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Street Relief - It's a Start Bertrand Avenue Completed

\$191,600 Granted to City of Perth Amboy



Portion of Watson Avenue



Portion of Davidson Avenue



Portion of Stockton Street



Bertrand Avenue Paved

PERTH AMBOY - On the Agenda of the 4/4/12 Council Meeting it was noted in the communications that Governor Chris Christie advised the City that it has been selected to receive funding from the NJ-DOT (New Jersey Department of Transportation) Fiscal Year 2012 Municipal Aid Program for the following streets: Watson Avenue, Davison Street, Bertrand Avenue, Gifford Street and Stockton Street for road improvements.

In the 2/29/12 issue of the Amboy Guardian, Director of Public Works Frank Dann gave a detailed analysis of some of the worst streets in the City and Watson Avenue was one of several streets mentioned.

All of the streets mentioned not only have severe deterioration, they pose danger to vehicles and walking hazards to pedestrians due to unevenness of the surfaces. The new hotbox machine was delivered several weeks ago to do repair work on McClellan Street.

The funds received for the five streets can be used for milling the surfaces, base repair and for curb replacement.

Bertrand Avenue was stripped on Thursday, April 19 and paved on Monday, April 26. The County posted notices on the poles and the roads were paved the next day.

"It's a positive thing for the City of Perth Amboy, especially since it is an entry way into the City. The City should always be well dressed," states Israel Varela who owns Unitech Auto on Bertrand Avenue "The road was so poorly kept because of heavy truck traffic on that particular street. I am so glad that the County decided to do that street. People were happy it was done," Varela states.

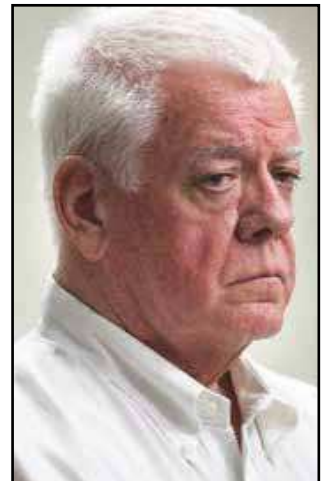
The remaining marked streets will be paved shortly.

The Amboy's

Guilty Plea

Maryland Insurance Broker Francis X. Gartland Bilks City of Perth Amboy out of more than \$200,000 and the Perth Amboy Board of Education out of \$2.6 million

SOUTH AMBOY AND PERTH AMBOY - On Tuesday, April 10, 2012 Francis Gartland stated that he is fully responsible for his actions in the theft of funds from the City of Perth Amboy and the Perth Amboy Board of Education. He further stated that his son-in-law, Derek Johnson, 41 was just an employee in his company. Gartland's son-in-law, Johnson has charges pending against him as does another corporate defendant of East Coast Administrative Services Inc. This is also an indictment related to the charges of fraud against the City of Perth Amboy.



Francis X. Gartland

In May there will be a status conference on this case involving Derek Johnson and East Coast Administrative Services Inc.

Federal Hill Risk Management (Gartland's Company) was a former broker of record for healthcare insurance in the City of Perth Amboy. Besides Gartland, there were other defendants who fraudulently obtained over \$216,000 from the City. Frank L. Cotroneo of Bernardsville already pleaded guilty to his role in this plot.

Both pled guilty to the following: Making false representation to the City's medical insurance carrier. The renewal rate of \$15 per employee per month fee was implemented to each City employee beginning in January of 2007. This was supposed to cover the cost of a wellness program which never was put into place.

In regards to the Perth Amboy Board of Education, both Gartland and Cotroneo pled guilty to billing the Board of Ed over \$2.5 million. They charged the Board of Education for fictional healthcare related programs and services. This included employee assis-

tance and wellness programs.

A restitution of over \$2.5 million must be paid to the Perth Amboy Board of Education and over \$216,000 to the City of Perth Amboy must be paid by Gartland and his companies under his operation. Also Gartland and his companies must pay penalties totaling over \$8 million and a fine of \$500,000 must be paid.

Gartland's attorney, Kelly Daniels stated that Gartland does not have the resources to pay restitution, penalties or fines.

One of those who benefited from this illegal scheme was former Executive Director of South Amboy Housing Authority Thomas O'Leary who received part of the commissions obtained through the fraudulent insurance schemes.

Gartland is scheduled to be sentenced on Monday, September 10, 2012 for these guilty pleas for state charges in Superior Court in New Brunswick. His sentencing for the federal charges is scheduled for Monday, July 9, 2012. The state and federal charges will run concurrently.

