for years attended the party. Mayor Diaz made a surprise visit, too and gave a toast. Shown in the photo is Peter Book and his wife, Annette.

\*Photo by Julius Warzybok

Cooling Centers In Perth Amboy

PERTH AMBOY - The Office of Emergency Management has designated Cooling Centers for the public in three Perth Amboy facilities due to high temperatures.

- 1. Alexander F. Jankowski Community Center located on 1 Olive Street; open M-F until 5 p.m.
- 2. Perth Amboy Public Library located on 196 Jefferson Street; open until 5 p.m.
- 3. Raritan Bay Area YMCA gymnasium located on 357 New Brunswick Avenue; open M-F 5:30 a.m. - 9:45 p.m.



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**Community Calendar**

**Perth Amboy**

TODAY. July 11 Municipal Court, 1:30 p.m.,  
Court House, New Brunswick Ave.  
City Council, Regular, 7 p.m.  
City Hall, High Street  
THURS. July 12 Municipal Court, 6 p.m.,  
Court House, New Brunswick Ave.  
TUES. July 19 Municipal Court, 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.,  
Court House, New Brunswick Ave.  
BID 5 p.m.  
City Hall, High Street

**South Amboy**

MON July 16 City Council, Business, 6 p.m.  
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PERTH AMBOY - The Building at 475 State Street was demolished after it was determined it could not be saved. The top two floors were engulfed in flames on Thursday, July 5, 2012. \*photo by Joe Bayona



## Caffrey vs. Lebrault

*Tension High at Perth Amboy Board of Education Meeting 6-27-12 & 7-5-12*

By Joseph L. Kuchie

PERTH AMBOY - The tension between Superintendent Janine Caffrey and Board President Samuel Lebrault grew to a new level last Friday night at Perth Amboy High School.

The board had an issue agreeing on the reappointments of non-aligned staff for the 2012-2013 school year. Dr. Caffrey proposed to add the contracts of the Principal's and Supervisor's Association to the item, but after failing to reach an agreement the board went into the second private session of the night.

After a half hour of negotiations behind closed doors, the board returned to further discuss the matter. However, when the new item was motioned to include the PSA contracts, members of the board hesitated to second it and Caffrey attempted to withdraw her proposal.

"I suggest that we just remove the recommendation and go through with the item as is," Caffrey said after the item was barely seconded. "There are pending legal questions surrounding this and the board does not have the information it needs to make a decision."

Lebrault was against removing the proposal, especially after the board had already proposed the motion to pass it. He believed that if the board did not vote on the matter, those members of the district who were not tenured employees would no longer have contracts with the board after July 1st.

"I think we do have the information we need to pass this vote," Lebrault said. "If the board does not approve this vote, it's my understanding that those employees will no

longer have contracts with the district."

Caffrey made it clear that the board was getting conflicting legal advice from the board attorney in private session. She believed that the matter was too important to vote on without proper advice.

"The legal counsel we received prior to tonight's meeting is a lot different than what we got in tonight's private session," Caffrey said. "This is too important of a topic to vote on if we don't have the proper information."

Lebrault continued to disagree with Caffrey about legal counsel, which sparked frustration until Caffrey nearly broke attorney / client privilege. The board attorney was stern toward Caffrey, advising her not to violate the privilege in a public session.

After the debate, Caffrey decided to put the item to a vote including the PSA contracts after all. However, the board either voted no to certain principals from the district or abstained due to personal conflict, which meant that the vote did not pass either way.

Due to this, after July 1st passes, those members of the school district included in this category will no longer have contracts with the Board of Education. It does not mean that they will lose their job or not be paid, but rather they will just no longer have a legal contract with the city of Perth Amboy.

Interestingly enough, this heated debate came just moments after Vice President Kenneth Puccio praised Dr. Caffrey and Board Secretary Derek Jess along with the rest of the PSA for reaching an agreement on the PSA contracts in a timely fashion. The contracts with the PSA were

approved way before the board went into private session, but the other item with the non-aligned staff forced the board to take a step back.

There was also question about the future legal representation for the board, as the Machado group's contract was set to expire at the end of this month. Many board members, including Mark Carvajal, were confused on the details of the matter.

"I just want to make sure that the district is getting what we paid for," Carvajal said. "The fees are going up this year and I'd just like to see a snap shot of what we have in front of us. There should have been more discussion on this topic."

The future of the Machado group was not even on the list of the Superintendent's proposals for the 2012-2013 school year, but was rather a late addition to the night's



Board Vice President Ken Puccio reacts to the friction between Board President Sam Lebrault and Superintendent Dr. Janine Walker-Caffrey \*Photo by Joseph L. Kuchie

discussion. Caffrey explained that she would like to keep the contracts active until the end of July so the board has extra time to discuss it.

"I did not recommend to vote, I wanted to continue their contracts for another month until the board can have further discussion," Caffrey said. "I rec-

ommended something completely different than this."

With the conflicting legal advice that the board has received over the PSA contracts, it will be interesting to see whether or not the board decides to keep the Machado group as their legal representation.

### *Board of Education Continues Battle Against Superintendent Caffrey on Special Meeting of July 5, 2012*

by Joseph L. Kuchie

PERTH AMBOY - The frustration continued at last week's special Perth Amboy Board of Education meeting as Vice President Kenneth Puccio proposed a resolution to restrict Superintendent Dr. Janine Caffrey from doing certain things.

