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Sunday May 26th
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**Sayreville
Memorial Day
Parade**
Monday, May 27th
10:00 a.m

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Police Memorial

The South Amboy Police Dept. will hold its annual Police Memorial Day service on Wednesday, May 15th at 11 a.m. in front of South Amboy City Hall, 140 North Broadway. The nation's officers who were lost in the line of duty this year, and the past and present officers of the South Amboy Police Dept. will be honored and remembered.

South Amboy Gets Strong Marks From Credit Rating Service

The City of South Amboy's credit rating and outlook continue to earn strong marks from one prominent credit rating service. Standard & Poors Global Ratings recently upgraded the City's rating, for the second time in 4 months, to "AA-" and view the rating outlook as "stable."

Thanks in part to its "strong local economy" and improved "management," S&P expects South Amboy to remain at its new and improved credit rating level over the next 2 years. In its recent report, S&P's based its rating upon its view of the City as having: A strong economy-The City's market value is expected to grow as new development projects are completed; Management-In its report, S&P stated: "We consider management's recent budgetary practices and assumptions markedly improved."; Strong budgetary performance-The City experienced revenue growth from its growing tax base coupled with budgetary cost savings; Strong Budgetary Flexibility-Planning through the creation of reserves provides additional flexibility; Very strong liquidity-Improved liquidity should eliminate the need to borrow cash flow borrowing; S&P indicated in its report: "Approximately 71.7% of the direct debt is scheduled to be repaid within 10 years, which is, in our view, a positive credit factor."

In its outlook, S&P reported that "The stable outlook reflects S&P's opinion of South Amboy's improved and sustained budgetary performance, which has over time led to a strong and stable financial position."

The report was triggered by the City's continued reinvestment in its infrastructure that provides for road repairs and improvements to the community.

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Volunteers Recognized!



City Recognizes Volunteers-On April 17th at the South Amboy City Council meeting, volunteers were recognized for their dedication and commitment to the City of South Amboy. Those pictured above, who were honored include Richard Johnson, Fire Dept., Elizabeth "Betty" Leveille, First Aid, Christian Petras, First Aid, Brian Noble, Recreation. Also, Student Volunteers-Fire Dept.-Michael Coman, Thomas Coman, Stephen McLaughlin, Victoria Tierney. First Aid Cadets-Nadia Barcheski, Allison Leveille, Stephen McLaughlin, Taylor Salmon, Bryanna Tierney, Victoria Tierney. Congratulations and thank you to all for everything you do! (Photo by Tom Burkard)

Opening Day!



Youngsters and their coaches gathered together for this great team photo during the SAYAA Opening Day festivities. (Photo by Tom Burkard)



The Sayreville Little League parade kicked off its Opening Day ceremonies on April 13th. Players from the Pee Wee Division proudly displayed their banner. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

South Amboy Memorial Day Services

On Sunday May 26th, American Legion Luke A. Lovely Post 62 will hold memorial visits at the following sites starting at 9 a.m. sharp: Gazebo on Bordentown Ave.; Christ Church Cemetery; Morgan Cemetery; Sacred Heart Cemetery; St. Mary's Cemetery; Benjamin Sebban Monument (at the Waterfront Park); South Amboy Boat Ramp; American Legion Post 62.

Memorial Services which will include placement of the memorial wreath, will begin at 12 p.m. noon in front of South Amboy City Hall, 140 North Broadway.

Memorial Day Parade

(Article submitted)

Sayreville will host its annual Memorial Day parade on Monday, May 27th beginning at 10:00 a.m. This year the parade is sponsored by the American Legion Post 211. The procession will start at Elizabeth Street and Washington Road and conclude with a service at the Borough Hall on Main Street. In the parade line-up will be veterans and their affiliated groups, color guards, distinguished bands, local officials, school, civic, community and church groups, marching units, scout troops, youth sports leagues, antique vehicles, local police, fire and emergency departments.

On Memorial Day we honor every soldier who has sacrificed so much for us and we thank those that are still fighting to keep our country safe and secure. This year, Larry Bishop, a Vietnam era veteran who proudly served in the US Army Courier Service delivering top secret material, has been chosen as the Grand Marshal. He is a 32-year member of the American Legion Post 211 in Sayreville. He has held many offices and served on many committees at the Post, County and Department level. He is currently serving in his 8th year as Post Commander. Larry served three years as Middlesex County Commander; he also served two years as the Department of New Jersey Vice Commander.

He was appointed to the National Legislative Council and is the liaison to Congressman Coleman. He currently serves as Chairman of the National Security Committee for the Department of New Jersey. Larry believes in the

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The Sayreville Police Dept. recently swore in 5 new officers. The patrolmen are pictured along with their supervising officers. In photo (l-r) Capt. Plumacker, Capt. Fitzsimmons, Ptl. Peter Dufurat, Ptl. Matthew Zebrowski, Chief Zebrowski, Ptl. Michael Valentin, Ptl. Joseph McMahon, Ptl. George Lestuck Jr., Capt. Kiernan. Best of luck to all the new officers! (Photo/info submitted)

Talk Of The Towns

By Tom Burkard
McCabe Retires From South Amboy
Congratulations go out to Mike McCabe, who recently retired from the city of South Amboy after 37 years of dedication and hard work with the Dept. of Public Works. Enjoy your retirement Mike!

Memorial Day Parade

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Legion and its many great programs. He is willing to do whatever is necessary to find help for all veterans in need. He strongly believes in the Four Pillars that the American Legion was founded upon: Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism, and Children & Youth.

Larry retired in 2010 after 40 years in construction (Plumbers & Pipefitter's Local 9). He is a life member of Elks Lodge 324 and a former 10-year coach and executive board member of Sayreville Little League. He and his wife Lona of 47 years live in Sayreville and have two children, Scott and Jennifer (husband Jeff) and two grandchildren, Andrew and Emma.

Larry considers it a great honor to serve as Grand Marshal of the 2019 Memorial Day Parade representing the American Legion and the Borough of Sayreville.

Credit Rating Service

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The improved rating attracted 6 bidders for the City's bonds, resulting in a very low rate of 2.44% for 14 years, saving taxpayers nearly \$1.5 million in payments on the bonds as compared to initial projections.

"I could not be happier with the result of our latest rating from Standard & Poors" said Mayor Fred Henry. "It is a testament to our years long efforts to position the City of South Amboy on a firm financial foundation. Despite many challenges and the naysayers who have vilified my administration's efforts to bring smart and sustainable developments to our City, it is clear from this latest financial review that we are doing the right thing for present and future residents of South Amboy. The financial professionals we employ have worked side by side with our Business Administrator Glenn Skarzynski, and new CFO Dan Balka, and I could not be more grateful for their hard work."

OLV Senior Christmas Trip to Lancaster

The OLV Senior Group is planning a Christmas trip to Lancaster on November 6 -7, 2019. The cost of the trip is \$360.00 which includes a delicious lunch on day 1 at Shady Maple where you can fit in some pre-Christmas shopping. Next, the group will enjoy a matinee at the American Music Theater's show, Joy to the World. There will be a late check at the Fulton Steamboat Inn with dinner at the restaurant. Guests can then enjoy the amenities of the hotel. On day two there will be a late check out after breakfast. Shopping at the outlets is the next item of fun. Lunch will be on your own. Bus pick-up at the outlets will bring you to the afternoon show at Sight and Sound, the Miracle of Christmas. After the show the group will enjoy a family style dinner at Hershey Farm Restaurant before returning home. For further information or to reserve a seat please call Teri at 732-742-1320.

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Pleasant little TRIVIA

By Tom Burkard

1. President of South Amboy Trust Co. in 1970?
a. Robert McGowan b. George Kress c. Lois Morriss
2. President of the South Amboy First Aid Squad in '70?
a. James Ryan b. Elizabeth Leveille c. John Ciszewski
3. Sayreville Fire Chief in 1969?
a. John Gorman b. Raniero Travisano c. Jack Borchetsky
4. Appointed Superintendent of Sayreville schools in 2000?
a. Dennis Fyffe b. Walter Quint c. James Brown
5. Chairman of the South Amboy Recreation Commission in 1970?
a. John Hulsart b. Edward Flannery c. James Walczak
6. Sayreville War Memorial HS Student Council President in 1984-85?
a. Al Budny b. Cindy Fingerlin c. Sherri Martin
7. Chairman of the South Amboy Shade Tree Commission in '70?
a. Phil Purcell b. Joe Kudelka c. Joe McCarthy
8. South Amboy First Aid President in 1984?
a. George Kern b. Don Riley Sr. c. John McCloud
9. Sayreville Emergency Management Coordinator in 2000?
a. Ray Skarzynski b. Rory Zack c. Susan Mulrone
10. In 1999, the top vote-getter in the Sayreville Board of Education election?
a. Joe Bellan b. Samuel Adams c. Joseph Bera III

Answers
1B 2C 3A 4A 5C 6B 7A 8A 9B 10C.

Business Of The Month New Life Books & Bibles



New Life Books & Bibles business owner Joan Antonucci is pictured at her popular 123 North Broadway, South Amboy shop. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

New Life Books & Bibles, located at 123 North Broadway in South Amboy celebrated its 40th Anniversary this past December 8th. The business is currently the 2nd longest running in town, an amazing feat for any business, and a tribute to New Life Books & Bibles for their outstanding service to the local communities.

New Life carries a large selection of religious items including statues, crucifixes, plaques, rosary beads, CD's, movie DVD's, books, bibles, christening outfits, tee shirts, hats, and much more.

Owner Joan Antonucci said "I have been at the same location for 40 plus years, and I have seen a lot of nice changes to the town. I have been blessed by having this ministry, and I can only thank God for it all. I have learned to live one day at a time, and trust God with this business and my life. So many people have been supporting me for many years, and I have made a lot of friends. I am truly blessed."

Congratulations on your wonderful career Joan, and thank you for all you do for everyone!

Autism Awareness

Join us for Arleth's 6th Annual Autism Awareness SPRING Fair to be held on Saturday, April 27th from 11am-4pm. The fair is held at the school grounds at 3198 Washington Road, Parlin. Come enjoy shopping from local vendors, have your car washed, enjoy food and baked goods, tricky

tray and have fun at the Kids Zone (carnival games, bounce houses, face painting and more!). Admission to the fair is free, and tickets to the Kids Zone and for the tricky tray are available at the event.

For more information please email arlethpto@gmail.com.

ROTARY MONTHLY TOPIC: COMPUTER SAFETY

(Article submitted)

Our speaker this month was Burton Wilkins the branch manager of Amboy Bank located at 412 Washington Road in Sayreville. Mr. Wilkins has been a member of the South Amboy/Sayreville Rotary Club since 2011 and has been the Club Treasurer for the past four years. His topic this month was COMPUTER SAFETY.

The National Safety Institute, Inc. recommends computer users review the following four habits to strengthen your computer security:

1. Your password is weak. Do not use a default password; one that is weak like password or 12345. Today security experts recommend passwords of fourteen characters in combinations of upper- and lowercase letter with numerals.
2. You ignore updates. Updates usually include the latest security adjustments to

keep you ahead of hackers.

3. You click on random or unverified links. Verify email origins before opening them. Hackers can imitate the email addresses of folks you trust.

4. You love public wifi. Be aware of the lack of security in public wifi places.

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Congratulations!