For more stories see past issues of the Amboy Guardian on the web!

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SAYREVILLE - There will be a Job Search and Networking techniques program at the Sayreville Public Library, 1050 Washington Road, Parlin. Wednesday, May 9 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Dr. Colleen Georges will share her tips for successfully searching for a job in this tough market. For more info call Alaina at 732-727-0212 ext. 25.

**Polish Your
Resume**

SAYREVILLE - Let a professional polish your resume at the Sayreville Public Library, 1050 Washington Road, Parlin. Monday, April 23 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. or Saturday, May 5 from 12 noon to 2 p.m. Dr. Colleen Georges will spend one-on-one time with attendees, giving their resume's an honest critique with suggestions for improvement. You will be slotted a 15 minute time slot. Time slots are on a first come, first served basis. For more info call Alaina at 732-727-0212 ext. 25

**Hispanic
Youth
Showcase
Deadline
Extended**

PERTH AMBOY - The Hispanic Youth Showcase Talent Search Auditions 2012. will be holding its signature (invitation only - ages 4 to 17) auditions at the: William C. McGinnis Middle School, 271 States St., Perth Amboy on Saturday, April 21 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. School Teachers, Music or Dance Instructors must submit an email to wsshowcase1@gmail.com with Attn: William Q. Sanchez in the subject line recommending their students for showcase auditions before Saturday, April 21. For more info call (856) 203-0533. There is no entry fee. Auditions are by invitation only. You cannot show up without a prior notification from sponsors of the event. Many alumni of past showcases have gone on to appear in videos with well-known entertainers and in different mediums of the entertainment field (movies, TV, and Stage)

The 26th Anniversary competition will be held on May 25, 2012 at 7 p.m. at NJPAC's Victoria Theater. The winners will be taped for television at Six Flags Great Adventure.

St. Demetrios Church Good Friday Procession
Friday, April 13, 2012 photos by Paul W. Wang



PERTH AMBOY - Central Jersey Federal Credit Union would like to thank Mrs. Massopust's art class at Perth Amboy High School for taking part in designing our Credit Union Superhero for National Credit Union Youth Month. A special Thank You goes out to Edgar Zamudio (one of Mrs. Massopust's students) for designing and drawing our chosen Superhero. (L to R) Javier Mendez, Edgar Zamudio, Lisbeth Polaco, Mrs. Marcella Massopust. To see more photos go to www.cjfcu.org and Like us on Facebook.

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PERTH AMBOY - Perth Amboy Public Schools cordially invites all parents and community members to attend a Quantum Learning Parent/Community Workshop (English/Spanish Session) on Saturday, April 21 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the R.N. Wilentz School, 51 First St., Perth Amboy. For more info contact Dr. Vivian Rodriguez at 732-376-6200 ext. 30111.

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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

The War Memorial

We went down to the Waterfront to take a photo of the War Memorial now that the names of politicians have been covered up. We noticed that it is simply just covered up with an unflattering sheet metal material. This material is being pulled off (one corner is raised already). People will continue doing this until the cover is all the way off. The memorial should be something that we should be proud of. The covering of the politician's names should not be slip-shot. The City should invest in permanent solution when covering up the politicians names.

Presently we do not know what the City's plans are for the memorial but we thought we would make some suggestions.

The marble on the top portion of the memorial is a thin layer and could easily be removed. The entire piece can be replaced with matching marble. We have a suggestion as what should be engraved there. The new marble should bear the all of the armed forces symbols, going down both sides of the memorial. In the center of the memorial should read, "For those who have made the greatest sacrifice, have served and are serving in the armed forces to preserve our freedom."

Perth Amboy's first Concert is usually held in the first

week of July and they are known to showcase Patriotic Songs. It is a wonderful way to spend a beautiful Sunday afternoon listening to music and vocalists performing a variety of music ranging from show tunes to modern classics. There is a wide variety of musical taste to satisfy all. But come out and be the judge for yourself. In case of rain, Concerts by the Bay are held inside the nearby McGinnis School on State Street. Kudos to the Garden State Symphonic Band and their Conductor, Chris Pedersen for welcome afternoon's of relaxation and enjoyment from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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Plea for a Spay/Neuter Package

Dear Mayor Wilda Diaz:

Please be advised I, Virginia Morales, am requesting a motion be passed to discuss the possibility of having the Perth Amboy City Council officials authorize an agreement with Faith Perrin, DVM and/or People for Animals 1-973-282-0890 to hold a Low-Cost Spay/Neuter Clinic this 2012 calendar year. According to the People for Animals website, www.pfaonline.org, the Perth Amboy City Shelter is now offering the Neuter Scooter service where residents can have their pets transported to the Hillside, NJ clinic. A resolution to have rabies vaccination clinics held on May 12, 2012 and September 8, 2012 in the total amount of \$600.00 was on the agenda and passed. This is wonderful

news. It would even be more highly beneficial to tax-payers of Perth Amboy if a Low-Cost Spay/Neuter Clinic, via a Neuter Scooter service, would be offered to taxpayers as well. The Neuter Scooter could remain on the City of Perth Amboy premises located by the City Shelter and could be held either on September 8, 2012 and/or May 12, 2013. I can assure you residents would take full advantage of these services if they were provided at a low-cost to them. Currently the state also provides low-cost vet services to people that receive financial assistance (e.g. SSI). The organization People for Animals offers the following services: Spay and Neuter Feral Cats for \$55 (With ear-tipping), Pet Cats can be Spayed/Neutered for \$75. 75% of the overpopulation of cats comes from stray cats breeding.

Dogs under 65 lbs. - Male - \$110, Female - \$120, Dogs 65 lbs. and over - Male - \$130, Female - \$140.

A Pet's Spay/Neuter Package includes a pre-surgical exam, rabies and distemper vaccines if needed and pain relief injection (if 4 months old or older), a green Tattoo for females, medical waste fees and a spay/neuter surgery by an experienced licensed veterinarian.

Please take into consideration the needs of our community. This type of service is necessary and would be welcomed. Neuter Scooter services are already being provided to other towns. It would help promote the importance of spaying and neutering and would diminish the number of cats roaming Perth Amboy's city streets. I look forward to seeing this idea come to fruition in our great city! You can count on my support.

Best regards,

Miss Virginia Morales

Failed Policies

Obama is not the cool, calm, and collected guy that he would like to view the public to view him. He is scared and for real reason. Gas prices have risen considerably since his inauguration. From \$1.89 gal. to over \$4/gal. in most areas. He was so quick to admonish Bush when gas got up to \$3/gal. Obama's reason's for keeping prices are so obscured; almost laughable. According to him, families would be brought closer together and higher prices will save lives. People would not be traveling as much; therefore fewer accidents. His green energy proposals have not been successful and any money toward that end has been a complete failure, ex. Solyndra.

Obama is a Socialist. No doubt about it. He is shifting to the right and is panicked

to do so while offering to cut business taxes - a perfect example of pandering. Again, something he would do to win an election. His "hope and change" catch phrase no longer works. Every new phrase in his speeches does not catch on. He is floundering.

The United States is no longer respected in the world. His foreign policies have made us weak as well as the laughing stock of the world. His idea of foreign policy is to sit down and talk. Well and good, but don't give the store away. If the dollar is removed as the international monetary standard, the U.S. would be devastated. China, Russia, and countries in the Middle East and Africa are not our friends. They take while we give them freely what we have worked so hard to achieve. They do not support us in the United Nations concerning Syria. Again proof that Obama is not taken seri-

ously.

What other country has survived 236 years and provided peace and prosperity for its people besides the United States? If it's not broke, don't fix it. There is really no improvement in any area in our country since Obama took office. The slightest increase in inflation will wreck havoc on our deficit which has grown the largest since Obama has been made in office. Jobs will not improve and the noly help that Obama has is the media which is backing him to the hilt for whatever reason they have.

For all Obama followers, the following is most appropriate: "One who does not read is no better than one who cannot read."

Barbara Skokan
Perth Amboy

Italian Sausage Sandwich Sale

PERTH AMBOY - The Holy Name Society of Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Lawrie and Johnstone Streets, Perth Amboy, will hold an Italian sausage sandwich sale in the parish hall after the 5 p.m. Mass, Saturday, Apr. 28. Cake and assorted beverages will be included in the \$8 tickets sold only at the door. For further information, call 732-721-5914.

Beach Sweep

SOUTH AMBOY - Let's make our beach something to be proud of again! Come on Saturday, April 21 at 9 a.m. to South Amboy Fishing Beach! Rain or Shine! Bring your own rake if possible. Work off your community service hours. Eagle Scout Branden Lenahan, South Amboy Troop #91. Any Questions? Email imlenahan16@gmail.com.