Puccio proposed seven different items that would prevent further conflict between the board and Dr. Caffrey, including barring her from publicly speaking about the board and soliciting new educational programs without board consent. He believed that Caffrey had done nothing but portray the board in

a negative light and that the board had lost faith in her work.

"Dr. Caffrey has chosen to make her version of our concerns a matter of public discussion," Puccio said. "She has given newspaper interviews, called into radio shows, posted tweets on her Twitter account, and made Youtube videos at every opportunity placing her side of the story in the public domain and portraying this board in the most unfavorable light possible."

However, after his fifteen-minute statement, the board voted against passing the resolution mostly due to a lack of information. Board

members Dianne Roman and Kurt Rebovich explained that it was the first time they had heard about the resolution and declined to approve something without further information.

"It's said that this represents the entire board, yet I am just hearing about this resolution proposed by council right here, right now," Roman said. "Out of respect for the members of the board, the resolution should be shared with other members prior to the time when we are set to vote."

Other board members like Israel Varela supported the

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### Obituary:

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WOODBIDGE - Carlos A. Martins, 49, of Woodbridge passed away peacefully on Saturday, July 7, 2012 at the Raritan Bay Medical Center.

He worked at Provident Bank in Perth Amboy, as a Branch Manager.

Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, July 10, 2012 at Ana Maria Zevallos/Skrocki, Home for Funerals, 467-9 State Street, Perth Amboy, NJ 08861 (732) 826-1321.

On Wednesday, July 11, family and friends will gather at 8.30 a.m. at the funeral home for prayers before leaving for Our Lady of Fatima Church, 403 Spring Street, Elizabeth, NJ 07201 for a 10 a.m. Mass.

Donations may be made to The Jewish Renaissance Foundation, Attn.: State Street Fire Fund, 149 Kearny Ave., Perth Amboy, and NJ 08861.

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**Artfest & Street Fair 2012**  
SOUTH AMBOY - The City of South Amboy Artfest & Street Fair will be on Sunday, Sept. 23 11a.m. until 4 p.m. Rain Date: Sunday Sept. 30. Crafters, artists, food vendors. Free Hands on activities. Free Entertainment on Broadway! Free admission and parking. For vendor info call 732-316-8213.

**Book Sale**  
SOUTH AMBOY - Need a book for the beach! Don't worry, The Dowdell Library of South Amboy is currently holding a Spring Book Sale. We have Fiction/Non-Fiction Books, Bestsellers, Paperbacks, Periodicals DVDs/Audio cds. We are also selling HP Printers, Emerson Stereo w/speakers, Brother Fax machine, and much more! We are located at 100 Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy (adjacent to high/middle school). For more info call 732-721-6060.

**South Amboy Y.M.C.A. Olympics**  
By Joe Bayona

SOUTH AMBOY - Special guest former Olympian Taraje Williams-Murray. He represented the U.S.A. in Judo in the 2004 Olympics in Athens and the 2008 Olympics in Beijing. He was 3 time world champion. In 2005 and 2007 senior world and junior world in 2002. Born and raised in The Bronx and still lives there. There were 4 events at the S.A. Olympics. Soccer, baton relay, sponge relay, and obstacle course. The sponge relay consisted of 2 teams and four buckets. Two of the buckets were full of water. The object of the event was for a team member to soak a sponge from the full bucket run to the empty bucket and squeeze the water out then run back and hand the sponge off to the next team mate, and repeat the process till one was empty and the other full.

**Frog Hollow Run - South Amboy- June 30, 2012**  
*\*Photos by Joe Bayona*



Dan McCrone and frog hollow volunteers



Runners registering for run



Children's Run



Members of Protection Engine Co No.1 provide cooling mist for runners



And they're off!

**Olympics at the South Amboy YMCA - June 29, 2012**  
*\*Photos by Joe Bayona*



Mike Manfre (Asst. Camp Dir. (FR), Amanda Rushnak ((Membership & Mrk.Dir.), Camp Counselors, and Olympian Taraje Williams-Murray (FL)



Opening ceremonies march



Taraje giving inspirational talk to future Olympians



Sponge relay



Independence Day Countdown to Celebration! - July 2, 2012

\*photos by Katherine Massopust, Paul W. Wang & Aaron Beers



Councilman Bill Petrick, Mayor Wilda Diaz, Radio Personality Bert Baron of 1450 WCTC, Mayor Fred Henry and Councilman Mickey Gross



Councilman Bill Petrick and Mayor Wilda Diaz on the Air



Radio Personality Bert Baron of 1450 WCTC on the Air



South Amboy's Mickey Gross, Mayor Henry, Bert Baron of WCTC Radio, Perth Amboy's Mayor Diaz, Roxana Troche & Barry Rosengarten broadcast from the Raritan Yacht Club



Kids enjoy the Wells Fargo Stagecoach in South Amboy



A pre-firworks concert warms up the crowd in South Amboy



Mayor Henry and Councilman Mickey Gross zipping around



Getting a good spot early for the show in South Amboy



Pop Artist Ryan Paul Simmons at the Armory



MoPA celebrating the evening

Independence Day Spectacular in South Amboy

By: Beverly Samuelson

SOUTH AMBOY - Food, Fun, Fireworks was the venue in South Amboy for the 4th of July celebration. Raritan Bay Park was the place to be for a spectacular day of music, great vendors cooking up all kinds of specialties including Corned Beef, Home Made Lemonade, Italian specialties, Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and French Fries. Wells Fargo had their stagecoach on site for all to see. Amboy Bank offered literature on their banking services. Both banks had well informed reps on site to answer questions and meet the crowd. There were many inflatable toys for children to enjoy and great music for all to hear and tap their feet to.

