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“The Entire Report is a Joke!” 5/4/16 Planning Board



Planning Board Acting Chair
Dave Szilagyi



Exec. Dir. Office of Economic
and Community Development
PARA Annie Hindenlang



Planning Board Members Steve Nascimento (Secretary), Karen Kubulak, and Bill Petrick
**Photos by Carolyn Maxwell*



Concerned Business Owners attended the Planning Board Meeting

PERTH AMBOY - Annie Hindenlang, Executive Director Office of Economic and Community Development Perth Amboy Redevelopment Agency was put on the hot seat at the 5/4/16 Planning Board Meeting.

This all stemmed from a communication that was mailed out to business owners from Hindenlang's Office. A brief summary of this letter stated: There is a possibility that the properties listed here may be considered for the proposed redevelopment. The letters were sent to the owners of the addresses that were listed in the communication by Lot, Block and Address.

Hindenlang made it clear that this document is not related to the transit village. "This is to see whether or not these lots meet the redevelopment criteria."

Acting Chair David Szilagyi responded to Hindenlang's remark. He stated, "You are the one at the last PARA meeting who said that these addresses will be part of the Transit Village,"

Many of the business own-

ers who attended this Planning Board Meeting were renters in some of these buildings.

Business Owner Frank Salado (Q&R Tax Service located at 240 Smith St.) came up to speak and wondered, "Where did this idea come from? I've spent 25 years in the area (Smith Street) building up my business. Once you designate an area, will we be compensated if forced to move?"

Szilagyi answered, "There are strict guidelines for relocating businesses."

Salado responded, "Somebody planted a seed and you have to understand the decision you (the Planning Board) make will affect our businesses and families."

Hindenlang stated, "Some parts of the area are owned by New Jersey Transit and may be used for the proposed Transit Village."

Salado concern also stemmed from the fact, "A lot of us didn't get the notice about our businesses being listed in this letter. I got this (letter) from my landlord. Some buildings

are not going to be touched." Salado mentioned the ETC Building located and the Wells Fargo Building which are located on the corner of Smith and Maple Streets. He wondered if politics entered into the picture here.

Szilagyi answered, "Notifications were sent to the building owners and not the renters."

Salado said, "The property owners will be covered, but what about the renters?"

After Salado spoke, another business came forward from Leen's Jewelry, 221 Smith Street. "I've spent tons of money renovating. The owner of the building never told me this was a redevelopment area. I finally found like I reached my dream of owning the building. This is the future for my children."

Planning Board Member Karen Kubulak noticed that one of the addresses had a number of complaints from the police, but since it changed ownership the complaints had

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Students Speak in Favor of VP

PERTH AMBOY – There was a demonstration of the Perth Amboy Federation before the 5/4/16 Board of Education Meeting. Teachers, staff and other employees all stated the need for a contract. Again they marched into PAHS Auditorium to make their feelings known.

The PAHS Auditorium was packed. There were four presentations at the Meeting. Student Ashley Marmalejos was honored for being the Middlesex County CAP Poster Winner. The Governor's Educator of the Year and Governor's Teacher/Educational Services Professional Recognition Awards were presented as were the Gifted and Talented Teachers for Grade 3, 4 and 5 Certificates. There also was a presentation by Board Secretary Derek Jess on the proposed Budget Report for the 2016-2017 School Year.

The meeting began at 6:05 p.m. In 2014, all High School level Performing Arts Classes were moved from the East Campus to the PAHS Main Campus. The PAHS East Campus became a building for 9th Grade Bilingual Students in 2015. On Page 27 Section D-34 on the Agenda there was an item stating that the position of District Supervisor of the Performing Arts is being dissolved. This position is currently being held by Meghan Reeves.

The possibility that Reeves will not be back for the 2016-2017 school year prompted students many of which were a part of the cast of PAHS' annual school play, "The Addams Family" to state their feelings about Reeves.

The first person to speak in favor of Ms. Reeves was Music Teacher, Heidi Peterson. "We are educators first. In the past two years, I've developed a rapport with Ms. Reeves. I do love my job. My students are awesome. My colleagues and I support our Supervisor, Ms. Reeves. We've had the best times since George Schneck and Anita Dowd (past supervisors of the arts). There are classes for music, art and theater, Acting I & II. There is a chapter of National Honor Society for Music, a room for a live orchestra for musical theater." Peterson continued to speak about the success of the Arts Programs.

Around 15 students came up and spoke in defense of Ms. Reeves who was present at the Meeting. The Students cited their concerns about the future of the arts in Perth Amboy. One student stated how his speaking skills improved due to his involvement in the arts. "Without these programs and classes, I never would get into college. Without these classes I had, I would not have gotten

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Celebrate Stars & Stripes Press Conference Riverboat St. Charles 5/3/16 **Photo by Paul W. Wang*



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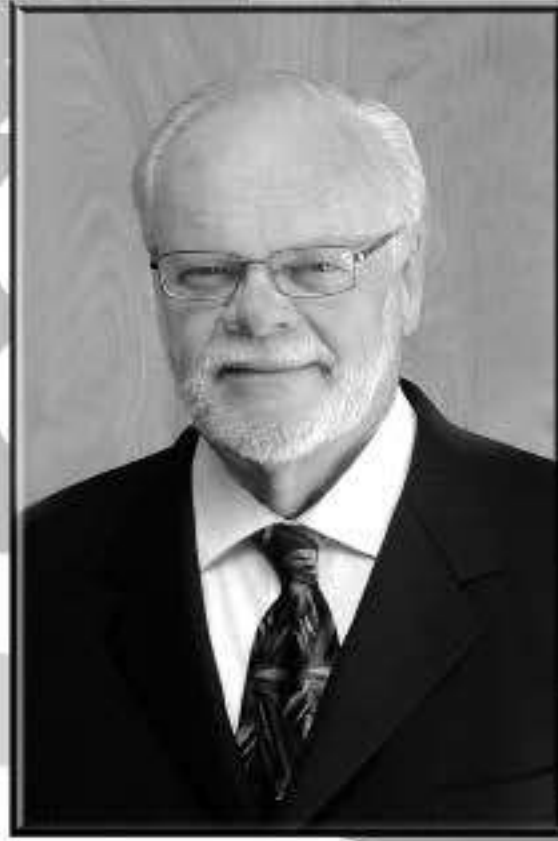
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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

The Book is Closed Here on Earth; A New Chapter is About to Begin



A long time fixture in Perth Amboy has left us at the young age of 93 on Friday, 5/6/16.

For those of you who were not fortunate enough to know Peter Book, you missed a gem. When I first met Peter Book, it was at a Perth Amboy City Council Meeting. I don't remember the words that he spoke at that meeting, but I do remember that when he did speak, everyone in attendance chuckled and had smiles on their faces after he finished speaking. He did not hold back. He said what he meant and meant what he said.

He loved to recite poetry - many times; some he composed himself.

There was one particular phrase he loved to say in regards to his taxes going up - his water bill is going up - everything is going up except for my _____.

As you can tell, he was very frisky.

Any meeting that was held around Halloween, if Mr. Book attended, we knew we were in for a treat. During the public portion, as he would speak, he would suddenly turn toward the audience, put fake fangs in his mouth and don a black cape and become Dracula.

Mr. Book had been ill for the last 2 years and with the tension we've had at the Council Meetings, we could have used Mr. Book to lighten the situation.

Mr. Book wrote several letters to the Amboy Guardian. Many of them depicted childhood memories, his military service, his time as an airline pilot and his view on current affairs. Besides writing letters, he often exercised his wit in the form of poetry.

He could be very cantankerous when he wanted to be. He was not very fond of the Veteran's War Memorial on Sadowski Parkway. I will not go into how he described it, but he was very upset with the then Mayor Joseph Vas about it. Mr. Book strongly felt that the monument should be built specifically honoring those who made the ultimate sacrifice and only those names should have been placed on it. For the longest time he refused to have his name on that wall out of respect for those who died during military con-

flicts.

He wrote many letters about his admiration of Mayor Diaz, especially when she decided to have a special acknowledgment next to those names on that memorial who died while serving.

Book was also appreciative of those residents who came to public meetings to voice their opinions when they thought anyone in the administration was wrong. He also praised those who came to Council Meetings, especially Stanley Sierakowski, Orlando Perez and Alan Silber who he saluted in a poem called: "A Salute to the Triumvirate."

Let us salute those intrepid souls,

Who at Council meetings, stand up and speak

On each every topic and issue on the agenda,

They say for us who are timid, powerless and weak.

He and his wife, Annette loved attending the Concerts by the Bay and wrote letters and poems about the joy they received during those performances.