Music on Main Street

WOODBIDGE - There will be a concert of Stephen Wrembel on Thursday, April 26 at 7:30 p.m. at the Barron Arts Center, 532 Rahway, Ave., Woodbridge. The guitarists of Little Feat playing the music of Little Feat & more. Tickets: \$22 advance \$25 at door.

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Volunteer Firefighters Needed

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

Kearny

Cottage Open

PERTH AMBOY - Come visit the historic home of Commodore Lawrence Kearny. The Cottage is located at 63 Catalpa Ave, Perth Amboy, and is open on Mondays and Thursdays from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. and the last Sunday of the month from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. The Kearny Cottage needs your help. Anyone interested in joining the Kearny Cottage Historical Society please contact 732-293-1090. We are on the web! www.KearnyCottage.org

Tea Room Open

PERTH AMBOY — The Tea Room at the historic Proprietary House, Kearny Avenue, is open on Wednesdays from 1 to 4 p.m.

For \$7 per person, visitors can enjoy assorted teas and delicious homemade desserts served by hostesses Helen, Dorothy and Kathy. Take a tour of the only remaining Royal Governor's Mansion in the U.S.

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- TODAY Apr. 18 Municipal Court, 1:30 p.m.,
Court House, New Brunswick Ave.
THURS. Apr. 19 Municipal Court, 6 p.m.,
Court House, New Brunswick Ave.
MON. Apr 23 City Council, Caucus, 4:30 p.m.
City Hall, High Street
TUES. Apr. 24 Municipal Court, 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.,
Court House, New Brunswick Ave.
WED Apr. 25 Municipal Court, 1:30 p.m.,
Court House, New Brunswick Ave.
City Council, Regular, 7 p.m.
City Hall, High Street
THURS. Apr. 26 Municipal Court, 6 p.m.,
Court House, New Brunswick Ave.
Board of Education, 6 p.m.
Perth Amboy High School, Eagle Ave.
Historic Preservation Commssion, 7 p.m.
City Hall, High Street

South Amboy

- TODAY Apr. 18 City Council, Regular, 7 p.m.
City Hall, N. Broadway
MON. May 7 City Council, Business, 6 p.m.
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HOPELAWN - The Holy Name Society of Most Holy Rosary Church named Stephen Poloka Man of the Year at their annual Communion Breakfast held March 25, 2012. Pictured is Father Michael Krull, Pastor of Holy Rosary Church and Stephen Poloka. *Photo submitted*

A Night of Storytelling With Vic Henley, Mark Riccadonna & Car LaBove

WOODBIDGE - Live at the Barron Arts Center, 582 Rahway Avenue, Woodbridge on Friday, May 11. Showtime: 7:30 p.m. (seating begins at 7:00 p.m.) Ticket Price: \$20 advance / \$25 day-of For Tickets Call (732) 596-4048 or go to <http://www.woodbridgeartsnj.org>. For Interview Requests: pryanmusic@gmail.com (Pat Ryan). For Hi-Res Photos: lostbrothersbooking@gmail.com (Franklin Marcus)

Sacred Heart Talent Show

SOUTH AMBOY - The 2nd Annual Sacred Heart Talent Show is Saturday, April 21st in Sacred Heart Memorial Hall, 229 Cedar St, South Amboy. Doors open at 6 pm. Come and support our talented students. Admission to the show is \$3 for SHS students and \$5 for all others. Seats cannot be reserved so it is a first come first choice basis. All seats will have a good view of the stage. Snacks and beverages will be available for sale. Coins and dollars appreciated.

Computer Classes

PERTH AMBOY - Computer running slow? Learn the art of computer maintenance at the Kearny Cottage. Classes will be on Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. beginning April 19. Cost \$60 for eight weeks. For more info call 732-293-1090.

Healthy Kids Day®

SOUTH AMBOY - On April 28, the South Amboy Branch YMCA is celebrating Healthy Kids Day® with a free community event for kids and families in South Amboy and Sayreville. More than 1,900 Ys across the country are taking part in the celebration, meant to kick start physical activity and learning throughout the summer - a critical out-of-school time for kids.

The event takes place at 200 John T. O'Leary Blvd in South Amboy from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. and will feature activities such as Family Swim, a Camp S.A.Y. Open House, Soccer Demonstrations by Challenger Sports, Summer Safety 101, and much more. Representatives from Raritan Bay Medical Center, as well as the South Amboy Community Garden Club who will be kicking off their new vegetable garden here at the Y.