As the night went on and darkness fell the fireworks began. This was a joint effort between South Amboy and Perth Amboy and the event was fabulous! Kudos to all the organizers of the event. Mayor Fred Henry of South Amboy along with Councilman Mickey Gross both agreed that all the hard work paid off and they were happy to give the residents of both towns a great holiday celebration. Also seen were 2 local candidates running for South Amboy City Council Ken Walczak and Vince Mackiel, both agreed that the event was great and that events such as this should be held for the residents. Both also commended the business owners who contributed to the event to make it possible. It was a great joint community celebration, enjoyed by thousands of people and I hear that planning has already started for next year!

Civil War Roundtable

The summer meetings for the Robert E. Lee Civil War Roundtable of Central New Jersey will be Wednesday, July 25 and Wednesday, August 15 Meetings start at 7 p.m. and are held at the Woodbridge Public Library, George Frederick Plaza, Woodbridge.

Speaking at the July meeting will be David Koch and his topic will be "Lincoln and the Gettysburg Address." Gail Stephens will speak about "Lew Wallace at Shiloh" at the August meeting. There is never a charge and all are welcome to attend.



*Edison*  
**AARP #3446**

EDISON - Edison AARP Chapter #3446 will be having a trip to the Paper Mill Playhouse. Reservations are now being taken for next seasons shows at The Paper Mill Playhouse. For information, call Claire at 732-549-5316. There also will be a trip to Biloxi & New Orleans from September 8-16. For information, call Bob at 732-885-1789. On October 10 there will be - “An Afternoon of Comedy” at The Brownstone. For information, call Mary Ann at 732-287-3659. All trips are open to non members. Our chapter wishes everyone a safe and pleasant summer.

*Music at*  
**Saint Mary’s**  
*Summer*  
**Series**

SOUTH AMBOY - Saint Mary’s Church, 256 Augusta St, South Amboy, Sunday, July 15 - 11:05 a.m. - Eugene Ng, piano - Eugene Ng is an exceptionally talented young pianist, now returning to Saint Mary’s for his second performance in recital. Come and witness the very future of classical music! Free-will offering.

**Vegas Trip**  
PARLIN - come join us on Oct. 8 to Oct. 12 on an all inclusive trip to Las Vegas. Leaving from Knights of Columbus Council home, Parlin, to Newark Liberty Airport for a 8:55 a.m. non-stop flight to Las Vegas. Transported to Harrah’s Hotel Casino for 5 days 4 nights of fun. Coming home we catch 3:15 p.m. non-stop flight home. Transported by coach back to Knights of Columbus Council in Parlin. All for \$766 per person. Interested? Call Ellie at Main Street Travel 732-828-8800 or Bill 732-721-5436.

**Carnival**  
PERTHAMBOY - Come Join Us and Have Some Fun at St. Stephen’s R. C. Church, 490 State Street, Perth Amboy on July 18,19,20,21, & 22 - Wednesday & Thursday – 6 to 10 p.m., Friday – 6 to 11 p.m., Saturday – 3 to 11 p.m., Sunday – 12 to 6 p.m., rides, games, food & beverages, entertainment. Bracelet nights: Wednesday & Thursday - \$20 discount tickets for rides on sale until Tuesday, July 17. Ticket Sales: Rectory, Before/After Saturday & Sunday Mass. For info call the Rectory @ 732-826-1395. Web address: [www.st-stephens-church.com](http://www.st-stephens-church.com)

**Independence Day Fireworks - The Amboys - July 3, 2012**  
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**Independence Day Fireworks - Sayreville - July 1, 2012**  
*\*photos by Aaron Beers*



What a beautiful sight!



Sayreville lights up the sky



Independence Day Celebration! Perth Amboy City Hall - July 4, 2012

*\*photos by Paul W. Wang*



The procession from the Proprietary House to City Hall Circle



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Cathy DePow reads the Constitution



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Mayor Wilda Diaz rings the Liberty Bell



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*Mass in  
Observance of  
Fortnight for  
Religious  
Liberty*

By: Joe Bayona

On July 2nd a mass was held at the Knights of Columbus hall in Perth Amboy. The mass was in observance of the Fortnight for Religious Liberty at part of the “Fortnight for Freedom” called for by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Celebrating the mass was Msgr. John Gordon and Rev. Michael Krull. Assisting in the mass were deacons Joe Mar, Enrique Garcia, Noe Cortez and Father Nicolas Norena.

The mass was followed by a procession of 50 faithful from the Knights of Columbus hall to the Bill of Rights Arch at city hall circle. Msgr. Gordon led the procession with the singing of “God Bless America”. Once at the arch everyone joined in prayer.