Larry Bishop (right) Post Commander and Joel Bloom (left) Color Guard Member of the American Legion Lenape Post 211 Sayreville, both received the New Jersey Meritorious Service Medal in support of the Vietnam War, during a medal ceremony conducted by the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. (Photo/Info Submitted)

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Yearbook—Hoffman 1994

By Tom Burkard

As Hoffman HS Class of '94 returned to its final year at the John Street institution in September 1993, the top song in the nation was a remake of Elvis Presley's "Can't Help Falling In Love" by UB40. Bill Beattie was principal, and some of his excellent staff of educators included Carol McDonnell, Rich Klein, Tony Gonsalves, Barbara Russell, John Bernosky, Joanne Blackmore, Sheila Inman, Roberta Rim. The yearbook was titled, "All Mixed Up," and was co-edited by Amy Hoehman and Lori Standowski. It was dedicated to Lyn Davis. The Homecoming King and Queen were Oliver Haran and Christine Wence. Some of the Class of '94 selected randomly: Amy Szatkowski, Kim Brinkerhoff, Mark Felice, Lisa Thomson, Robert Senape, Fred Terris, Joseph Farrell II, Daniel Salmon, Beata Piotrowski, Jennifer Walczak, Kathleen Duggan, Chi Leach, Christopher Smith, Monica Lang, Amy Lapworth, Jennifer Simeone, Ronald Ross, Brian Walsh, Annette Was, Grace Murray, Keith Ludlow, Lydia Nicewicz. Some of the many "big" social happenings at the school included Pudding Wrestling; Halloween Happening; Spirit Week Olympics; Medieval Times; National Honor Society Tapping; and of course the school play, "Little Shop of Horrors." The Student Council President

was Amy Hoehman and her officers were homeroom representative/organizer—Grace Murray, corresponding secretary—Melissa Paul; recording secretary—Kim Oshman. Senior Class Officers were: President—Jimi Cross, VP—Jeff Melhorn, Treas.—Lenny Smith, Sec.—Jasmine Baran. Hoffman High's Class of '94 had many talented athletes including Oliver Haran, Lenny Smith, Gema Kay, Lisa Ryan, Amy Hoehman, Adam Treiber, Ronald Brown, Eric Tambora, Jim Casanova, Robert Thomas III, Gustavo Torino, Kimberly Oshman, Michael Glasser, William Disbrow, Nelson Reyes, Timothy Bowers, Christopher Skryzniarz, Nancy Baranowski, John Charmello, Robert Matthews, George Baranowski, Janice Aucone.

The song "I Swear" by All-4-One was the song most played on radio, and Hoffman High's Class of 1994 probably listened to it in their cars on the way to graduation. H.G. Hoffman High School's Class of '94 was an interesting and talented group, and what a "crazy" yearbook! I have researched hundreds of yearbooks through the years, but this one is a real "standout!" It really was "All Mixed Up." I'm still dizzy from turning it upside down! (LOL)

Yankees Trips

The Sayreville Recreation Department is running 3 bus trips to see the New York Yankees battle it out for the World Series. Tickets are \$100.00 each which includes round trip transportation to and from Yankee Stadium. Bus will leave the Mickey Sedlak building at 4:00 pm sharp and will leave Yankee Stadium at the conclusion of the game. All games are at 7:00 pm on Friday nights.

June 21, 2019 – New York Yankees vs. Houston Astros
 July 19, 2019 – New York Yankees vs. Colorado Rockies
 August 16, 2019 – New York Yankees vs. Cleveland Indians

Tickets for the bus trip can be purchased at www.sayrevillerec.com. Sign up early as space is limited.

Flea Market

The First Presbyterian Church of Sayreville will be having their Annual Flea Market on June 1, 2019 in the church parking lot from 8am-29. There is a rain date of June 8, 2019. Please come join us for bargains, good food and an enjoyable day. The Church is located at 172 Main Street, Sayreville, directly across from the Borough Hall. For more information please call the church office at 732-257-6353 or email at churchoffice172@optimum.net. There are still a limited number of spaces left if you are interested in selling. Please use the same numbers to reserve a space

Bars in South Amboy-50 Years Ago

Thank you to everyone who helped add to our list of South Amboy bars/liquor stores from 1969, that we missed last month. John Letteriello of South Amboy mentioned "Annabel's at the bottom of Augusta St., and Gay 90's (they made tomato pies) on First St." Mary Agnes Morris, also of South Amboy said that we listed Tom & Box's, and also Muff's Tavern on John St. in the article, but "They were both before 1969." Don Zrebiec said, "I didn't see Pine Liquors on the list (unless it went by another name I didn't recognize). It used to be at 101 South Pine Ave."

Clothing Drive

Sacred Heart Rosary Society is sponsoring a used clothing drive on Saturday, April 27 from 3-5PM and Sunday, April 28 from 6:30AM to 1PM. Items needed are gently used clothing and coats, shoes, hats, belts, purses, linens, bicycles and toys. Please bring your donations to Memorial Hall, 529 Washington Avenue, South Amboy, across from Sacred Heart Church. For further information please call Virginia at (732)721-1521.

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Sayreville War Memorial HS Student Designs Winning Logo for Borough

Riverton Awards \$1,000 to High School Senior Patrick Pusung

Local high school student, Patrick Pusung, has made a lasting mark in Sayreville. The borough's leaders are embracing his municipal logo design which ties into the centennial celebration of the borough's incorporation in April 1919.

Pusung participated in logo design contest coordinated and sponsored by Riverton, the mixed-use development comprising more than 400-acres along the Raritan River, in conjunction with Sayreville High School's graphic design department. As the winner of the contest, Pusung, who plans to study graphic design in college next fall, was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship for developing a new logo for the borough.

Pusung presented his creation to Mayor Kennedy O'Brien and the Borough Council on Monday, March 25.

Students created draft logos based on feedback from Sayreville residents who visited the Riverton tent at the Saint Stan's Carnival in the summer and at Sayreville Day last fall. Residents were asked: "What does Sayreville mean to you?"

"The descriptive words included family, friends, diversity, hard work, and the connection to the outdoors. The high school art students were then asked to incorporate this feedback into a fresh, new logo," explained Kevin Polston, Project Executive for North American Properties' Riverton team. "Patrick's work demonstrated not only a strong connection to his community, but an obvious talent for design. We're elated to present Patrick with a \$1,000 scholarship to help him continue to pursue his passion at college next year."

"We are very proud of you," Mayor O'Brien told Patrick and his family. "It's a great design, and it makes us all proud."

About Riverton
Riverton is located along the Raritan River, with direct access from the Garden State Parkway at the newly constructed \$40 million Exit 125 interchange in Sayreville which

represents the state's continued foresight and investment in commerce and economic growth. Riverton will become a retail-driven, community-focused, hospitality-infused mixed-use destination with a blend of retail, residential, office and hotel connected by an abundance of community amenities and gathering spaces for all to enjoy. Planning, design, leasing and procurement all are presently underway; the excitement becomes reality with groundbreaking that will be celebrated in 2019. Learn more about Riverton at ExperienceRiverton.com.

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Saturday, May 25, 2019 9:00 AM, American Flag and Veterans' Marker replacement Sacred Heart Cemetery. All Catholic Veterans and public invited to help.

Monday, May 27, 2019, 8:00 AM Mass, Sacred Heart Church, Washington Avenue, South Amboy, NJ. All Catholic Veterans invited to attend.

Monday, May 27, 2019, 9:00 AM, Memorial Day Service, Sacred Heart Cemetery, Johnson Lane, Parlin, NJ. Public invited to attend.

OLV May Meeting

The OLV Senior Group will hold their May Meeting on Friday, May 3, 2019 at 1:00PM in Monsignor Dalton Hall. Prior to our business meeting, we will have our annual May Crowning.

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Fourth Annual Naturalization Ceremony

Sayreville Public Library recently hosted its fourth Naturalization Ceremony on Thursday, March 28, 2019. U.S Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) received twenty-one new citizens from 13 different countries in an event that brought together members from all reaches of our community. Paul Correia, USCIS Newark Field Office Director was Master of Ceremonies with John E. Thompson, Newark District Director, administering the Oath of Office. Kenneth P. Kelly, Sr, Chief of Staff for our local Mayor's Office, welcomed the candidates and Assemblywoman Yvonne Lopez, NJ State

Legislature, delivered the keynote address. Senator Joseph Vitale paid a visit to deliver a congratulatory message along with L. Francis Cissna, USCIS Director.

The Presentation of Colors was conducted by Sayreville's own VFW Post 4699 Color Guard and Judy Gary, Music Director at St. Bernadette's Church, led the National Anthem. Leah Kloc, Sayreville Public Library Director, concluded the ceremony with final remarks. Sayreville Public Library is proud to host such a meaningful community event each year. (Photo/Info Submitted)

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Lighting Up...Killer Marketing

By Elaine Holton Scott

In the SATimes, May 2011 edition, my column, "Lighting Up" was printed describing what it was like to grow up in a world which promoted smoking. Having been a smoker myself, I'm well-aware how addictive tobacco is. So, I began to wonder how tobacco companies got people to light up in the first place...and keep on lighting up, no matter what the cost.

Nicotine has a very calming effect. It could even make a soldier less jittery before battle. Knowing this, cigarette companies saw their opportunity during WWI and "kindly" sent our boys free cigarettes and pipe tobacco hoping they'd become addicted. When the war was over, soldiers returned home, usually with a pack of unfiltered cigarettes in their pocket. The tobacco companies did the same during WWII, the Korean War and in Vietnam. How wise they were, as every pack donated had meant a steady revenue for many years to come.

Seeing the "sirens" of the silent films smoking with their long cigarette holders had a big impact on young females, especially the "flappers" during the roaring '20s. In the '30's, '40's, and '50's, movies continued to portray "modern women" smoking as it did men, who usually had a cigarette either dangling from their lips or in their fingers. Tobacco companies had counted on these "not so subliminal" messages to entice the young to emulate their favorite stars. It worked, and smoking became a common sight on both big and small screens alike. Even one of the most popular animated shows of all time in the early 1960's, The Flintstones, had Wilma and Fred smoking. That's not surprising as the show was being sponsored by seven different brands of tobacco products.

Baby Boomers like myself had grown up in a world wherein smoking was a part of life. We saw adults smoking in homes, on TV, in movies, on buses, on street corners, in diners, in cars, and just about everywhere we went. I don't think it's too hard to believe the company which had manufactured candy cigarettes very possibly had a tobacco company as a silent partner, in a pathetic attempt to groom children to be future smokers. As R.J. Reynolds had stated in 1974, "Realistically, if our company is to survive and prosper, over the long term, we must get our share of the youth market," and that's exactly what they did.

After The Federal Cigarette Labeling and Advertising Act was passed, it became a requirement as of January, 1965, for every pack of cigarettes to contain the label, "Warning: The Surgeon General has determined that cigarettes may be dangerous to your health." Even so, the Admen for Virginia Slims looking for more profits came out with their, "You've come a long way, baby" commercials and magazine ads with beautiful, well-dressed women looking smart and oh-so chic. In 1969, all commercials for tobacco products were banned from TV and radio...but not so in print. Meanwhile, the tobacco companies continued to tempt the "youth market" by "changing up" their product, adding different flavors to the tobacco. They're still doing it.

***In 1994, when top executives from the major tobacco companies appeared before the House Energy Subcommittee on Health and Energy, each of the 7 executives present, declared they did not believe nicotine in cigarettes was addictive. It's always been all about the money.



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South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry and council members in no particular order, Tom Reilly, Michael "Mickey" Gross, Brian McLaughlin, Christine Noble, and Zusette Dato are proudly pictured with several of the volunteers who were honored at the council meeting for their dedication and commitment to the South Amboy community. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

MAKE TIME FOR MAKE-TIME AT THE DOWDELL LIBRARY THIS MAY!

Whether you're looking to make Mexican food, lasting friends, lifelong memories, 3-D printed objects, or the honor roll, your local library is waiting to help you along the way. Here's a tiny taste of what the Dowdell Library is offering South Amboy this May!

The Dowdell is kicking off the month with a pair of Cinco de Mayo celebrations! The library's young adult Cinco de Mayo Party will run from 3pm to 4:30pm on Friday, May 3, while its adult Cinco de Mayo Gathering will run from 12pm to 1pm on Monday, May 6. Whatever your age, you're encouraged to grab a plate and join the festivities!