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For more information, contact the South Amboy Branch YMCA at 732-553-9622 or visit www.ymcaofmewsaj.org.

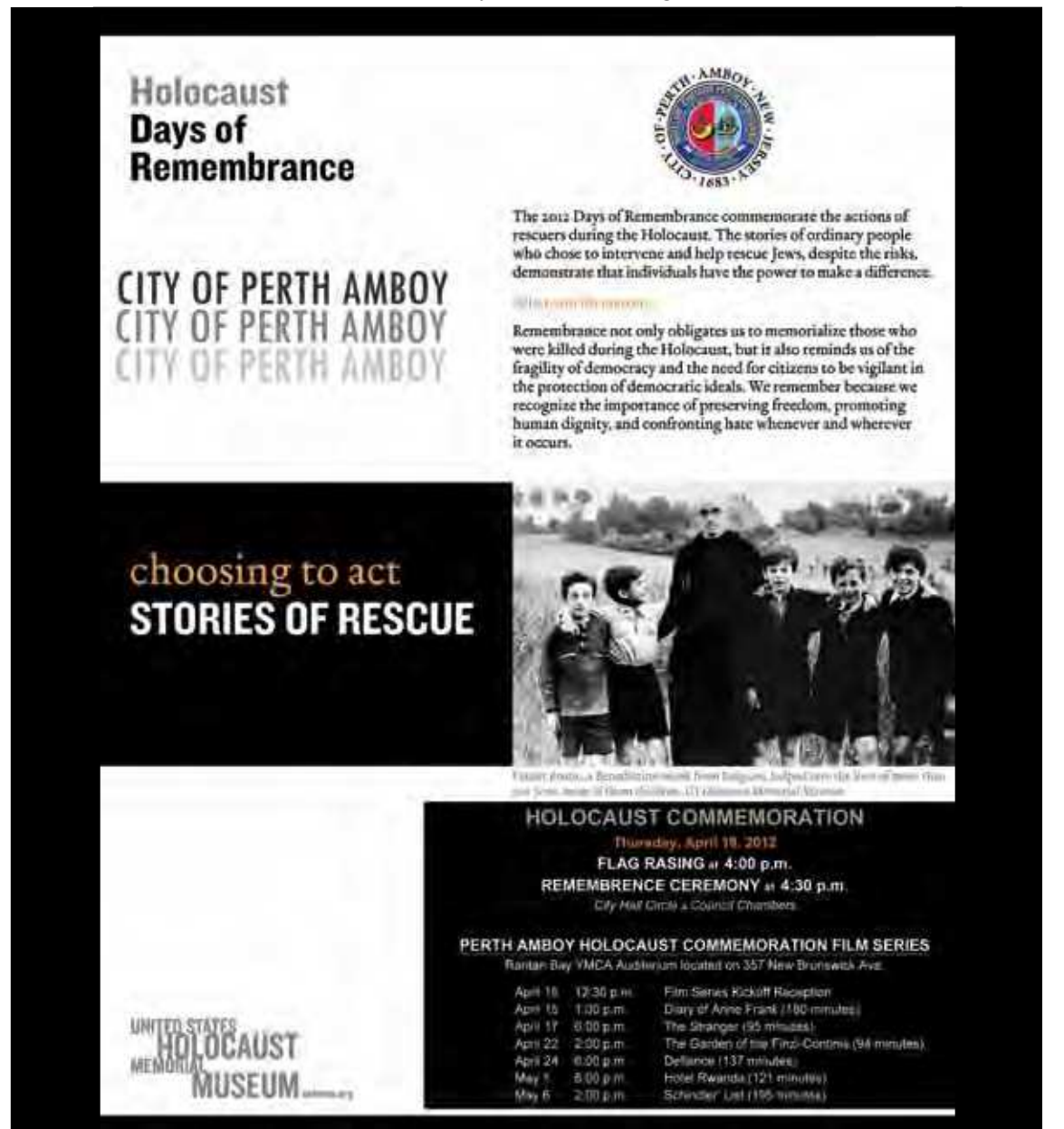
Stomp The Monster

MARLBORO - Stomp The Monster 5K run & Festival will be on Sunday, April 22 in Marlboro Recreation Center, 1996 Recreation Way, Marlboro. For more info go to www.stompthemonster.org. Helping those who are affected by cancer when they need it most.