More information about the “Fortnight for Freedom” can be found online at <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/religious-liberty/fortnight-for-freedom/>

*Flea Market  
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Wanted*

PERTH AMBOY - The Kearny Cottage Historical Society is looking for vendors for their Sunday, July 29th Flea Market from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. \$10 per table. Bring your own table (1 table per dealer please). Contact 732-293-1090 for more info. There will be a berry festival and Civil War Encampment. There also will be an appraisal fair from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Come enjoy yourself for a beautiful Sunday at the Kearny Cottage, 63 Catalpa Ave. Perth Amboy.



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**Fortnight for Religious Liberty - Perth Amboy - July 2, 2012**  
*\*photos by Joe Bayona*



Rev.Krull and Msgr. Gordon conducting mass



Arriving at the arch



Prayers at City Hall Circle

**Prayer Service for Cortlant Street Fire Victims -  
St. James Church, Commerce Street, Perth Amboy - July 2, 2012**  
*\*photos by Bob Ned*



Praying for the Victims



Praying for the Victims



Gerdau donated \$3000 to the Cortlandt Street Fire victims



Praying for the Victims

**Perth Amboy Republican Organization Annual Picnic July 8, 2012 - Warren Park**  
*\*photos by Joe Bayona*





100th Anniversary Of The First Air Mail Flight In New Jersey Celebrated This Year

By: Vilma Novak

PERTH AMBOY & SOUTH AMBOY - For so many reasons it was a great Independence Day in Perth Amboy this year. It was a beautiful Tuesday evening and at 6 p.m. Kurt Epps was already in good voice playing the keyboards to a lively audience at The Barge. Museums of Perth Amboy (MOPA) was having an event at the Armory in celebration of our country’s founding. People in the street were friendly, joyful, and in happy anticipation of the fireworks to come. It seemed no one was a stranger; all were of a mind to have a good time and watch an extravaganza in the sky.

A century ago, on Independence Day 1912, in Perth Amboy and along the coast to South Amboy, upwards of 20,000 people were gathered looking skyward to witness an extravaganza of another sort. They were there to witness the first air mail flight in New Jersey, indeed, one of the first air mail flights in the country. Since at that time there were few cars and fewer planes, it was going to be a really big deal to see a “flying machine”.

The air mail flight was the idea of South Amboy’s Assistant Postmaster, Edwin C. Roddy. Mr. Roddy was also

a member of South Amboy’s Business Men’s Association. The event would be designed to advertise the Raritan Bay area businesses. The flight’s destination and what better destination was Perth Amboy, less than a mile away over the water. Perth Amboy’s Mayor Ferd Garretson was all for the idea, he wanted to have an Independence Day celebration that would outshine all others. Mayor Garretson was friends with Robert J. Collier, publisher of Collier’s magazine. Mr. Collier was one the first to have his own airplane and he was happy to loan his plane to his friend for the event. Mr. Collier’s personal pilot was Oliver G. Simmons who was tasked to make the flight. According to Mayor Garretson, Mr. Simmons was none too pleased to have Mayor Garretson aboard, since the more weight, the more risk; hence, the only life preserver on board would be used by the pilot, not the Mayor. The Mayor would only have about 18 lbs. of mail to hold onto in case of an emergency.

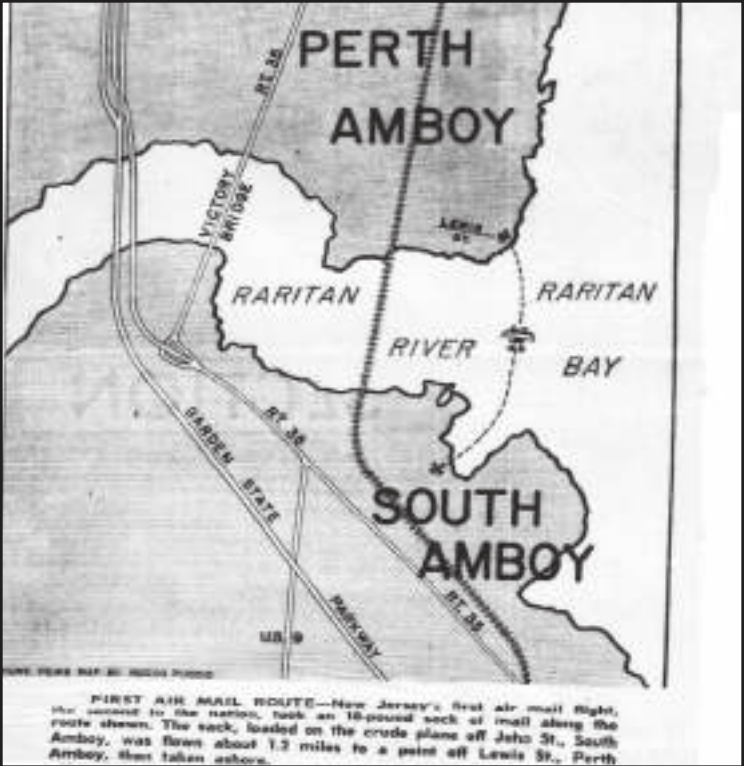
The waters were crowded with boats which caused the plane to take off a little late from the South Amboy waterfront near the residence of Congressman Thomas J. Scully. After takeoff, in a few minutes the plane landed success-

fully off Bayard Beach (near Lewis Street). The first letter was delivered to Col. Theodore Roosevelt, it read: “This is a letter sent to you via United States Air Mail Service. This is the first official air mail service authorized by the Postmaster General in the State of New Jersey and extends to you the greeting of the South Amboy Business Men’s Association and the City of Perth Amboy under whose auspices the initial mail service was performed by Aviator Oliver G. Simmons in a Wright-Burgess hydro-aeroplane. Very truly yours, South Amboy Business Men’s Association and the City of Perth Amboy”