Mr. Book was a voracious reader and sent me a book written by his sister, Mary Farmer.

When it came to current issues, it wasn't unusual for Mr. Book to reply to a letter of a reader that had a difference of an opinion with him.

We love those little battles.

When I think of Mr. Book, 3 pictures come into my mind.

- 1.) Him dressed as Dracula at the Council Meetings
- 2.) When he finally proudly posed in front of the monument with his fellow Veterans.
- 3.) When he and his wife were dancing at the 30th Anniversary Celebration of the ROTC at the ZPA in Perth Amboy.

Although Mr. Book may have had differences of opinions with the Council's decisions, he never held any ill will towards them. Book was also known to defend those who he felt were treated badly.

Book was the lawyer who defended Charlie Uzar who was 96 years old and had been arrested for driving infractions.

In November of 2007, Uzar was found guilty on three counts of driving with a sus-

pended license, two counts of leaving the scene of an accident and one count each of failure to report an accident, driving with an uninsured vehicle and driving carelessly. "I don't think he deserves to be locked up," said Book. "He's 96 years old, only 5 feet tall. If he weighs 100 pounds, it's a lot." (Courtesy of AP)

Beside local and world affairs Book was also interested in anyone who had any connections to Perth Amboy.

Case and Point - he sent me a rather lengthy book detailing the life history of the Johnson & Johnson Empire from its inception and the very intimate details of the family.

That book was a fascinating read, and I thank Mr. Book for sending it to me.

Mr. Book inserted several newspaper clippings detailing how one of the Housekeepers who worked for the Johnson's family married one of the heirs to the Johnson fortune and the war that ensued amongst the relatives because of this. That book was called, "Johnson vs. Johnson," published in 1987.

He was fascinated by that book because the woman who married the Johnson family was a Polish Immigrant who had lived in Perth Amboy briefly. The Johnson heir she married was 42 years older than her. When she became a widow, she contributed money to help build St. Joseph's Senior Resident in Woodbridge.

The letters that I enjoyed the most from Peter Book had to do with his growing up in Perth Amboy and experiences he had not only with his family but everyone who influenced him in his life from infancy to his advanced age.

With the technology we have today, those communications from Mr. Book will remain indefinitely.

For more information on Peter Book's extensive military service go to: <http://www.nj.gov/military/museum/summaries/wwii/book.html>

Mr. Book, we thank you for being a proud member of the military. Your love for your country, your family and your beloved Perth Amboy Community. We appreciate all the support you have given to us and most of all to borrow a line from you, "We thank you for all your courtesies." C.M.

Visitation Sunday 5/15/16 at Novak Funeral Home, 419 Barclay St., Perth Amboy from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

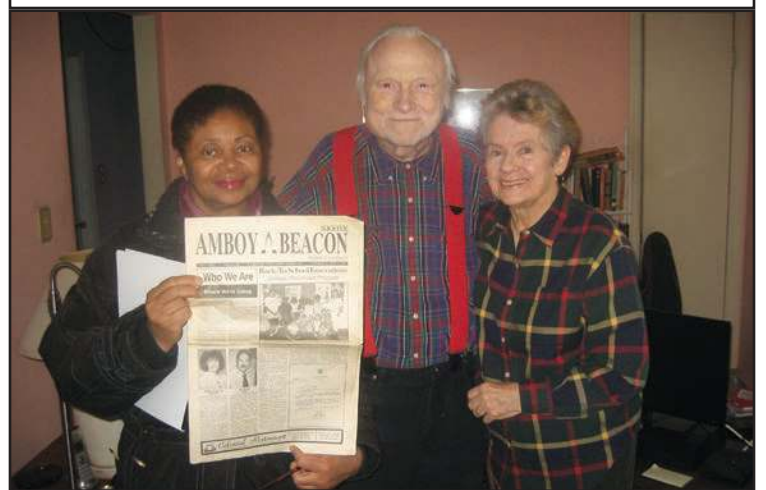
THE COMMUNITY VOICE



Peter Book (3rd from right) proudly poses with City Officials and other Veterans in front of the Veteran's Monument *Photo by Bob Ned



Peter Book with his wife, Annette at the ZPA for the Perth Amboy ROTC 30th Anniversary Dinner *Photos by Carolyn Maxwell



Peter Book presents the First Issue of the Amboy Beacon where Book first wrote letters to the editor *Photo by Katherine Massopust

Goodbye Old Friend

A good friend of mine, Peter Book, passed away. He was a friend of everyone in this town. He was a frequent letter writer to the Amboy Guardian and The Home News Tribune and was the "ears" of the city. He will be sadly missed by many because of his love of this city. He was able to see the good and show sympathy to those in grief. I

have known him for many years. He was been a defender of my beliefs and a backer of my thoughts in many of the articles that I have written.

Not only was he a Veteran who served his country bravely, but as a lawyer, he helped many. I am proud to have called him my friend. This city will be less because of our loss of him. May God Bless Him for being here.

Barbara Skokan

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TUES. May 10	Library Board of Trustees, 5 p.m. Library, Jefferson St.
WED. May 11	City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, High St.
MON. May 16	Special Historic Preservation Commission, 7 p.m. City Hall, High St.
South Amboy	
WED. May 18	City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, N. Broadway
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Pallone Visits Perth Amboy to Highlight Need for Investments in Water Infrastructure & Solutions to Address Lead Poisoning

Press Release 4/18/16

NEW BRUNSWICK, NJ – Today, Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr. (NJ-06) joined Mayor Wilda Diaz in Perth Amboy to highlight the need for investment in water infrastructure in New Jersey and throughout the country. In February, Pallone introduced the AQUA Act, which significantly increases water infrastructure funding authorization so local communities can repair and replace their aging water systems to ensure residents have access to clean and safe drinking water. Pallone, the Senior Democrat on the House Energy and Commerce Committee, also advocated for solutions to address lead poisoning in water at a hearing last week.

“Our water infrastructure has not been sufficiently funded for years, and we’re now seeing the tragic results in Flint and in other communities around the nation, including New Jersey,” said Pallone. “The events in Flint and recent findings of lead at New Jersey schools reminds us that if we fail to properly invest in health and safety the consequences can be devastating. And, in many instances, it is far more costly if we wait until an emergency response is necessary to address these problems. We must act now to ensure Americans throughout the country do not suffer from these same problems. The AQUA Act devotes much-needed funding to local governments such as Perth Amboy, so they can repair and replace aging water systems to ensure people have access to safe and clean drinking water.”

“I am looking forward to working with Congressman Pallone to pursue resources that will improve our environment and our urban city’s water infrastructure across the State to promise only the best for our residents,” Mayor Diaz added.

The Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF), the primary source of federal funding for drinking water infrastructure projects, was created by the Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1996. Congress has neglected to reauthorize the program since its initial authorization expired in 2003. Because of this, the program remains in danger of being eliminated each year and is funded at an outdated and inappropriate 13-year old level. The Aqua Act reauthorizes the Drinking Water SRF for five years at higher levels in order to meet the growing needs gap. The first year of funding is aggressive, and is based on levels provided with passage



Councilman Bill Petrick, Congressman Pallone (NJ-06) and Mayor Wilda Diaz
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Surveying the Scene

of the Recovery Act in 2009, corrected for inflation (\$3.13 billion). The authorization then increases by 15 percent annually going forward.

The legislation also establishes a grant program to assist public water systems in improving drinking water resiliency and sustainability. It prioritizes water systems that have been identified as being at the greatest risk of facing negative effects due to hydrological changes. In the face of climate change, drinking water infrastructure will need more financial assistance to invest in resiliency. The bill authorizes \$50 million annually for the grant program for fiscal years 2017 through 2021.

Finally, the Aqua Act funds a grant program to remove lead service lines from public water systems. It authorizes \$100 million annually for fiscal years 2017 through 2021 for the lead pipe replacement program with up to \$10 million set aside to assist low-income homeowners replace privately owned lines. Lead pipes were banned 30 years ago, but there are an estimated 3.3 to 10 million still in service.

In February, Pallone led his colleagues in sending a letter to Cathleen Bennett, Acting Commissioner of the New

Jersey Department of Health (NJDH), asking for more information on the federal funding the state receives to help detect dangerous levels of lead in communities. Pallone asked for information on exactly how these funds are used and if additional resources are needed to combat this serious public health challenge. The Christie administration has not responded to the letter.