On the hunt for the ultimate sedentary workout? The Dowdell's Yoga for Health series is waiting for you! Yoga for Peace, a chair yoga program, is scheduled for Saturday, May 18 from 2:30pm to 3:30pm. Attendees are encouraged to arrive on a light or empty stomach. Registration is required!

Need help troubleshooting or learning to use your computer, phone, tablet, e-reader, or other device? Stop by the library! Our ongoing Digital Café program offers tech assistance every weekday from 12pm to 2pm and on Thursday evenings from 6pm to 7:30pm.

Have an abiding interest in the latest technology? Every Thursday between 6:30pm and 7:30pm, stop in at the Dowdell's Adult Tech Corner, where you'll discover a new topic every week! No devices are

necessary for participation.

Celebrate the release of the Detective Pikachu movie at the Dowdell's Detective Pikachu Scavenger Hunt! On Friday, May 10 from 3pm to 4:30pm, participants who endeavor to catch 'em all just might win some Pokémon-themed prizes along the way...

Teens and tweens: do you eat food? Do you like books? If so, you just might enjoy T(w)een Books and Bites, the Dowdell's monthly bring-your-own-read club! The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 13 from 3:30pm to 4:30pm. No registration is required; please contact the library for additional information.

Armed with a 3-D printer and emboldened by a complete lack of restraint, the Dowdell Library has prepared itself for an entire evening of Big Chungus Checkers (parents and grandparents, look it up online or ask your kids—they'll be happy to tell you what "Big Chungus" means). Swing by on Tuesday, May 28 from 3:30pm to 4:30pm to get in on the action.

Aspiring artists are invited to join the Dowdell's T(w)een Art Club. Stretch your skills and share your work with a group of like-minded young creatives while enjoying refreshments and seeking feedback! Meetings are planned for Fridays including May 17, 24, and 31 and will run from 3pm to 4:30pm. No registration is required; please contact the library for additional information.



Our Lady of Victories held a Tricky Tray on March 30th. Pictured (l-r) are Meaghan Spezzi, Father Ryan and Maria Holovacko. (Photo/Info Submitted)

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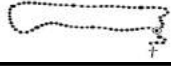
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Tour Of Ireland Oct. 2019

The Knights of Columbus/AOH with Joe Campbell are presenting a custom tour of Ireland "A Magical Journey Home" from Oct. 10-Oct. 21, 2019. Cost is \$2,349.00, Land Portion: Air \$550.00 plus est. taxes of \$90. For complete details and full itinerary contact Joe Campbell at 646-483-2883 or Ellie at Main Street Travel 732-828-8800.

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN
(Never known to fail) Oh, most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, Fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh Star of the Sea, help me and show me, herein you are my mother. Oh, Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth! I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in this necessity. There are none that can withstand your power. Oh, show me herein you are my mother. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 times). Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands (3 times). Say this prayer for 3 consecutive days. You must publish it and it will be granted to you. Thank you. -M.M.



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they don't know
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They all have me Surrounded
But Catch Me?,
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Country Concert And Line Dancing

Jake's Country Band with a line dancing teacher will perform a FREE concert sponsored by the Sayreville Cultural Arts Council on Wednesday, May 1, at 7:30 p.m. at the Sayreville Senior Center, 423 Main St. This band performs classic and contemporary

country songs. Join in the line dancing with easy step-by-step instructions. ALL ages invited; free light refreshments will be served. For more information, call Edna at 908-208-2358 or email Sayrevilleculturalarts@gmail.com.

OLV Senior Trip to the River Lady

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to the River Lady, a delightful luncheon cruise on July 30, 2019. The price of the trip is \$120 which includes deluxe motorcoach transportation, 2 1/2 hour cruise with a full

historical commentary and a delectable lunch, and all taxes and gratuities, and snacks on the bus. For further information or to reserve a seat please call Finita at 732-721-5081.

Car Show June 7

South Amboy Knights of Columbus will host their annual spring car show Friday June 7 from 6 to 9 p.m. in the parking lot of the K of C at 308 Fourth St. South Amboy. Refreshments will be available. The best

entries will win prize trophies. Please bring a non-perishable food item to benefit local food pantries. For more information call 732-721-2025.

Christmas Trip To Lancaster

South Amboy Seniors are sponsoring a three day two night trip to rustic Lancaster Pennsylvania to enjoy two wonderful Christmas shows at two beautiful venues. Cost of \$409 includes tickets for "The Miracle Of Christmas" at the Sight and Sound Millennium Theatre, and "Joy To The World" at the American Music Theatre. The trip includes two nights lodging, two breakfasts, two dinners, including a family style smorgasbord meal. Also included is a shopping visit to the Tanger Outlets, and an excursion to the old west Kitchen Kettle Village. You will also receive a souvenir gift. Luggage, handling, tips and taxes are included. For reservations call Judy at 732-727-0154

A PRAYER FOR HEALING
Lord, you invited all who are burdened to come to You. Allow your healing hand to heal me. Touch my soul with Your compassion for others. Touch my heart with Your courage and infinite love for all. Touch my mind with Your wisdom, that my mouth may always proclaim Your praise. Teach me to reach out to You in my need. Help me to lead others to You by my example. Most loving heart of Jesus, bring me health in my body and spirit so that I may serve You with all my strength. Touch gently with this life that you have created. Amen -T.B.

PRAYER TO ST. ANTHONY
Oholy St. Anthony, reach down from heaven and take hold of my hand. Assure me that I am not alone. You are known to possess miraculous powers and to be ever ready to speak for those in trouble. Loving and gentle St. Anthony, reach down from heaven I implore you and assist me in my hour of need. Obtain for me (mention request here). Dearest St. Anthony, reach down from heave and guide me with thy strength. Plead for me in my needs. And teach me to be humbly thankful as you were for all the bountiful blessings I am to receive. - M.S.

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT
Holy Spirit, you who solve all problems, light all roads so that I can achieve my goal, you who gave me the Divine gift to forgive and to forget all evil against me and that in all instances of my life are with me, I want this short prayer to thank you for all things and to confirm once again that I never want to be separated from you, even in spite of all material illusions. I wish to be with you in eternal joy and thank you for your mercy toward me and mine. Thank you Holy Spirit. -P.S..

MIRACULOUS INVOCATION TO ST. THERESA
O Glorious St. Theresa, whom Almighty God has raised up to aid and counsel mankind, I invite your miraculous intercession. So powerful are you in obtaining every need of body and soul, our Holy Mother Church proclaims you a "prodigy of miracles, the greatest Saint of modern times." Now I fervently beseech you to answer my petition (mention here) and carry out your promise of doing good upon earth of letting fall from heaven a shower of roses, henceforth, Dear Little Flower, I will fulfill your plea to be made known everywhere and I will never cease to lead others to Jesus through you. Amen.
Say prayer every day for 9 days. By the 4th day ask for a sign, if prayer is to be answered between 4th and 9th day you will see a rose in a magazine, tv, picture or receive roses. Must promise publication. C.P.



What is Memorial Day

Memorial Day, which was originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance in honor of America's war dead. Decoration Day was officially proclaimed on May 5, 1866 by General John Logan, National Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic. It was first observed on May 30, 1868. May 30th was chosen specifically because it was not on the anniversary of a major battle. Federal law recognized the holiday as "Memorial Day" in 1967. In 1971, a law was passed moving the date from May 30 to the last Monday in May.

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Historic Meeting- The city of South Amboy officials stand to be recognized at the first City Council meeting in the new city hall on May 19, 1970. Pictured (l-r) Councilman Frank Zebro, Councilman Al Sorrentino, City Clerk Natalie Brennan, Council President Fred Henry, Mayor P. Joseph Rush, City Attorney John Mullane, Councilman William O'Leary, Councilman James Inman. (Photo/info courtesy of Mayor Fred Henry)

Vendors/Sponsors Wanted

There's Still Time for Vendors and Sponsors to Sign Up for the Seventh-Annual Autism Awareness Swim & Play. The Event – with 100 Percent of Proceeds Donated to Autism New Jersey – is Set for Saturday, May 4 at the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey's Aquatics & Fitness Center, 333 Cheesequake Road, in Parlin.

The three-hour event, which helps spread Autism awareness and raises funds for the Autism community, directly supports Autism New Jersey, a statewide, non-profit resource that provides essential information, advocacy and support to children and their families.

This event, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.,

is a family-friendly fun time and an ideal marketing venue for sponsors and exhibitors. Swim & Play participants raise money for Autism New Jersey by swimming laps, while others enjoy playtime in the activity pool or other fun events that are being planned, such as arts and crafts.

One hundred percent of the proceeds are donated to Autism New Jersey. Supporters can also support the Swim & Play by purchasing custom apparel at www.teespring.com/autismawareness2018. To learn more about sponsorships or to become a vendor, email Kate Dauphinee at kdauphinee@escnj.us. Learn more about the event at www.theaquaticscenter.com/autismawareness

The Smoke Column

By Ex-Chief Richard Kosmoski, BA, MS

As you travel south on the Garden State Parkway in early spring, don't be surprised if you get an odor of burning wood. Don't be alarmed because during this time of the year there is "prescribed or controlled" burning taking place. This mostly occurs from milepost 120 on south and especially in the area of the Pinelands National Forest. At any time, you may observe large plumes of smoke coming from these wooded areas in Monmouth, Ocean, Burlington, and Atlantic counties. On sunny, dry, windless days, the New Jersey State Forest Fire Service (NJSFFS) conducts these prescribed/controlled burns.

You may be wondering why the NJSFFS must burn naturally good woods and wildlands? These fires are well planned and are supervised during the entire operation. These prescribed burns are a necessity for a healthier and safe wildland/urban interface.

A controlled/prescribed burn, also known as hazard reduction burning, backfire, swaling, or a burn-off is a wildfire set intentionally for purposes of forest management, farming, prairie restoration or greenhouse gas abatement.

A controlled burn may also refer to the intentional burning of slash and fuels through burn piles. Fires are a natural part of both forest and grassland ecology and a controlled fire can be a tool for foresters. Hazard reduction or controlled burning is conducted during the cooler months and just before the growing season to reduce fuel buildup and decrease the likelihood of a more serious and hotter fire. Controlled burning stimulates the germination of some desirable forest trees and reveals soil mineral layers which increase seedling vitality thus reviving the forest. Some pine cones are serotinous and require heat from fire to open and disperse seeds. Back burning involves starting small fires along a man-made or natural firebreak in front of a possible main fire front. Back burning reduces the amount of fuel that is available to the main body of fire by the time it reaches the burnt area.

In New Jersey, the NJSFFS personnel use best management practices to control the impact from smoke during burns by only burning when there is little to no wind or that it is blowing in a favorable direction away

from residential areas.

Motorists traveling the roadways in an area of a controlled burn are advised to use caution and lower their speed when driving into smoky areas when due to reduced visibility. Since 1906, the NJSFFS has protected property, lives and infrastructure by creating defensible space and strategic fire breaks near developed areas. These prescribed burns do help to prevent wildfires, reduce the intensity of these fires when they do occur, and provide a foundation for safer, more effective fire suppression and protection operations.

Controlled burns are conducted throughout the world for the same reasons they are conducted in the United States. These controlled burns are very popular throughout the western United States where the wildlands and urban areas interface. The controlled burns are started by persons walking the edges of the woods carrying a drip torch that spits a flaming fuel oil into the forest floor causing instant ignition. The burning debris is only the top ground cover and the fire is controlled so as not to get into the aerial fuel of the trees. If a wildfire does occur and it approaches an already burned out area, it will have no place to advance and will quickly burn itself out. Areas are burned on a 5-6 year cycle, depending on how long it takes to build-up a substantial quantity of dead leaves and underbrush.

