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Michael "Mickey" Gross

Gross To Receive Civic Leadership Award

South Amboy City Council President Michael "Mickey" Gross will receive the prestigious Civic Leadership Award at the 17th Annual Carteret Mayor's Ball, Friday, Sept. 13th at the Grand Marquis in Old Bridge. Carteret Mayor Daniel J. Reiman will host the event which is held annually to raise funds for the Mayor's Children's Charity Trust Fund, a non-profit 501 (c)3 charitable organization.

The Mayor's Children's Charity Trust Fund provides Carteret's children with a monetary resource for education, athletics, and health. The Trust Fund was created in recognition that many youngsters are high achievers with great potential who, with needed financial support, can better establish their own paths to success.

In addition to Councilman Gross, other honorees at the ball include Dr. Richard R. Ryan, recipient of the Volunteer Appreciation Award, Hardyal Singh Johal, President and Chairman of Dashmesh Darbar Inc. who will receive the Organizational Leadership Award, United Roosevelt Savings Bank, which will receive the Corporate Philanthropy Award. To RSVP to the ball or to inquire about sponsorship opportunities, please call 732-541-3806 or email charitytrust@carteret.net. Individual tickets to the Ball are \$175 per person, with 10 seats per table. Table Sponsorships of \$1,750, Silver Sponsorships of \$2,000, Gold Sponsorships of \$2,500, Platinum Sponsorships of \$5,000, and Event Sponsorships of \$10,000 are also available. Payments can be mailed to P.O. Box 188, Carteret, NJ 07008. All donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

POW/MIA Services

POW/MIA Services will be conducted by the VFW Auxiliary president Carmen Delikat on Tuesday, Sept. 24 at 7 pm at the VFW Post 4699 on Jernee Mill Rd. All are welcomed to honor our Veterans.



Scouts Jack Lukie, Zachary O'Connor, and Scott Oshman with South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry celebrate their Eagle Scout awards at Camp Dill in Clinton Township, NJ.

South Amboy Residents Receive Eagle Scout Awards

(Photo/story submitted)

South Amboy Boy Scout Troop 91 members Jack k. Lukie, Zackary R. O'Connor, and Scott J. Oshman were presented their Eagle Scout awards during a Court of Honor conducted at Camp Dill in Clinton Township on July 14, 2019. The South Amboy residents were honored in front of their families; friends; other Scouting peers; and Mayor Fred Henry of South Amboy.

Jack is the son of Mr. & Mrs. John Lukie and is a 2019 graduate of South Amboy High School. He will continue his studies in engineering at Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken in September.

Zachary is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Robert O'Connor and is a 2019 graduate of Middlesex Vocational High School in East Brunswick. He will continue his studies at Middlesex County College in September with his goal to become a Special Needs Teacher.

Scott is the son of Jackie and Keith Oshman. He will be a senior in September at South Amboy High School.

Obtaining the rank of Eagle Scout is the highest honor that a Scout can earn, and historically only approximately 2 percent of all registered Scouts actually are able to achieve the honor. Requirements are extensive and include obtaining numerous skills through the Merit Badge program, demonstration of on-going service and leadership responsibility in the Troop and the community, and the successful completion of a Council approved Service Project that must benefit the community.

Jack Lukie's project was to plan and

organize a volunteer activity to restore and rehabilitate the areas in the front and on the side of Christ Church Memorial Hall in South Amboy, including the total reconstruction of their parish community vegetable garden. The work also included the restoration of the Memorial Hall sign and planting of new flower gardens.

Zachary O'Connor planned and organized a volunteer activity to accurately locate and index on new maps, the exact grave locations of deceased South Amboy Fire Department members. The project entailed extensive research, field work, and map making skills. All totaled, the project identified, located and plotted over 155 deceased members.

Scott Oshman planned and organized a volunteer activity to restore and rehabilitate the areas in front of both the church and the rectory at Christ Church in South Amboy. This restoration included the complete rebuilding of the garden surrounding the parish "Peace Cross", removal of overgrowth and weeds in all areas, and the restoration and repainting of all light poles and handrails.

Troop 91 of South Amboy celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2016 and is one of the oldest Boy Scout Troops in the nation. Any boy between the ages of 11 and 18 interested in joining can attend a weekly meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday nights at the First Presbyterian Church of South Amboy on Broadway. The Troop also supports the activity of Cub Pack 91 for boys age 6 to 11, which meets on Mondays at 6:15 p.m. in the same location.

SEPTEMBER 11TH MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Borough of Sayreville will be hosting the 18th Annual Memorial Service to remember the victims of September 11, 2001. The Memorial Service will be held at 5:30 pm, Sunday, September 8th, 2019

rain or shine at the Sayreville Borough 9/11 Memorial in Burke's Park, Washington Road. Those wishing to attend are asked to arrive by 5:00 pm. For more information, contact Robert Bruce, Program Coordinator at 732-322-5514.

Artsfest 2019 A Day to Celebrate Community

Do you remember Artsfest 2011, 2012 and 2013?

Artsfest was a time for families to come to Broadway and enjoy a simple day filled with hands-on crafts, entertainment and vendor shopping as they met other members of our community. Since there have been several requests, Artsfest is back, but this time bigger and better! We have lined up an entertainment schedule to please your ears so bring those lawn chairs and save your spot before the stage located by the train plaza. Jamie Brown Band is our headliner with DJ John Dunne keeping you entertained and informed of the day's events.

Do not forget to sign in for a passport at the train station plaza or South Broadway entrance since it allows you to collect marks from all the vendors, non-profit groups and craft tables around Broadway.... if you fill your passports you qualify for one of our door prizes!

Our own South Amboy YMCA will be hosting great activities for children. Did you hear about the Scarecrow Decorating Contest well its coming! With activities such as beading, face painting, and 'Acts of Kindness' Photo Ops throughout Broadway you will enjoy a great way to celebrate our community!

We are still accepting vendors, and volunteers are still needed to help with this event, for additional information email: southamboyartsalliance@gamil.com or call 732-754-7913

Classic Car Cruise Night September 13

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 hold their fall Classic Car Cruise Night Friday September 13 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the K of C parking lot at 308 Fourth St. South Amboy. Trophies will be awarded to the best contestants. Refreshments will be available. Please bring a non-perishable food item for the local food pantry. For more information call 732-721-2025.

Let's Never Forget The Twin Towers & 9/11



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Talk Of The Towns

By Tom Burkard
Amboy, Washington?

Our West Coast contributor Joe Jaskowiak, of California, a 1968 St. Mary's HS graduate, tells us that there is a town called Amboy, Washington. Amboy features Mt. St. Helens National Volcanic Monument Headquarter Information Center. So, if you're ever in Washington state, check it out!

A Night of Doo Wop to Disco

Come to St. Bernadette Church on Saturday, September 28th at 7:00pm in the gym for a night of your favorite tunes from the Doo Wop era through Disco and other tunes from the Great American Songbook from National Tribute Artist Johnny Tarangelo. NJ's Favorite Duo, Joey and Doreen Arminio will also be singing and playing the sax to all your musical favorites. Special guest performance by Second Time Around. Tickets are \$25 per person. Dessert and coffee will be available. BYOB. For more information call Joe Tatulli at 732-749-6413 or email the church at secy@optonline.net

SH Senior Trip For Fiesta De San Gennaro

If you enjoy romantic Italian music, the Sacred Heart Seniors have an idea for you. They're running a trip Thursday September 12 to the Staten Playhouse in Staten Island. Cost of \$98 includes round trip bus transportation, gratuity, one hour open bar, and one hour wine bar. Romantic Italian songs will be played and sung. A three course lunch will be served. This includes fresh garden salad, lunch entrée, dessert, coffee, and tea. For more information call Judy at 732-727-0154.

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May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus have mercy on us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, helper of the hopeless, pray us. Say this prayer nine times a day for nine days. It has never been known to fail. Publication must be promised. Thank You St. Jude. -E.P.

Hoffman High School Multi-Year Reunion

All Hoffman HS alumni are invited to a day of laughter, friendship, and nostalgia! Please join us at our multi-year reunion on Sunday, Oct. 13th from 1-5 pm at Mara's on Rt. 35, South Amboy. The cost will be \$65 per person, which includes a buffet, beer, wine, and DJ. Send your check payable to Bill Croddick, 130 So. Stevens Ave, So. Amboy or Jill Pappa Heckman, 364 Conover St, South Amboy. Questions? Contact Helenmae Stader Bilder at hbilder02@aol.com, or stop one of the other committee members, Edward Szatkowski, Mimi Woznica Barbieri, or Kathy Koerner O'Leary. The deadline to purchase tickets is Sept. 15th, so don't miss out on a chance to create new memories. Let's go Guvs!

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.R...

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Pleasant little TRIVIA

By Tom Burkard

- 1.What year did Morgan Hose & Chemical Co. No. 1 hold a "Wet Down" for its new truck and firehouse?
a.1958 b.1970 c.1983
- 2.The Grand Knight of St. Bernadette K of C Council #8478 in 1994-95?
a.Thomas Locke b.Marshall Bridges c.Kenneth McLaughlin
- 3.The Raritan Bay Seafood Festival headlining band in 2004?
a.The Nerds b.The Party Dolls c.Sha-Na-Na
- 4.This local politician was interviewed on the cable TV show "Meet The Leaders" in '04?
a.John T. O'Leary b.John Wisniewski c.Kennedy O'Brien
- 5.Sayreville's Recreation Superintendent in 2004?
a.John McCormack b.Jerry Ust c.Mickey Sedlak
- 6.South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council #426 Grand Knight from 2004-05?
a.Marty Lampart b.Fred Whiteley c.Wayne Castello
- 7.Where was the No More Eggs business located in South Amboy back in '04?
a.South Broadway b.South Pine Ave. c.Bordentown Ave.
- 8.Who was the Morgan Hose & Chemical Co. No. 1 fire chief in '70?
a.Floyd Barrios b.Joseph Lennon c.Donald Hahn
- 9.Where was the Double Dippin' ice cream business located in Sayreville back in 2004?
a.Pulaski Ave. b.Main St. c.MacArthur Ave.
- 10.This was a South Amboy restaurant located on Ridgeway Ave. in 2009?
a.Nick's Hideout b.Jay-Jay's c.Jule's

Answers
1b 2c 3b 4a 5c 6a 7b 8c 9b 10c.

📌 Business Of The Month 📌

Route 9 Cash For Gold Buyers LLC



Owners Rob (l) and Maureen Herndon (2nd from right) are pictured with their family in front of their popular Route 9 Cash For Gold Buyers LLC business, which is now celebrating 12 years of service to our local communities. (Photo submitted)

Route 9 Cash For Gold Buyers is one of the area’s most popular GOLD store businesses, and is located at 960 Route 9 South, (Behind Burger King, and next to Farmer’s Market) in Sayreville/South Amboy, NJ. Stop in and make some Ca\$h on the spot. Maureen Herndon, Owner of Rt 9 Cash For Gold, 960 Rt 9 South was born and raised in Sayreville and has lived here her entire life, which prompted her to open their store in town. When customers come to her store they bring all of their old, unwanted gold jewelry in exchange for CASH. Maureen & Rob greet their customers always with a friendly face. All their jewelry is tested and weighed with state certified scales right in front of them. They are then paid out in cash on the spot. Most of the pieces that are seen coming to the store are outdated, jewelry not worn anymore, single earrings, class rings, broken chains, dental gold, silver and platinum. People are VERY surprised when they come, and things they thought were “junk,” turn out to be actual gold. Maureen and Rob truly believe in HONESTY, LOYALTY & INTEGRITY, and that’s what prompted them into opening their own store. Many people have reported feeling extremely comfortable and confident when coming to Rt 9 Cash for Gold, and dealing with Maureen “THE GOLD LADY.” It puts a smiling face to a business that sometimes people are skeptical to enter. This is definitely the business you would feel comfortable sending your mother or grandmother to because Maureen truly has the “women’s touch.” Rt 9 Cash For Gold Buyers LLC is conveniently located BEHIND BURGER KING & MCDONALDS in the FARMERS MARKET PLAZA- easily accessible from Rt 9 South, or Bordentown Ave. with lots of parking. Stop by today and turn your OLD, UNWANTED jewelry into holiday gifts. Open late 7 days a week. Rt 9 Cash For Gold Buyers 960 Rt 9 South Sayreville, NJ 732-727-GOLD (4653)

Governor Visits MCC



New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy visited Middlesex County College August 15 to speak with students about the Community College Opportunity Grant (CCOG). The grant pays tuition and fees for those students with an adjusted gross income of \$65,000 a year or less. He toured the College’s enrollment center in West Hall and spoke with Angelo Abreu, assistant director of Enrollment Services, Academic Advisor C.J. Mooney, Financial Aid Director Christopher Rodriguez, and students who have benefited from the program, Zaniah Brown, Nicole Early and Ellahenah Oneal. Ms. Early said CCOG significantly helped her ability to attend college. Governor Murphy said, “That’s what it was intended to do. We’re celebrating the first anniversary. We have one month to go for folks to get their applications in. We’re trying to widen the pool of the folks who can be impacted by this. You three are living example that this works.” From left: students Zaniah Brown (Sayreville) and Nicole Early (Edison), College President Mark McCormick, Middlesex County Freeholder Director Ronald Rios, Assembly Speaker Craig J. Coughlin, Governor Murphy and student Ellahenah Oneal (Edison). Fall semester begins September 3 at Middlesex County College; students have until September 15 to apply for financial aid to be eligible for the program. For more information visit middlesexcc.edu/frecc. (Photo/info submitted)

Local Girl Scouts Honored

By Steve Schmid

Six young ladies have been awarded the Mary The First Disciple program. The Marian Medal program is a reminder of learned experience plus a symbol of commitment to faith, service, and responsible community participation for Girl Scouts on the Cadette level. The honorees are: Alanna Knoell, Skylar Pabon, Ella Sanchez, and Christa Suchcicki of Sacred Heart Church. Ava Boyce and Alyssa Downey from Our Lady of Victories Church were also honored. The South Amboy Sayreville Times congratulates these fine young ladies for their good deeds in the community.

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YEARBOOK-Sayreville 1969

By Joe Coakley

We ended a turbulent decade, setting precedents while making scholastic, athletic, and social accomplishments in our community and country. Surviving the sixties was a commendable feat. Although we were unaware of it as we passed daily through the high school halls, the thoughts, ideas, dreams, laughter and tears we shared all had a substantial effect on the adults we are today.

Richard Nixon was President. Television brought the Vietnam War into our living rooms every evening.

On July 20, 1969 we watched Neil Armstrong become the first man to walk on the moon. The Beatles released "Yellow Submarine" and "Abbey Road." The Rolling Stones gave us "Let it Bleed." The number one song in 1969 was "Honky Tonk Woman" by The Rolling Stones. The top movies for 1969 were "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid," "Midnight Cowboy" and "Easy Rider." The number one TV show was "Rowan and Martin's Laugh In" followed by "Gunsmoke" and "Bonanza." The Mets won the World Series, the Jets won the Super Bowl, and the Knicks won the NBA title.