Last month, Pallone sent letters to the New Jersey Department of Health and New Jersey Department of Human Services raising questions about the management of a program to provide lead poisoning screenings for pregnant women, children, and uninsured adults in counties impacted by Hurricane Sandy. New Jersey earmarked \$11.7 million of funding for increasing access to blood lead screening and case management to address “new environmental hazards in New Jersey Homes” created by Hurricane Sandy. Yet, it appears that the state has only tested a fraction of the 220,000 individuals that it planned to screen annually for lead poisoning. As of December 2015 the state had only tested 14,150 individuals. The Christie administration has not responded to the letters.

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Kenneth G. Swan, Jr., M.D., Named Director, Division of Orthopedic Surgery and Medical Director of the Human Motion Institute at Raritan Bay Medical Center

Press Release 4/19/16

PERTH AMBOY - Senior Vice President of Clinical Effectiveness / Medical Affairs at Raritan Bay Medical Center Michael Ciencewicki, M.D., recently announced the appointment of Kenneth G. Swan, Jr., M.D., to Director, Division of Orthopedic Surgery and Medical Director of the Human Motion Institute at Raritan Bay. The board certified orthopedic surgeon joined Raritan Bay’s Human Motion Institute, a comprehensive musculoskeletal care program, in 2011. The medical center became a member of the Meridian Health family in January.

Dr. Swan serves as Team Physician for the Woodbridge Township School District; Woodbridge High School, Colonia High School and JFK High School and for the Perth Amboy School District, Perth Amboy High School. He has an office in the Medical Pavilion at Perth Amboy, 516 Lawrie St., across the street from Raritan Bay - Perth Amboy. Dr. Swan is also a part of University Orthopaedic Associates with an office in Wall Township, NJ.

The Human Motion Institute’s medical professionals are dedicated to returning patients to

normal activities as quickly and safely as possible. A nurse navigator assists patients in making informed medical decisions and understanding treatment before, during and after their visit to the medical center. Services include fracture care, joint replacement, pain management, spine care, foot and ankle care, sports medicine and physical therapy. To make an appointment with Dr. Swan or any specialist, call 855.5.MOTION.

Dr. Swan specializes in sports medicine and shoulder surgery, orthopedic trauma and general orthopedics. He is a Clinical Assistant Professor at Rutgers - Robert Wood Johnson Medical School in New Brunswick, NJ. Dr. Swan earned his medical degree from Cornell University Medical College in New York City. He completed five years of orthopedic residency and trauma surgery at the University of Medicine and Dentistry in Newark, NJ. Dr. Swan obtained an additional year of training at the University of Colorado, where he earned sub-specialty expertise in shoulder surgery and sports medicine. During that time, he was assistant team physician for the University of Colorado Buffaloes and the University of Denver Pioneers.

Planning Board

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stopped.

Business Owner Virginia Lugo came up to speak, "I'm for redevelopment, but these business owners (in the proposed redevelopment area) are paying the UEZ/BID which does have an impact because they are supposed to beautify the area. You can designate an area for redevelopment but not do anything. Look at the market value and see how it will affect the businesses and property owners. The cherry picking of some of the businesses must be answered. This is an old town, and some of the older buildings can be renovated."

Acting Chair Dave Szilagyi cautioned, "At this moment there is no project for this area."

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez (who was in the audience) came up to speak and questioned the stats of crime in the proposed redevelopment area. "Did they intentionally put that in the report to show negativity in the area?"

Annie Hindenlang answered that question. She spoke highly of AICP/PP, LLA, RLA of Master Consulting, PA David G. Roberts (Planning Board Consultant). She said, "He has written the handbook for redevelopment for the State of New Jersey. When looking at the addresses, the reports came from the police about criminal activity. We are not faulting any of the property or business owners for this."

Another Business owner on the 200 Block of Smith Street wondered who would invest in an area if they don't know how long it will be there.

Szilagyi said, "The Developer will have to meet the criteria and the property values will have to be negotiated with Developers."

Planning Board Lawyer Joseph M. Wenzel said that the

properties' evaluations will be based on an income and sales based approach. "The appraiser has to provide facts that they use for evaluations. These recommendations will be made to the governing body."

Councilman and Planning Board Member Bill Petrick wanted to know, "If the time line for this moves forward, how long will it take for the plan to move forward?"

Annie Hindenlang answered that question, "If it's approved today (Redevelopment Study Area Determination of Need), then it has to go to the Council; RFS's have to go out; it has to be sent to PARA; and back to the Council. We went Lot by Lot and got a lot of feedback, walk thru, etc. Money can be available to current property owners. The addresses listed were reviewed between May thru October 2015. You are allowed to remove certain properties that are listed on this report, but not add any new ones."

Planning Board Lissette Martinez when looking at the list said, "The crime in some of these Blocks and Lots have decreased."

Acting Chair Dave Szilagyi had even stronger statements to make, "This project includes a historic building and the Historic Preservation Commission was not informed of this. What he (David Roberts) said about the Catholic Charities Building was ridiculous. I thought the entire report was a joke."

Kubulak was concerned because the Historic Preservation Commission has to review any properties that may be under redevelopment plans. "This is by an ordinance."

"The public has to comment on the recommendations made by the Historic Preservation Commission. Each property identified must meet the criteria for redevelopment. You may change the properties that are listed only," said Hinden-

lang.

It was decided at the end of the Meeting that the Redevelopment Study Area Determination of Need would be put on hold pending recommendations from the Historic Preservation Commission.

Szilagyi said, "We are holding this off until next month's meeting."

The Master Plan was also a cause for concern. There were two items pertaining to this:

a.) Master Plan Re-examination Resolution with proposed changes as recommended by the Master Plan Sub Committee

b.) Memorialization of the Master Plan Circulation Element to be forwarded to the governing body.

Board Member Kubulak's concern was that the City Council's Master Plan Report was different than what the Planning Board had.

This prompted Acting Planning Board Chair to say, "We are only Memorializing the Document."

Planning Board Secretary Steve Nascimentoa asked for clarification of why some items were removed completely.

City Engineer Jeff Rauch said, "There were additional changes. Some lots were put in that were in the south side residential neighborhoods. That was removed."

Planning Board Administrative Officer Lance Nelson said, "We had voted on the document and that's what's being memorialized."

Item A (the reexamination) was being held. All members present voted yes for the memorialization.

Absent were Maria Garcia, Chairwoman, C. Dispenziere, Vice-Chair, Mayor Wilda Diaz and the two Alternates: C. Farber and S. Diaz.

The next Planning Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 1, 2016 at 7 p.m.

Perth Amboy Earth Week

Environmental Collaborative Initiative

Riverboat St. Charles 4/21/16

**Photos by Katherine Massopust*



William Kurzenberger
Program Coordinator
Office of Economic Development



Geri Barcheski
Coordinator Recycling and
Clean Communities, DPW



Mayor Wilda Diaz



David Glass
Deputy Commissioner NJDEP



Carole Tolmachewich
Principle Planner,
County of Middlesex



Sandra Huber
Executive Director NJDEP
Clean Communities

PERTH AMBOY - There was press conference on the Riverboat St. Charles on 4/21/16 in celebration of Earth Week. The event was listed as an Environmental Collaborative Initiative. The Master of Ceremonies was William Kurzenberger (Program Coordinator, the Office of Economic Development).

Some of the speakers included: Geri Barcheski of the DPW and Mayor Wilda Diaz. Keynote Speaker David Glass (Dep. Comm. of NJDEP) was impressed with Perth Amboy's Green Initiative's. He stated, "I look forward to continue our partnership. This is a historical city with a strong economy and was in environmental distress. He then went on to explain that the Green Collaborative Pilot Program first started in Camden. All 2800 of our employees went for customer training. Some of the problems that we were dealing with in Perth Amboy were local flooding and environmental stress. \$2.9 million remedial was spent for brown fields and other monies were spent on Willow Pond. This year \$3.2 million will be given to Perth Amboy. We've met with Mayor Diaz to discuss a Green Infrastructure Plan for the Raritan River Park. A clear vision and a strong leadership is important. You have access to the Waterfront which is important to economic development, transportation and you have the Second Street Park. Earth Day is about clean water, air, land and using natural resources."

He gave a brief overview of the Green Initiative Programs in the State, "We were the 3rd State to protect these entities. We have low carbon dioxide pollution which is much cleaner than 46 years ago. 99.9% of our beaches were open last year."

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SAYREVILLE - We are looking for vendors for the annual Flea Market at the First Presbyterian Church of Sayreville. Our Flea Market will be held on June 4th, 2016. The time is 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.. We are located at 172 Main Street, Sayreville-directly across from the Borough Hall. Spaces are available for \$15.00 for one space, \$25.00 for two. For information please leave a message on the church answering machine at 732-257-6353 or e-mail us at churchoffice172@optimum.net.