Just a few weeks ago many of us witnessed the effects of an out of control wildland fire in Burlington County when the smoke from that fire traveled north into Middlesex County. We were able to smell the odor of smoke and seen a haze in the area.

The next time you travel south on the GSP in the early spring, be aware for controlled burns. You may even get an advanced warning of controlled burns in progress by one of those overhead informational signs before you even smell or see the smoke.

A PRAYER FOR HEALING

Lord, you invited all who are burdened to come to You. Allow your healing hand to heal me. Touch my soul with Your compassion for others. Touch my heart with Your courage and infinite love for all. Touch my mind with Your wisdom, that my mouth may always proclaim Your praise. Teach me to reach out to You in my need. Help me to lead others to You by my example. Most loving heart of Jesus, bring me health in my body and spirit so that I may serve You with all my strength. Touch gently with this life that you have created. Amen -S.S..

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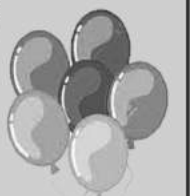
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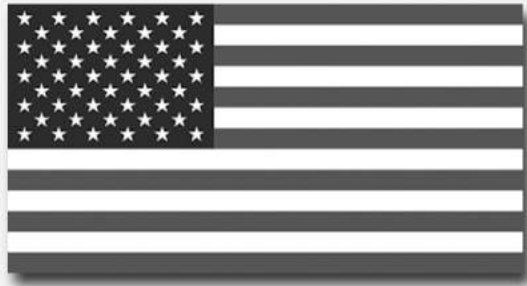




The City Of South Amboy



Join us as we remember the Nation's Officers who were lost in the line of duty this year and in support of our past and present Officers of the South Amboy Police Department.



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11:00 AM
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MEMORIAL DAY

S E R V I C E S

SUNDAY, MAY 26TH 2019

AMERICAN LEGION LUKE A. LOVELY POST 62 WILL BE HOLDING MEMORIAL VISITS AT THE FOLLOWING SITES ON SUNDAY, MAY 26TH 2019 STARTING AT 9AM SHARP

- 1) Gazebo on Bordentown Ave.
- 2) Christ Church Cemetery
- 3) Morgan Cemetery
- 4) Morgan Explosion Cemetery
- 5) Sacred Heart Cemetery
- 6) St. Mary's Cemetery
- 7) Benjamin Sebban Monument (at the Waterfront Park)
- 8) SA Boat ramp
- 9) American Legion Post 62

MEMORIAL SERVICES WILL TAKE PLACE AT 12PM IN FRONT OF CITY HALL (140 NORTH BROADWAY)

Remember When?



The railroad crossing on lower Augusta Street in South Amboy looked like this? Does anyone know what year the crossing gates were eliminated? (Photo courtesy of George Fuller)

Korean War/Defense Veterans Seek Members For Chapter

The Central Jersey Chapter #148 of the Korean War Veterans extend an invitation to any veterans, regardless of the branch of service, who served during the Korean War June 25, 1950-July 27, 1953, any location, including Europe or who have served in

Korea from July 27, 1953 to current date. For complete information on becoming a member, meeting dates, etc., contact Charles Koppelman, Membership Chairman at (home)609-655-3111 or (cell)201-873-2852 or e-mail: KWVANJ@yahoo.com.

Trivia Night

Put on your thinking caps and come join us for Sayreville Public Library's first ever Trivia Night with Dan! The fun begins May 22 at 6:00 PM. Play with a team or play solo. Prizes will be awarded to the top 2 teams of the night.

with a team, one member can register for up to 5 people. Adults only, please.

This event is free and open to the public, not just Sayreville residents, but registration is required. Please visit the Sayreville Public Library Events Calendar on our website at www.sayrevillelibrary.org for more information and to register.

You can sign up as a team, join one when you get here, or sign up solo. If signing up

OLV Senior Trip to Christmas Lights in Dyker Heights

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to the Christmas Lights in Dyker Heights, Brooklyn NY. On Friday, December 6, 2019. The price of the trip is \$145.00 which includes bus transportation, bus gratuity,

dinner at Tommaso Restaurant, guided tour of the Dyker Heights Neighborhood, all taxes and gratuities. For further information or to reserve a seat please call Finita at 732-721-5081.



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Rockin' The House



Rockin' the house at South Amboy Knights of Columbus #426 Open Mic Night is (l-r) Joe Durnya, Clem Skarzynski, and Brian Eberle. (Photo by Tom Burkard)



By Tom Burkard

U.S. Cities

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|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. __ Honolulu Lulu | a. Elvis Presley |
| 2. __ Atlantic City | b. Dave Loggins |
| 3. __ Viva Las Vegas | c. Jan & Dean |
| 4. __ Walking In Memphis | d. U2 |
| 5. __ Woodstock | e. Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young |
| 6. __ Tallahasee Lassie | f. Marc Cohn |
| 7. __ The Night Chicago Died | g. America |
| 8. __ Please Come To Boston | h. Paper Lace |
| 9. __ Angel Of Harlem | i. Bruce Springsteen |
| 10. __ Ventura Highway | j. Freddie Cannon |

Answers: 1c 2i 3a 4f 5e 6j 7h 8b 9d 10g

Support the Troops Dinner Dance

(Photos/info by Joe Lotkowitz)



Clem and Friends once again turned in a fine performance at the 4th annual Support the Troops Dinner Dance help April 6th at the Sayreville VFW Post #4699. Standing (l-r) are the great musicians who provided the entertainment for this occasion: Matt Desposito, Fran Fee, Tim Fee, Clem Skarzynski, Rich Standowski, Craig Hoek, Gary "Tripps" Trippiedi, Jerry Mokar.



Carmen Delikat, President of VFW Auxiliary Post #4699 did another fine job as usually for the 4th Annual Support the Troops Dinner Dance on April 6th.

#1 Pop Hits-April 27

- 2002-Foolish Ashanti
- 1995-This Is How We Do It-Montell Jordan
- 1980-Call Me-Blondie
- 1973-Tie A Yellow Ribbon Dawn/Tony Orlando
- 1961-Runaway-Del Shannon
- 1958-Twilight Time-The Platters

One Hit Wonders 35 Years Ago

1984-The Curly Shuffle-Jump In The Saddle Band; Let The Music Play-Shannon; 99 Luftballons-Nena; Give It Up-KC; They Don't Know-Tracey Ullman; Breakin' There's No Stopping Us-Ollie & Jerry; The Warrior-Scandal, Featuring Patty Smyth; Desert Moon-Dennis DeYoung; All I Need-Jack Wagner; Easy Lover-Phillip Bailey with Phil Collins.

#1 Country Hits April 27

- 2005-Anything But Mine-Kenny Chesney
- 1998-Bye-Bye-Jo Dee Messina
- 1983-American Made-The Oak Ridge Boys
- 1977-She's Got You-Loretta Lynn
- 1966-I Want To Go With You-Eddy Arnold
- 1959-White Lightning-George Jones

Battle Of The Bands-1970

A Battle of the Bands was presented by the Sacred Heart CCD at Memorial Hall on May 2, 1970. The bands competing were Utah; Merging Traffic; Soul Society; The Young Idea; The Family. If anyone has any info or photos of this event or any of the above mentioned groups, please contact The SA Times.

Karaoke Night May 17

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 will hold another Karaoke Night Friday May 17 at 8 p.m. at the K of C on 308 Fourth St. South Amboy. You can

sing anything from Frank Sinatra to Bruce Springsteen. Refreshments will be available. No cover charge. For more information call 732-721-2025.

OLV Senior Trip to Cabaret by the Sea

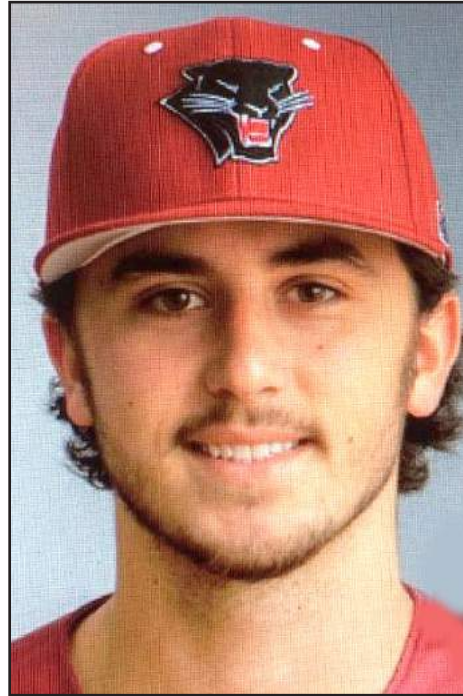
The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to the Crystal Point Yacht Club to see the show Cabaret by the Sea featuring Vincent Talarico. The trip is on August 6, 2019. The trip package is \$125 which includes deluxe

motorcoach transportation, 3 course luncheon and show, all taxes and gratuities. For further questions or to reserve a seat please contact Finita at 732-721-5081.

AC Trip & Everly Brothers Experience May 29

For all of you Everly Brothers fans, the Sacred Heart Seniors are running a trip to Caesar's Place in Atlantic City Wednesday May 29. You'll hear the great songs like "Cathy 's Clown," "Bye Bye Love," "Bird Dog," "Wake Up Little Susie," "Crying In

The Rain," "All I Have To Do Is Dream," and "Let It Be Me," The \$90 cost includes round trip motor coach transportation, the musical show, and buffet lunch. You will also be given \$25 in slot money to enjoy at the casino. For reservations, call Judy at u732-727-0154.



Blaise Maris

Another Maris!

If the name Maris sounds familiar, you've been around for awhile or are a true baseball fan. Blaise Maris, wears uniform #9 with Florida Tech (16-14), the same his grandfather Roger Maris wore with the NY Yankees in '61, when he shattered Babe Ruth's home run record by blasting 61 dingers to lead the Bronx Bombers.

Blaise Maris apparently has some good baseball genes, and leads the team with 5 home runs, and is hitting .327, with 33 hits, 7 doubles, and 18 RBI. This young college player could be very interesting to follow, and probably will be a MLB draft pick in the next year or two.



50 Years Ago



On April 12, 1969, city of South Amboy officials held a groundbreaking ceremony at the site where the new city hall would be built on North Broadway, where it is currently located. Pictured (l-r) Architect Norman Fisher, Councilman Frank Zebro, Councilman Allie Clark, City Clerk Natalie Brennan, Council President Fred Henry, Mayor P. Joseph Rush, City Attorney John Mullane, Superintendent of Public Works Charles Thompson, Councilman William O'Leary, ? (Photo/info courtesy of Mayor Fred Henry)

School Sports

(As of April 16)
By Tom Burkard

Team Leaders

Baseball

South Amboy (5-2)

Runs-Kyle Gasiewski 11 Nick Charmello 8; Hits-Gasiewski 12 Stephen McLaughlin 11 Charmello 10; RBI-Raymond Perez 7 Anthony Vella 5 Johnny Gonzalez 5; Doubles-Zach Honimar 3 Perez 2; Home Runs-Charmello 1; Batting Avg.-Gasiewski .545 Gonzalez .467 Charmello .455 McLaughlin .423; Wins-Gasiewski 2 Charmello 1 McLaughlin 1 Honimar 1; ERA-McLaughlin 1.95; Strikeouts-Gasiewski 31 McLaughlin 8.

Sayreville (6-4)

Runs-James Ryan 10 Ryan Casano 9; Hits-Ethan Calcano 11 Dylan McTonic 8; RBI-Calcano 15 McTonic 5; Doubles-Calcano 5 McTonic 4; Batting Avg.-Calcano .393 McTonic .308; Wins-Ryan Ament 2; ERA-Ament 1.05 Christian Aich 1.29; Strikeouts-Ament 20 Aich 18.