Class memories include the Pretzel Boycott, The Jug Band, underground newspaper, and our Senior Prom – "Once in a Lifetime."

Our Valedictorian was Joe Adamca, and Salutatorian was Sue Jacobson. Senior Class Officers were Pat Hubbs (President), Rich Strugala (Vice President), Janet Hunkele (Secretary) and Kathy Olszewski (Treasurer). The Senior Drama was THE CRADLE SONG, and Senior Musical KISS ME KATE. We had 13 class marriages, 4 sets of twins, and dozens of nicknames.

Classmates: Debbie Aballo, Diane Abbey, Joyce Adamecs, Donna Alberta, Charlie Anderson, Kevin Anderson, Tom Anghelone, Eleanor Ankudowicz, Sharon Appell, Tom Armstrong, Kathleen Asquith, Joe Bailey, Linda Bailey, Gary Balon, Mike Baron, Janet Barneburg, Barbara Bastek, Elliott Bates, Gary Batko, Bill Beattie, George Beck, Ed Becker, Bob Bender, Frank Berecsky, Sue Bierman, Wayne Bilder, Josephine Bilicki, Mark Billon, Art Birmingham, Maureen Bjelka, Eileen Blaszk, Kathy Blaszk, Bernie Bodziak, Randy Boehm, Mary Bogaczyk, John Bogush, Judi Borowski, Barbara Bosley, Jim Breese, Gretchen Brown, Chet Brzozowski, Karen Buchanan, Carol Burdyski, Diane Burley, Mary Burrets, Kevin Butler, Linda Carney, John Carosh, John Caruso, Bonnie Cavalier, Alice Chaconis, Anne Cherney, Karen Chrzan, Danny Clark, Joe Coakley, Pat Conover, Tom Conover, Dianne Cordier, Mike Corrigan, Patricia Coward, Bill Coyle, George Cozzi, Lucille Crisuolo, John Crosby, Kathy Curtis, John Dahl, Chris DaSilva, Barry Davis, George Delfino, Jim Delvecchio, John DeMauro, Bill DeMauro, Frank DePasquale, John Deren, Carol DeVito, Pete Diffin, Carol Dockiewicz, Pat Doherty, Collette Dohn, Donna Dolgos, Elaine Dolias, David Domzal, JoEmma Donatelli, Betty Donohue, Penny Dunn, Lorraine Dvorsky, Joanne Eberle, Val Elagin, Don Englert, Bill Eperthener, Ray Eskra, Kathy Esser, Sharon Faith, Ed Farley, David Farrell, Steve Fehl, Patricia Ferriero, Bill Flannery, Jeff Flegler, Gary Fleischhauer, Mary Jane Floystrop, Gary Forgotson, Kathy Flynn, Suzanne Foss, Mildred Fremgen, Marlene Freyer, Reynold Freyer, Pete Gadziala, Pat Galasso, Mike Garguilo, Barbara Garrity, Bob Gaspartich, Marie Gaughan, Alice Gaul, Lynnette Gazeko, Diane Geiger, Gary George, Linda Germann, Karin Gilde, Arlene Glade, Len Gnacek, Carol Gorka, Chris Gorrie, Barbara Grabley, Tony Grasso, Shelley Greenhaus, Ed Grella, Diane Griggs, Joanne Grispino, Lorraine Grobelny, Diane Grossweiler, Stanley Grzes, Pat Gulick, Ronald Gutkowski, Sue Guenther, George Guttler, Rich Hackett, Donna Hahnehan, Ann Marie Hammell, Joann Hammerle, Mike Hannon, Bill Hanson, Chris Harkins, Sue Harrigan, Michelle Harris, Virginia Hart, Linda Hartje, Bob Hausler, Terry Healey, Dewey Hess, Diane Hess, Paul Hoffman, Lou Hoffman, Barbara Horter, Rich Lungermann,

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Fundraiser To Benefit Team Connor/JDRF

(Photo/story submitted)

On Friday, September 13th the Tap and Growler Bar will be hosting their 3rd Annual fundraiser for Team Connor and JDRF. They will be donating \$.25 for every drink sold, along with collecting donations. All donations will go directly to Team Connor- JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation) to help to hopefully find a cure one day. Event starts at 6:30 pm with food donated from local vendors. They will also be raffling off prizes and 100% profit will be donated to Team Connor/JDRF.

Team Connor is a group that has been walking for a cure for 9 years at the JDRF Walk held annually at Rutgers University every October and have raised together over \$30,000, just their team alone the past 9 years. The Team Captain is Connor Leonard. He will be celebrating his 10 year diversary this November. Connor was diagnosed at age 2 in 2009 when his pediatrician initially thought it was a virus and after 5 visits within 10 days, he was in DKA (diabetic ketoacidosis) and he was rushed to St. Peter's. After spending a week at the hospital, Connor's life changed forever. Connor receives 4 shots of insulin a day and tests his blood multiple times a day! While in the hospital, we contacted our local chapter of JDRF, which sent us so much information and we have been in contact with them since. We walk for a cure!

Connor is 12 years old, a 7th grade student at Our Lady of Victories. He loves basketball, drawing, video games, collecting Funko pops and hanging out with his friends.


Connor's dad, Steve Leonard stated, "My wife and I are so thankful that all of these local businesses and our community that have come together for such a wonderful cause that

is dear to our hearts. We are so glad they are supporting our Type 1 Warrior and all of the T1 Warriors out there."

Alicia, one of the Tap and Growler's owners said "We are so happy that can host a fundraiser that can help to research a cure for diabetes. We are so excited to help Connor to reach his goal for fundraising."

So come on and join us on 9/13 as Tap and Growler's Bar to help Connor reach his goal of VIP status and raise money for JDRF!

The actual JDRF Walk is at Rutgers University on 10/20. Our local chapter is New Jersey Metro & Rockland County Chapter.



Connor Leonard

SLEEP. EAT. LIBRARY. REPEAT.

(Article submitted)

It's finally September, and school is back in session! Not sure what to do at the end of the day? Perhaps you're super-intending to visit the Dowdell Library, a world-class facility with all its faculties intact. Don't fall behind this autumn: find a group of friends that cliques, let no setback lesson your enthusiasm, and take full advantage of the extracurricular opportunities at your local library!

First off, a few announcements... September is National Library Card Sign-Up Month! Each time you check out an item, you'll receive a raffle entry form. Entries are limited to one per person per day; one winner will be randomly selected at the end of the month. Good luck!

After Labor Day, the Dowdell returns to Fall Hours and will be open 10am to 8pm Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays; 10am to 5pm Wednesdays and Fridays; and 12pm to 4pm on Saturdays.

Sadie's Study Hour runs from 2:30pm to 3:30pm every school day from Monday to Thursday and 2:30pm to 3pm on Fridays! Take advantage of free Wi-Fi and fast ethernet, computer-based and wireless printing, a quiet workspace, and knowledgeable librarians for every assignment.

The first day of school—September 5—will conclude with Welcome Back Icebreakers from 2:30pm to 4:30pm at the Dowdell. Students are strongly encouraged to return the day after, Friday, September 6, for a Party Game Party from 3pm to 4:30pm.

Finally, from September 23 to September 30, kids, tweens, and teens can enter the library's Banned Book Week Emoji Contest! Decode the emoji message to discover the title of a famous banned book. All entrants will be entered in a drawing at the end of the week.

On to the usual fare Q Toddler STEAM Tales run on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 1pm to 2pm. Swing by for a tech- or arts-related storytime and activity!

Bring your little scientist to Eggsperimental Tuesdays, where they'll discover a new egg-based experiment every week between 1pm and 2pm! Stop back later

that day to participate in All-Ages Origami from 3:30pm to 4:30pm, where you'll make a different shape every week.

As always, Wednesdays are for 3-D Printer Magic, where expensive machines meet cheap plastic. Receive a pre-printed object or design your own in Sadie's Studio between 3:30pm and 4:30pm.

Big ticket events are scheduled for every Thursday in September. September 12 is Throwback Thursday, with Playground Games and late oughties music from 3:30pm to 4:30pm. September 19 is Throwback Thursday II: Electric Boogaloo, with Retro Gaming from 3:30pm to 4:30pm. Last but not least, September 26 is MIY Pancake Palooza from 3:30pm to 4:30pm. Each of these activities is followed by 3-D Pens from 4:30pm to 5:30pm.

Fridays are Club Days! Options include Anime Club, Art Club, Board Game Club, and Videogaming Club. Meetings are planned for every Friday and will run on a drop-in basis from 3pm to 4:30pm. No registration is required; please contact the library for additional information.

And what about adults? No worries—the Dowdell's got plenty planned! Looking to expand your mind? The Dowdell's Yoga Series is chugging along with Yoga for Beginners on Thursday, September 19 from 6pm to 7:30pm and Medication for Beginners on Tuesday, September 24 from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. Have a tech question? Bring your device to the Digital Café, available Monday through Friday from 12pm to 2pm and Thursdays from 6pm to 7:30pm. Additionally, this month's Adult Tech Corner will focus on couponing websites and smartphone apps every Thursday from 6pm to 7:30pm. Be sure to check out new art exhibits from Joshua Lisojo and Laura Adomunas while you're here!

Curious what else is going on at your local library? (We can never fit everything here!) Stop by in-person or visit our website to sign up for our newsletter and view adult and children's activity calendars, which are updated on a monthly basis.

Beginner Yoga with Denise Morgan

Tuesday, October 1, 6:30 PM, Sayreville Library, 1050 Washington Rd. Learn beginner yoga poses with Denise Morgan, CPT/GEI. Please call 732.727.0212 or visit sayrevillelibrary.org for details or to register.



The Vintage Car Contest



Can you identify the year, make and model of this car? Send your answer in to satimes@aol.com. Good luck!

Vintage Car Contest Winners

In the July issue, we ran our first Vintage Car Contest. The car was a 1961 Chrysler Newport, and winners who correctly identified the year, make and model were Jack & Keith Piskorski, Stephen Yuhas, Bruce Grankowski, Steve Laskiewicz, Rich Puhon, Gregg Alexander, Mark Moniello. Congratulations!

Do We Prefer to Forget the Atrocities People Have Gone Through?

With this Presentation Each Heart will Feel and Each Mind will Remember.

The City of South Amboy and the South Amboy Arts Alliance will be presenting the entire original artistic remembrance project, "Voices from the Holocaust Artists of Terezin" at South Amboy MS/HS Theater on Sunday, October 6th. The presentation will include music, art and poetry from Terezin which had been a ghetto/concentration camp from 1942-1945. If you have ever read, "I have never seen another butterfly", a book of children's drawings and poems from the Terezin Concentration Camp, you will learn from the pictures and through the words the life these children lived.

Students from South Amboy Public Schools will be a part of this presentation. The art exhibition will be on display in the

theater's lobby beginning at 1 pm. The performance will begin at 1:30 pm.

All exhibition materials are provided to Collegium Musicum by Elena Makarova Initiatives Group, Haifa Israel. The Art Exhibition is based on the Children's Opera "Brundibar", a story based on the events from Prague 1938 to Theresienstadt (Terezin), 1944.

This event is free and open to the public. Grant funding has been provided by the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders through a grant award from the Middlesex County Culture and Arts Trust.

Further information can be directed to artdirector@collegiummusicumnj.org or email: southamboyartsalliance@gmail.com or call 732-754-7913.

FREE Show

The Alborada Spanish Dance Theatre will perform a FREE show sponsored by the Sayreville Cultural Arts Council on Wednesday, October 2, at 7:30 p.m. at the Sayreville Senior Center, 423 Main St. Through dance, drama and music, Alborada's passionate artistry reveals the many diverse and historical threads that comprise the

multicultural fabric of Spanish culture. Both entertaining and educational, this is the perfect family event. ALL ages invited; light refreshments will be served. For more information, call Edna at 908-208-2358 or email sayrevilleculturalarts@gmail.com.

Italian Dinner

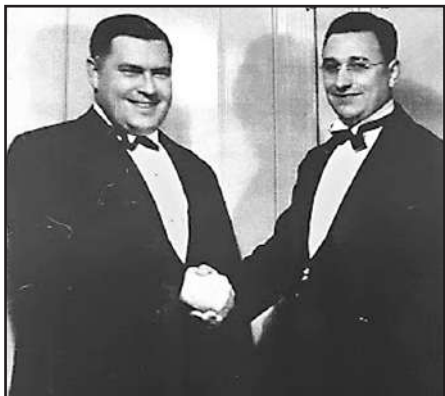
At Trinity United Methodist Church @ 815 Bordentown Ave on Saturday, September 14 from 5-7 pm we will be hosting an Italian Dinner which includes: Lasagna, Eggplant Parm, Spaghetti and Sauce, Bread, Desserts, Drinks for \$14.00 per person. Take outs available.

Python? Found in South Amboy



A snake which is believed to be a python was found in a South Amboy backyard recently. According to Anna Kucharczyk, "We called police, and the officers called animal control. They said it was someone's runaway pet. It looked like a python that killed its prey, which was probably a rat." (Photo/info courtesy of Anna Kucharczyk)

Long, Long Ago



Two old friends at the State House in Trenton were Gov. Harold G. Hoffman (l) and Bill Mills (r), who was a high school reporter. (Photo courtesy of Marian Mills, submitted by Joe Lotkowitz)

OLV Seniors September Meeting

The OLV Seniors will hold their first meeting of the 2019-2020 year on Friday, September 6, 2019 at 1:30 PM in Monsignor Dalton Hall. At this meeting dues of \$15.00 will be collected. All new members are welcome.

Balance for the play, Ain't To Proud should be sent to Teri Yetsko no later than August 30th. All checks should be written to OLV Seniors and sent to Teri Yetsko, 6 Lani Street, South Amboy, NJ 08879. Balance on the Lancaster Christmas trip can be paid at the first meeting. We will continue to donate non-perishable goods to St. Vincent de Paul Society at all our meetings.

Any questions please contact Teri Yetsko at 732-727-7639.

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Congratulations to this year's scholarship Recipients
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Big Parade



1958-The South Amboy 50th Anniversary Parade featured all kinds of floats, marching bands, and proud mothers walking with their babies. This photo was taken in front of Zall's Soda Fountain business which was located at the corner of South Broadway and David St. The crowd of parade-goers was huge and it looks like everyone had a fantastic time. (Photo/info submitted)

Eucharistic Holy Hour/Adoration & Benediction

On Sunday, September 8, at Sacred Heart Church, 531 Washington Avenue, South Amboy, following the noon Mass, all are invited to participate in the Eucharistic Holy Hour with Adoration and Benediction. The prayer service will include praying the Litany of the Nativity of the Blessed Mother for the

Strengthening of the Family and the recitation of the Holy Rosary. A light reception will follow in Memorial Hall.