Antiques

Appraisal Fair

PERTH AMBOY - The Proprietary House Museum will be hosting an Antiques Appraisal Fair on Saturday, April 28, 2012 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Proprietary House, 149 Kearny Avenue, Perth Amboy. Bring your collectibles, flea market finds or family heirlooms. Our Appraisers will offer a verbal appraisal for \$10 per item or 3 items for \$25. The maximum number of items per person is three. From 12 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. Steven Probert, local contractor and business owner, will talk about his experience restoring the Proprietary House over the last year. He will also be answering your questions regarding your old house projects. Admission is FREE. No reservation needed. Light Snacks will be available for purchase. For more info call the Museum at 732 826-5527, email address: info@proprietaryhouse.org or visit our website at www.proprietaryhouse.org.



Holocaust Days of Remembrance

The 2012 Days of Remembrance commemorate the actions of rescuers during the Holocaust. The stories of ordinary people who chose to intervene and help rescue Jews, despite the risks, demonstrate that individuals have the power to make a difference.

Remembrance not only obligates us to memorialize those who were killed during the Holocaust, but it also reminds us of the fragility of democracy and the need for citizens to be vigilant in the protection of democratic ideals. We remember because we recognize the importance of preserving freedom, promoting human dignity, and confronting hate whenever and wherever it occurs.

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PERTH AMBOY HOLOCAUST COMMEMORATION FILM SERIES
 Raritan Bay YMCA Auditorium located on 357 New Brunswick Ave.

April 18	12:30 p.m.	Film Series Kickoff Reception
April 18	1:00 p.m.	Diary of Anne Frank (180 minutes)
April 17	8:00 p.m.	The Stranger (95 minutes)
April 22	2:00 p.m.	The Garden of the Finzi-Continis (94 minutes)
April 24	6:00 p.m.	Defiance (137 minutes)
May 1	8:00 p.m.	Hotel Rwanda (121 minutes)
May 6	2:00 p.m.	Schindler's List (195 minutes)

Vendors Wanted

PERTH AMBOY - There will be a Spring Flea Market on Saturday, May 5 (Rain or Shine) at the Perth Amboy High School (Main Campus) Cafeteria from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost: \$10 per space/ \$15 space with table/\$20 for 2 spaces with tables. Interested in renting a space /table/have questions? Please contact the Perth Amboy High School PTO: Jeanette's-email-jmghi@aol.com or (732) 233-3397.

Italian Tripoli

100th Anniversary

TINTON FALLS - The Italian Tripoli Club will be celebrating its 100th anniversary on April 29. at Palumbo's Restaurant at Tinton Falls Centre on Asbury Avenue and Greengrove in Tinton Falls. We are asking all members, friends and all those interested to attend this great event and participate by also taking an ad for the Commemorative Journal.

The cost for the dinner and entertainment will be \$80. per person. The cost for an ad will be \$100 For ticket information contact Adam at 732-794-9004 and for Commemorative Journal Ad information contact Tony at 732-928-6130.

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David's Touch Day

WOODBIDGE - Join us for David's Touch Day Mini-Golf Fundraiser at the Woodbridge Community Center Skyline Mini-Golf, 600 Main St., Woodbridge on Friday, May 4 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Receive \$2 off general admission with your donation of a new, unwrapped toy. Regular Adult Admission \$7, Regular Child Admission \$5. For more info call 732-596-4170 or go to www.davidstouch.org

Become an Artist

SEWAREN - Create a one of a kind work of art using paints, paper and glue! on Friday, April 27 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. ages 8 to 12. Hosted by the Sewaren Free Public Library, 546 West Ave., Sewaren. Sign up for this free event. 732-634-7571 or sewarenlibrary@gmail.com. Registration required. Limit 12.

Tot Time & Storytime

SOUTH AMBOY - There will be Tot Time - (Ages 0-2) on Mondays at 11:30 a.m. and Storytime (Ages 3-5) on Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m. and Fridays (Ages 6+) at 3:30 p.m. at the Sadie Pope Dowdell Library, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza South Amboy. For more info call 732-721-6060.

Bake Sale

SOUTH AMBOY - The Sacred Heart Council of Catholic Women will be holding a bake sale the weekend of April 28 (Saturday) after the 4:30 PM mass and April 29 (Sunday) after the 7:00 AM mass until 1:30 PM in front of Memorial hall located across the street from the Church at 531 Washington Avenue, South Amboy. For more info call Eileen at (732) 525-2696.

Conversational Italian

PERTH AMBOY - Interested in learning to speak Italian? The Kearny Cottage Historical Society is offering Italian lessons on Wednesday evenings beginning on April 18 at 6 p.m. at the Kearny Cottage, 63 Catalpa Ave., Perth Amboy. \$60 for eight weeks. For more info call 732-293-1090.