Softball

South Amboy (4-4)

Runs-Nala Gawroriski 5 Soraya Pina 4 Renee Piazzolla 4; Hits-Many tied with 5 each; Doubles-Jaime Moran 2; Stolen Bases-Piazzolla 7 Taylor Russo 6; Batting Avg.-Moran .455 Gawroriski .417 Pina .417 Allison Leveille .400.

Sayreville (1-6)

Runs-Destiny Gonzalez 7 Jalyn Dzamba 5; Hits-Ashley Cannon 7 Dzamba 6; RBI-Cannon 3 Sam Emolo 2 Jessica Wasko 2; Doubles-Wasko 2; Batting Avg.-Cannon .368 Dzamba .353; Wins-Cannon 1.

Locals Played In GMC All-Star Games

The GMC Basketball Coaches Association's 26th Annual Senior All-Star Doubleheader to benefit the Marisa Tufaro Foundation was held recently. In the boys game, Kyle Gasiewski of South Amboy, and

College Notebook

Erin Fitzsimmons (Sayreville) is the top pitcher for Ramapo (11-9) She leads the team with a 2.04 ERA, 75 innings pitched, 49 strikeouts, and is tied for the top spot with 5 wins (5-6 record). Opponents bat .242 when she's firing from the mound...Jackie Riley (Cardinal McCarrick/St. Mary's) is having an outstanding season at Kean University (22-3). She is a fantastic (9-1), and tops the club with a miniscule 0.65 ERA, 5 shutouts, and holding her opponents to a .191 batting average. She is also #2 with 64.1 innings pitched, and 34 strikeouts. Always a superb batter as well, Jackie is hitting .429, #2 on the squad, while drilling 27 hits, and 2 home runs. She is also second on Kean with 23 RBI, and a .587 slugging pct...Kelly Duffy (Sayreville) is tied for the RBI lead at Rowan University (16-6), and is second in doubles with 7, while batting .333, and rapping out 20 hits...Christina Misiur (Sayreville) tops Caldwell University (13-13) with 9 doubles, and is tied for most RBI with 12. Her batting average is .309 with 17 hits...Ryane Brush (Sayreville) has walloped 2 home runs and is tied for the team lead at the College of St. Rose (NY) (10-8). She has 15 hits and is batting .300...Freshman Katie Eicher (Bishop Ahr) fired a brilliant 4-hit, shutout, while striking out 7 in 7 innings, to win her first



Connor Johnson

Wojcik Will Coach At Ramapo College

Longtime Sayreville Bombers basketball coach John Wojcik will find himself in a new coaching position this year as an assistant men's basketball coach at Ramapo College, where he played college ball under his new boss Ramapo's head coach Chuck McBreen. Wojcik, a Sayreville native, who played on the Bombers only GMCT championship team in 2000, has had a terrific run for 10-years at the Sayreville helm. In 2016-17, he guided them to the GMCT finals, only to fall to a powerhouse St. Joseph's Metuchen squad. His club finished with an outstanding (22-8) showing, and for his stellar coaching, was selected as the Home News Tribune Coach of the Year for the season. He took his teams to 7 GMC quarterfinals, and 3 semifinals during his 10 seasons as head coach. John said that he will continue teaching in the school, and "I'll always be a Bomber."

Congratulations and best of luck to a really class act and gentleman!

Mets Trip June 15

For all of you baseball fans, the South Amboy Knights of Columbus sponsor an outing to see the National League East contending Mets, with rookie sensation Pete Alonso, host the St. Louis Cardinals Saturday June 15 in a 7:10 p.m. game. Cost of \$135 includes reserved mezzanine game tickets, round trip motor coach transportation, snacks, refreshments, Player Gnome promotion, and \$24 worth of Mets Money that can be spent anywhere in the ballpark. For reservations call Steve at 732-727-1707.

Jaijuan Macklin of Sayreville participated. In the girls contest, Lyssandra Delacosta of Sayreville and Julie Olivieri of South Amboy received some playing time.

collegiate start for Rollins College (32-5)... Pete Soporowski (Sayreville) leads Rider University (9-18) with a 3.15 ERA, 40 innings pitched, and 55 strikeouts, while compiling a (2-2) mark while limiting opponents to a .238 batting avg...Connor Johnson (Sayreville) has seen limited action with East Stroudsburg University (19-8). He's pitched in 4 games, 9 innings, with 7 strikeouts, and has a (1-1) record...Kayla Stvan (Sayreville) is a freshman catcher for Springfield College (11-11). She has played in 9 games and is batting .263 with 5 hits including a double... Patrick Walsh (South Amboy) The Rutgers University soph has been doing very well with both Indoor and Outdoor Track & Field. In March, he finished 8th in the 1500m (4:08.19) and 3000m (9:07.72) at the Rider 5-Way. In February, Patrick finished 3rd in the 5000m with a time of 15:29.12 at the Metropolitan Championships...Villanova University baseball team under head coach Kevin Mulvey (Bishop Ahr) is currently (6-20)...Jonny Stratton (Howell) is the starting third baseman for Penn State York (6-4). He recently blasted a big double for his team. He is the son of talented former Hoffman HS athletes Randy Stratton, and Kelly Reick Stratton.



Kayla Stvan



Townes Player Of The Year

Loyola-Chicago University standout senior guard, Marques Townes (Cardinal McCarrick/St. Joseph's) won the prestigious Larry Bird Trophy as the Mission Valley Conference Player of the Year. He led

the league in scoring with an 18.1 avg. in conference play, and 15.9 overall, with 5 rebounds per game. Congratulations Marques!

Sofilkanich To Coach Plainfield

Don Sofilkanich of South Amboy, a highly-regarded high school football coach, has been hired as Plainfield High School's new head coach. Sofilkanich has been very successful since 2007, coaching at several different high schools, and building a reputation of reviving football programs that have not put up winning seasons. Plainfield has not had a winning year since '05, and over the past 12 years has a poor (24-46) mark.

Don got his head coaching start in 2008, taking over Asbury Park, which was (1-9) prior to his arrival. His fine leadership guided them to a superb (33-3) and three straight CJ Group I championships. He also coached at

Holmdel, (In 1 season finished (6-4), and a share of the Shore Conference C South title), Bishop Ahr, Neptune (in 2010 guided them to a (6-4) mark and a CJ II playoff spot), and most recently at New Brunswick, where he took a program that had a (2-36-1) with a 26-game losing streak prior to 2014, when Sofilkanich took over. After going (3-7) in his first year at the Zebras helm, he guided them to a fine (9-2) finish, and their first postseason showing in nearly 10 years. At Bishop Ahr from 2011-2013, his team went (12-18), losing 7 games by a total of only 21 points. Congratulations and best of luck, Coach Sofilkanich and continued success!

South Amboy Youth Athletic Association (SAYAA)

Opening Day (Photos by Tom Burkard)



South Amboy High School's varsity baseball coach Dan Poulsen is pictured with his daughter.



South Amboy Police Sgt. Dan Holovacko is pictured with his son prior to the opening game.



Prior to the start of the Opening Day event, (l-r) South Amboy Police Sgt./SAYAA President Brian Noble, Councilwoman-At-Large Christine Noble, Council President Michael "Mickey" Gross, Councilman Brian McLaughlin, and Councilman Tom Reilly, took time for a photo.

The Local Sports Memory Machine

By Tom Burkard

Champions



Late 1970's-Dooling Electric was a real powerhouse in the short-lived South Amboy Women's Slow Pitch Softball League, and won at least 2 championships out of the 4-5 years the league existed from approximately 1976-1980. Pictured is the legendary team with its top-notch players/coaches. Top row (l-r) Coach Joe Crowe, Coach Bill O'Leary, Patty Dooling, Debbie McClung, Lori Policastro, Coach Jack O'Leary, Coach Bernie Mackiel. Bottom row (l-r) Kathy Barclay, Mary Ellen Donnelly, Norine Croddick, Patty Flynn, Donna Reich, Grace Hoffman. (Photo by James Tedesco, courtesy of Joanne Katko)

From The Sports Archives



1980's-The talented South Amboy Pirates baseball team is pictured top row (l-r) Asst. Mgr. Jim Holovacko, Tim Bloodgood, ?, John Mulligan, ?, ?, Bob Kelly, Mike Buczynski, ?, John Skarzynski, Mgr. Bruce Ramer. Bottom row (l-r) Andy Pipala, ?, Joe Szaro, Ray Kelly, Bill Bright, Jim Beshada, Tom O'Leary, G. Vona. If anyone can help with the ? marks, please contact us. (Photo courtesy of Joanne Katko)

Attention

Morgan Lions, Morgan Merchants, Oak View Nursing Home Baseball Players

The SA Times is planning to do a feature on the above teams when they participated in the South Amboy Babe Ruth League back in the 1960's. If you played for one of these teams, and know others who were your teammates/coaches please let us know. It is important to keep the Morgan section of Sayreville sports history alive!

If you have a team picture, or photo of yourself in uniform, please share it with SA Times readers, and it will be well-cared for and returned to you. Also, feel free to share any great memories you may have from way back when!

*Remember, we are looking for those who actually played in the South Amboy Babe Ruth League, not the Morgan Babe Ruth League.

What Is A Baseball Glove?

The following was written in a magazine ad in 1965: **What Is A Baseball Glove?**

"A baseball glove is a beginning and an ending; a boy's first sure step towards manhood; a man's final, lingering hold on youth; it is a promise...and memory. A baseball glove is the dusty badge of belonging, the tanned and oiled mortar of team and camaraderie; in its creases and scuffs lodge sunburned afternoons freckled with thrills, the excited hum of competition, cheers that burst like skyrockets. A baseball glove is a thousand and one names and moments

strung like white and crimson banners in the vast stadium of memory. A baseball glove is the leather of adventure, worthy successor to the cowboy's holster, the trooper's saddle and the buckskin laces of the frontier scout; it is combat, heroics, and victory...a place to smack a fist or snuff a rally.

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50 Years Ago

1969 First Aid Wins Title

First Aid won the South Amboy Little Fellas championship by sweeping Weiss Clothing, 5-4 in the best of 3 series. Tom Diem fired a 4-hitter for the victory. Mike Grimley's clutch extra base hit in the 6th inning won it. In Game 1, Diem pitched a brilliant 3-hit shutout, as First Aid won 2-0. Mike Downs blasted a home run for the Aidmen. The team was managed by the

late Dennis Rufus and coached by Frank Grimley and Jim Holovacko. The talented roster consisted of: Mike Grimley, Tom O'Leary, Marty Ratajczak, Ray Stockton Jr., Tom Geant, Bob Stillwagon, Mike Downs, Pete Toth, Frank Norek, Ray Linderoth, Tom Diem, Wilbur Schmidt Jr., Steve Gray, Jan Malkiewicz, Jim Caracappa, and batboy, Pat Grimley.

1969 South Amboy Little Fellas League Final Leaders

Batting Avg.-Kevin Homan, Weiss .653 Tom Diem, First Aid .582 Sztakowski, Protection .582 Joe McCarthy, Jo-Tom's .528 Servis,

Lions .510 Myron English, Enterprise .508 Dennis Carey, Weiss .500 Shawn Switzer, English Chevron .500 Zimmerman, Weiss

Glory Days In Local Sports

1957-Hoffman nipped Rumson, 4-3 behind winning pitcher Dave Inman, who struck out 4. Bob Bloodgood unloaded a 3-run homer and single. 1967-The Governors hammered St. Peter's baseball team, 8-3 behind winning pitcher Bob Keegan, who stroked 2 hits. Curt Wood blasted a 3-run homer and single, Fran Chonsky added a 2-run triple, and Glenn White 2 singles. 1971-Kevin Corrigan hurled a 3-hit shutout, with 5 strikeouts to lead Sayreville to a 6-0 triumph over Perth Amboy St. Mary's. Bruce Buckiewicz orbited a 2-run homer, and Dan Hockenjos laced 2 singles and had an RBI. 1986-Lisa Harrigan fired a 7-inning perfect game, and fanned 12. It was her third no-

hitter of the year. Karen Scupp belted 2 doubles and a single to knock in 2 runs, while Debbie Kelton drilled 2 hits good for 2 RBI, to lead St. Mary's to an 11-0 romp over East Brunswick Tech in softball play. 1997-Sayreville stopped Middletown North in baseball, 8-5, as Mike Popowski blasted a long 2-run homer. Winning pitcher David Santiago whiffed 5, and belted a double and triple to drive in 2 runs. Pat Gers added a 2-run single. 2009-The Lady Eagles shocked Spotswood, 6-1 in GMCT softball action. Winning pitcher Jessica Hartland struck out 8, while Jamie Williams ripped a single and double to drive in 3 runs, and Jessica Costa stroked 2 hits and had 2 RBI.