The event is co-sponsored by the Holy Name and Rosary Societies. For more information, please contact Mike at (732) 406-8966 or Terry at (732) 727-6770.

Benefit Classic Rock/Oldies Dinner Dance

The OLV Seniors are sponsoring a Benefit Classic Rock/Oldies Dinner Dance Saturday October 19, 2019 at the Msgr. Dalton Hall, from 6pm to 10:30pm. Buffet Dinner will be provided, as will water and soda, but this is a B.Y.O.B. Event. There will be a 50/50, stage prizes, and more. Classic Rock and Oldies Live Music from the 50's

thru the 70's will be provided by "Clem and Friends."

Tickets are \$40 per person. For more info and tix, please contact Teri Yetsko at 732-727-7639 or 732-742-1320, and Carmen Delikat at 732-254-9425. All proceeds to benefit the OLV School!

Voices From The Holocaust Presentation
(Photos/info by Joe Lotkowitz)



Pictured (l-r) at the Voices From The Holocaust Presentation held at the Sadie Pope Dowdell Library on Aug. 13th are South Amboy City Council President Michael "Mickey" Gross, author Naomi Patz, Rabbi Norman R. Patz, Library Director Elaine Gaber, Collegium Musicum founder Alex Yavtuhovich and Mayor Fred Henry.



Elaine Gaber (l) plays piano and Alex Yavtuhovich is playing the violin. Elaine and Alex teamed up to play music from the Theresienstadt (Terezin) Ghetto/Concentration Camp which was composed between 1941-45 during World War II.

Tip A Pint Fundraiser

The Friends of South Amboy will be hosting a tip a pint at Murphy's Shamrock located at 147 S. Pine Ave. South Amboy, on Thursday night, September 26, 2019 from

7-10 pm. Beer, wine, soda and food. \$20 per person. All proceeds will go to Pat Leonard and his family. For tickets please call Dave Kales at 848-565-0140.



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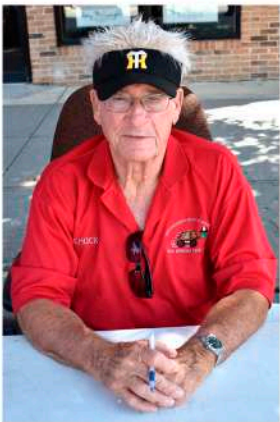
**Independence Engine & Hose Co. #1
20th Annual Antique & Classic Car Show & Flea Market
(Photos by Tom Burkard)**



Former Fire Chiefs Brian Kuhn (l) and Mike Toth (r) along with so many other firefighters worked long hours to make this the largest show in 20 years. Great job, everyone!



The Protection Fire Company's ribs were popular as always and sold out quickly.



Former Fire Chief Chuck Pickard sold chances.



Who remembers the Checker Cabs?



The Independence crew took a break from their busy schedule for this photo.



This 1970 VW Bug just missed a trip to Woodstock in '69.



This tiny car was a real eye-catcher for the thousands who attended the show.

South Amboy's Historical Markers

By Jerry Pizzillo

Six years have passed since the South Amboy Historical Society resurrected itself. With the help from Mayor Fred Henry and its governing board and members, the historical society evolved into a very active and vibrant addition to the City of South Amboy.

A part of the Society's mission is to "provide educational opportunities for both its members and the general public." The Society has undertaken an opportunity to educate and make known, some of the city's important events and places. This endeavor is part of the historical marker program.

The historical marker program is a free of charge opportunity from the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders, in conjunction with the Middlesex County Arts and History Commission. An application is completed, a permission letter from the property owner, the wordage to appear on the marker is then submitted to the county for approval. Once approved the marker is manufactured and turned over to the historical society. Once the marker is delivered it is up to the applying entity to provide the placement and dedication of the marker.

Here in South Amboy we have 5 markers all set in place.

Our first marker depicts the "1950 Pennsylvania Railroad Explosion." This marker is located on the pedestrian walkway down by the South Amboy boat ramp.

Second is the "Camden & Amboy Railroad marker." This marker is located at the NJ Transit Plaza located across from city hall.

Third is the "First Air Mail Delivery in New Jersey." This marker is in front of Broadway Bagels. In 1914, the bagel store was the SA post office.

Fourth is the "Terra Cotta Works." This marker is located by the YMCA where the Terra Cotta works was once located.

Fifth is the history of the "City of South Amboy", located in front of city hall.

A sixth marker is in the planning stage, its designation and location will be kept a

secret till its manufactured and the plans are set for its installation and dedication. With the vast history of South Amboy, we will continue to keep the county busy with the historical marker program. If you haven't already located the markers, take a stroll and locate the markers. Read the words and be educated by the historical value each of the markers shows.

In addition to the markers throughout the city, the South Amboy Historical Society finally has a home. Our gallery is located across from City Hall that shares space with the South Amboy Arts Commission. The gallery was dedicated and opened to the public on the same day in May, when the "City of South Amboy" marker was dedicated. Currently the Historical Society is on summer break, and will return in September. Once a game plan is set in place, the gallery will be open to the public for more of the Society's mission to educate the community. The gallery contains historical items from the City of South Amboy as well as from historical events. The items are the property of the SAHS that were donated or on loan from members. Continue to check the South Amboy-Sayreville Times for the dates the gallery will be open.

OLV Bereavement Group

Our Lady of Victories will be holding a Bereavement Group, and if you have lost a loved one, please join their peer support group for a 10-week series. Sessions begin Thursday, Sept. 12th at 7 p.m. You must be 18 and over to participate. There will be no cost to attend. There is limited space, and pre-registration is required. Please contact Marilyn Granieri for registration and more info at: 732-432-0226.

"Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, and today the present is a gift."
-Rev. Andrew Huhtanen, former Parochial Vicar of St. Mary's Church

**Youth Group Holds Barbeque For Seniors
(Photos/info by Joe Lotkowitz)**



The St. Bernadette's Youth Group and advisors provided the 3rd annual barbeque/picnic for the South Amboy seniors of McCarthy Towers and Robert Noble Manor.



Pictured at the barbeque/picnic (l-r) Barbara Brower, Cathy Keays from the St. Bernadette's Youth Group, and Pat Kearns.

Senior Class Trip 1950



Hoffman High School Class of 1950 is pictured at Washington DC during its Senior Class Trip. In photo kneeling: John Lalourete, Bill Brown, George Schuler, Robert Bell, Thomas Pepsny, Joe Martinek, Bruce Richmnd, Robert Olenczak, Milton Fox, Amos Covert, Howard Gilbert, Don Munn, Robert Huguenan, Sanford Hardy, Julius Kurowsky. Back row: ?, Jean Septor, Jean Conway, Edna Drews, Chris Cross, Louise Bloodgood, Claire Weiss, Evelyn Katz, teacher-William Kurtz, teacher-Mariam Hollfelder, Joan Munck, Grace Dill, Mary Woytasaiek, Kate Lesley, Alice Surowka, Anna Rita Ryan, Joan Ciol, Marlene Koenig. (Photo/names courtesy of Robert Olenczak)

“Halfway To St. Patrick’s Day” Fundraiser

The South Amboy St. Patrick’s Day Committee Announces “Halfway to St. Patrick’s Day” Fundraiser. Summer is almost over and but don’t forget the very best occasion of the fall season: Halfway to St. Patrick’s Day. Halfway to St. Patrick’s Day is set to become the next great Celtic holiday for the Fall. And this year, the South Amboy St. Patrick’s Day Committee is happy to announce its first Halfway to St. Patrick’s Day fundraiser will take place on Thursday, September 19th from 7 – 9 p.m. at Teddy’s Bar, 379 South Pine Ave. South Amboy/Sayreville.

A \$20 per person entrance fee will be collected at the door. Participants will enjoy unlimited free beer and wine, food plus a performance by the D.B.Kelly Drum & Bugle Corp. Proceeds will support the efforts of the South Amboy Saint Patrick’s Day Parade Committee. A special performance by the Col. D. B. Kelly Pipe and Drums will top of the evening.

So gather a group of friends, head to Teddy’s for drinks and pub grub and join us as we get ready for the South Amboy St. Patrick’s Day Parade, one of the best in the state, Sunday, March 15th.

Polka Dance

Save The Date- Polka Dance hosted by the Rotary to be held at VFW, Jernee Mill Road, Sayreville on Sunday, November 10th.

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In an effort to continue engaging the community, we rolled out our 2016 Lexus 200t, which will be used as the new Community Outreach/L.E.A.D. vehicle. We would like the assistance of the community in helping to design the graphics. Anyone can participate by submitting designs drafts to our Community Outreach Bureau at JNOVA@sayreville.com; TSHEEHAN@SAYREVILLE.COM or RMORALES@SAYREVILLE.COM. Once the submissions have been narrowed down by our officers, we will post the top 5 designs on our social media sites and ask the public to choose the winning design.

The Lexus RC 200t was a forfeiture and all the work and equipment on the vehicle have been and will continue to be donated people and businesses who share in our mission to strengthen our community. If there are any questions, please feel free to reach out to me.

Friends of South Amboy 50-50

The Friends of South Amboy will be selling 50-50 tickets for our annual Friends of South Amboy charity event on December 21. Tickets are \$5 and the winners will be announced during the last game on December 21.

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The larger pool of Veterans now eligible for The American Legion will also open their family members to eligibility in the Sons of the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary as well."

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Step Right Up

By Elaine Holton Scott

History often seems to omit certain things when describing people and places in the past. I’ve noticed this once again when I recently looked up Keansburg...a place most of us “oldies” had visited in the 1950’s and 1960’s. At that time, until swimming in the water was banned due to heavy pollution in the mid-’60s, the water there had been a great place to go swimming. It wasn’t the swimming, though, which had really attracted visitors to this location where the bars and their obvious very loyal patrons had seemed to be everywhere. Keansburg Amusement Park, or Keansburg as we all had just called it, was “the” place to go during the summer because it was closer than the other much nicer and bigger amusement parks further down the line. It was also a lot cheaper. When the daylight lengthened and hot weather replaced the cold, the entire park would be filled with laughing parents with their happy children and young couples on dates, while older people mostly sat and watched....sort of like seniors do in Atlantic City now. All the while, the “barkers” tried to separate everyone from their money, a nickel at a time, but a nickel went far in those years.

After parking the car and putting a nickel, of course, into the machine, the walk was a quick one to all the rides which were mostly for young kids, the Whip being an exception. Heading for the stands, a pizza place had to be passed, where an Italian guy standing in his shop was always spinning pizza dough around on his index finger as people watched. It was not only really awesome to see the dough spin and spin until it got to be the right size to make the huge large sized pizzas, but also to see a “real” Italian, a not so common sight for a lot of us coming from

in and around the South Amboy/Sayreville area. I remember one summer day my father paying his nickel so he could play that strong man challenge, the one where the goal was to hit a place at the bottom of what had looked like a totem pole hard enough to make the bell ring far at the top. With his unfiltered Pall Mall cigarette dangling from his lips, he swung that big hammer so hard the bell had rung in a nanosecond. I forget what the prize had been. For me, it was just seeing my father being a bell ringer winner.

At the connecting row of stands, the big spinning wheel would spin making a loud kind of clicking noise, as everyone watched while protecting their nickel which they had placed down on the number of their choice. At other stands, rubber rings would be tossed in the hopes of making a ringer around the mouth of a glass bottle; and softballs would be thrown at the standing rows of Indian dolls, often with a young male’s hope of winning a prize for his date...and all of it only costing a nickel a try. There was also a booth where your fortune could be told but it had cost more than just a nickel. The plump, dark haired gypsy woman, with a heavily made up, unsmiling face and wearing huge gold-looped earrings and a kerchief wrapped around the top of her head, would be seated at a table in front of a crystal ball which, according to her, could foretell a person’s future. To many people, the cost of 25 cents was a real bargain, especially if they had already stopped and “imbibed” a few drinks at the aforementioned bars along the way. As the barkers yelled, “Step right up...,” the regulars would head off to play some Bingo or throw a few balls on the crooked wooden flooring of the old-time, non-automatic bowling alley.

OLV Christmas Bazaar

The OLV Christmas Bazaar will be held on Nov. 9th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Msgr. Dalton Hall, 42 Main St., Sayreville. There will be over 75 vendors for your shopping needs, wheels of chance including-toy, gift cards, and cake! Santa will be present for

pictures, and the kitchen will be open with delicious food for sale. The Bazaar will feature activities and games for children, a super 50/50 raffle, and fantastic stage prizes, so be sure to mark your calendars!

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Trinity United Methodist Church News

(Article Submitted)

Our church is blooming with change and exciting news. We have been blessed with two new ministers, Pastor Joshua Gribbin and Associate Pastor Jessica Brooks.

Joshua attended Wesley Theological Seminary, interned at the Federal Bureau of Prisons, worked for The National Conference on Ministry to the Armed Services (NCMAF), and was commissioned as a Chaplain Candidate in the US Navy. He graduated from West Chester University, PA (2012). Prior to seminary, Joshua taught middle school for two years. Previously he served Everittstown United Methodist Church and Pattenburg United Methodist Church. He recently became engaged and plans on getting married in November 2019.

Originally from SC, Jessica graduated with her M.Div from Nyack College’s Alliance Theological Seminary in 2017. While at Nyack, her degree focus was on Bible and Theology, with a concentration on Biblical Hebrew. She is a recent graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary, where she earned her ThM in Church History, focusing on black church studies, her research centered on the shaping of antebellum southern black evangelicalism. She is also a proud graduate of Howard University, where she first became a disciple of Jesus. She looks forward to pursuing PhD studies and living out her mission to “expound the gospel, engage the culture”.

Change is challenging, but always brings

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a newness to the situation and we are excited for our church and its members. Please join us on Sunday mornings at 9:15 am. Sunday School will be restarting in September and starts at 9:15 am as well.

On another note, our Thrift Shop continues to thrive. The shop is open on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturdays from 9 am to 12 pm (weather permitting). We sell clothing, household items, books, small appliances and much more. Drop offs are welcome at all times; please be considerate as we do not take furniture and large items. Summer clothes sales will be taking place now in preparation for bringing in Fall clothes. Drop by for some great sales!!