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Celebrate Stars and Stripes: Fireworks Press Conference

Riverboat St. Charles 5/3/16

By: Katherine Massopust
PERTH AMBOY – On May 3, 2016, sponsors, press and local politicians were in attendance on the Riverboat St. Charles to help celebrate the announcement of the annual display of fireworks scheduled for Friday, July 1, 2016. Once again, the celebration will be a joint partnership between Perth Amboy and South Amboy and at no cost to the taxpayers. Barry Rosengarten is chairing the event, along with co-chairs Perth Amboy Councilman Bill Petrick and South Amboy Council President Mickey Gross.

“We’ll have a wonderful weekend in Perth Amboy and South Amboy. Thank you to the sponsors for your generous contributions for the fireworks,” Rosengarten said. He introduced Master of Ceremonies, Radio Personality Bert Baron of WCTC 1450 AM and its sister station Magic WMGQ 98.3 FM who will again be providing the music simulcast for the fireworks.

Rosengarten thanked the Santore Brothers, August and Chris, owners of Garden State Fireworks who again will provide us with a magnificent display. Rosengarten thanked everyone who contributes to the fireworks success including his personal assistant Yolanda Flores and UEZ/BID Coordinator Roxana Troche who help make the program a success. “What we have here today is a blessing.”

Pastor Bernadette Falcon Lopez gave the invocation.

Assemblyman Craig Coughlin came up to speak next, having to leave early due to a prior commitment. “I grew up in South Amboy and my mother is from Perth Amboy. It’s wonderful news; every year, South Amboy and Perth Amboy Mayors always get together so we can have a special night and are committed to work together.”

Baron spoke, “It’s another wonderful year for Perth Amboy and South Amboy. It’s the most attended event on the July 4th Weekend. This is where I want to be. It’s a special thing.”

Perth Amboy Mayor Wilda Diaz spoke next, “You are a true friend to our City. Thank you for all of your support. I thank everyone including Fred Henry (Mayor of South Amboy). It’s a cooperation and partnership where two cities come together for common good in celebrating the history of our Country. Perth Amboy is recognized by its waterfront. Bayview Park should be finished by July 1, 2016 thanks to Robert C. Mainberger (Civil Engineer Hatch Mott MacDonald PE, CME, Senior Vice President). I acknowledge the



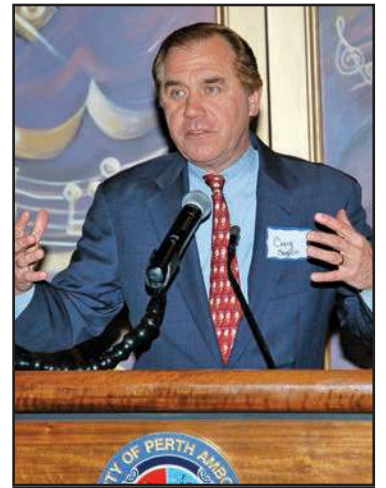
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Master of Ceremonies Radio Personality from WCTC 1450 AM and Magic WMGQ 98.3 FM Bert Baron



Pastor Bernadette Falcon-Lopez



Asm. Craig Coughlin



Perth Amboy Mayor Wilda Diaz



South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry



South Amboy Council President Mickey Gross



Perth Amboy Councilman Bill Petrick



Sponsors were given medallions in honor of their support



August Santore, Co-Owner of Garden State Fireworks offers a few words

visionary of Fireworks Chair Barry Rosengarten.”

Diaz continued, “One of my goals as Mayor is to have the fireworks. I thank the sponsors: from corporations to small businesses. Thank you for being generous with us.” Diaz thanked Bert Baron and WCTC and Magic 98.3, “Truly, you are our partners.” Diaz continued, “I believe the fireworks create a lasting memory. It will not be possible without Mayor Fred Henry and Mickey Gross. A day has not gone by when we were not on the phone. This is a real effort of all of us. The Police & Fire Departments along with the Department of Public Works and Code Enforcement – thank you for getting things done. Perth Amboy is rich in history. Every July 4th I ring the liberty bell (the replica in City Hall Circle). It is rung 13 times (Every July 4th at 2 p.m.) remembering each of the 13 colonies. Perth Amboy was once the Capital of East Jersey.”

South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry spoke next. A former

history teacher, he spoke about the importance of South Amboy’s history to our country and celebrating through fireworks. “It’s not easy raising funds. Thank you to all of our sponsors for patronizing the fireworks. We have a very good team.” He thanked South Amboy City Clerk Laura Kemble-Kalantsis and B.A. Camile Tooker for all their hard work. Henry also thanked Cornucopia Owner Mustafa Kilic. “We have a great nation. We will continue to be great despite what anyone else says. We have troops defending our country. Mayor Diaz did a very good job. This is our country at its best. We want to continue doing these things. This is what our nation is all about – volunteering.” Henry then mentioned Mickey Gross is being honored by the YMCA, “For all that he does.”

Bert Baron commented, “Sponsors is a very formal term. We’re partners.”

Mickey Gross came up to speak. “You turn on CNN and see all the problems. We’ve got together to do something



Listening to the speakers

good. We’re going to have a great day. Barry, I thank you. We have two great cities. What makes a city great is its people.”

Bill Petrick came up to speak, “I can’t stress this enough. This is a family event. There’s magic in the children’s eyes when they see fireworks.”

Barry Rosengarten then proceeded to acknowledge the sponsors by presenting them with medallion for each sponsor present at the press conference. Mayor Diaz and Mayor Henry did the honors of placing the medallions on the necks of the many sponsors of the fireworks. For a complete

list of sponsors go to www.amboyguardian.com

The final words were given by Garden State Fireworks co-owner August Santore who was happy to return to the Amboy’s for the Fireworks Spectacular.

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Board of Education

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a scholarship. The Arts Program helped me grow. They're important."

Another student stated his feelings, "The Visual and Performing Arts are one of the most successful programs. Pride and Honor is what we have achieved. It's rooted in dedication to fine arts."

Another Student stated, "Arts have impacted us as a family. We have new things such as a dance room that's phenomenal. We've had issues in the past. Ms. Reeves saw something in me that no one else did. I was Wednesday Addams in "The Addams Family." There's one person (I know) - he wakes up early in the morning to be with his teachers. We live for the arts."

Another student said, "I am a dancer. I come with a purpose."

Another student stated, "She (Ms. Reeves) plays a key role in the department. I'm here. See outside that department as well. I'm taking an AP test in Calculus tomorrow and I'm speaking here tonight because art is important and unique to the school district."

Another student, Samantha said, "Without her (Ms. Reeves) support, what we have will be impossible. I'm very dedicated to the performing arts. Her support and drive - she's not only a Vice-Principal to the Arts - she has compassion and patience. She calls me "Cinnamon Rolls." Getting rid of someone like Ms. Reeves would be one of the biggest mistakes the High School has seen."

Another student said, "Ms. Reeves is the best person for the job. Growing up, I was told science was the way. When I came to Main Campus, Ms. Reeves was Vice Principal. I never wanted to do anything with science and math. Ms. Reeves supported me and pushed for things. Her contract should be renewed."

Another student came up to speak, "It's awesome she's (Reeves) is here for us. She's someone here to come for us. I had problems - someone

was following me here. She helped me. Why would you take someone away like that? A lot of teachers are leaving this district because they have bills. They don't know where the money is going. We have so many things. Now we're here. Let's help our staff to give them the contract they deserve."

Another student, Mikael spoke, "I came here from Puerto Rico. Through the help of the Board of Education and Ms. Reeves I have such an array of studies. Choir has given me an amazing drive. Ms. Reeves needs to stay. You're basically taking this all away from us. Choir and dance classes have made us an amazing family."

Another student said, "I came into school to be a write. Then I took Choir. I knew I had to stay. I love to sing. You're taking part of our family. She (Reeves) has done so much for us. These students are here because of her to ensure us no classes are being taken away."

Another student, Alexis said, "It takes heart to care for your students and talk to them when they need it. I was scared to come to PAHS. I came and I'm like, "Wow!" It's not what you think! For her to leave, it would be taking away our school. It may not be a big thing for you."

Another student, Diego said, "Art has to stay. Without it, I wouldn't be here. I want Ms. Reeves to stay. There's none like her in the world."

Former Student Leana, Class of 2015 stated, "Not having Ms. Reeves makes no sense. I have love for the arts. It's not fair. Ms. Reeves was an advocate for that. She's the one who spoke about me and all my accomplishments. She's the first Administrator to help me on a professional level. It's what you do that matters. You have to focus on the little things."

Student Madeline, a senior at PAHS said, "We have gotten so many things to help us succeed thanks to Ms. Reeves. We spoke out - students alone."