10 Years Ago

2009-South Amboy junior standout, Joe Charmello was crowned Middlesex County's 3-point king for the 2008-09 season, as he pumped in 66 treys. In addition, he had the #2 scoring avg. in the county, 19.1, while notching 440 points.

35 Years Ago

Hoffman Girls Win CJ Group I Title

1984-Barbara McCabe's daring theft of home plate with 2 outs in the 9th inning gave the Lady Guvs a thrilling 2-1 victory over South River, to capture the CJ Group I championship. McCabe started the inning off with a single, went to second on Dottie Croddick's sac bunt, and to third on a passed ball, prior to her game-winning steal for Coach Rich Klein's Purple & Gold powerhouse.

50 Years Ago

1969-Morgan Package under manager John P. Kenny captured the Morgan Midget League championship. The talented roster included: Brian Smith, Mark Mutter, Ray Macknowski, Frank Harrison, Russ Anderson, Mark Kenny, Jim Rogers, Bud Crosby, John Simpson, Gene Batruk, John Quirke, and batboy Jimmy Kenny.

65 Years Ago

1954-South Amboy Briggs captured the Tournament of Champions in East Orange, defeating the Jersey City Destroyers, 3-0 on a 1-hitter by Hal Dietz of Matawan. Frank "Skip" Minnick hammered a bases loaded triple in the 6th inning of this 9-inning game. John Kovaleski and Gene Malkiewicz contributed 2 hits apiece. The South Amboy lineup was: Kovaleski 3b Malkiewicz 2b Jim Croddick lf Leo Kedzierski cf Minnick ss Frank Zebro 1b Jim Inman rf John "Skeets" Skarzynski c Dietz p.

85 Years Ago

1934-St. Mary's baseball team nipped Cathedral of Trenton, 14-13. Ben Pawlowski was the winning pitcher. Third baseman/leadoff hitter Fran Thompson drilled 2 singles and a double, center fielder Mackiel belted a single, triple and home run, first baseman Joe "Whitey" Wojciechowski ripped 3 hits, and the catcher Klimek added 3 hits to the Saints attack.

50 Years Ago

1969 Morgan A.A. Award Winners

The Morgan Athletic Association (A.A.) held its annual awards banquet at the Club Bene in Morgan. Players from the championship teams received trophies. The champs of the different leagues were Sayreville Esso; Morgan Package Store; South Amboy Roller Arena. Robert Choma was Midget League MVP; John Simpson-Little Fellas League MVP; Jerry Ust-Senior League MVP. Scholar-Athlete trophies were presented to 6 boys from the Midget League. The winners were Mike Creange, Gary Jaskowiak, Daniel DiPoalo, John Pietrukiewicz, David Katko, Francis Kreismer.

*Does anyone have team pictures or photos from the banquet to share?

T.H.E. Game

By Tom Burkard

Year -1976 S

Sport - Girls Softball

Teams - Sayreville (19-2) vs. Middlesex (14-4) for MCCAT Championship

Recap: Lee Sztakowski crunched a homer in the top of the 2nd to put Sayreville on top 1-0. Middlesex bounced back to take a 3-1 lead in the bottom half of that inning. Rhonda Rompola crunched an rbi double, and eventually stole home to tie it at 3-all. The Lady Bomb Squad erupted for 4 runs in the 4th. Rompola crashed a 2-run double, and Luanne Ferenci drove in a run with a Sac Fly. Terry Travisano doubled and scored on an error for the fourth run in the outburst. The Blue & Gray brought the Middlesex title back to Sayreville with a final 8-5 count. Winning pitcher Karen DeSiena struck out 7 and upped her mark to a phenomenal (15-1). **Player of the Game** - Rhonda Rompola.

Oldest Major League Baseball Pitchers

The oldest MLB players are listed followed by the year that they last played: Satchel Paige 59, (1965); Jack Quinn 50, (1933); Hoyt Wilhelm 49, (1972); Jamie Moyer 49 (2012); Phil Niekro 48, (1987); Nick Altrock 48, 1924; Nolan Ryan 46, (1993); Jesse Orosco 46, (2003); Charlie Hough 46, (1994); Tommy John 46, (1989); Hod Lisenbee 46, (1945); Randy Johnson 46, (2009); Bartolo Colon 46, (2019); Roger Clemens 45, (2007); Gaylord Perry 45, (1983); Fred Johnson 45, (1939); Ted Lyons 45, (1946); Tim Wakefield 45, (2011).

Little Fellas Opening Day-50 Years Ago

1969-South Amboy Mayor J. Peter Rush threw out the first ball, and former New York Yankee and Councilman Allie Clark was on hand to usher in the Little Fellas Baseball League season. Three games were played on the Saturday April 26th Opening Day.

In the first game, Weiss destroyed Daylight Bakery, 15-2 behind winning pitcher Kevin Homan, who struck out 12 batters, while teammate George Bongiorno belted a single and 2 triples. Protection topped Lions, 6-2, as Fred Beaudry blasted a home run. Winning pitcher John Sztakowski fired a 2-hitter, struck out 10 and laced 2 singles. In the final game of the day, Enterprise nipped First Aid, 1-0 in a 10-inning pitchers duel. Mike Klimchak tossed a 1-hitter, and struck out 16, while losing pitcher Tom Diem fanned 20 Enterprise batters.



Youth League Dynasties

If you played on any South Amboy or Sayreville Youth Leagues such as (Little League, Babe Ruth League, Girls Softball, etc.), and your team won 2 or more consecutive championships, you qualify as a dynasty! Please let us know the league, year, team sponsor and players that were on the team. Any photos would also be much appreciated.

*If we can get enough information on this, we hope to do a feature story in the upcoming issues.

.500 Mike Downs .497. Runs-Sztakowski 32 Diem 31 Homan 28. Hits-Homan 32 Diem 28 Sztakowski 28.



Brandon Bielak

Bielak Excelled In Spring Training

By Tom Burkard

Sayreville's Brandon Bielak made his first two Major League Baseball outings with the Houston Astros most memorable. With a blazing fastball clocked at 96 mph, he struck out the first 3 New York Mets he faced on only 13 pitches to end the 8th inning of a Spring Training game. In 2 early Grapefruit League games, he worked 4 innings and struck out 5, and really caught the eyes of Houston's top brass, whose organization is loaded with pitching prospects.

Bielak started the 2019 season with Corpus Christi in Class AA, and hopes to work his way to the bigs, quite possibly this year. Best of luck to a very talented young baseball player!

Pro Wrestling 30 Plus Years Ago

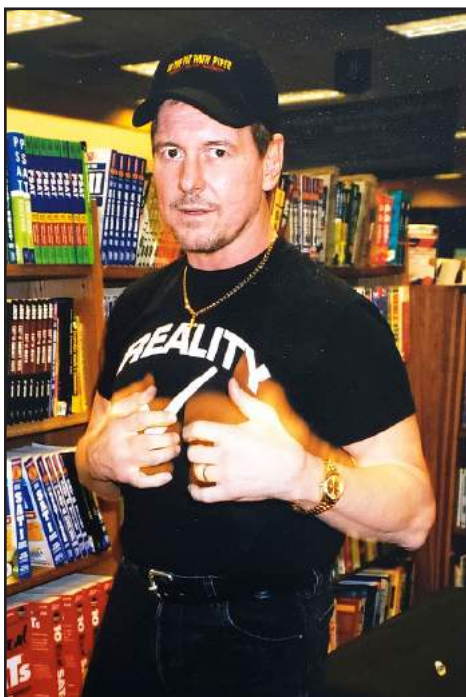
Photos/story by Tom Burkard

Back in the 1980's when the first Wrestlemania was held, there were plenty of big-name wrestlers on tour and on TV each week, wrestling for the World Wrestling Federation (WWF) which was the Vince McMahon multi-million dollar moneymaker, which had millions of followers during this zany time.

Some of the top showmen of the day included: Hulk Hogan, "Rowdy" Roddy Piper, Andre The Giant, Randy "Macho Man" Savage with his manager Miss Elizabeth, Brutus "The Barber" Beefcake, Ricky "The Dragon" Steamboat, Greg "The Hammer" Valentine, The Ultimate Warrior, Rick Rude,

Jake "The Snake" Roberts, "Big" John Studd, Pedro Morales, The Honky Tonk Man, "Million Dollar Man" Ted DiBiase, The Hart Foundation-Brett "Hitman" Hart and Jim "The Anvil" Neidhart, Paul Orndoff, The Sheik, George "The Animal" Steele, King Kong Bundy, a Woodbury, New Jersey boy, who was 63 years old, died on March 4th. He was 6-4, and weighed 458 pounds. Another of Jersey's home grown wrestlers was Bam-Bam Bigelow.

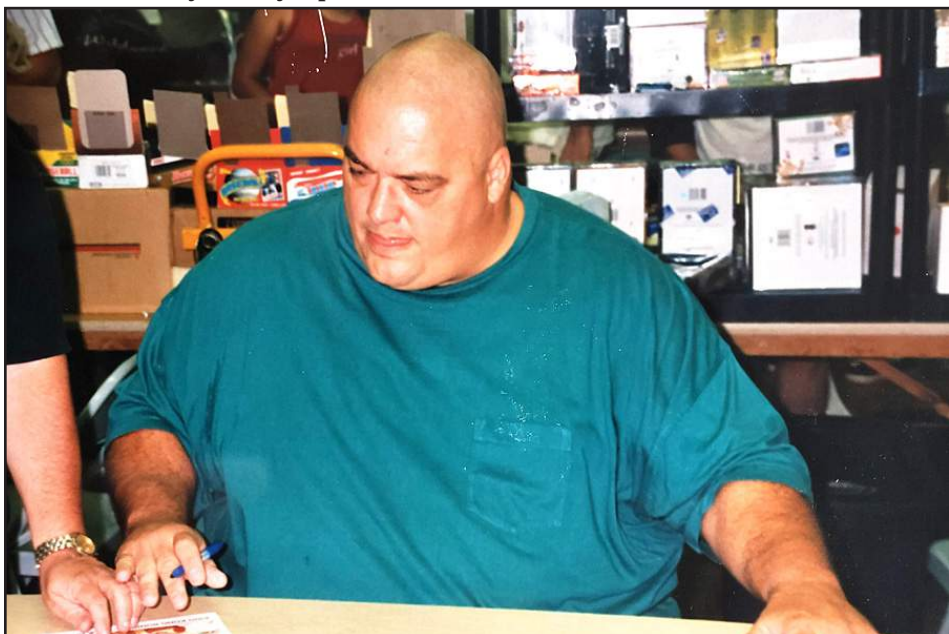
Did you know? Bruno Sammartino won the WWF title by defeating "Nature Boy" Buddy Rogers back in the 1960's.



"Rowdy" Roddy Piper



The Fabulous Moolah



King Kong Bundy

Knights Golf Outing May 23

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 hold their annual golf outing Thursday May 23, at the lovely Cruz Farms golf course in Farmingdale. Cost of \$100 includes 18 holes of golf, riding cart, breakfast bagels, lunch, and dinner back at the Knights of Columbus 308 Fourth St., South Amboy. Registration begins at 8:30

a.m. with a 9 a.m. tee-off. There will be an awards presentation, cash and prize raffles. Sponsorship opportunities of \$50, \$75, and \$100 are available. Hole sponsors will be recognized. For more information call Ray Sucheicki at 732-721-2025, or 732-406-2340..