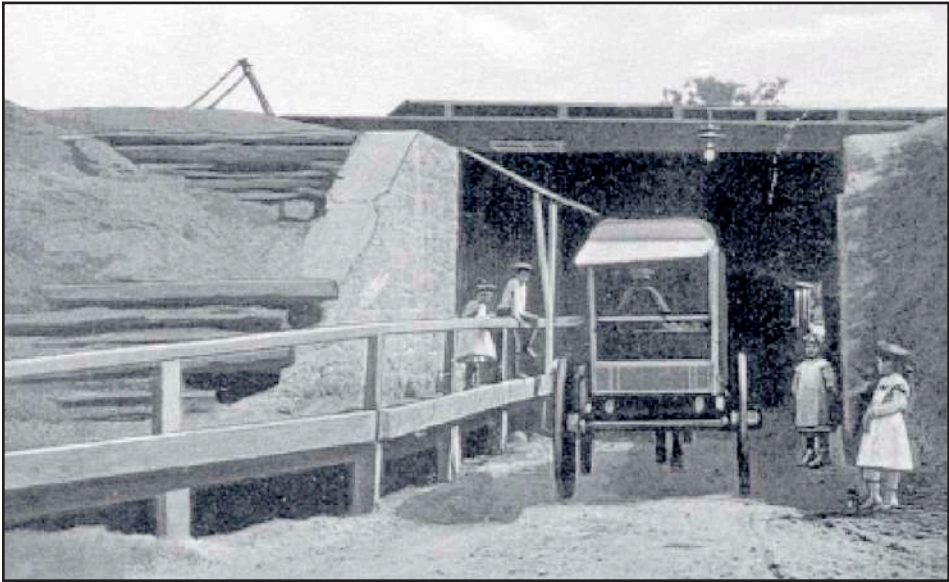
We are also happy to announce two upcoming dinners. On Saturday, September 14 we are having an Italian Dinner from 5 pm – 7pm. Lasagna, eggplant parmigiana, ziti, spaghetti with different sauces, salad, and desserts all for just \$14. On October 19, we are having the Roast Beef Dinner from 5 pm – 7 pm. Roast Beef, potatoes, vegetables, salad, drinks and desserts for \$15. Our dinners are homemade, all you can eat and always complimented – so stop by and bring your friends.

Mark your calendar for December 7 as that will be our Christmas Bazaar. Vendors, homemade cookies, crafts, and luncheons from 9 am to 2 pm. Get ready for the holiday spirit!!

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The Hole In The Wall

By Tom Burkard



This is how The Hole-In-The-Wall appeared in the very early 1900’s. (Photo courtesy of Ken Sumski, R & R Printing)

***This article first appeared in The SA Times Aug. 28, 2004 issue, and has been slightly revised.**

“The tunnel” or “That thing where cars go through” are just a couple of ways new people in the area describe The Hole-In-The-Wall in South Amboy. Located about two blocks from the South Amboy Skating Arena, where one side is close to Pupek Road, and the other side is at the bottom of Wilmont Street in the Mechanicsville section of South Amboy, the structure has been around for a long time, probably before 1900.

The Hole-In-The-Wall is actually an underpass/tunnel type creation that allows vehicles and people to pass below the railroad tracks that were used many years ago by the Penn Central Railroad, and is currently owned by Conrail. It has a sidewalk that is partitioned off from the roadway by safety railings, and lights (It’s had many, many different types of lights through the years).

As a Mechanicsville native, I have lots of memories of the vintage Hole-In-The-Wall. I remember walking through it twice a day on my daily trek of nearly a mile each way to St. Mary’s Grammar and High Schools. After a long day, I always looked forward to seeing it, as this meant I was almost home. When we were kids, it was a challenge or dare, and a major feat to ride your bike through The Hole-In-The-Wall on the roadway, when there were no cars coming. Occasionally, we would run through there on foot, and the very bold youngsters would stand in between the pillars in the center of the two lanes as cars would pass.

When we reached the legal age to get our driving licenses, most local teens were faced with the dilemma of driving through The Hole-In-The-Wall, and many nervous high school teens scraped the sides, and are still looking for pieces to their parents’ cars that they left behind when they hit the wall. (LOL) To this day, fearful drivers take alternate routes so they do not have to drive through the underpass.

Come to think of it, I was always amazed how easily the old Marathon bus, as large as it was and driven by the legendary Red Wilson made it through without touching the sides. Also the Mechanicsville Fire Company’s large fire truck would speed through it in route to a fire, and never scrape the sides, with only inches of space to spare. The bus drivers and the firefighters were really terrific drivers!

Countless local teenagers can say that they had their first kisses in The Hole-In-The-Wall. Some locals considered it a romantic spot back in the day. Of course, we had the local hot rodders with their fast cars and loud pipes who loved to speed through and gun their engines for the loud echo-effect. Sure there was the graffiti always written on the wall of The Hole-In-The-Wall, and some youngsters got their kicks by knocking out the lights inside many, many times through

the years. The top of The Hole-In-The-Wall was a favorite spot for pranksters on Mischief Night before Halloween, and many South Amboy Police officers were summoned to chase the kids who were egging cars as they passed by below.

I sadly recall losing a Mechanicsville friend, Jimmy Cleary, and also a baseball teammate Ken Blaha, in a tragic two-car accident at The Hole-In-The-Wall in the Spring of 1970. I often think of those two great guys, and how their promising lives ended, when they were so young. In the 1980’s a bar on Raritan Street and Ridgeway Avenue (Where the New DeLuxe Diner was located) was named the Hole-In-The-Wall Inn. Some firefighters with the Mechanicsville Fire Company used to call themselves “The Hole-In-The-Wall Gang.”

Recollections of The Hole-In-The-Wall

Dr. Kathleen Therkelsen (South Amboy) “I remember walking through singing real loud and listening to echoes. Before the lighting, it was dark and scary. As kids, we’d run through as fast as we could.” Estelle Pluskota (South Amboy) “It was scary.” Kevin O’Connor (formerly of South Amboy) “I remember the accident. I was watching Johnny Carson. I heard the accident, and left the house. I thought it was my sister, because she had gone out earlier in the same kind of car that was in the accident.” Brian Stratton (South Amboy) “I remember that my high school classmates had summer jobs with the City of South Amboy, and they painted the inside. It also seemed like whenever you went through, someone would have to blow the horn.” Joe Jaskowiak (Formerly of South Amboy) “I remember when I scraped the side of my mother’s ’61 White Chevy Impala, the first time that I drove through, and I was being followed by a Marathon bus.”



The Hole-In-The-Wall had repairs and much-needed work done for over 2 weeks in South Amboy. The road was closed leading to the Hole-In-The-Wall from Ridgeway Ave./Conover St. to the other side from North Stevens Ave. to Cedar St., and vehicles had to find alternate routes to get to the main highway. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

Handbag Bingo/Mini Tricky Tray

St. Stanislaus Kostka School, 225 MacArthur Ave., Sayreville is holding a Handbag Bingo and Mini Tricky Tray on Sat., Sept. 7. Doors open at 5 p.m. and calling begins at 6:30. Admission is \$35, which includes 10 game sheets (4 boards/sheet), comp soda, water, coffee, and tea.

You may bring your own food, but no alcohol is permitted. Must be 18+ to attend. To register, visit sammyshopehandbagbingo.eventbrite.com. Proceeds benefit Sammy’s Hope, an animal welfare and adoption center located in Sayreville.

The Sayreville Recreation Department Is Pleased To Announce

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SAYREVILLE, NJ
OUR ANNUAL RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP DAY

Date: Sunday, September 22, 2019
Time: 10 to 2
Place: Kennedy Park

Some of the fun activities planned for the day:

- Lug Nuts Weight Pull Event
- Blessing of the Animals
- AKC Canine Good Citizen Testing
- Ask The Vet
- Doggie Kissing Booth

Contests: Dog Costume, Largest/Smallest Dog, Fastest Pushup, Dog-Owner Look Alike, Best Trick
Pet Photos in Beautiful Fall Setting

Rescue Groups and other Special Guests Attending: Cane Corso Rescue, Doberman Pinscher Assistance, Sammy's Hope, Rescue Ridge, CASA, NJSPCA, Sayrebrook Veterinary Hospital, Bright & Beautiful Therapy Dogs.

more information will be posted on our Sayreville Recreation website



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Blast from the Past

**Classic Car Show
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**Music From the 50's, 60's & 70's
Featuring**

CLEM & FRIENDS



Just Us Cruisers Car Club with DJ Richie Flash

Sunday - September 15th - Kennedy Park - 1pm - 4pm

Rain Date - September 22nd

● **Entrance Fee: 2 non-perishable food items** ●
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Saturday - September 14, 2019

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Rumbles from the Rock and Roll Reunion

By Clem Skarzynski

Music at Dowdell Library presented, "The Paul Nagy Project" who played Classic Rock from the 60's to the 80's ranging from the Beatles, The Animals, The Zombies, Joe Cocker, The Moody Blues, Mike and the Mechanics, and more. The "Project" got it done. Come Saturday, September 14th, Sayreville Day at Kennedy Park kicks off at 12pm, with vendors, food trucks, and a full spectrum of entertainment. Sayreville's own Clem and Friends will close out the event at 3:30 on the main stage with your favorite "Oldies" and "Classic Rock" tunes from the 50's thru the 80's. The Music continues along with The Rec Department's 12th annual "Blast From the Past" Car Show and Concert, with "Clem and Friends" once again bringing back the memories that will match the beautiful custom cars and hot rods that "cruised" the main drags during the fabulous 50's to the Muscle Car Era of the 70's! Along with DJ Richie Flash and the "Just Us Cruisers Car

Club, this Show promises to be a "Blast from the Past"! C'mon out for the day and enjoy the beautiful cars, the music and friends., 1-4 pm. Entrance fee is 2 non-perishable food items to benefit the Sayreville Food Bank. Fast forward to Saturday October 19th...make it a date to be at OLV's Msgr. Dalton Hall for the OLV Seniors "Classic Rock/Oldies Dance to benefit the OLV School! And once again, Sayrevilles" Clem and Friends" will be providing the live music from 7:30 to 10:30pm! Doors open at 6pm, and tix are \$40 with a Buffet Dinner and water and soda provided, and this will be a B.Y.O.B. EVENT! Contact Teri Yetsko @732-727-7639 and 732-742-1320, or Carmen Delikat @732-254-9425. All proceeds will benefit the OLV School so c'mon out with friends and family to support a great cause for a super school! So, check these dates on your calendar please, and hope to see you all at these upcoming events! Rock 'n Roll kiddies!!

#1 Pop Hits August 31

- 2009-I Got A Feeling-The Black Eyed Peas
- 1996-Macarena-Los Del rio
- 1988-Monkey-George Michael
- 1971-How Can You Mend A Broken Heart-The Bee Gees
- 1969-Honky Tonk Women-The Rolling Stones
- 1957-Tammy-Debbie Reynolds

Open Mic September 27

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 holds Open Mic Friday September 27 at the K of C at 308 Fourth St. South Amboy beginning at 8 p.m. Any solo act group is invited to perform. Amps and drums provided. All you have to do is plug in. Refreshments will be available. For more information call 732-721-2025.

You Tube-In

"Don't Fight The Sea" is an unfinished recording from 1978 by The Beach Boys, which was completed in 2010 with Al Jardine singing lead, and vocals by Brian Wilson, Carl Wilson, Mike Love, and Bruce Johnston. It is definitely worth a look/listen...Also The Beach Boys have an interesting style of doing Elton John's "Crocodile Rock," which they recorded in '91...I'd Love To Change The World" by Ten Years After made it to #40 in 1971.

Bon Jovi Busy In Hamptons

By Steve Schmid

Sayreville native and rock superstar Jon Bon Jovi has been enjoying the cool ocean breezes in the Hamptons on Long Island this summer. He recently performed at this year's Apollo in the Hamptons benefit celebrating the famous Harlem Theater. Bon Jovi performed alongside the Roots onstage. Other stars who performed was actor Woody Harrelson who joined the Dave Matthews Band onstage, Jamie Foxx, Patti LaBelle, Pharrell Williams, and the Isley Brothers also

sang. The annual Apollo at the Hamptons was held at billionaire Ronald Perelman's Hamptons estate. Since 2010, the annual event has raised over \$30 million for the Harlem non-profit theater. Bon Jovi also recently held a fundraiser for Cory Booker's presidential campaign at his East Hampton home. Tickets were \$1,000 with members of the host committee agreeing to raise at least \$15,000. Bon Jovi previously donated \$2,800 for Booker's campaign.



By Tom Burkard

Girl Bands/Groups

1. The Supremes
2. The Bangles
3. The Ronettes
4. The Shangri-Las
5. Bananarama
6. Wilson Phillips
7. Heart
8. The Chiffons
9. The Go-Go's
10. The Shirelles

- a. Cruel Summer
- b. Where Did Our Love Go
- c. Vacation
- d. Be My Baby
- e. Leader of the Pack
- f. These Dreams
- g. Hold On
- h. Sweet Talkin' Guy
- i. Walk Like An Egyptian
- j. Soldier Boy

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

THANK YOU



A TREMENDOUS THANK YOU to ALL who have helped with this year's Jammin for Jaclyn Benefit Concert! We were able to raise over \$36,000; the most at a single event to date! 100% of all proceeds go to our beneficiaries, our newest family members. Mark your calendars for next year's benefit concert, April 25th, 2020!! If you have any questions about volunteering, donations, sponsorship or need help, contact founders Ron Morgan, Denise Morgan or Michael Squillace at 732-525-9536, JamminforJaclyn@gmail.com or check out our website at: JamminforJaclyn.weebly.com. (Photo/article submitted)

Bon Jovi To Sell Middletown Mansion

By Steve Schmid

Rock and Roll Hall of Famer and Sayreville native Jon Bon Jovi has put his Navesink River mansion up for sale. According to Christie's International Real Estate listing, Bon Jovi is seeking \$20 million for 18,000 square foot home. Constructed in 1999, the French inspired chateau was designed by New York City architect Robert A.M. Stern. The mansion sits on 15 acres of land and contains six bedrooms, seven bathrooms, outdoor heated swimming pool, and a private dock on the Navesink River. The home has more comforts a music star

would want, such as a 50-foot living room with 12-foot ceilings, a custom designed state of the art movie theater, recreation area, a carriage house, a grand fireplace, and a large French mirror reflecting the river. Bon Jovi has hosted many notables, celebrities and politicians over the years. He hosted fundraisers for Al Gore in 2000, John Kerry in 2004, and Barack Obama in 2008. Robin Hood Drive in Sayreville was where he grew up. His boyhood home was given away by MTV in contest held in the 1980s.

Johnny Cash, Sonny & Cher Shows On TV

Cable TV Channel 143 Get TV now features TV shows from many years ago, including "The Johnny Cash Show," and also "The Sonny & Cher Show." It's pretty

interesting to go back in time, and see the top-notch entertainers of the day appearing on these shows.

Music At The Dowdell Library

(Photos by Tom Burkard)



Dan Toye (l) and Jerry Smith (r) are pictured following their excellent solo performances at the Dowdell Library in South Amboy recently.



Library Director Elaine Gaber (r) congratulated the entertainers following the concert, and presented Dan Toye (l) and Jerry Smith (c) with a surprise gift for their fine show.

Larry Helwig Memorial Golf Tournament

The Larry Helwig Memorial Golf Tournament will be held on Monday, Sept. 16, with a 9 a.m. shotgun start at Tamarack Golf Course, East Brunswick.