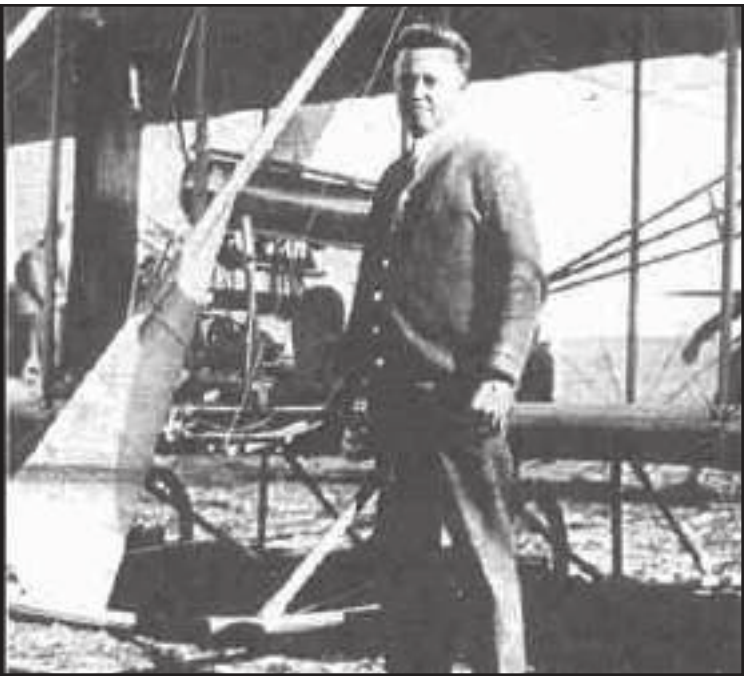
One hundred years later in 2012, South Amboy and Perth Amboy partnered for an Independence Day celebration and last week, on that night, again all was well.

Much thanks to Perth Amboy Free Public Library for information and photos. The library is home to fascinating information about Perth Amboy’s history .

A First Air Mail commemorative stamp is available at the Perth Amboy Post Office until the end of the year; bring an envelope and they will stamp it for you at no cost. (this stamp is not for postage)



Air Mail Map



Oliver Simmons

\*Photos Courtesy of Perth Amboy Free Public Library

Bowl for Hunger

News Release

19TH DISTRICT— Assemblyman Craig J. Coughlin in partnership with the Raritan Bay Medical Center Foundation and Middlesex Water Company announced today that they will hold the Third Annual “Bowl for Hunger” on Tuesday, July 17 at the Woodbridge Bowling Center.

Together, Assemblyman Coughlin, Michael D’Agnes, President and CEO of Raritan Bay Medical Center, and Dennis Doll, Chairman, CEO and President of Middlesex Water Company, continue to stress the present and growing need for our residents to assist our community’s thirty food banks and soup kitchens.

Assemblyman Coughlin praised and thanked the Raritan Bay Medical Center Foundation and Middlesex Water Company for partnering again for the Bowl for Hunger. “Through our collective efforts of recruiting sponsors and participants, I am pleased to announce that 59 corporate and individuals sponsors

have generously contributed and over 350 bowlers are signed up for this year’s Bowl for Hunger.”

Michael R. D’Agnes, in a statement said, “The Raritan Bay Medical Center and our Foundation are honored and privileged to be a part of the Bowl for Hunger. We truly recognize that people rely on food banks. As the primary medical resource in the 19th District coverage area, we have a strong interest in maintaining a healthy community.”

Dennis Doll stated, “Middlesex Water Company is in its 115th year of building stron-



ger communities and providing quality water service to the region. Many area residents rely on the local food banks and we are pleased to once again help fight hunger by sponsoring this event which benefits our neighbors and those in need.”

Open Mic

PERTH AMBOY - There will be an Poetry and Music Open Mic Night every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Perth Amboy Gallery for the Arts, 339 Reade St., Perth Amboy. Come show off your talent. For more information contact 732-826-1690 ext. 4325.

Record Collection

PARILIN - The Friends of the Sayreville Public Library will continue its program of record donations. The records must be either 45’s or 33 1/3. We do not accept 78’s. Please contact Teri at 732-727-7639 for further information or if you have large record donations.



PERTH AMBOY - On July 3, 2012 at the Perth Amboy Post Office, Perth Amboy Postal Supervisor and Councilman Joel Pabon poses with two commemorative postal stampers showing two special historic occasions. The First Airmail Flight between Perth Amboy and South Amboy occurred 100 years ago on July 4, 1912 and the 250th Anniversary of the Proprietary House. Barbara Booz poses at the Post Office with the Cancellation Stamp.