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Prosperous Year of the Pig Celebration

(Photos/info by Joe Lotkowitz)



Elaine Gaber (l) Director of Sadie Pope Dowdell Library, South Amboy and MC Peter Shen from the Edison Chinese School provided the welcoming remarks for the activities at the Prosperous Year of the Pig event.



Pictured singing the beautiful "Shanghai Bund" is Grace Yung, accompanied by the Edison Chinese School Concert Chamber Orchestra for the Prosperous Year of the Pig celebration held at the Sadie Pope Dowdell Library in South Amboy.

Brunch With The Easter Bunny

(Photos/captions by Joe Lotkowitz)



South Amboy K of C #426 member Ed Vassallo is pictured with his new 2 ½ month old baby grandson Liam Edward Hourahan. The baby and granddad had a great time meeting the Easter Bunny at the Easter Bunny Brunch.



The Easter Bunny is pictured making the rounds, at the Easter Bunny Brunch, where all the children were greeted.

WWW.?



Does anyone know what South Amboy or Sayreville business this is now, or was years ago? Send your answers in to: satimes@aol.com. Good luck! (Photo by Tom Burkard)

WWW.? Winners For March

The correct answer for the March Mystery Photo is Colleen's Kitchen on South Broadway in South Amboy, owned by Carol Johnson. Many years ago, the building was Lou's Bakery, and a few other businesses which are also acceptable answers.

Elizabeth Leveille, Laurie Loftus, Joan Fulham, Mary Agnes Morris, Joan Gorczyca, Andrew Bartczak, Mark Moniello, George Kern, Dennis & Kathy O'Leary, Maryanne Matarangolo, Dane Colburn, Jay Seyglinski, Gary Feret, Dawn Roberts, Kevin Kania, Lisa Grankowski, Judy Guilfoyle.

Dennis Quinlan, Linda Unger, Leon Credico, Gerry Sherry, Irene and Mike Kilcomons, Eleanore Westerholm, Chuck Pickard, Estelle Pluskota, Pat & Bill Scully, Jack & Keith Piskorski & Lorraine Krauss, Joanne Niestemski Jim Malkiewicz, Pete McIntyre, Marie English, Ed English, Steve Laskiewicz, Peggy and Steve Yuhas,



March-WWW.? Colleen's Kitchen, South Broadway, South Amboy

WWW.? Letters

Dear SA Times,
The WWW.? picture in your 30 Mar 2019 edition is of 113-115 South Broadway in South Amboy, home of Vintage Hair Salon (113) and Colleen's Kitchen (115). The part of the building occupied by Vintage Hair Salon used to be the place where News Tribune paper carriers would pick up their newspapers in the 1970's. I had the route on Main Street, from Briggs' car dealership at Broadway to Massing's Exxon station at Thompson Street. It was the same route my father Lou had when he was a kid in the 1930's.

Don Zrebiec

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The WWW.? photo is Lou's Bakery on Broadway and Henry. I also remember next door was the Perth Amboy News drop-off, they would drop the papers off there for the paper boys.

Dennis Quinlan
(Formerly of South Amboy)
Tennessee

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I think this month's WWW is the building on Broadway where Colleen's Kitchen is now. Between Henry and David.

I remember the bakery (Lou's) and a carpet shop were once in that building also.

Happy Easter all!
Eleanore Westerholm
South Amboy

WWW answer - years ago it was "The Broadway Bakery" owned by Stanley Akacki who was the baker. Irene Gray used to work the counter selling the baked goods. Irene and Mike Kilcomons

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Hi Tom,
Loved the March Issue! That's Colleen's Kitchen & Catering.

I'll call her, order a Turkey and a Roast beef Sub and she'll cut them each in 8 pieces and put them on 2 paper plates covered in cling wrap. I can walk into a party with a plate in each hand like a rock star!

No extra charge for all that. She's top shelf. Good Potato Salad, too.

Best Wishes,

Dennis & Kathy O'Leary
Sayreville

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Tom,
I knew this photo in a millisecond. I could see it from the Blue Moon with the view out the window. it's a food shop now, I think Colleen's? It used to be a bakery. It's the corner of Broadway and Henry Street. I've only been to the Blue Moon once recently.

Pete McIntyre
(Formerly of Morgan)
St. Mary's % 1969

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Letters

- Tom thank you so much for the great write up and photos about the chair lift at Sacred Heart Memorial Hall. You did a terrific job, and I'd hire you anytime!
- Thanks again,
- Mary Ann Szczepanik,
- Sacred Heart Seniors, President

OLV Senior Trip to Princeton

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to tour Princeton. The price of the trip is \$145.00 which includes a guided tour of Princeton University, Drumthwacket, the Governor's mansion, and Morven Museum. Also included is a 3 course lunch at Winberie's, motor coach transportation, driver gratuity, taxes and gratuity. For further information or to make a reservation, please contact Finita at 732-721-5081.

Where in New Jersey?



This month's Where in NJ should be crystal clear to some. Send your answers to Satimes@aol.com by May 13th.

March Information
Where in New Jersey?
By Brian & Phyllis Stratton

The March Where in NJ was: Northlandz Miniature Wonderland is the World's Largest Model Railroad and Museum of Art Gallery located in Flemington New Jersey. The brainchild of Bruce William Zaccagnino and his wife Jean it boasts more than eight miles of track, 3000 tiny buildings, 400 bridges and trestles, 135 locomotives and 250,000 trees. The control room is completely automated and handled by one person, Northlandz is in the Guinness Book of World's Records for being the World's Largest Model Railroad. Take some time out to visit this fun family location!



March Where in New Jersey
Northlandz Miniature Wonderland
Flemington, New Jersey



Where in NJ winners for March
Dennis Quinlan, Leon Credico, Gerry Sherry, Pat & Bill Scully, Jack & Keith Piskorski & Lorraine Krauss, Chuck Pickard, Joanne Niestempki, Jim Malkiewicz, Marie English, Ed English, Steve Laskiewicz, Peggy and Steve Yuhas,

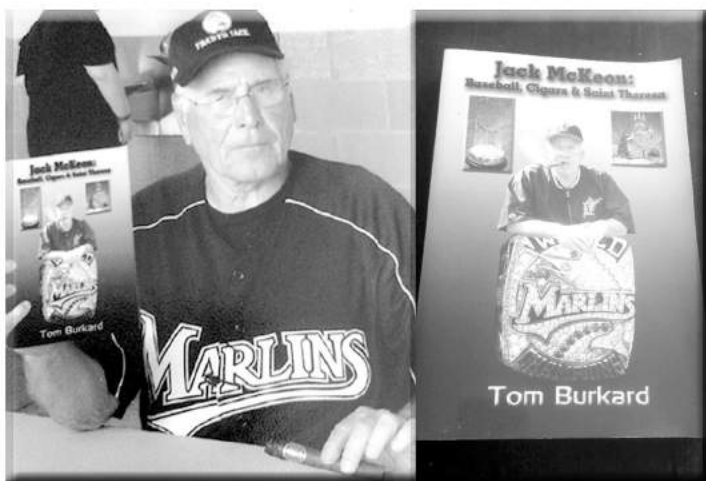
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Fiesta De San Gennaro Sept 12

Sacred Heart Seniors will run a trip to the Staten Playhouse in Staten Island to enjoy the Feast of San Gennaro Thursday September 12. Cost of \$98 includes round trip motor coach transportation, Italian music, one hour

open bar, and one hour wine bar. A three course lunch will be served and it includes fresh garden salad, lunch entree, dessert, coffee, and tea is included. For reservations call Judy at 732-737-0154.

Jack McKeon: Baseball, Cigars & Saint Theresa



South Amboy native and Major League Baseball legend Jack McKeon is pictured holding Jack McKeon: Baseball, Cigars & Saint Theresa, back in 2005 at Spring Training in Jupiter, Fla. Jack, who was recently hired by the Washington Nationals said that, "Out of the three books written about me, this book is the most complete by far, and when someone wants to know something about my life and baseball career, I tell them they can look it up in this book."

Baseball, Cigars & Saint Theresa, written by SA Times Publisher, Tom Burkard was released back in 2004, and a limited number of copies have been located. They are all in pristine-MINT condition, and now available for purchase. Order Your Copy Today! Please send your personal check or money order (written out to The SA Times) for \$15, which covers handling, shipping, and New Jersey Sales Tax to:
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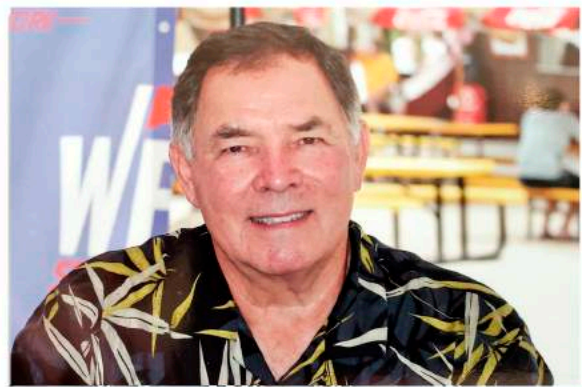
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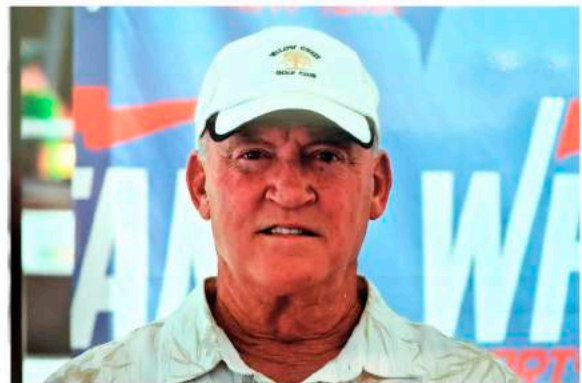
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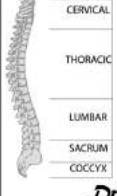
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Soccer Risks

Research is inconclusive on whether repeatedly bouncing a soccer ball off young player's head can affect the child's thinking ability.

Some studies have found that players who suffer repeated blows to the head can suffer impaired brain function years later. Players can also suffer head injuries by running into other players or a goal post, or striking their head on the ground in a fall.

Research indicates on crash test dummies that the impact of a ball is powerful enough to warrant head protection.

A study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association in 1999 reported that amateur soccer player scored lower than other amateur athletes on test of memory and planning. The researchers suspected that repeated blow to the head might be the reason. Other studies in Europe, found similar problems in elite players.

Researcher Mariccz Ziejewski of North Dakota State University tested the impact of soccer balls on crash test dummies heads and used computer modeling to estimate what those results could mean in terms of brain injury. The balls struck the heads with 150 - 200 pounds of force, which Ziejewski considered to be less than those which can occur in a goal.

In a properly headed ball, the forehead takes the impact, and bent knees absorb much of the force. But in an improperly headed ball by an inexperienced player who may be caught by surprise, movement of the head creates rotational forces on the brain. Some of the impact would be sufficient to create shearing stresses that could stretch and deform brain tissue, if the ball is not headed properly. If you execute the header properly, the effect on your brain is most likely minimal, however, if you get hit in the head and don't expect it, it could be a different story.

Even though there are few reported cases of concussion, which itself is not always easily to identify on the field. The cumulative effect of repeated head trauma could not be taken too lightly.



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This osprey comes in for a landing in its nest high atop the tower by the Sayreville boat ramp. (Photo by Bonnie Popowski)



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Middlesex County College Names Mark McCormick as President

Middlesex County College has appointed Mark McCormick as the seventh President of the College after he served for the past nine months as Interim President. Prior to serving as Interim President, Dr. McCormick served as Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs at MCC for five years.