Larry Helwig taught Physical Education in the Sayreville School District for over 30 years, and also coached football, wrestling and golf. In addition he taught drivers education to many Sayreville students. He retired in 2003, and in April 2017, he lost his life in an automobile accident.

The annual golf outing will be held to honor Coach Helwig. Money raised by golf

participants and sponsors will be used for a scholarship(s) for a deserving Sayreville War Memorial HS senior golf team member. This student (s) must display the characteristics in which Coach Helwig instilled in all of the students and athletes he taught throughout his many years in Sayreville.

Kindly consider making a donation to the Larry Helwig Memorial Golf Outing, or participate in the outing itself.

If you have any questions or need more info, contact Eric Haltli at 732-803-9667 or ehaltli@aol.com.



The Sayreville Riverdogs Grey 12u travel baseball team recently experienced a fantastic week at Cooperstown All-Star Village in Oneonta, New York, August 3rd-9th, 2019. The week was filled with playing baseball, pin trading and good times with 64 teams from all over the country. The boys and their families also visited the Baseball Hall of Fame and learned a lot about the history of the game they love! The team manager, Rich Gluchowski, stated "The experiences that Cooperstown gave to our players was a once in a lifetime opportunity. The team enjoyed competitive baseball as well as connected with many other young men from around the U.S. and Canada".

Gina Bye, mom to one of the Riverdogs players said "Her son, Robert, had an amazing and fun experience that will last him a lifetime". The team would like to thank everyone who helped in their fundraising efforts over the last 2 years to make this incredible trip possible for the 12 young men on the team. The competition was second to none and the experience is one that the boys will cherish for the rest of their lives. (Photo/story submitted)

Congratulations



Congratulations to the U14 Sayreville Scorepions Soccer team on finishing second in the Manalapan Monmouth-Ocean Soccer Association Tournament on May 26, 2019. Way to go boys!

Champions



Congratulations to the Sure-Hit Home Improvements men's softball team from South Amboy for winning the Greater Middlesex County Weeknight League softball championship. This Sure-Hit team went undefeated with a perfect (22-0) record! The championship games were played at the Warren Park complex in Woodbridge on July 9th. The champs are pictured as follows: Top row (l-r) Team Sponsor-Thomas Ryan, Matt Ryan, Randy Grider, David Hockaday, Dave Masi, Christian Geant, Brian Seres, Greg Sekac. Bottom row (l-r) Kevin Rivera, Brian DeJoy, Justin Amadeo, Matt Ryan's son Matthew, Joe Sepelyak, Jim Abbatiello.

P.B.A. 63 Corn Hole Tourney

South Amboy P.B.A. 63 will hold a Corn Hole Tournament on Sat., Sept. 7th (rain date Sept. 8) at 11 a.m. at Enterprise Hook & Ladder Co. #1, 107 George St., South Amboy. (Parking is available in the high school parking lot). Cost is \$120 per team and includes entry, t-shirts, food, and drink. \$30 for spectators (includes food and drink). There will be a 50/50 raffle, food, drinks, and prizes. See the P.B.A. Facebook page for the registration link.

Bielak Has 7 Wins

Brandon Bielak of Sayreville continues to impress in pro baseball. A pitching prospect with the Houston Astros Triple-A, Pacific Coast League Round Rock team, he is tied for most victories on the club with 7, (7-4), and in 72.2 innings pitched, has struck out 70, while posting a 4.95 ERA.

Soccer Challenge.

The Knights Of Columbus Council 2061 will be holding a Soccer Challenge. This event is open to boys and girls ages 9-14. It will take place on Sunday morning Sept.15,2019, from 9 a.m. til 12:30 p.m.. It will be held at the Sayreville Soccer Complex on Bordentown Ave. You don't need to be a soccer player to come!

Yogism

The late Yogi Berra, a New York Yankee baseball legend and Hall-of-Famer had many interesting and quotable sayings. A few of them included:

- "It gets late early out here."

- "The future ain't what it used to be."
- "Pair up in threes."
- "No one goes there nowadays, it's too crowded."
- "Never answer an anonymous letter."

South Amboy Night Out

(Photos by Tom Burkard)



South Amboy Police Chief Darren LaVigne helps a youngster put his safety helmet on, while other police officers look on approvingly.



Chief LaVigne visits with a local Boy Scout Troop near their table.



Pictured (l-r) is Dowdell Library Director Elaine Gaber, Mayor Fred Henry, and Council President Michael "Mickey" Gross.



The South Amboy Office of Emergency Management members were on hand to answer questions and give out pertinent information to locals.

The Local Sports Memory Machine

By Tom Burkard

From The Sports Archives



1964- The Sayreville Bombers baseball team finished at a fine (13-4-1) under legendary Coach John Wortley. Pictured bottom row (l-r) trainer Vito Racine, John Karlowitz, Jim Shaw, Roger Feltz, Richie Noble, Bill Trzaska, Dennis Dzergoski, Costy Pawlowski, Coach John Wortley. Middle row (l-r) Paul Slovik, Gary Bodak, Charlie Lynch, Pete Nicolaison, George Kiernan, George Armstrong, Jim Williams. Top row (l-r) Ron Kornacki, Al Duigon, Marty Hubka, Mike Gigiello, John Giannos, Joe Bartkowicz.

35 Years Ago Kaveman Construction Wins Title

1984-Kaveman Construction swept Monaghan House, 5-3 and 6-3 to capture the South Amboy Men’s Slow Pitch Softball League championship. In game #1, the late Steve Malkiewicz utilized his fine knuckleball to thwart Monaghan’s and notch the victory. The late Bernie Mackiel, and Jerry Prusakowski ripped 2 hits and drove in a run apiece to lead Kaveman’s offense. The late Poncho O’Connor punched 3 singles to left, going a perfect 3-for-3, and Bob Clayton had 2 hits and an RBI for Monaghan House.

In the finale, seasoned veteran Tom Gorman was the winning pitcher and received plenty of support from Prusakowski, the standout first baseman, and MVP of the championship series, who blasted a double and had an RBI, while excelling on defense, by making a beautiful backhand stab of a line drive, and turning it into a game-ending double play. Mike Downs drilled a single and double, with an RBI, while Tom Roberts,

Mike McCabe, and Bob Thompson all stroked RBI singles for the champions. Monaghan’s was led by Joe Noble who ripped a 7th inning home run and single. Clayton poked 2 singles and had an RBI, while Poncho O’Connor finished the best series of his career with a perfect 2-for-2 and an RBI.

Prusakowski and Mackiel topped the ‘84 champs by both going 3-5, .600 avg. They were followed by Downs .400; Roberts .400; John Inman .400. Other members of Kaveman Construction were: Kevin Nemeth, Ron Croddick, George Bongiorno, Dennis McCarthy, and Steve Rossi.

Monaghan House was led by Poncho O’Connor 5-for-5, 1.000. He was followed by Clayton 4-for-6, .667; Joe Noble 3-for-5, .600. Other Monaghan House players were: John Kaboski, Ray Leonard, Mike Grimley, Rick Ragula, Tom Duffy, Fred Henry, Ed O’Connor, Jim Inman, Mark Noble, Jack Conlon, Mike Noble.

South Amboy Youth League Baseball Champions Through The Years

Little League/Little Fellas League Champions

1952-Rotary 1953-Allie Clark’s 1954-PBA 1955-? 1956-Knights of Columbus 1957-Weiss Clothing 1958-? 1959-First Aid 1960-First Aid 1961-Progressive 1962-First Aid 1963-First Aid 1964-Enterprise 1965-Knights of Columbus 1966-Progressive 1967-English Chevron 1968-? 1969-First Aid 1970-Modern Transportation 1971-Weiss Clothing 1972-Jo-Tom (Collingwood) 1973-Modern Transportation 1974-Protection 1975-Progressive 1976-Protection 1977-Enterprise 1978-? 1979-Daylight Bakery 1980-Daylight Bakery 1981-84-? 1985-Protection 1986-87-? 1988-Enterprise 1989-2019-?

Babe Ruth League Champions

1958-Sacred Heart CYO 1959-Komars 1960-Sacred Heart CYO 1961-63-? 1964-Mechanicsville Fire Co. 1965-Mechanicsville Fire Co. 1966-Mechanicsville Fire Co. 1967-Raritan River Railroad 1968-? 1969-South Amboy Trust Co. 1970-Mechanicsville Fire Co. 1971-? 1972-Independence Fire Co. 1973-Komars 1974-South Amboy Trust Co. 1975-Sure Hit Home Improvement 1976-Independence Fire Co. 1977-Raritan River Railroad 1978-Mario’s Subs 1979-Mario’s Subs 1980-Present-?

***Can anyone please help with the ? marks and tell us what teams were the champions during those years? We certainly would appreciate it.**

Glory Days In Local Sports

1953-Highland Park hammered the Sayreville football team 21-7. Rich Kurczeski ran 14 yards for a TD, and also kicked the extra point. 1963-In their Homecoming game in front of 3,000 fans, the Sayreville Bombers football team slammed Metuchen, 34-12. John McCarthy raced for 2 touchdowns, while Don Andrejewski, Len Gutkowski, and Bob Kess scored a TD apiece. Bill Lehnert booted 3 extra points, and John Karlowitz ran for a conversion. 1978-St. Mary’s girls softball team trounced Mount St. Mary’s, 15-0 behind Sue Wilson’s 10-strikeout, 1-hitter. Kathy Redling was 3-for-4 with 2 doubles and 4 RBI, and Denise Loughlin added 3 RBI.

1980-Hoffman topped Wardlaw, 7-3 on

the baseball diamond. Winning pitcher Tom Mulligan struck out 7, and also hit a single, double and had 2 RBI. Tom O’Connor drilled 2 singles including the game-winner and finished with 2 RBI. 1995-Hoffman girls softball team annihilated East Brunswick Tech, 38-1, as Jamie Keeter fired a 5-inning 1-hitter. Kristy Parfianowicz and Jessica English ripped 5 hits apiece. Karen McNerny added 4 hits and 4 RBI, and Joy Ingstrup laced 3 hits. 2002-Highland Park slipped by Cardinal McCarrick, 14-7 in football play. Dan Perec scored on a 1-yard TD run, while Anthony Richards rushed for 70 yards on 10 attempts, and Jarslaw Kozlowski notched 32 yards on 4 carries.

Champions-90 Years Ago

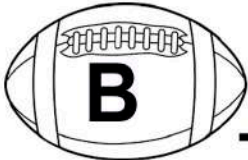


1929-This team was the South Amboy Men’s Baseball League champions. The name of the team is unknown, but some players names should be familiar to South Amboy/Sayreville residents. Pictured standing (l-r) Jim Dill, Joe Malik, Manager Ben Pawlowski Sr., Frank Burkard, Leo Ryan, Joe McGonigle. Kneeling (l-r) Ben Pawlowski Jr., Fritz Lukie, Frank “Hank” Bulman, Bill Switzer.

The Football Challenge Game #1

(Photos by Tom Burkard)

Football season is here, and we’re going to challenge all the armchair quarterbacks, and super fans out there! Pictured below are 4 greats, 2 Hall-of-Famers, and 2 that probably should be in the Hall at Canton, Ohio. How many can you guess? Send your answers in to: satimes@aol.com, and winners will be announced in the Sept. issue. Watch for Game #2 in the Sept. 28th issue!



T.H.E. Game

Year-1984

Sport-Girls Softball

Teams-Hoffman vs. #1 seeded East Brunswick in the MCT championship game.

Recap-The Lady Guvs shocked the powerful Bears, 7-6 in 9 innings to capture the county championship. Winning pitcher Kim Schuck (18-2) led off the bottom of the 9th with a single. Pinch runner Karen Stegway stole second and went to third on Cindy DeFort’s bunt single. Nancy Garsick then grounded to third, as East Brunswick held Stegway, loading the bases. Stegway raced home with the winning run on a passed ball, to give Coach Rich Klein’s Hoffman team the huge victory. Freshman third baseman, Tricia Popowski was a perfect 4-for-4.

The Purple & Gold tri-captains that year were Barbara McCabe, Nancy Garsick, and Kim Reick. The team went on to finish with a superb (23-2) record.

Players-of-the Game-Tricia Popowski, Kim Schuck, Karen Stegway.

55 Years Ago Franklin Twp. Tops Sayreville For Title

1964-Franklin Twp. took advantage of 5 Sayreville errors in the 3rd inning to win the District 10 Little League championship, 8-3. John Ammon and Mark Crotty had RBI singles for Sayreville. The rest of Sayreville’s talented roster consisted of Joe Gabel, Bob Smith, Bill Marine, Bernie Prohaska, Richie Litz, Greg Lyon, Bob Casazza, Gary Unkel, Tim Rhatican, Paul Kuntra, Mike Hannon.



Diamond Dust 1969 South Amboy

Little Fellas League

Jo-Tom's 10 Progressive 2-Joe McCarthy blasted a home run to support winning pitcher Kevin Ostrander. Rudy Neumann homered for Progressive.

First 12 Rotary 0-Winning pitcher Mike Grimley fired a 1-hitter, and Mike Downs belted a homer.

Babe Ruth League

Mechanicsville 6 Raritan River 2-Glen Gerding hurled the Firemen to victory. Komars 13 Independence 6-Dave Keenan stroked 3 singles to support winning pitcher

Charlie Steuber. Bernie "Toby" Tabasko laced 3 singles and had 2 RBI.

Slow Pitch Softball League

Amboy-Madison Bank 9 Roddy's Tavern 5-Curt Wilczewski notched the victory, and Jack Paro added 3 hits. Leo Dohan homered for Roddy's.

English Chevron 7 Enterprise 2-Dave Stolte chalked up his 3rd win of the year, and got hitting support from Ed Szatkowski, who ripped a single and homer, and Bob Kukulski who chipped in with 2 hits.

1970 Babe Ruth League Draft Picks

The South Amboy Babe Ruth League teams selected the following players from the Little Fellas League:

Raritan River Railroad-Dennis Carey, Frank Norek, Al Cox, Jim Mulligan, Joe Conroy, Bob Fell, Shaun Switzer, Rich Garsick; Independence Fire Co.-Tom Diem, Ken Booker, Rich Servis, Bruce Richmond, Joe Kolakowski, Ted Moran; Komars-Mike Klimchak, Glenn Tabasko, Jim Harkins, Bill Mazur, John DeLucia, Jim

Miller, Tony Skarzynski, Mike Kilcommins, Jim Sweatt, Jay Buckiewicz; Sacred Heart C.Y.O.-Sal Richiusa, Bob Jankowitz, Ray Scupp, Dan Wilusz; Mechanicsville Fire Co.-Kevin Homan, Bob Morgan, Bob Besner, Ron Zimmerman, Steve Gray, Ray Linderoth, Mike Switzer, James Caracappa; South Amboy Trust Co.-Mike Kusic, Bob Buckalew, Donovan Taylor, Rudy Neumann, Art Walczak, Mike Downs, Bill Munck, Kevin Kelley.