Student Myana said, "I have witnesses. Because of Ms. Reeves, she has pushed for things - a dance studio - an AP

Music Program - many incredible things. Bring Ms. Reeves back for the 2016-2017 year."

Student Ashley said, "Personally, she's amazing - the costumes for the play were amazing. I waited 3 years for a dance studio and acting studio. She's great. I was in the play. It was the most fun I ever had. She inspires me. How many people's voices were for her?"

Resident Stanley Sierakowski stated, "I don't know Ms. Reeves. I don't know any of the students. The way these students speak, it would seem to me the retention of Ms. Reeves - not as Vice Principal - it's more creative to let her go somewhere else. It would be a disservice to the students. She inspires them. My professor said a long time ago, "You have ideas in life." If the students are right, do what you can to retain her. She doesn't have to lose being of Vice Principal. Retain her where she can have a rapport with the students personally."

Another Student said, "How many kids are attending college? One practical art class - a class that didn't matter in the beginning. She (Reeves) personally inspired me. It's part of life now. You indirectly are (taking away the arts). My heart, soul, mind - my life could have gone on in two ways. She had a huge impact on my life. She is the one who broke the limitations."

Superintendent Dr. David Roman reassured all the students and everyone present that the art program including upper level classes will remain intact and it's just the structure of the Supervisory positions that were being changed. "We're talking about a Vice Principal position. Art will remain."

During the Meeting, the Executive Session took place between 9:39 p.m. and the Board returned at 12:04 a.m. The meeting was adjourned at 1:21 a.m.

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2015-2016 Governor's Educator of the Year & Governor's Teacher/Educational Services Professional Recognition

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PERTH AMBOY - At the 5/4/16 Board of Education Meeting, the 2015 - 2016 Governor's Educator of the Year and Governor's Teacher/Educational Services Professional Recognition Awards were given out. Each School in Perth Amboy had an Educator who was honored.

Gifted & Talented Teachers

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PERTH AMBOY - At the 5/4/16 Board of Education Meeting, the Gifted & Talented Teachers for Grades 3, 4 & 5 were honored

Earth Week

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The Green Panthers pose for a photo with Mayor Wilda Diaz, Geri Barcheski and Councilman Joel Pabon.

**Photo by Katherine Massopust*

15 Million acres are open farmland. There was a high rates of sites cleaned up. 150 bald eagles are scattered throughout the State. There are 4 nesting bald eagles within 10 minutes of Perth Amboy."

Carole Tolmachewich came up to speak. She praised DPW Recycling Coordinator Geri Barcheski and the City for their fantastic recycling programs. "We met with Geri and others the Department on how they implemented their recycling program. Geri was able to increase the amount of recycling tonnage in Perth Amboy."

The next speaker, Sandra Huber said, "There are 558 towns in 21 Counties involved in the Green Initiative. The State will be honoring Mayor Wilda Diaz and Geri Barcheski at a luncheon in Atlantic City in May for their part in making Perth Amboy a success in the Environmental Initiative Program."

There will be more information on the recycling programs and water infrastructure improvements in upcoming issues of the Amboy Guardian.

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Statement by PA-AFT President Pat Paradiso

5/4/16 Board Meeting

PERTH AMBOY – First I would like to congratulate all of our teachers and educational professionals of the year. We have a great staff who always go above and beyond. It's nice that this recognition ceremony was moved to Teacher Appreciation Week. I think we can all agree that recognition is nice. But what all of us really want is to be respected and to be treated fairly.

The issues that we are facing are serious issues. In fact, they are quality issues. Many of our staff are taking home less money every year because of the cost of their health insurance. We have told you this time and time again. You have the power to fix this. You cannot tell us there is no money in the budget as the current agenda includes a half a million dollars' worth of new administrative positions. The last thing this top-heavy district needs is four new administrators. And

that half a million dollars does not include the cost of health care for these new administrators. I suppose we will have to OPRA their contacts to find out if they are the lucky few who get the great deal on healthcare.

Meanwhile over the past few years our staff members, including some of the people that you are honoring tonight, have the to grapple with extremely hard decisions.

- Can I pay my mortgage?
- Should I refinance my home?
- How can I help my children pay for their college tuition?
- Will getting a second job prevent me from being the best employee that I can be?

I have heard that this board has been blaming the Federation for that fact that negotiations are not complete, and we all know that is balderdash. We have a responsibility to analyze how any proposal will impact ALL of our member-



PA-AFT President Pat Paradiso

ship. Unlike this Board, we do not only care about the people at the top.

Listen to the voices of your employees. We are the people who educate and take care of students. When you turn your backs on the staff, you are turning your backs on the students and the community.

Perth Amboy Federation Protest

*Photo by Katherine Massopust



PERTH AMBOY - The PA-AFT protested in front of Perth Amboy High School before the 5/4/16 Board of Education Meeting. Educators and employees took turns speaking about their hardships due to paying exorbitant amounts for health insurance. The union still is yet to sign a contract with the Board of Education. They again marched into PAHS Auditorium before the meeting to make their voice heard

Middlesex County CAP Poster Winner

*Photos by Katherine Massopust



PERTH AMBOY - Middlesex County CAP Poster Winner Ashley Marmalejos was honored for being the winner for Child Assault Prevention Poster Contest at the 5/4/16 Board of Education Meeting

Ask the Rabbi

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

Friends of the Library Meeting

PERTH AMBOY - The Friends of Perth Amboy Free Public Library Meeting will be Wednesday, May 18 at 7 p.m. at the Kearny Cottage, 63 Catalpa Ave., Perth Amboy. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more info call 732-261-2610.

Yard Sale

PERTH AMBOY - Saturday May 16th at the Saint George Catholic Club, 415 Eagle Ave., Perth Amboy. Hours: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Rain Date May 21st.

Memorial Day Parade

SOUTH AMBOY – The South Amboy Memorial Day Parade is Being Held on the Saturday Prior to Memorial Day Weekend to encourage participation by our citizens. Please Join Us As We Salute Our Servicemen And Women! All Veterans Are Invited To March With Us!! Are You South Amboy's Oldest Living Veteran? If You Think You Might Be, We Would Like You To Participate In Our Festivities! Call Phyllis at 732-347-4181. Parade Route: Line Up At Knights Of Columbus On 4th Street At 11 a.m. Proceed Down Stevens Ave. to John Street And Up Broadway to City Hall. American Legion Luke A. Lovely Post 62 Will Be Holding Memorial Visits At The Following Sites On Sunday, May 29th: Gazebo On Bordentown Ave. 9:00 a.m. Sharp

1. Christ Church Cemetery
2. Morgan Cemetery
3. Morgan Explosion Cemetery
4. Sacred Heart Cemetery
5. St. Mary's Cemetery
6. Ben Sabine Monument (At The Waterfront Park)
7. SA Boat Ramp
8. DAV
9. American Legion Post 62

Memorial Services Will Be Held At City Hall Following The Parade. We Hope You Will Be Able To Stay For These Services. "God Bless America" Its People and Especially Its Veterans! For Additional info contact: Events@Southamboynj.Gov Or Call Jackie At 732.525.5965

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, June 2nd. 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. 2/10

Save the Date!

PERTH AMBOY – The Proprietary House (The Royal Governor's Mansion), 149 Kearny Ave., Perth Amboy invites you to witness the Arrest of the Royal Governor, William Franklin, a dramatic re-enactment on Sunday, June 12, 2016 at 1 p.m. Admission is FREE for the day's special event. Donations are most welcome and will benefit the on-going restoration of the Proprietary House. Following the re-enactment until 4 p.m. FREE Tours of the Museum. Light Refreshments will be served. Gift Shop will be open.

Fashion Show

PERTH AMBOY - Historic St. Peter's Episcopal Church Presents the 11th Annual: "Fashions by the Bay" Fashion Show at the Raritan Yacht Club, 160 Water Street, Perth Amboy on Thursday, May 19th, 2016. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Dinner 7:00 p.m. Price: \$45.00. For ticket Purchase contact the Church Office (732)826-1594

Mozart Festival

SOUTH AMBOY - MASM is pleased to present a Mozart Festival as its final concert of the season - The Saint Mary Chamber Orchestra, under the baton of Maestro Christopher M. C. Deibert. The SMCO will perform Mozart's Flute Concerto in D (K.314) with internationally acclaimed flautist Christian Fordham, along with Symphony #39 in Eb Major and a surprise opening work. Come and help us toast the middle of springtime with this marvelous music. Sunday-May 15, 2016; 4:00 p.m., at Saint Mary Church, 256 Augusta Street, South Amboy NJ, 08879. A celebratory wine and cheese reception will follow the concert.