"We are very pleased that Mark will be leading our institution into the future," said Board Chairman Dorothy K. Power. "Under his leadership, we have made significant advancements. He has an extensive background in higher education along with a solid vision and strong leadership and communication skills. We are thrilled that he will be our president."

Dr. McCormick has over 30 years of experience at two-year colleges and has an extensive record of achievement. In collaboration with faculty and staff, he has led successful initiatives to improve student outcomes in the areas of retention and completion at every institution he has served. Dr. McCormick has directed the development of 24 new degree programs – eight of them at Middlesex – in high-demand fields such as Exercise Science, Game Design and Sustainable Energy.

"I'm tremendously honored," Dr.

McCormick said after the Board voted to appoint him at the April 2 meeting. "We've made tremendous strides over the past nine months. We've got more work to do – and I take that quite seriously; it's a big job. And I can't do it alone, so I look to partner with you. We have to keep working together smartly and keep thinking about our students. I look forward to continuing the work we do. I'm up for the challenge and I appreciate the honor."

As Vice President and Interim President at MCC, he supported the faculty in a major revision of the English as a Second Language Program; established a new one-stop student services center incorporating admissions, registration, advisement, financial aid, veterans services and student accounts; and he spearheaded adoption of open educational resources, providing free texts and other materials to students. He also championed the creation of a student food pantry.

He served as a faculty member at Peirce College and the Community College of Philadelphia for 18 years before moving into academic administration in 2004. Dr. McCormick was Dean of Business and Technology and Acting Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs at Mercer County Community College and Dean of Academic Affairs and Vice President for Academic Services at Salem Community College. He was appointed Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs at Middlesex in August 2014 and then Interim President in July 2018.

"Mark has a strong focus on helping students, and ensuring they have every opportunity for success," Mrs. Power said. "He has significant experience in curriculum development, assessment and accreditation. He is a very effective communicator who believes in transparency and seeks to foster a sense of community among students, faculty, staff, and external stakeholders. I think he's going to be an incredibly effective president."

Dr. McCormick holds a B.A. in French from Davidson College, a J.D. from New York University School of Law, and an Ed.D. in Higher Education from the University of Pennsylvania. He succeeds Joann La Perla-Morales, who served as the College's sixth president for 13 years before retiring in June.



Mark McCormick

Happy Mother's Day



From,
Tom, Brian
and the SA Times Staff

Sayreville Little League Opening Day

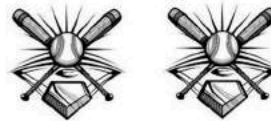
(Photos by Tom Burkard)



American Legion Lenape Post #211, Sayreville, led the Opening Day Parade.



Players proudly carried American flags while entering the field.



Sayreville Recreation Director Jerry Ust (l) and Little League Board member Dave Stolte check in and greet the hundreds of players as they enter the field for the huge ceremony.



Sayreville Mayor Kennedy O'Brien (l) stops by to visit with Riverton employees at their table prior to the event.



Members of the 1982 Sayreville Little League championship team held a mini-reunion on Opening Day. Pictured are some of the players and others.

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Salt Water

Striped Bass fishing in Raritan Bay has finally gotten better. I saw a few shorts at the beach by the sewer plant in Lawrence Harbor. I heard of more keeper Bass too. There are also Strippers being caught in the surf in some areas. There are a few Black Drum showing up at LBI. Quite a few Strippers have been found in Barnegat Bay off the public dock areas. More Flounders are being caught in Shark River, but that fishing could be better. With Black Fish season, some party boats anglers have caught their limit of 4 fish. Overall this fishing is spotty and not consistent. A few Ling and a stray Cod or two are being caught at the Mud Hole. The deeper water is full of Dogfish if they go further out.

Fresh Water

Opening day Trout season was a success. Good catches of Trout were made and conditions were good state wide. I was not able to make it out on opening day, but my wife and I tried the Pequest on the afternoon of the following day. I came home with 2 Trout both 13 inches. We gave Spring Lake a try late in the afternoon one day during mid-week, but it was "no go". We tried hard with bait and lures. There were quite a few people there; I only saw one fish caught. The Shad run has started in the Delaware River.



Gone Fishing



On March 22, this 27 lb. kingfish was caught fishing from the Papa Bear Too, off the coast of Palm Beach, Florida. "Capt. Rudy Neumann as always put us on the fish," said the happy crew, pictured (l-r) Randy Neumann, Julia "Nana" Neumann, and Larry Parsons, all South Amboy residents. The tally for the week was: 7 kingfish, 1 mahi mahi, 1 monster mutton snapper, 1 amberjack, and "1 big hammerhead shark which we released, because we like our fingers, and lots of laughs. It was a great week of fishing with family and friends." (Photo/Info Submitted)

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A PRAYER FOR HEALING

Lord, you invited all who are burdened to come to You. Allow your healing hand to heal me. Touch my soul with Your compassion for others. Touch my heart with Your courage and infinite love for all. Touch my mind with Your wisdom, that my mouth may always proclaim Your praise. Teach me to reach out to You in my need. Help me to lead others to You by my example. Most loving heart of Jesus, bring me health in my body and spirit so that I may serve You with all my strength. Touch gently with this life that you have created. Amen -B.S.

St. Stan's School

(Photos/Info Submitted)



St. Stanislaus School

Madison Vitucci, member of the St. Stan's Girls 7-8 grade basketball team proudly wears a medal and holds a trophy from the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest. She is pictured with her brother, Lucas, who is also a part of the St. Stan's family. Madison earned the title of the Girls Regional Champion (12 years old) for the Diocese of Metuchen.

(Photo credit: Jeannine Vitucci)



Karolina Jedruchniewicz, St. Stan's sixth grade student and first place winner in the school's Science Fair, explains to the younger students materials that are best used as natural dyes.



St. Stan's School seventh grade class was excited to explore the Museum of Natural History in New York City during their middle school trip. (photo credit: Danielle Zygmund)



St. Stanislaus School

Fourth grade student, Sofia Pedrosa, presents her Genius Hour project on the causes of Cancer. (Photo credit: Betty Vitale)



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Edward "Moe" Mosakowski 86

Former Sayreville resident Edward "Moe" Mosakowski, 86, passed away on March 14th at Timberridge Nursing Facility under Hospice after a long illness in Ocala, FL. He was the owner of Moe Construction Co. in Sayreville for 51 years.

"Moe" attended St. Stan's Grammar School, and Sayreville HS, where he excelled in basketball and football. He played on the Bombers undefeated football team in 1949, and was picked for all-state. He went on to serve in the Korean War.

He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Rose, his son Michael of Sayreville, and his beloved dog Tina. Cremation was handled by Baldwin Brothers, Ocala, Fla.

Greg Booker Remembered

By Tom Burkard

Gregory S. Booker, 58 years old, and the son-in-law of Jack and Carol McKeon, died on March 30th after a courageous battle with melanoma. He was married to Kristi Ann McKeon for 37 years, and had 4 children and 4 grandchildren.

Greg pitched in the major leagues for 8 seasons with San Diego, Minnesota, and San Francisco. In 1992, he started a coaching career with the Cleveland organization with the Burlington Indians, and later served as a major league pitching and bullpen coach up to 2003. He most recently was a scout with the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Many locals probably had a chance to meet him when he came to South Amboy in 2000 for Jack McKeon Day, when Jack was in town to help the South Amboy First Aid raise money by having an auction, dinner and much more. He was a really good guy, and first class all the way, and from all reports from where he lived in North Carolina, touched many lives along the road of life, and will be sadly missed.

Perennial

By Al Gomolka Jr.
 Times Poet Laureate
 c.1987

For all of you of broken heart
 I've got a story to be told
 About a man who thought because
 You lose at love, you just grow old
 Alone and sad and dry
 Can't seem to want to try
 So just sit alone and cry
 You just sit alone and cry
 Oh, there will be a brighter day
 I know you've heard this song before
 Give your heart the time to mourn
 Then keep it open like a door
 Don't regret or scorn the past
 Your heart's born with love that lasts
 It's as perennial as grass
 As perennial as grass
 Take it from this man who knows
 For I too lost all belief
 But then my true love came along
 You see, failure doesn't mean defeat
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 So, don't regret or scorn the past
 Your heart's born with love that lasts
 It's as perennial as grass
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In Memory Of



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**I thought of you with love today
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And your picture in a frame.
Your memory is my keepsake
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I have you in my heart.**

Love, Carol



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In Memoriam

Mercy Sister Mary Yvonne Osborne, 95, died on March 20. She was a dedicated nun for 77 years, and taught at St. Mary's from 1977-1992. Her motto was "Love demands all." Margaret Scully, 90, of South Amboy died on March 25. She was a kind-hearted, compassionate lady, who was always willing to volunteer and help the needy. Evelyn Topolancik, 84, of Morgan died on March 28. She was past-president of the Slovak-American Club Raritan Bay Area, and a member/financial secretary of Holy Trinity Senior Citizen Club. Rose Celecki, 87, of South Amboy died on April 1. Originally from Perth Amboy, she was always supportive and at the side of her loving husband Gerald "Bear" Celecki, popular South Amboy firefighter, who died in the line of duty in 2015. Kenneth Wojaczyk, 72, of Parlin died on April 1. He was a Petty Officer 1st Class in the Navy, and served 6 years during the Vietnam War. Marie McNally, 89, of the Parlin section of Old Bridge died on April 2. She worked as a sales associate at the Pink & Blue Youth store for 25 years, and was also active at St. Bernadette Church with the Catholic Daughters of America, and the church choir. Joseph "Pinky" Surman, 78, of South Amboy died on April 4. He worked for 25 years as a millwright at E.I. DuPont, and was a really good guy with a kind word for everyone. Kevin Loftus, 64, formerly of South Amboy and a '72 graduate of St. Mary's HS died on April 5. He was known and respected by all in "The Pleasant Little City."



Obituaries

- Celecki, Rose Tarloski, 87, of South Amboy died on April 1.
- Disbrow, Doris J. English, 76, formerly of South Amboy died on April 12.
- Kornacki, Ronald S., 71, of Sayreville died on April 10.
- Krauss, Catherine L., 80, of South Amboy died on April 14.
- Loftus, Kevin, 64, formerly of South Amboy died on April 5.
- Matuszewski, Frank J., 74, of Sayreville died on Feb. 17.
- McNally, Marie A., 89, of the Parlin section of Old Bridge died on April 2.
- Moran, Donald J., 82, of the Parlin section of Old Bridge died on April 8.
- Mosakowski, Edward "Moe," 86, formerly of Sayreville died on March 14.
- Newsome, Kelly Ann, 50, of the South Amboy section of Sayreville died on March 21.
- Osborne, Mercy Sister Mary Yvonne, 95, formerly of South Amboy died on March 20.
- Scully, Margaret A., 90, of South Amboy died on March 25.
- Siwadlo, Andrew, 67, of Sayreville died on April 13.
- Surman, Joseph "Pinky," 78, of South Amboy died on April 4.
- Sweatt, Richard "Rick" P. Sr., 60, of South Amboy died on April 4.
- Topolancik, Evelyn H., 84, of Morgan died on March 28.
- Verchick, Maureen C., 86, of South Amboy died on March 23.
- Wojaczyk, Kenneth W., 72, of Parlin died on April 1.

Prayer is Powerful

(Never known to fail) Oh, most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh Star of the Sea, help me and show me, herein you are my mother. Oh, Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth! I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in this necessity. There are none that can withstand your power. Oh, show me herein you are my mother. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 times). Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands (3 times). Say this prayer for 3 consecutive days. You must publish it and it will be granted to you. Thank you. -A.J.

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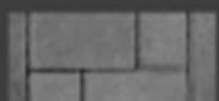
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