Back In Those College Days

South Amboy's Jeff Ust, who starred in baseball for Bishop Ahr, and then Middlesex County College, went on to play baseball at UNC-Greensboro, and hit a home run against Westbury. Following graduation, he joined the military and had Ranger training,

and came out as a Captain. He then went to work at Pratt-Whitney, and holds a Masters Degree in Business & Finance, which he received from Northeastern University, and is currently working on a Law Degree from the University of Connecticut.

Slow Pitch Softball Home Run Leaders 1969-74

Once again, we came across South Amboy Slow Pitch Softball League statistics for the league's first 6 years from 1969-74, for home runs during this time period only. These are probably the only complete records kept, and still intact, through all of the league's history. The SA League ran from 1969-1997, and if anyone has complete records for other years, please feel free to submit them to The SA Times.

Top Home Run Leaders with their totals for the first 6 seasons (only) of the SA Slow Pitch Softball League are as follows:

Tied for #1-Larry Kurzawa and Bob Carew with 17 home runs apiece. Followed by Rich Klein 14 Ken Wahler 14 Joe Noble 13 Tom Lange 13 Tom Burkard 11 Bill Connors 10 Mark Felice 10 Gary Lange 9 Wally Binkowski 9 Jack Phillips 8 Ed Szatkowski 8 Larry LaBrocq 8 Ken Szatkowski 8 Ray Downs 7 Dennis Yanoski 7 Kevin Nemeth 7 George Krzyzanowski 6 Dan Paone 6 Tom Szatkowski 6 Greg Havlusch 6 Ed O'Leary 6 Al Ust 5 Henry "Henny The DJ" Conroy 5 Gary Read 5 Lenny Popowski 5 Tom Kaelin 5 John Clark 5 Chet Meinzer 5 Ed Schaber 5 Jim Lyons 5 Dennis Bratus 5 Brian O'Brien 5 Ron Kuran 5 MacDonald 5.

The following players hit between 2 and 4 home runs from 1969-74:

Nick Charmello 4 Ron Croddick 4 Joe Castellano 4 Tom Boychuk 4 Fran Fee 4 Joe Kelly 4 Ray Leonard 4 Tom Wortley 4 Pat

Marotta 4 Billy Clayton 4 Tom Cross 4 Tom "Tee" O'Connell 4 Joe Zailski 4 Tim Farrell 4 Ray Selover 4 George Ogborn 4 Jim Tingle 4 Dan Mackay 4 Alan Haag 4 Esposito 4. Mark Bratus 3 Paul Ust 3 Tom Downs 3 Bob "Smokey" Ryan 3 Tony Mancini 3 Don Szatkowski 3 Jack O'Connor 3 Jerry Disbrow 3 Harry Macholl 3 Bob Richardson 3 Dan Weinman 3 Jack Gallagher 3 Ken Lyon 3 Tom Holovacko 3 Jim Gordon 3 Frank Pauloski 3 Mark Jendrzejewski 3 Tom Gorman 3 Ned Moran 3 Dan Kosmoski 3 Jim Shannon 3 Val Nadin 3 Jack Jankowski 3 Mickey Michaels 3. Bill "Biff" McKeon 2 Ernie Read 2 Tom Fitzmorris 2 Joe Donnelly 2 Dave Stolte 2 Jay McKeon 2

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Year By Year Home Run Kings (1969-74) 1969-Ray Selover 2; 1970-Rich Klein 3; 1971-Ray Downs 4; 1972-Tom Lange 10; 1973-Rich Klein 6; 1974-Bob Carew 8.



Bob Carew



Larry Kurzawa

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Local Wildlife

(Photos by Tom Burkard)



This beautiful Great Egret was spotted at a nearby park.



Frogs can still be found in local lakes and ponds, and are popular with youngsters.



Alpacas are interesting animals, and can be seen at Edel Haus Alpaca Farm, 2660 Allaire Rd., Wall Twp., where visitors are allowed a hands-on experience with them.

Walter At Asbury Park



Former Sayreville resident Walter Krzyzkowski (r), who meets celebrities wherever he goes, is pictured with Governor Phil Murphy recently on the Asbury Park Boardwalk.



Walter (l) also got to chat with News 12 anchor Eric Landskroner.

Bill “Biff” McKeon MLB Scout-Part 2

By John Phillips

Let’s see, we left Bill in the stands scouting one of his first high school baseball games. He noticed that there were several other experienced scouts at the game as well. Back to Bill telling the story:

Within a short time, I discovered that several experienced professional baseball scouts were at the same game, which meant I was covering the right games. I became very friendly with these scouts and got to know other prospects from them within my area of coverage. They were: Frank O’Rourke, New York Yankees, Frank Burke, New York and San Francisco Giants and Bill McCarren of the Boston Red Sox, all of them age 70 plus. After establishing their friendship, they invited me to ride with them to various games. These guys knew every college, high school, American Legion and sandlot baseball field in New Jersey. I was honored that they accepted me as a brother scout. What was amazing and funny was that all 3 were “seniors” and would argue about who was going to drive, as all of the would have failed any drivers license exam. However, they knew and took shortcuts to many of the baseball fields that were hard to find.

One of the most interesting and funny experiences I encountered was with brother Jack McKeon, who was a temporary scout at that time for the Minnesota Twins organization. We were on N.J. Highway 22 heading to the Watchung Hills. Brother

Jack was driving, and Frank Burke said take the next right. Jack and I said no…it’s the next turn. Jack laughed and said what did I know. So, we followed Frank’s directions and going up a hill, he told Jack that the high school was just around the corner. We made the turn and the area was dense with trees, and Frank uttered these words: “They moved the school!”

After my first-year scouting for the Phillies, Roland Hemond the Scouting/Farm Director of the Los Angeles Angels asked me to join their scouting department with increased New Jersey coverage. I worked for the Angels for one year. Then the L A Dodgers offered a better part-time scouting position. The Dodgers assigned me to cover the AAABA Johnstown, PA Tournament which I enjoyed while reliving my “glory days there,” and expanding my friendships with many former major league players and scouts. One June night, I received a phone call from the Dodgers General Manager Al Campanis asking me what player I would sign if I could. I recommended Jeff Torborg, the Rutgers University catcher. The next day while reading a New York newspaper I noticed that Jeff was signed by the Dodgers. My first recommendation to make the major leagues.

Next Month: The Kansas City A’s (the old Philadelphia Athletics)

Locals Starred At Other High Schools

Mike Bujalkowski (South Amboy) starred for St. Joseph’s in baseball, and in 2004, was chosen Middlesex County Player of the Year by The Star Ledger. He was a 2nd Team All-Groups, All-State choice, 1st Team All-State Parochial, and 1st Team All-Middlesex. In ‘04, he was (8-1) with a 1.03 ERA, and in 54 innings pitched, he struck out 76. He finished an amazing schoolboy

career with a superb (15-3) won-lost record, 1.62 ERA, and fanned 148 batters in only 112 innings....Ashley McQuade (Sayreville) had a tremendous career at Bishop Ahr, where she excelled in gymnastics. In 2008, she led her team to the North II Sectional championship by capturing 1st place on the uneven bars, 2nd all-around, and 3rd on the vault in the finals.

OLV Trip to NY Play

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to NYC to see Ain’t Too Proud on Wednesday, October 2nd at 2 PM. The cost of the trip is \$250.00 which includes the theatre ticket(orchestra section) bus transportation,

bus gratuity, dinner at Hurley’s and bus snacks. For further information or to reserve a seat please contact Teri at 732-727-7639 or 732-742-1320.

McCarthy’s Big Game

By Tom Burkard

1973- Hoffman’s great and legendary catcher/home run hitter, Joe “Moose” McCarthy put on an awesome power display in the team’s final regular season game against Dunellen, to lead the Guvs to an 18-1 romp. In the first inning, “Moose” blasted a 2-run homer in his first at bat, and then in the same inning unloaded a grand slammer to drive in six of Hoffman’s 10 runs in the first inning. McCarthy’s feat is more than likely one of the greatest offensive performances in one game in Hoffman/South Amboy High School

history. Although no records have been kept, we will bet that “Moose” set or tied records for most RBI’s with 6, and home runs (2) in just one inning. What a show! The homers were McCarthy’s sixth and seventh of the year, making him the **Middlesex County “Home Run King.”** John Szatkowski and Mike Downs also orbited home runs. Freshman lefty, George Bongiorno was the winning pitcher, hurling a fine 2-hitter for Coach Bob Bloodgood’s Governors.

Guns Blazing: War of 1812 Exhibit Drops Anchor at Twin Lights Museum

Historic Single-Ship Victories Captured by Renowned Maritime Artist Maarten Platje

A new, multi-gallery exhibit of historic maritime paintings is open to the public at the Twin Lights Museum. “Guns Blazing! The War of 1812 and the New Jersey Shore” features 15 dramatic works in oil by Maarten Platje, whose bold brushwork and attention to detail brings to life a game-changing chapter in American naval history. The exhibit, in Galleries II and III of the museum, also features historic artifacts and a short video on the 32-month conflict between the United States and Great Britain.

“Guns Blazing!” is the product of a partnership between two highly active local groups—Twin Lights Historical Society and Navesink Maritime Heritage Association—as well as Cavalier Galleries in New York City and the Twin Lights National Landmark. The exhibit has drawn wide acclaim at two previous U.S. stops this year, and will be at Twin Lights until November 22nd.

“The opening year of the War of 1812 featured a series of epic single-ship sea battles between the United State and Great Britain,” says Rik van Hemmen of the Navesink Maritime Heritage Association. “The quality of American shipbuilding, strategy and seamanship resulted in a string of victories that opened the world’s eyes to the power and promise of our young nation.”

Platje, a native of the Netherlands, has won numerous awards for his maritime paintings during a career that has spanned more than three decades. He devoted years of research to the creation of historically accurate depictions of these iconic naval confrontations from the War of 1812.

“Even ardent history buffs need a refresher course on the War of 1812,” admits Jeff Tyler, President of the Twin Lights Historical Society. “Maarten’s monumental oil paintings definitely get the adrenaline pumping and make you curious about the war beyond the wild, one-on-one sea battles. We’ve added a short video presentation to the exhibit to help visitors put what they are seeing into context.”

That context includes the fact that the single-ship battles depicted by Platje involved so much carnage that both sides eventually instructed their captains to avoid them altogether. The museum video covers action

on sea and land during the war, including the bombardment of Ft. McHenry made famous by Francis Scott Key in “The Star-Spangled Banner” and the unlikely victory of Andrew Jackson’s rag-tag army over 8,000 British Marines at the Battle of New Orleans.

“An interesting backdrop to the War of 1812 is that it didn’t even have to happen,” points out Twin Lights trustee Mark Stewart.

Indeed, the primary issue leading up to the war, England’s policy of impressment of American sailors, had been officially scrapped by Parliament. Unfortunately, it took three weeks for news to travel across the Atlantic. By the time British diplomats anchored in Sandy Hook Bay to deliver the good news, they received the bad news that the shooting had already begun. Likewise, the victory at New Orleans that ultimately propelled Andrew Jackson to the White House came two weeks after America and England had ended the war, with the Treaty of Ghent.

Perhaps the most important take-away from the War of 1812 was that the United States was more than capable of defending itself against European powers. Though dwarfed by the Royal Navy, the U.S. fleet proved it could deal deathblows to British ships in intense, one-on-one action. The Constitution earned its nickname “Old Ironsides” during these single-ship victories.

“Military historians have commented that the sea battles depicted in the ‘Guns Blazing!’ exhibit have the quality of personal duels between naval commanders,” points out van Hemmen, a marine engineer and senior partner at Martin, Ottaway, van Hemmen & Dolan in Tinton Falls. “And indeed they were.”

“I think that will be instantly apparent to anyone who comes here and experiences Maarten’s work.”

The Twin Lights National Historic Landmark is open Tuesday through Sunday from 10 AM to 4 PM. Admission to the North Tower and museum is free. All donations, as well as proceeds from the Museum Store, fund new exhibits and special projects. For more information on days, hours and special events, visit twinlightslighthouse.com or call 732-872-1814.

Twin Lights Visit



On a recent afternoon we visited the Twin Lights in Atlantic Highlands. What amazing views from the top of the lighthouse. Make sure you take the time to look at the museum. And best yet-it’s free!

WWW.?



This mystery photo should be very easy for locals who enter this contest. It is located in South Amboy or Sayreville. If you think you know the answer, send it in to: satimes@aol.com. Good luck! (Photo by Tom Burkard)

WWW.? Winners For July

Correct answers for the July photo were any of the following; AOH; Dowdell Library; Methodist Church.

The winners were: Chuck Pickard, Estelle Pluskota, Jack Piskorski, Keith Piskorski & Lorraine Krauss, Pat & Bill Scully, Gerry Sherry, Leon Credico, Dawn Roberts, Kevin KaniaCathy Keays, Joan Fulham, Steve Laskiewicz, Dane Colburn, Mary Agnes Morris, Joan Gorczyca, Jim Malkiewicz, Laurie & Gary Loftus, Katie Elichko, Pete McIntyre, Elizabeth Leveille, Judy Guilfoyle, Mark Moniello, Peggy Yuhas, Kathie Brown, Dennis & Kathy OLeary, Eleanore Westerholm, Dennis Quinlan, John Gelsonin, Adele O’Hara, Lisa Grankowski, Marie English, Ed English, Gary Feret, Chelle Martin, Don Zrebiec.

*Ed Puchalski of Sayreville correctly identified the June Mystery Photo, Sayreville Seafood last month, but was inadvertently omitted from the winners



July-WWW.? AOH, Dowdell Library, Methodist Church 271 Second Street South Amboy

list. Peggy Yuhas, correctly answered the June WWW and Where in NJ but was omitted from the winners list.

Where in New Jersey?



This month's Where In NJ features items that can go right to your table! Send your answers to SATIMES@aol.com by September 28th. (Photo by Phyllis Stratton)

July Information Where in New Jersey?

By Brian & Phyllis Stratton

The correct answer was Star Jet roller coaster, which operated on Casino Pier in Seaside Heights from 2002. It was a steel sit down roller coaster created by E&F Miler Industries. It's name was inspired by the Jet Star roller coaster which operated on Casino Pier from 1970 until 2000. The similarity in names between the Star Jet and its predecessor has resulted in Star Jet being frequently misidentified in the media as Jet Star. On October 29, 2012, Hurricane Sandy caused the collapse of a large section of Casino Pier, dumping Star Jet into the Atlantic Ocean and damaging several other rides. Even though it was thrown into the ocean the structure of the coaster remained largely intact. Images of the coaster in the water were everywhere on new media coverage of Superstorm Sandy. The coaster was torn down and removed from the ocean in 2013, after several people attempted to climb it. Star Jet's replacement, Hydus, opened in May 2017. However, the replacement coaster opened on the beach instead of the pier to protect it from future storms.