Casino Bus Trip

HOPELAWN - Casino Bus Trip To The Sands In Bethlehem PA on Thursday, June 23, 2016. Cost: \$30 pp - (\$20 Back in Play Plus \$5 Food Voucher). Bus Leaves Holy Rosary Parking Lot at 10:00 a.m. For more info Please Call Ronnie at 732-442-5252.

Food Drive

PERTH AMBOY – On Saturday, May 14, there will be a Letter Carriers' Food Drive. Put your non-perishable donation in a bag by your mailbox. We'll deliver it to a local food-bank.

Ladies Auxiliary Post #4699

SAYREVILLE - The Ladies Auxiliary of Post #4699 will hold their monthly meeting on May 24, 2016 at 7 p.m. The meeting will consist of a short meeting; then there will be a memorial service for the deceased members of our auxiliary plus installation of new officers being installed this night. The meeting will be at Jernee Mill Road at the Post Home. For more info please call 732-264-3041.

Catholic Charities Connections Program

MIDDLESEX COUNTY - The Connections Program of Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen, a voluntary child to adult match program is seeking adult volunteers to provide a positive friend relationship to children and youth that has suffered a loss or has special needs. These children reside in Middlesex County and Franklin Township and are in desperate need of a positive role model. Adult Volunteers are being sought to make a difference in the lives of children and youth through one-to-one activities.

Any individual 18 years old or older, of any ethnic, religious or economic background, who is interested in making a positive impact on a child's life is eligible to become an adult volunteer mentor.

All adult volunteers will be screened, receive training, staff support and other services as needed. If you are interested in learning more about the Connections Mentoring Program, please contact Jeanette Cullen at (732) 738-1323.

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Pirohi Sale

PERTH AMBOY - St John the Baptist Orthodox Church Perth Amboy is having a Pirohi Sale. The order date is May 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th. Call 732-826-7067 to place your order between 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. All gourmet items - so call early before maximum sales quota is reached. Potato Pirohi- \$8:00 a doz. The pick-up date is May 17th and May 18th. Pick will begin at 2:00 p.m. Pick up your order at - 404 Division Street Perth Amboy, N.J. 08861. Thank you for your order!.

Bombardment of Perth Amboy in 1776

Press Release
 PERTH AMBOY - On Monday, May 23, the Woodbridge Historical Association will present a film documentary produced by John Kerry Dyke, The British Bombardment of Perth Amboy in 1776, as well as a discussion of the patriots' defense led by Donald Johnstone Peck. The program will begin at 7pm in the Downstairs Meeting Room of the Woodbridge Main Library at 1 George Frederick Plaza and Route 35. The program is free to the public.

This documentary is based upon eyewitness accounts that unfolded during the tumultuous latter half of 1776 in the colonial capital of Perth Amboy. It recaptures the long forgotten saga of the last royal capital in New Jersey through period images, 18th century music and reenactors.

John Kerry Dyke has made several historical documentaries of Perth Amboy. Donald Peck is the author of numerous books, monographs and published articles on eighteenth century history of Middlesex County and New Jersey. He is a trustee of the League of New Jersey Historical Societies and the Historical Association of Woodbridge Township. Mr. Peck also is a past president of the Raritan-Millstone Heritage Alliance, Somerset and the Proprietary House Association of Perth Amboy as well as an active member in numerous historical organizations.

Car Show

SOUTH AMBOY - South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 hold their spring Cruise Night Car Show Friday June 3 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the parking lot located at 308 Fourth St. South Amboy. Trophies awarded for best in show. Free hot dog for anyone bringing in non-perishable food. For more information call 732-721-2025.

Beach Blanket Bingo

SOUTH AMBOY - South Amboy Elks #784, 601 Washington Ave, South Amboy (732)727-7170 Presents Beach Blanket Bingo on Friday, May 22nd from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Admission: \$5.00 (Get 1 free Bingo card). All prizes donated by local businesses and companies. Proceeds to benefit the Army of Hope. Feel free to bring your own snacks! Complimentary Hot Dog Bar during intermission. Return of the Beach Ball Wheel of prizes and Ride the wave to the end for THE BIG KAHUNA BINGO!!!

Edison AARP Ch. 3446

EDISON - Edison AARP Chapter 3446 will meet on Monday, May 16, 2016 at 1:00 pm. The meeting will be held at Our Lady of Peace Parish Center, Franklin Avenue, Fords section of Edison, NJ. This month's meeting will feature the installation of officers for the coming year, and the presentation of the "Community Service Award" for outstanding service to AARP and the community. The program will be followed by a social with refreshments. AARP Driver Safety program will be held on June 28, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Call Bob at 732-885-1789 for reservations. October 12, 2016: Octoberfest at Doolans, Spring Lake - Call Mary Ann at 732-287-3659 for information. Canned food and miscellaneous items for veterans, hospitals, and nursing homes will be collected at the meeting. For additional information on the chapter or upcoming events, visit our website at www.edisonaarp.org.

Movie Review: Captain America: Civil War

By: Anton Massopust III

"The world was wrong about you don't deserve that shield. My father made that shield."
 - Tony Stark to Captain America

Captain America: Civil War is based on the 2006 comic book series of the same name. As is often the case, there are differences between the comic and the film. In the comics, new warriors try to stop a supervillain that's out of their league. As a consequence, he blows himself up and takes half of Connecticut with him. The resulting collateral damage compels the government into implementing a superhero registry forcing any super-powered being whether they want to or not must work for the government.

The movie follows the basic template from the comic book, but the details are different. In the movie, Baron Zemo is the villain, and he wants revenge for the death of his family, who died during the destruction in Sokovia when the Avengers fought Ultron. He attacks the Wakanda Embassy and frames Bucky Barnes (the Winter Soldier).

This prompts the Secretary of State (and enemy of the Hulk) Thunderbolt Ross to declare



that the Avengers need to be kept in check. He forces them to sign an agreement under the UN Charter. The Avengers are prevented from being autonomous and answer to the UN. Captain America refuses to sign the agreement and wants to go after the Winter Soldier himself. This puts him at odds with Iron Man who supports the registry.

Neither man wants to fight. They both believe the Winter Soldier and other heroes but can't agree what to do about it. Captain America rescues the Winter Soldier with the help of Ant-Man, Hawkeye and the Scarlet Witch. This puts him up against the team of Iron Man, Black Panther (who believes the Winter Soldier attacked his embassy where his father was killed) and the long

awaited newest addition, Spiderman.

Some have said that there isn't enough Spiderman and this film is just a tease for the next Spiderman film, "Spiderman: Homecoming." I disagree. We get to see a lot of Spiderman, so I was more than satisfied. There's plenty of superhero action and lots of fights. Like the previous Captain America movie, it's a lot to take in and I think there will be more clarity with repeated viewings. As with most Marvel movies, stay to the very end to see the closing credits for not one, but two scenes. Should you take the whole family to see this? Yes! Take the whole family! Both kids and adults will enjoy the latest addition to the Marvel Comic Universe.

Memorial Day Parade

SAYREVILLE - The Veterans of Foreign Wars #4699, Sayreville, NJ is sponsoring the Memorial Day Parade on May 30, 2016 at 10 a.m. Anyone who is interested in marching in this parade Please Contact Frank Straczynski at 609-651-1991 or 732-141-2448 or the post home at 732-254-4789 for more information call Frank Straczynski or the Post Home.

Reagan's Senior Appreciation Dinner

PERTH AMBOY - The Reagan's Senior Appreciation Pasta Dinner is on Sunday, May 22nd from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Congregation Beth Mordecai, 224 High Street, Perth Amboy. Free to Senior Citizens and hosted by PARO. Please RSVP by calling Sharon at 908-509-1742 or call for more info.

Knitting Club

SOUTH AMBOY - There will be a Knitting Circle on the first and third Tuesday each month at 6 p.m. at the Dowdell Library, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. Teens & Adults. For more info call 732-721-6060.

Good Friday Services, St. Demetrios Church 4/30/16

*Photos by Paul W. Wang



Inspirations for the Generations Art Show, RBMC, Perth Amboy 4/21/16

**Photos by Katherine Massopust*



The 19th Annual Inspirations for the Generations Art Show was held on Thursday, April 21, 2016 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy Division, A Member of the Meridian Family. The Honorary Chairman was James R. Wilentz, MD. Co-Chairs were Geraldine Fee, PhD, Cabbar Komek and Marcella Massopust. The 2016 Honorees were: Mrs. Jessica Smith and Dr. George P. Smith.