\*photos by Bob Ned



Accepting Registrations

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NJ Festival of Balloons

READINGTON - There 30th Anniversary of the annual balloon festival will take place from Friday, July 27 to Sunday, July 29 at the Solberg Airport, Readington, NJ. Appearing will be Bret Michaels, Smokey Robinson, Eddie Money, R5 Featuring Ross Lynch and the Iconic Boyz. Come to any QuickChek and receive up to 33% savings when you purchase your ticket (up to July 26) For more info call 1-800-HOT-AIR-9 or go to [www.balloonfestival.com](http://www.balloonfestival.com). Sponsored QuickChek in association with PNCBank.

Raritan Bay Cruisers

WOODBIDGE - Raritan Bay Cruisers Cruise Nights Are Back For 2012. 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. starting Jun 12 (General) The Raritan Bay Cruisers At The Pizza Hut 320 Route 9 North In Woodbridge, NJ 07095 EVERY Tuesday Night Starting May 8, 2012 to Sept 25, From 6-9 p.m. Rock & Roll Music, Trophies, Kids Games, And Just Family . For Any Info On This Cruise Night FOR ANY Info about this Cruise Night CALL Danny 1-732-921-0113 or Sonny @ 732-585-7365. We Are A Member Of The Central NJ Car Club Assoc.Com ( CNJC-CA.COM )

Opposing Mayoral Candidates  
Billy Delgado (L) At City Hall Circle Wilda Diaz (R) At Her Headquarters \*photos by Paul W. Wang & Maria Garcia



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Delgado's Slate



Billy Delgado arrives at City Hall Circle



Billy Delgado's running mates listen while he speaks



Senator Joe Vitale offers his support



Lisa Nanton speaks



Mayor Diaz opens her headquarters



A crowd listens

Perth Amboy Democrats Basketball Tournament - Warren Park - June 30, 2012  
\*photos submitted



Team Puccio came in winners. Each winning team received a \$25 gift certificate



Team Morales was the winner for 21+ Age



## Board of Ed July 5, 2012

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resolution despite the lack of information. He believed that the resolution was the right step in moving forward with the process.

"This is the first time I've heard about it, but I'm glad it's out there. This is why we elected you President and Vice President, to guide the rest of the board," Varela said. "Ms. Roman is right, there are certain things that some members are more privileged to know than others, but I agree with this and it should take affect

because the reality is... how bad do we look right now?"

Dr. Caffrey declined comment on Puccio's proposed resolution, but she had a look of frustration leaving the Perth Amboy High School auditorium once the meeting was adjourned. Caffrey failed to speak with anyone from the board and sternly took her things and walked out of the room.

There was also tension between Board President Samuel Lebreault and board member Mark Carvajal outside the school once the meeting was

over. The problems started when Carvajal began to leave the meeting before Lebreault adjourned, forcing Lebreault to call Carvajal out in front of the audience.

Carvajal explained that he was answering a phone call, and that there was no reason to be called out in front of the people in attendance. Lebreault believed that Carvajal should have waited for him to clear the meeting, and told Carvajal to "act professional" as the meeting closed.

## Perth Amboy PSA Contracts Approved by Board

By: Joseph L. Kuchie

PERTH AMBOY - In front of a nervous crowd of teachers and administrators, the Perth Amboy Board of Education voted to approve the PSA contracts for the 2012-2013 school year.

The contracts of the school district's administrators expired on July 1st after the board failed to vote on the matter on June 22nd. Although those employees involved would still hold their jobs, they would not have a contract with the Board of

Education in September.

The decision came after a two-hour private session discussion by the board. At least fifty teachers and administrators eagerly waited in the first three rows of the auditorium for the board to come back and make a decision.

The list of administrators passed by majority vote except for the principal from the Richardson School. Board president Samuel Lebreault also suggested that the vote be retroactive to

July 1st to avoid further issues.

"We have our administrators back," Lebreault said after the vote. Board member Mark Carvajal was glad the vote passed in time, and apologized to the administrators in the audience.

"I apologize to the district staff, I know there was some confusion, and I don't think anyone who takes care of our kids on a daily basis should be worried about their jobs," Carvajal said. "I apologize for that."

## South Amboy's Dowdell Library Foundation Gives Grant for Early Literacy Station

News Release

SOUTH AMBOY - Special help with reading, writing and math will now be available to preschool, kindergarten through second grade, special education and home-schooled children as well as English language learners at South Amboy's Dowdell Library.

Thanks to a grant from the Dowdell Library Foundation, the library will offer an Early Literacy Station to give South Amboy children a head start in reading and other skills that will open the door to a lifetime of learning.

On June 19, the Dowdell Library Foundation presented a check for \$1,059 to the Sadie Pope Dowdell Public Library of South Amboy. The grant was presented by Mary Rager and Mimi Pichey on behalf of the Dowdell Library Foundation to Catherine Charmello, President of the Board of Trustees, and Elaine Gaber, Director, of the Library.

"The Early Literacy Station @ Dowdell Library



The Dowdell Library Foundation's grant to South Amboy's Dowdell Library will be used for an Early Literacy Station. From left: Mary Rager, Secretary, and Mimi Pichey, President, of the Dowdell Library Foundation; Catherine Charmello, President of the Board of Trustees, and Elaine Gaber, Director, of the Dowdell Library;

will provide opportunities for South Amboy children to develop reading skills at an early age. Studies show that encouraging reading at a young age increases success in school and in life," noted Mimi Pichey, President of the Dowdell Library Foundation. "We were able to make this grant thanks to support from the Walmart Foundation and the many people who contributed generously our 'Dining to

Donate' events at local restaurants." Upcoming fundraisers include 'Dining to Donate' at Texas Roadhouse in August, the popular 'Dunk a Politician' booth at the South Amboy Festival of the Arts in September and a chocolate tasting in October.