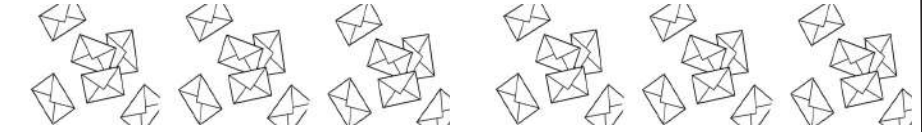


July-Where in New Jersey Star Jet Roller Coaster Casino Pier, Seaside Heights New Jersey

Jack Piskorski, Keith Piskorski & Lorraine Krauss, Pat & Bill Scully, Gerry Sherry, Leon Credico, Kirk J. Miick, Bill Matey, Dave Krempecki, Dane Colburn, Mary Agnes Morris, Jim Malkiewicz, Rich Puhan, Laurie & Gary Loftus, Pete McIntyre, Vince Farina, Elizabeth Leveille, Mark Moniello, Peggy Yuhas, Alice Walsh, Eleanore Westerholm, Dennis Quinlan, John Gelsonin, Adele O’Hara, Judy Guilfoyle, Anthony Carlo, Linda Gillette, Marie English, Ed English Gary Feret, Chelle Martin, Ed Bender.



Letters



Hi,
I believe the top Photo (WWW.?) is of the Ancient Order of Hibernians building at the corner of 2nd. St. and S. Stevens Ave., South Amboy, NJ.
I believe the photo (Where in New Jersey?) is of the late "Star Jet" roller coaster at Casino Pier, Seaside Heights, NJ.
Thanks for a very informative paper,
Rich Puhan,
Fords, NJ

Tom/Brian
This month's WWW is a difficult one.. Second St. and Stevens Ave. Currently AOH Hall. Before that the Sadie Pope Dowdell Library. Before that a Methodist Church. Something for everyone in that building (if those walls could talk). I often wonder if the AOH basement floods in a rainstorm the way it did when it was the children's room of the library.
Happy summer,
Eleanore Westerholm
South Amboy

Hi Brian,
The photo is the current home of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. I believe it was formerly a church and later the home of the Dowdell Library.
I really enjoy receiving the SA Times,
Thanks,

John Gelsonin
Dear SA Times,
Car: 1961 Chrysler Newport
Comments: Last of the great finned Chryslers and a time of transition for Detroit styling. Imperial (which was its own make back then) lost the fins in '64 and Caddy, the last hold-out in '65. Most everyone else was done by '62. As a young lad in the early '60's, I appreciated the streamlined look of the new decade and felt like the fins were for my parents generation. Now when I visit a classic car show, I stand in awe of the unapologetic boldness of these finned beauties.
Regards,
Gregg Alexander

YMCA ANNOUNCES FREE HEALTHY WEIGHT & YOUR CHILD PROGRAM

The YMCA of Metuchen, Edison, Woodbridge & South Amboy is announcing the launching of their program "Healthy Weight & Your Child", an evidence-based program for children carrying excess weight. Based on a grant from Y-USA, this program is being offered at no charge and includes 25 sessions delivered over four months. The program empowers 7-13 year olds, with the support of their families, to reach a healthy weight and live a healthier lifestyle. A parent/caregiver must attend all sessions. One adult YMCA membership is also included with the program. Other qualifications to participate in the program include receiving clearance from a healthcare provider or school nurse to participate in physical activity.

The program is slated to begin in mid-October and will consist of two hour-and-a-half sessions per week. The sessions will include 45 minutes of workshops, nutritional education and/or guest speakers, followed by 45 minutes of physical activity. The program creates a safe, fun and active environment

for children and their families to explore and adopt proven methods to living a healthier lifestyle.

Healthy Weight & Your Child engages the entire family so together they can understand how the home environment and other factors influence the choices that lead to a healthy weight. Developed by leading child health and weight management specialists using the best available evidence and clinical and government guidelines, the Healthy Weight & Your Child program engages families in education, healthy eating and physical activity to help families achieve a healthy weight and lifestyle together. Studies have shown that the program is effective in reducing a child's body mass index and waist circumference, reducing sedentary behaviors, increasing physical activity and improving self-esteem.

For more information, contact Hannah Thomas, Senior Director of Healthy Living, at 732-548-2044, Ext. 2219 or at hannah.thomas@ymcaofmews.org.

One Hit Wonders: 60 Years Ago

1959-Gotta Travel On-Billy Grammer; The All-American Boy-Bill Parsons; The Little Space Girl-Jesse Lee Turner; I've Had It-The Bell Notes; Tragedy-Thomas Wayne; Sea Cruise-Frankie Ford; This Should Go On Forever-Rod Bernard; Pink Shoe Laces-Dodie Stevens; Tell Him No-Travis & Bob; Three Stars-Tommy Dee; Kookie Kookie (Lend Me Your Comb)-Ed "Kookie" Byrnes; Sorry (I Ran All The Way Home)-The Impalas; So Fine-The Fiestas; Bongo

Rock-Preston Epps; Hushabye-The Mystics; You're So Fine-The Falcons; Waterloo-Stonewall Jackson; Here Comes Summer-Jerry Keller; Sea Of Love-Phil Phillips with The Twilights; Morgen-Ivo Robic; Say Man-Bo Diddley; Battle Hymn Of The Republic-Mormon Tabernacle Choir; Deck Of Cards-Wink Martindale; The Enchanted Sea-The Islanders; Woo-Hoo-The Rock-A-Teens; In The Mood-Ernie Fields; Uh! Oh! Part 2-The Nutty Squirrels.

Friday Movie Matinee "POMS"

September 27, 1:00PM
Sayreville Library, 1050 Washington Rd.
This movie is free and open to the public,

not just Sayreville residents. Popcorn will be provided. Adults only, please. No registration required!

Movie Mania 2019

Ratings are 0-10 with 10 being the highest or best movie to see.
Bottom of the Ninth-A really interesting baseball movie about a man who gets out of prison and pursues his dream of becoming a baseball player, but has many obstacles along the way. **Rating-8.2.**
Long Shot-Not too bad of a movie about a woman Charlize Theron who wants to become president and her zany boyfriend. **Rating-8.0.**
John Wick 3-If you like non-stop action, and lots of violence, that at times is hard to watch and follow, you'll love this, but we thought it was the worst of all the John Wick movies. **Rating-2.5.**

"Life in an Edwardian Manor"

Thursday, September 26, 11:00AM
Sayreville Library, 1050 Washington Rd.
Judith Krall-Russo returns to the SPL! "Downton Abbey" has renewed popular interest in the Edwardian era in the UK, a time of great disparity between the haves and the have-nots. You don't have to be a "Downton" fan to enjoy this program! Come learn about this fascinating time and the people who lived in it.

This event is free and open to the public, but registration at 732.727.0212 or sayrevillelibrary.org is suggested.






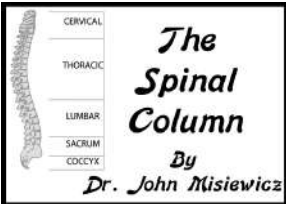
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Aging and Exercising

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There are numerous factors that enter into a person's attitude about growing older. Sarcopenia, the age-related loss of muscle is a key factor of the central problem. But it's never too late to start exercising. There are strategies anyone can design no matter what the age or physical condition. Study after study has demonstrated that the single most important activity a person can do to slow down and even reverse the aging process is to exercise.

Being more active on a daily basis could be the most critical thing anyone can do. For some people this might be as simple as taking a 30 minute walk once a day. If this seems too challenging, then three 10 minute walks might be less demanding. For others, it might be getting up from the couch to change the channel on the TV instead of using the remote control. Parking your car far away from the entrance to a store instead of finding the closest parking space, can add a few more steps to your day and maybe a few more years to your life. Each physical activity a person disciplines himself to do, will further his overall development.

Now that you have started to include more physical activities into your daily routine you are ready to begin an exercise program. Many older people limit their activities because of a reduction in strength, not because of lack of cardiovascular endurance. As people age they frequently find that they walk more slowly. There are many elements that can cause this slower pace. But the single most important factor in the rate is muscle strength.

Progressive resistance training is the resistance to the force of gravity by using weight, machines, or elastic bands. A person just starting can even use common objects such as soup cans as weights. Resisting the force of gravity by lifting a weight for a number of repetitions will begin to increase muscle mass and strength. Progressively increasing resistance will produce a further increase in muscular strength, lean muscle tissue, and muscular endurance, all necessary for functioning effectively in everyday life.

YMCA RECEIVES GRANT

The YMCA of Metuchen, Edison, Woodbridge and South Amboy (MEWSA) announced that it has recently received a \$10,000 grant from Investors Foundation for a Diabetes Prevention Program, which will help people who are at risk of developing Type 2 Diabetes. The program helps individuals adopt and maintain healthy lifestyles by eating healthier, increasing physical activity and losing a modest amount of weight in order to reduce their chances of developing the disease. "Providing chronic disease management and prevention programs is one of our top priorities," said Rose Cushing, President & CEO of the YMCA of MEWSA. "This grant will enable us to provide this lifestyle change program that will allow participants to learn how to incorporate healthier eating, moderate physical activity and problem-solving and coping skills into their daily lives." The program is geared towards adults who are at risk for Pre-Diabetes or Diabetes. Participants will work in groups in a relaxed classroom-type setting with a trained Lifestyle Coach. The group support that participants receive help to keep them motivated and encouraged. The program is fee-based, but participants may be eligible for YMCA financial assistance. Participants do not need to be members of the Y to enroll.

For more information about the program, contact Hannah Thomas, Senior Director of Healthy Living, at 732-548-2044, Ext. 2219 or at hannah.thomas@ymcaofmewsa.org



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The Smoke Column

By Ex-Chief Richard Kosmoski, BA, MS

As always, changes to the fire service are inevitable. A recent addition to the initial fire training that all recruits must attend is the Traffic Incident Management System (TIMS). This program consists of a planned and coordinated multidisciplinary process to detect, respond to, and clear traffic incidents so that traffic flow may be restored as safely and quickly as possible. The TIMS training has become mandatory due to the many injuries and deaths to first responders in recent years. Responders to motor vehicle crashes are not limited to firefighters. Response can also be from police, EMT's, tow-truck operators, DOT personnel, prosecutor's office, Hazmat technicians and anyone else that may be needed. Roadway accidents can take as little as 15 minutes to clear or take days to mitigate the scene. Every minute that a first responder is at the scene is another minute for a potential disaster. According to information, three injury crashes occur every minute on average across the US, with a minimum of 9 responders arriving at every crash. This means that there are 1620 responders working at traffic-related crashes every hour and 38,880 responders in a 24 hour period.

Unfortunately, today there are many drivers who are inattentive while driving our roadways especially at high rates of speed. Is there anyone who can say that they have never seen someone driving and texting or talking on their phone while doing 65+ MPH on the Parkway?

When first responders arrive on the scene of a highway incident, they are usually planning their actions. Is someone trapped inside a vehicle, is the vehicle on fire, is it leaking gasoline, did it strike a pole and live wires are down? These are just a few of the scenarios that first responders find when they arrive on scene. But who protects these responders as they go about their duties?

This is where the TIMS training program comes into play. The program outlines the procedures to take in order to make the scene

as safe as possible, work the scene, then clear the hazardous scene as soon as possible. The longer we are working on the highway, the more susceptible we become for a serious injury or death. Before working the scene, we must warn drivers of an impending incident ahead. We do this by setting up warning signs and using traffic cones to divert traffic away, as much as possible, from our work area. There are also lighted message boards in use on the GSP and the NJ Turnpike giving drivers advanced warning of what to expect ahead of them. At the actual scene there will be "blockers", police cars or fire apparatus that will be used to block the working scene from oncoming vehicles. An inattentive driver can strike a blocker and send it into the working area. We must take as many precautions as possible to protect our responders. While working the scene, our minds are on the incident. We need someone or somethings to protect our backs as we provide care for others.

Hopefully all licensed drivers are aware of the "SLOW DOWN-MOVE OVER" law recently adopted in the state. If you observe flashing lights ahead, be they red, blue or yellow, slow down and move over one complete full lane from the lighted-up vehicle or the accident scene. The MOVE OVER law also pertains to disabled vehicles alongside the roadway. Be considerate of that person changing a flat tire.

With the TIMS program now mandatory for recruit firefighters, it may only be a matter of time before it becomes mandatory for all first responders to take the course.

This article is in response to an accident in July on Route 280 in West Orange where first responders were working an emergency scene on the highway when a loaded dump truck rammed the back of the ambulance and fire truck. There were serious injuries to the first responders and some are still in the hospital as this article goes to print. As first responders, WE must secure the scene in a way that protects all of us working that scene.

Governor and Legislature Reauthorize Free Tuition Opportunity Grant

Students from families with a gross annual income of \$65,000 a year or less may be able to attend Middlesex County College tuition-free this September. A revised Community College Opportunity Grant (CCOG) was included in the budget bill that the New Jersey Legislature passed and Governor Phil Murphy signed at the end of June. It covers all 19 community colleges in the state.

"We applaud the Governor and Legislature for making this investment in the state's future," said Mark McCormick, Middlesex County College president. "We are very pleased that eligible residents of the County may take advantage of this program. It will mean students will work less so they can study more. We know that earning an associate degree increases lifetime earning capacity significantly. CCOG expands opportunity."

CCOG began with a pilot program last spring and was aimed at students with an adjusted gross income of \$45,000 a year or less. This budget increased the threshold to \$65,000.

"Making community college free this past semester was a game-changer for the students, for their communities, and for the State," said Governor Murphy.

CCOG now covers both the fall and spring semesters for those taking six or more credits. It does not include summer session.

The 2020 state budget includes up to \$25 million for CCOG awards to be applied directly to eligible student accounts. This is a last-dollar scholarship, which means it will cover tuition after other federal or state assistance programs – such as Federal Pell Grants or New Jersey Tuition Assistance Grants – are applied.

Zakiya Smith Ellis, New Jersey Secretary of Higher Education, along with David J. Socolow, executive director of the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority, visited numerous county colleges in the spring to gauge the success of the program.

"I heard from students who had to take on three jobs to pay their expenses," Dr. Smith Ellis said. "I heard from single parents who supported their children while studying for exams. The Community College Opportunity Grant enabled these students to stay in college. Those students are more likely to graduate and thereby repay the state's investment."

For more information, including a question and answer section, please visit middlesexcc.edu/freecc.

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..

PRAYER TO ST. ANTHONY

O holy 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 heaven 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. - P.S.

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Sayreville Night Out

(Photos by Tom Burkard)



Sayreville Police Chief John Zebrowski (3rd from right) is pictured with other police officers by the new Community Outreach/L.E.A.D. vehicle. See more info on page 12.