Mayor Wilda Diaz Announces the Community Connection Program, Perth Amboy 4/19/16

**Photos by Bob Ned*



News Release 4/19/16

PERTH AMBOY - Mayor Wilda Diaz and Deputy Chief Lawrence Cattano announce the Commuio on Wednesday, April 19, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. at 313 State Street, 5 Corners (State and Smith Street). Mayor Wilda Diaz was joined by the members of the Perth Amboy Police Department leading and assigned to the Community Services Unit and local community members. The program is set out to establish a community environment and communication with residents, pedestrians, business owners and to continue promoting safety. There are nearly a dozen active Community Policing Programs that set the framework and standard of community partnerships for all ages, including some of the following programs: the Perth Amboy Police Cadets, Child Safety Seat, Senior Fraud, Safe Routes School and Project Lifesaver.

Community Cleanup Sadowski Pkwy, Perth Amboy 4/23/16

**Photos by Paul W. Wang*



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.*

After sinking two ships of a westbound convoy south of Greenland, the German submarine *U-110* on May 9, 1941, is forced to surface after a depth-charge attack by the convoy's escorts, whereupon it is captured and boarded. Onboard is the latest version of the Enigma cryptography machine. Through the entire course of the war, the Germans never learn that *U-110* has been captured and remain unaware that the Allies possess one of its Enigma machines. In the Mediterranean, a vessel of the British "Operation Tiger" convoy hits a mine and sinks.

On May 10, in a bizarre incident, Rudolf Hess — deputy head of the Nazi Party and second in line after Göring as heir to Hitler, essentially the third-most-powerful man in Germany — flies solo from Germany in a fighter plane and parachutes into Scotland on a self-assigned mission "to arrange peace talks" with the British. Instead, Hess is immediately arrested. When Hitler learns what has occurred, he disavows the mission, strips Hess of all titles and responsibilities and orders him shot on sight if he ever returns to Germany. Later that night, 507 German bombers attack London, damaging much of the city, including the House of Commons. Over 1,400 people are killed and an area of over 700 acres is set afire. In Belgium, the "Strike of the 100,000" begins. The action — an eight-day work stoppage by industrial workers demanding higher wages — is also an act of passive resistance against the German occupation. To end the walkout, the Germans agree to a substantial wage increase of over 8%.

In the U.S. on May 11, former president Herbert Hoover states his belief that the U.S should stay out of the European conflict. On a number of previous occasions, Hoover has declared that it is wiser for the nation to devote itself to building up its own defenses, forging a "Fortress America" that could repel any attack on the Americas.

In Berlin on May 12, engineer Konrad Zuse unveils the Z3, the world's first programmable, fully automatic digital computer. The machine is the product of a secret project of the German government. The same day, all the ships of Great Britain's "Operation Tiger" convoy — save the one sunk by a mine — reach Alexandria, Egypt, delivering 243 tanks to replace 57 that had been lost, as well as 43 Hawker Hurricane fighter planes.

On May 13, in Berlin, Martin Bormann — a Nazi Party member since 1927, and personal secretary to Rudolf Hess since 1933 — is tapped to fill the position formerly held by Hess, being given the title of Nazi Party chancellor. In a radio broadcast from Baghdad, Muhammad Amin al-Husayni, the strongly anti-Zionist Grand Mufti of Jerusalem who has been exiled from Palestine, makes a call for all Islamic countries to join in Iraq's fight against Great Britain.

Gen. Archibald Wavell, British Middle East Commander, launches an operation on May 14 to take the Halfaya Pass, on the Egyptian-Libyan border. The idea is to gain ground leading to more-open areas of the Cyrenaica Plateau. Intercepted German communications have convinced Winston Churchill in London that Rommel's forces are weak and overextended. In the eastern Mediterranean, there are heavy German air raids over the island of Crete. The goal is to demoralize the Allied troops and to compel the RAF to withdraw its few planes from the island. In Paris, the first mass roundup of Jews takes place. Over 3,700 foreign Jews are arrested when they report for a check of their status by police. They are sent to two French internment camps.

On May 15, the first British aircraft propelled by a jet engine — the Gloster E.28/39 — takes to the air. From Tokyo, Richard Sorge, a Soviet intelligence agent, sends word to Stalin of an impending attack by Germany on the Soviet Union, but cannot provide a date. Stalin rejects the information as an attempt to alienate the Soviet and German governments and force the U.S.S.R. into the war.

Have You Volunteered Lately?

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Mets Trip

SOUTH AMBOY - South Amboy Knights of Columbus sponsor an outing to beautiful Citi Field to see the National League champion Mets battle division rival Washington Nationals with Daniel Murphy in a July 9 at 7:15 p.m. game. Cost of \$100 includes round trip motor coach transportation, sandwich, snacks, water, and soft drinks. Motor coach leaves the parking lot at 308 Fourth St., South Amboy at 3 p.m. For reservations call Steve at 732-727-1707

Walking For Fitness

PERTH AMBOY - Hosted by Mayor Wilda Diaz as part of the Mayor's Wellness Campaign. Starts Monday, April 11th. Monday - Thursday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Ages 18 and up. Starts at the Brighton Avenue Community Center, 56 Brighton Ave. T-Shirt Included. Free of Charge. Enjoy a fitness walk with Mayor Wilda Diaz as she promotes healthy living.

Superhero Breakfast

WOODBIDGE - Come meet Batman, Superman, Wonder Woman and Spiderman! Have fun in our new "BOUNCE HOUSE!" As you enjoy your breakfast, you will be visited by the Super Heroes! Sunday, May 15, 2016 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Breakfast Buffet: Eggs Sausage and Bacon Cold Cereal French Toast Sticks Coffee and Tea Milk and Juice. Reservations should be made in advance! Register early! Call 732-596-4103 to purchase tickets. Price includes Buffet Breakfast and Bounce House Admission. Woodbridge Community Center, 600 Main Street Woodbridge. For more info call 732-596-4103 www.njwcc.com.

Book Drop/Book Sale

PERTHAMBOY - The Friends of the Perth Amboy Free Public Library have established a use for the books you have read and would like to recycle!!! Drop off your books. Exchange them for books you have not read pick up a book or two (\$.50 for paperbacks/\$1 for hard cover) ... or select a "bag of books" for a price of only \$5. Please no text books or reference books.

Visit us at the Brighton Ave. Community Center located at the corner of Brighton Ave. and Sadowski Pkwy. in Perth Amboy. The schedule for the next three months is as follows: Saturdays, May 14th, June 11th and 25th. We will be there from 1:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m. (weather permitting). For more info, e-mail us at friendsoperthamboylibrary@gmail.com

Pet of the Week



Wilma with Marley during Christmas Time

Have a Special Pet?

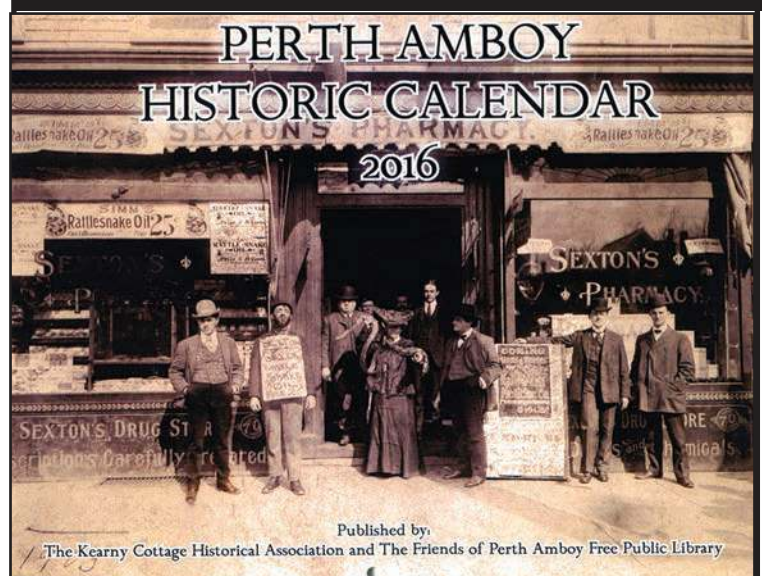
Email us your Pet Photos to AmboyGuardian@gmail.com with Pet of the Week in the Subject line and explain why your pet is special. Please include Name and Phone# for verification.

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Raritan Bay Learning Garden

PERTH AMBOY - Integrative Health Services at Raritan Bay Medical Center, a member of the Meridian Health family, is holding a free education session "How to Start a Home Garden 101 – Planting with Seeds" with Master Gardener Constance Elek Wednesday, May 11, 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., in The Learning Garden at Raritan Bay – Perth Amboy, 530 New Brunswick Ave. Perth Amboy, N.J. The Learning Garden provides children and adults an opportunity to receive hands-on education on the basics of container gardening and the importance of healthy produce and proper nutrition. Sessions will be held throughout the spring and summer. After-school or summer camp groups, families and individuals are invited to attend educational sessions. Registration is required. For more information and to register, call 732-324-5257 or email integrativehealth@rbmc.org.