Neighborhood Business Meetings

PERTH AMBOY - The Urban Enterprise Zone Program and the Business Improvement District, are once again coordinating a series of meetings with business owners in various parts of our city.

As in previous years, the

objective of these meetings is to bring government into the neighborhoods. The agenda consists of a 3-5 minute presentation by City Directors about department operations and services available to the community. The main purpose is to provide small settings and

hear business owners' comments and input that will help us improve the delivery of services. For more info call Roxana Troche at 732-442-6421. The 2012 Neighborhood Business Meetings schedule is as follows:

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	ADDRESS
Wednesday, Apr. 18	5:00 p.m.	Latin Grill	586 Amboy Avenue
Wednesday, Apr. 25	5:00 p.m.	El Taco Loco	308 State St.

Tool Time

WOODBIDGE - Tooling Around the Township will be on Saturday, April 28. To nominate a house for repair or to be a volunteer or business sponsor call 732-634-2750 ext 105. Tooling Around the Township is a program that organizes teams of local community volunteers to fix up residences of senior citizens and disabled residents unable to afford home repairs. You and your organization or business can be an important part of this annual 1-day community event by volunteering a few hours of labor or donating supplies. Needed are Volunteers, both skilled and unskilled in home repair and Donations of Materials, especially paint, paint brushes, smoke alarms & roofing material.

Small Business Forum

PERTH AMBOY - How To Apply For And Obtain for "Small Business Loans"? There will be assistance to prepare an application and other valuable information to grow your business on Tuesday, April 24th from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Fire Department, Training Room, 2nd Floor on 375 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy. Meet officials from NJ Economic Development Authority, U.S. Small Business Assistance. Program is free but registrations are highly recommended since seating is limited. RSVP no later than April 19th - 732-442-6421

60th Anniversary Banquet Dinner

PERTH AMBOY - The ZPA is having a 60 Anniversary Banquet Dinner on April 21 at 6 p.m. 65 pp. Contact person John 732-896-6402.

Spirit Rising Art Reception

PERTH AMBOY - Mixed Media Art by Jenni Vitek, New York at Raritan Bay Coffee Company, 233 Smith St., inside the Historic Train Station. Doors open at 6 p.m. Free event and free parking. Our monthly third Thursday open mic for music, song and poetry starts after the reception. All welcome. For more info, call 848-203-3432.



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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)

Volunteers Needed

PERTH AMBOY - The Domestic Violence Response Team needs volunteers! Team members work in conjunction with the police to provide victim support, information and referral at the time of a domestic violence crisis. Training will be provided at no charge by the Perth Amboy Police Department. For more info contact Det. Liza Capo, Perth Amboy Police Dept. at 732-324-3815 or Det. Sgt. Joseph Breyta, Perth Amboy Police Dept. at 732-324-3819.

NAACP Perth Amboy Branch Awards Banquet

EDISON - The 34th Annual Funds Awards Banquet will be on Friday, April 27 at 7 p.m. at the Pines Manor, 2085 Rte 27, Edison. Honorees: Michael G. Blackwell, Nina Nieves and Deputy Chief Benjamin Ruiz. Price \$75 - Adults, \$50 (ages 20 and under) - Tables \$750. Limited seating available. Purchase your tickets today! Call Brenda: 732-826-5284 or go to www.naacp-perthamboyarea.org

15th Annual Inspirations Spring Art Show

PERTH AMBOY - The 15th Annual Inspirations Art Show will be on Thursday, April 29 at 6 p.m. at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Concourse Gallery, 530 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy. \$50 per person. Please RSVP by Monday, April 9. Sponsorship available. Call for more details. 732-324-5374 or email. foundation@rbmc.org. Register online at www.rbmcfoundation.org. Honoring the Past . . . Illuminating the Future. Proceeds to benefit the Wilentz Patient Care Center at Raritan Bay Medical Center.

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.

Scholarship Available

SOUTH AMBOY - South Amboy ELKS :Elks Care, Elks Share Scholarship applications are now available. One \$500 scholarship will be awarded to a deserving senior from each of the five area high schools: South Amboy, Sayreville, Perth Amboy, South River and Cardinal McCarrick. For more information visit www.elks.org and refer to Lodge #784 website or email susanapeterson@aol.com. Deadline for applications is May 1, 2012.