Adults and kids of all ages had fun tossing a whiffle ball at the Tubs of Fun game.



Corn Hole tossing is becoming a very popular sport, and many enjoyed playing at the event.



Sayreville Fire Marshal Kevin Krushinski (l) was on hand to answer any questions for Borough residents.

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Fishing Flashes
By Teo "Weebles" Weber



Salt Water
The big news is that fish normally caught in Florida are coming up here in good numbers. Party and charter boats that fish for Bluefish catch them, but are finding plenty of Spanish Mackerel mixed in with the Bonito. Cutlass fish which usually stay south are showing up too. There has been a good number caught. Occasionally Cobia and King Mackerel are making an appearance. A Remora showed up in Barnegat Bay and Triggerfish can be found around the rock piles. Finding some Sheepshead is a possibility. The Kingfish run in the surf has slowed up, but it is still worth it to fish for them. Fluke fishing is still very good, but it's the keeping that is the hard part. There are keepers, big ones too, but you will have to work hard for them! A big 11-pound Fluke was caught in Sandy Hook Bay from the Atlantic Star. Ling and Seabass fishing from Party Boats that bottom fish is doing well. You can find a few Porgies mixed in. Beach fishing in Raritan Bay is slow-only a few small Blues, however small Snapper Blues are being caught all over, off docks and bulkheads.

Fresh Water
Heat has taken its toll with fishing slow all over. The Delaware River has Carp, Catfish and many little Small mouth Bass. Some hybrid Stripers are in Spruce Run Reservoir. Lakes and ponds that have Largemouth Bass find the best fishing is at the early morning and late times of the day. Not too many Trout are biting in the warm weather.



Happy Town
By Albert Gomolka Jr.
C.1974
I asked for the soda fountain special
With bananas, pecans, and whipped cream,
Two scoops of strawberry, and one of vanilla
Chocolate syrup and cherries mixed between
As the jerk went to create my request
He said a crowd should e formin' in the street,
Today is the day of the big parade
You'll have the best view with a window seat
About midway through my special,
I heard the band come marchin' thru
And the people clapped and the children cheered
And I watched from a window booth's view
The floats came next with lovely girls
Clowns handing out pops to kids
I smiled aloud when I saw this clown
And the tumbles his monkey did
There were horses, majorettes, and twirlers of batons
With costumes that sparkled as they stepped to tunes
And no-one can miss the souvenir man
And his pinwheels, candles, and balloons
I hadn't had this much fun watchin'
Since I was a kid myself
Scraped up my last bite of ice cream goop
And flipped four bits up on the shelf
I picked up my hobo bag and ol' guitar,
And told the jerk I enjoyed the parade,
But not half as much as my belly enjoyed
The Soda-Fountain Special that he made
I left the town with fond thoughts,
And hoped my next would be the same,
The sun shone bright on my shoulders,
As I ran to hop a train... Happy Town...
Happy Town...Happy Town...

Impaired Driving Enforcement Crackdown to be Conducted Locally as Part of National Campaign

Police agencies from around New Jersey are gearing up for the state’s largest annual drunk driving crackdown. The Sayreville Police Department will be participating in the 2019 “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” Statewide Labor Day Crackdown. The campaign begins August 16 and concludes on September 2. During this period, local and state law enforcement officers will conduct sobriety checkpoints and roving patrols targeting motorists who may be driving while impaired by alcohol or drugs.

“Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” is a national campaign designed to raise awareness about the dangers of drinking and driving through high-visibility enforcement backed up by educational activities including national radio and television advertisements, posters, banners and mobile video display signs. The campaign looks to curtail impaired driving during the busy summer travel season, including the Labor Day holiday period.

During the past five years, New Jersey’s roadways experienced 36,778 crashes and 679 fatalities involving impaired drivers

As part of the initiative, the Division of Highway Traffic Safety provides grants to local police agencies throughout the state to run the two-week campaign. During last year’s crackdown, participating agencies made 1,196 DWI arrests.

Law enforcement agencies participating in the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over 2019 crackdown offer the following advice:

- If you plan to drink, designate a driver, someone who will not drink alcohol, before going out.
- Take mass transit, a taxi or ask a sober friend to drive you home.
- Spend the night where the activity is held.
- Always buckle up, every ride, regardless of your seating position in the vehicle. It’s your best defense against an impaired driver.
- If you’re intoxicated and traveling on foot, the safest way to get home is to take a cab or have a sober friend or family member drive you to your doorstep.

Speaker Coughlin Bill Requiring “New Jersey Safe Haven Infant Protection Act” Education in Public Schools Now Law

Measure Will Teach Curriculum to Grades 9-12, Aims to Prevent Harm, Death of Unwanted Babies

Aiming to educate students about a safe, legal and anonymous means to surrender their newborn child that they do not wish to keep, a measure requiring public school students in grades 9 through 12 to receive information on the “New Jersey Safe Haven Infant Protection Act” was signed into law Friday by Governor Murphy.

The law (A-1380) requires the instruction to be part of the school’s Core Curriculum Content Standards in Comprehensive Health and Physical Education. It is sponsored by Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin (D-Middlesex) who issued the following statement:

“By allowing students to become educated on the Safe Haven Protection Act, we will decrease the likelihood that students, often in a state of intense fear and anxiety, will harm or discard their newborn child as covered in recent reports.

“Through this law, students will know that they, or someone acting on their behalf, can surrender their baby, less than 30 days old, at any hospital emergency room, police station, fire house or rescue squad that is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

“Not only does this law save the life of a newborn baby who can be placed in the care of a loving family, it will also prevent the emotional trauma, guilt and legal repercussions that can result when a student discards a newborn.”

At the Y, Kids Discover Their Potential After School

Metuchen, Edison, South Amboy August 2019 – A new school year is filled with potential—a chance to start new routines and habits, build new friendships and discover new possibilities and interests. It’s an exciting time for many children, however—at the end of the school day, 1 in 5 children do not have someone to care for them after school, according to Afterschool Alliance, a nonprofit public awareness organization. As families are transitioning from summer to fall, the YMCA of Metuchen, Edison, Woodbridge & South Amboy (MEWSA) is offering programs to school-aged children throughout Avenel, Colonia, Edison, Fords, Iselin, Metuchen, Sayreville, Sewaren, South Amboy and Woodbridge to keep youth active, busy and engaged during out-of-school time. Through a well-rounded approach to youth development, the Y’s programs offer activities in a caring and safe environment during the critical hours after school. Whether through sports, mentorship, or academic support, the Y nurtures the potential of youth throughout the school year.

“One in five children do not have someone to care for them after school, an essential time to help increase children’s academic success,” said Rose Cushing, President & CEO of the YMCA of Metuchen, Edison, Woodbridge & South Amboy. “Afterschool at the Y is an opportunity for families to ensure their kids are receiving additional support, continued learning and a

chance to participate in meaningful activities that can inspire children’s motivations and abilities to succeed.”

The Y is a leading nonprofit committed to nurturing the potential of every child and teen, supporting their social-emotional, cognitive and physical development from birth to career. In the YMCA of MEWSA’s after school programs youth engage in physical activities, learning opportunities and imaginative programs that encourage them to explore who they are and what they can achieve. Students will have the opportunity to begin their homework, participate in STEM activities and join in a variety of programmatic and activity options to explore and develop their interests and talents. HEPA (Healthy Eating and Physical Activity) habits are strongly reinforced and part of our daily programs. Financial assistance is available to those in need, to ensure every child and teen has the opportunity to learn and grow at the YMCA of MEWSA.

For more information about the YMCA of MEWSA’s after school programs, please contact Erin Siemers for the Metuchen and Edison community at erin.siemers@ymcaofmewsas.org or Cindy Shields for the Woodbridge, South Amboy and Perth Amboy community at cindy.shields@ymcaofmewsas.org. You can also visit ymcaofmewsas.org/child-care/general-information for more information on our programs.

Readers Photo Of The Month Contest



Winner-Kim Carling of Sayreville submitted this beautiful and unique photo of her Pekingese dog, “Star,” as she smells a flower. “Star” is now 11 years old. Congratulations Kim on a true work of art and one of the finest pictures we’ve ever seen! (Photo by Kim Carling)

SA Times readers/amateur photographers are encouraged to submit any interesting photos they may have taken recently, for our new Readers Photo of the Month contest. Please email photos to: satimes@aol.com.

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If anyone was at either event and would like to share their memory or a photo they may have had taken, please e-mail us at: satimes@aol.com, and your memory or photo will be included in our special feature on Mantle and Ford’s visit, which will be in our Sept. 28th issue.

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. M.S.

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BACK TO SCHOOL

70's STYLE

From The Sports Archives

1976-The talented South Amboy Sabres Midget Pop Warner football team poses for the "official" team picture at Vets Field. How many of these players can you name?

The Miraculous Prayer

Dear Heart of Jesus, in the past I have asked for many favors. This time I ask you this my special one (mention favor). Take it, Dear Jesus, and place it within your own broken heart, where your Father sees it. Then, in His merciful eyes, it will become your favor, not mine. Amen. (Say this prayer for 3 days, promise publication and your favor will be granted. Never known to fail.) -M.S.

A PRAYER FOR HEALING

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In Memoriam



We just found out that former South Amboy resident Gordon Crowell Sr., 64, died on May 30, 2018. He was an excellent/hard-working mechanic and great guy. His obituary in a Pennsylvania newspaper beautifully summed up his life, "One of the finest men to grace the earth, with a heart so big, he would give you the shirt off his own back." Lucian Golaszewski, 80, of Sayreville died on July 21. He was an accounting clerk at JCP&L in Sayreville, and also a past president of St. Stan's Holy Name Society. Maria Pires, 63, formerly of Sayreville died on July 25. She was owner/head chef of O'Garrafo Restaurant in Sayreville. Mary Ann Mollica, 76, of South Amboy died on July 30. She worked as a realtor for J.J. Harrigan & Co. for 25 years before retiring. Mary Ann Riley, 82, formerly of South Amboy died on Aug. 3. She was a supervisor at Raritan Bay Medical Center in Perth Amboy for over 30 years, retiring in 2002. Gerald McKittish, 76, of Old Bridge died on Aug. 5. He was very active in St. Mary's Church as a lector, Eucharistic Minister, and a parish trustee. Rosemarie Derent, 76, of Sayreville died on Aug. 7. She worked as an office manager for Derent Fuel Inc., of Sayreville, was a teacher at Campbell School in South River, and also a Psychology Professor at Middlesex County College. Julius Warzybok, 95, of Woodbridge died on Aug. 8. Originally from Perth Amboy, he was a friend and follower of South Amboy's professional athletes, Allie Clark, John and Ed O'Brien, Jack McKeon, and Tom Kelly. Julius worked for the World Telegram newspaper in New York City for 16 years, where he took pictures of the great Yankee players from the 1940's and 50's, and became a friend of NY Giants football great Alex Webster. Julius went on to work for the Port Authority of New York/New Jersey for 20 years, and retired from there 32 years ago. He was also a good friend of retired South Amboy Police Officer Bill Cheeseman. Julius was an avid reader of The SA Times, and contributed sports photos thru the years. Michael Cross, 69, formerly of South Amboy died on Aug. 17. He was the owner/operator of Cross Food Concessions.



Obituaries

Cebulski, John A., 80, formerly of Sayreville died on July 10.
Cross, Michael, 69, formerly of South Amboy died on Aug. 17.
Crowell, Gordon R. Sr., 64, formerly of South Amboy died on May 30, 2018.
Derent, Rosemarie, 76, of Sayreville died on Aug. 7.
Falcone, Marilyn J., 83, of Sayreville died on July 28.
Flagg, Mary C. Verchick, 62, of South Amboy died on July 15.
Glade, Rose, 99, of Sayreville died on Aug. 4.
Golaszewski, Lucian B., 80, of Sayreville died on July 21.
Knapp, Robert "Bob," 71, formerly of Sayreville died on July 29.
Kovacs, James "Jim," 75, of South Amboy died on July 11.
Lajewski, Richard, 85, of Sayreville died on July 20.
Macholl, Harry, 71, formerly of South Amboy/Sayreville died on Aug. 14.
McKittish, Gerald J., 76, of Old Bridge died on Aug. 5.
Mollica, Mary Ann, 76, of South Amboy died on July 30.
Paldino, Vincent "Ronnie," 87, of Parlin died on July 14.
Passaretti, Frank, 60, of Sayreville died on Aug. 3.
Pires, Maria A., 63, formerly of Sayreville died on July 25.
Richardson, Helen S., 81, of Parlin died on Aug. 3.
Riley, Mary Ann Trella, 82, formerly of South Amboy died on Aug. 3.
Sielewicki, Stanley F., 93, formerly of Sayreville died on Aug. 13.
Swiderski, Florence, 100, formerly of Sayreville died on Aug. 11.
Warzybok, Julius, 95, of Woodbridge died on Aug. 8.
Zampella, Deacon Donald W., 76, of South Amboy died on Aug. 12.

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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..

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Deacon Donald W. Zampella

Deacon Donald W. Zampella, 76, of South Amboy died peacefully at home on Monday August 12, 2019 surrounded by his loving family. Born in Jersey City, NJ on September 10, 1942, he was educated there, attending St. Paul of the Cross Grammar School and Dickinson High School as well as two technical schools. He was a member of the National Guard from 1963-1969. Spanning from 1974 to 2003 he owned two retail businesses and one wholesale business. In 2001 he earned his ministry certificate from the College of St. Elizabeth, Morristown and was ordained to the diaconate on June 9, 2001. He served at St. Bernadette Parish in Parlin for 17 years until his retirement in 2018, where he taught CCD, RCIA, trained altar servers, lectors and Eucharistic Ministers and taught baptismal preparation and pre-cana classes. He was the NJ State Chaplain for the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, as well as Chaplain for the Queenship of Mary Court in St. Bernadette. He was a member of the Holy Name Society and a third degree Knight of Columbus. He was loved and adored by his parishioners and was totally devoted to his family, his parish and his God. In his free time he enjoyed traveling, sightseeing and gardening.

Son of the late John and Louise Stehling Zampella he is survived by his wife of 47 years Octavia; their daughter Cristina; son Andrew and his wife Sarah,

son Kenneth and his wife Kasey; he was "Papa" to Neva, Amelia and Aria Zampella; his brother John and his wife Maria; his sister Margaret Buonauro and her husband Gabriel; his sisters-in-law Agatha Emmer and her husband James and Camille DePinto; his brother-in-law Leonardo DePinto and his wife Carol; 18 nieces and nephews; 22 great-nieces and nephews and many cousins.

In lieu of flowers the family respectfully requested that donations be made in memory of Deacon Donald Zampella to Mount Saviour Monastery, 231 Monastery Road, Pine City, NY 14871, or to Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey at cinj.org/giving.



Deacon Donald W. Zampella

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