The Dowdell Library Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. For more information, visit [www.DowdellFoundation.org](http://www.DowdellFoundation.org) or call (732)316-1078.

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## New Facility Plans

News Release

PERTH AMBOY - As part of TankBank's Annual European Conference, a ceremony was held to award the industry's top terminals, ports and professionals for 2011. This award is particularly prestigious as it is given for the industry, by the industry. Royal Vopak received the "Terminal Group of the Year" award at this ceremony.

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# The Fisherman's Corner



Catch of the Week!

By: Eddy Gonzalez

PERTH AMBOY - Hi all, yet another wonderful week of fishing as the week closes on a heat wave. The action was amazing the fluke fishing off the boats as well as the beaches. The Kill is still killing them. All right here at home show-

ing that Perth Amboy's water has the fish and definitely a destination fishing spot spearing killies, gulp and squid are a definite must have to land the fish along with a good teaser rig. You can't go wrong which the shop is fully stocked of. Snapper bluefish have been spotted along the piers and



beaches. Snapper poppers are the way to go. Peanut bunnies have been making there rounds along the beach side. The night shift are catching the cocktail blues on fresh bunker chunks along with a few rogue bass off the beaches and piers. Fluke by far is dominating the action. Crabbing has increased this week significantly. More people are heading out for crab and catching some nice crabs early on.

Just remember to stop in American Pride Bait and Tackle before your next trip Open early - Closed late!



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**Babysitter Safety Class**  
This interactive class is designed for babysitters, ages 10-16, and focuses on first aid, household safety and the fundamentals of child care, including hands-on manikin training. Cost is \$15 and includes a take-home safety manual.

**Wednesday, July 11 - 9 a.m. to 12 noon**

Raritan Valley YMCA  
144 Tices Lane, East Brunswick, NJ  
Registration required, call 732-324-5300.

**Dr. Sam. Gordon Berkow Maternity Pavilion Tour and Family Health Open House**  
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**Wednesday, July 11 - 7 p.m.**

RBMC Perth Amboy - 530 New Brunswick Ave.  
Registration suggested, call 732-324-5300.

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The class is designed to help expectant parents better understand the childbearing process. A registered nurse with special training in labor, delivery and childcare techniques facilitates the class. Cost is \$125 per couple.

**Saturday, July 21 - 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

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## Summer Fun Mixer

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## Ghost Walk

WOODBIDGE - The annual Woodbridge Historic Ghost-Walk presents a Haunted History tour through downtown Woodbridge that reveals the supernatural side of New Jersey's oldest municipality on Friday, Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>. First tour starts at 6:30 p.m. Last tour takes off at 9:30 p.m. Admission is first come, first served. Walk is \$5 per person for all walkers. (children in strollers are free.) Free Cookie & Hot Chocolate for all walkers (courtesy of our sponsor QuickChek). We accept group reservations of 10 or more paid in advance; call European School of Dance at (732) 738-6022 for reservations. For A Look at Last Year's Ghost Photos visit: [www.hauntedhistoryproductions.com](http://www.hauntedhistoryproductions.com)



## Music at Saint Mary's Summer Series

SOUTH AMBOY - There will be a concert series at Saint Mary's Church, 256 Augusta St, South Amboy on Sunday, July 15 - 11:05 a.m. - Eugene Ng, piano - Eugene Ng is an exceptionally talented young pianist, now returning to Saint Mary's for his second performance in recital. Come and witness the very future of classical music! Free-will offering.

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WOODBIDGE - Woodbridge Wednesdays! There will be a Farmer's Market Every Wednesday from June 20 to Sept. 26 from 3 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Rain or Shine! at Parker Press Park, Rahway Ave. Free Parking. Looking for local specialty vendors, crafters and artists to set up tables and booths! Contact Kelly Reidy at the Mayors Office for more details. 732-634-4500 ext. 6494.

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PERTH AMBOY - Catholic Charities Diocese of Metuchen Connections Program is looking for both men and women to participate in one-to-one activities and become a mentor to the youth of Middlesex County and Franklin Township. For more info call Jeanette at 732-738-1323 or email jnadonley@ccdom.org.

## Flea Market

WOODBIDGE - There will be an outdoor flea market at the Barron Arts Center on Saturday, July 14 from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Rain or Shine! The Barron Arts Center is located at 582 Rahway Ave. Food sales will also be available that day to support the Woodbridge Township Cultural Art Center and free programming at the art center year round. To reserve a spot call 732-634-0413. Spots are \$15 (if you supply your own table) \$20 (for a supplied table). Payment for spot fees must be received by Saturday, June 22 to guarantee a table or space (while space is available.)