34th Annual Geranium Sale

PERTH AMBOY - Raritan Bay Medical Center is having their annual Geranium Sale on Monday, May 7. \$30 per Dozen. \$3.50 each plant. Orders are due by Friday, April 30. Also available - hanging Geranium Plants - \$20 each. Pick-up on Monday, May 7: outside of the medical center at Groom Street Entrance 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please indicate # of geraniums and color: bubble gum pink, white, ruby red, fuchsia, or hanging geranium plant. Call Joan at 732-442-0629 for more info.

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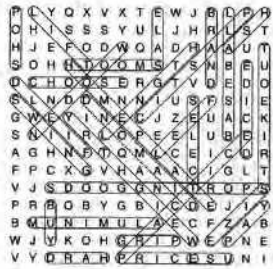
- TODAY, Apr. 18 Simpson Seniors, 10 a.m., Williamson Hall, High St.
- Holy Rosary Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Auditorium, Florida Grove Rd.
 - St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.
 - Holy Trinity Seniors, 1 p.m., Church Hall, Lawrie & Johnstone Sts.
- THURS., Apr. 19 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
- MON., Apr. 23 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.
- TUES., Apr. 24 Holy Spirit Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Church Hall, Brace Ave.
- Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.
- WED. Apr. 25 Simpson Seniors, 10 a.m., Williamson Hall, High St.
- Holy Rosary Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Auditorium, Florida Grove Rd.
 - St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.
- THURS., Apr. 26 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.

South Amboy

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

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LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY - Circa 1890's. The Perth Amboy Fire Department "Break O Day Boys" of the Hartman Hotel started Washington Engine Co #2 on Front & Smith Street

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Date Correction: All You Can Eat Filet Mignon Dinner

SOUTH AMBOY - The Old Bridge Sayreville Rotary is hosting its 4th Annual Ultimate Beefsteak on Friday, April 20th. Proceeds from this all you can eat filet mignon dinner will benefit area food banks. The event takes place at Sacred Heart Memorial Hall, located at Main Street and Washington Ave. in South Amboy. Dinner is served promptly at 6:30 p.m. and the menu, catered by The Brownstone from "Real Housewives of New Jersey", includes cold antipasto, sliced beef tenderloin, penne in tomato basil sauce, french fries, ice cream cake, coffee, tea, and soda. BYOB. Cost is \$40 per person and tables of 10 can be reserved. A comic and DJ will be on hand for your evening's entertainment! Advance ticket sales only, and space is limited. For more information, or to purchase tickets call Glenn at (732)921-1468, or Jeff at (732)921-1466. Tickets may also be purchased at Pride Landscape Supply, 350 Ernton Rd., Parlin.

A.C. Bus Trip

PERTH AMBOY - The Office on Aging is offering a trip to Caesar's A.C. on Friday, May 18. Bus leaves at 9:30 a.m. from the A.J. Center returning about 7 p.m. Cost is \$19 pp. Cash back \$25. Money Orders Only. For more info call 732-826-1690 ext. 4307 & 4326.

"Re-Gift" Bingo

SOUTH AMBOY - To Benefit Alise Strawhand and Family, South Amboy Elks #784 Presents: "RE-GIFT" BINGO. You must bring "One Wrapped Gift" to enter. DATE: Friday April 20th TIME: 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. (doors open at 6 p.m.) at 601 Washington Ave., South Amboy cost is \$1 per Bingo Sheet. Here is your chance to get rid of those unwanted gifts you have laying around the house. Outside Food Permitted. Refreshments and Cash Bar Available. For more info call 732-727-7170.

Celebrate Earth Day Plant a Seed

SOUTH AMBOY - Kids, mark your calendar for a fun event at the Dowdell Library: "Celebrate Earth Day - Plant a Seed," which is an Earth Day program which will be presented by South Amboy Community Gardens on Monday, April 23rd from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Also, meet "Sisters in Crime" author, Chelle Martin at the Dowdell Library of South Amboy on Saturday, April 21 at the Dowdell Library of South Amboy from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Don't forget to ask about the children's and young adult art contest taking place through April 30th.

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9. FEEL

10. FIELD

11. GRIP

12. HARD

13. HOME PLATE

14. LENGTH

15. LIFT

16. PAY

17. PLASTIC

18. PRACTICE

19. PRICE

20. SALE

21. SELECT

22. SHOP

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23. SIZE

24. SMOOTH

25. SPORTING

GOODS

26. STRIKE OUT

27. SWING

28. TRY

29. USE

30. WEIGHT

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