2016 Historic Perth Amboy Calendars



2016 Historic Perth Amboy Calendars are 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 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.

Blood Drive

WOODBIDGE – Woodbridge Municipal Blood Drive, Wednesday, May 11, 2016 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 1 Main St., Woodbridge Chamber Rooms. Donor Guidelines: Weigh at least 110 lbs.; eat before donation; bring ID.

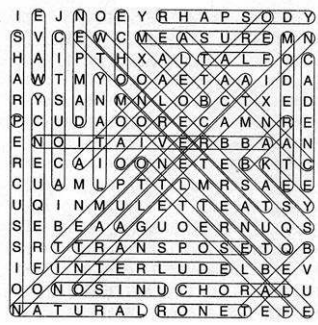
Little Scientists

SOUTH AMBOY - Little Scientists Mondays 12/4 & 12/18 - Little Magformers; 12/11 & 12/25 - Play-Doh at 1:30 p.m. at the Dowdell Library, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. Ages 3-5 yrs. For more info call 732-721-6060.

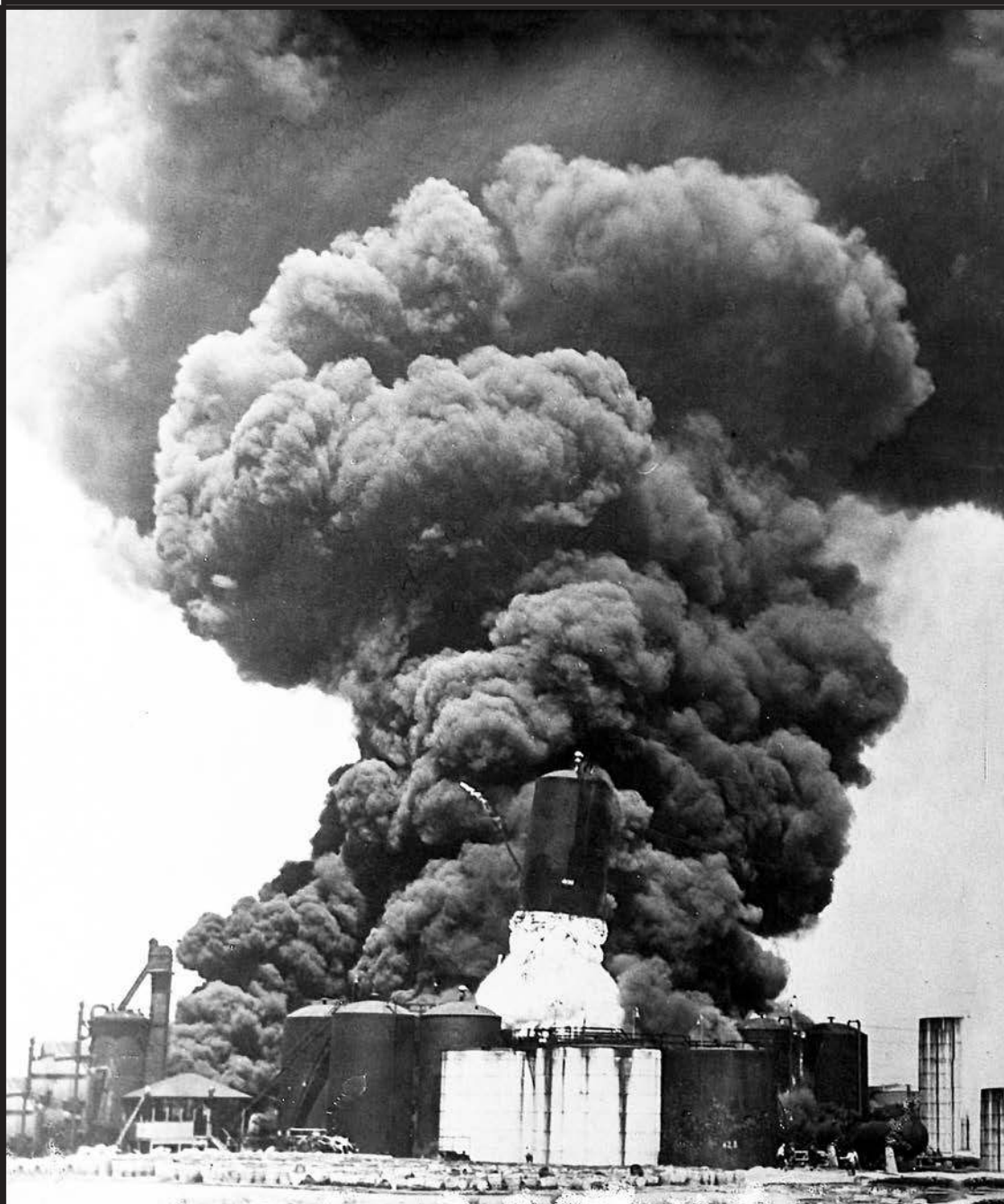
Golf Outing

SOUTH AMBOY - South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 hold their annual golf outing Thursday May 12 at Cruz Farms Golf Course in Farmingdale. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. with tee-off at 9 a.m. Cost of \$100 includes 18 holes, golf cart, lunch, dinner, and many prizes. For more information call Ray at 732-721-2025 or Wayne at 732-406-2340.

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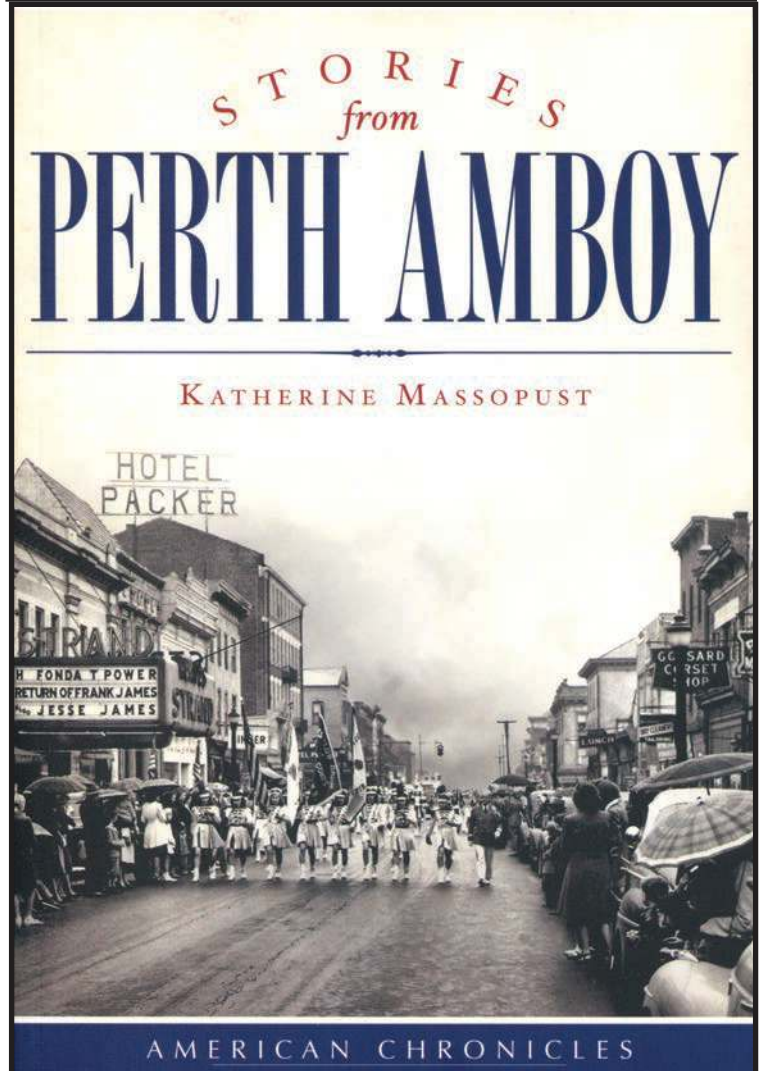


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 WED. May 11 Holy Rosary Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Auditorium, Florida Grove Rd.
 • St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.
 THURS. May 12 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
 • Ukrainian Assumption Seniors, 12 Noon Reo Diner, Amboy Ave., Woodbridge
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 • St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.
 • Holy Trinity Seniors, 1 p.m., Church Hall, Lawrie & Johnstone St.
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- South Amboy**
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