## Book Sale

PERTH AMBOY - There is an ongoing book sale at the Perth Amboy Free Public Library, 196 Jefferson St., Perth Amboy. Fill a bag for \$5. New books have arrived! Mystery, Classics, Popular Authors! Book Dealers Welcome. For more info call 732-826-2600. There are also books for sale at Raritan Bay Coffee Company (at the Historic Train Station)

## Open Air Open Jam!

PERTH AMBOY - Perth Amboy's only! Open air open jam is back for season two at American Pride Bait & Tackle starting in June at 211 Front St., Perth Amboy starting from June 17 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. with tables and umbrellas. It's a nice place to sit, relax and listen to some tunes. Offering coffee, soda, and snacks also Italian frozen sorbet to cool off for the evening. Everyone is welcome to participate - from beginner to pro. Extra seats available Drums amps, mic supplied. On rainy days call before 5 p.m. Single instrument call 732 486-8396 - ask for Eddy.

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## Happenings

### Perth Amboy

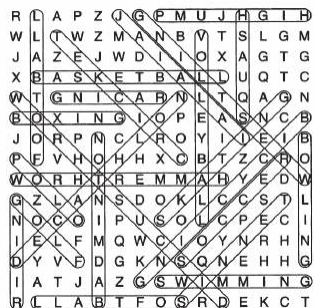
TODAY, July 11 Simpson Seniors, 10 a.m., Williamson Hall, High St.  
• Holy Rosary Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Auditorium, Florida Grove Rd.  
• St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.  
• Holy Trinity Seniors, 1 p.m., Church Hall, Lawrie & Johnstone St  
THURS., July 12 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.  
MON., July 16 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.  
TUES., July 17 Holy Spirit Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Church Hall, Brace Ave.  
• Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.  
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### South Amboy

TODAY July 11 South Amboy Seniors, noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.  
MON. Aug 6 St. Mary's Seniors, noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.

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# LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY - The meeting of New Jersey Governor Hoffman and Perth Amboy's Billy Urbanski of the 1935 Boston Braves.

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NEW JERSEY GOVERNOR HAROLD G. HOFFMAN (LEFT) AND BILLY URBANSKI (RIGHT) 1935 Boston Braves  
Here two Garden State celebrities pose for Charles M. Conlin of Englewood, New Jersey. Hoffman, former sports editor of the Perth Amboy Evening News, was one of the few Republicans elected in the Democratic landslide of 1934, and there was even talk of the GOP presidential nomination in 1936, but he soon committed political suicide by trying to prove the innocence of Bruno Hauptmann, the convicted kidnapper and murderer of Charles Lindbergh Jr. After Hoffman's death in 1954, it came to light that he had sold political favors and embezzled money from the state of New Jersey: "Morality, in its ultimate determination, is a funny thing," he equivocated in a posthumous letter to his daughter.  
Perth Amboy resident Urbanski, born in Linscombville, New York, never went to high school, although he did graduate from a barber college on the Bowery. While playing shootstop for the Jersey City Skeeters, Billy was asked to shorten his last name to "Urban" so that it would fit more easily into the box scores, but he politely declined. "If I changed my name it might hurt my father's feelings."

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cor me in my necessity (make request). There are none that can withstand your power. O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 times). Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands (3 times). **K.M.**  
*Say this prayer for 3 consecu-  
tive days. You must publish it,  
and it will be granted to you.*

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Prayer To St. Jude

*To be said when problems arise or when one seems to be deprived of all visible help, or for cases almost despaired of.*  
Most holy Apostle, St. Jude, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the name of the traitor who delivered our beloved Father into the hands of His enemies has caused you to be forgotten by many, but the Church honors and invokes you universally, as the patron and invokes you universally, as the patron of hopeless cas-  
es, of things almost despaired of. Pray for me, I am so help-  
less and alone. Make use I implore you, of that particular privilege given to you, to bring visible and speedy help where help is almost despaired of. Come to my assistance in this great need that I may receive the consolation and help of heaven in all my necessities, tribulations and sufferings, particularly *(Here make your request)* and that I may praise God with you and all the elect forever. I promise, O blessed St. Jude, to be ever mindful of this great favor, to always honor you as my special and powerful patron, and to grate-  
fully encourage devotion to you. Amen. **I.N.S.**

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Nice - \$75 - 732-727-  
8417

For Sale

Birdcage - like new, red/  
white, 28" h x 18" w x  
13"d - \$30 or B.O. - 732-  
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Coins & Currency \$75  
Comics: \$1 - \$2 each -  
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brown good condition \$75  
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Flute with case made in  
1972 (open) 732-738-  
6550

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6-8 worn once - perfect  
condition \$10 732-634-  
3589

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\$25 4'2" x 4' bottom stor-  
age doors 732-634-7244

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One Bedroom - \$1150 -  
utilities included. South  
Amboy - 732-721-9192  
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Drum Lessons - Begin-  
ner to Advanced - all age  
levels & styles - 732-283-  
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2. BASKETBALL

3. BICYCLING

4. BOWLING

5. BOXING

6. CRICKET

7. DECATHLON

8. DISCUS

THROW

9. FOOTBALL

10. GOLF

11. HAMMER

THROW

12. HIGH JUMP

13. JAI ALAI

14. POLO

15. RACING

16. RIDING

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W T G N I C A R N L T Q A G N

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D Y V F D G K N S Q N E H H G

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17. SKATING

18. SOCCER

19. SOFTBALL

20. SQUASH

21. SWIMMING

22. TENNIS

23. VOLLEYBALL

24. WRESTLING





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