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**South Amboy
Memorial Day
Services
Sunday May 26th
City Hall, 12 Noon**

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

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Pictured near the Police Memorial in South Amboy are (l-r) Ptl. Nick Fuentes, Ptl. Christopher Norek, Mayor Fred Henry, Chief Darren LaVigne, Capt. Joseph Matarangolo, Council President Michael "Mickey" Gross, Sgt. Patricia Kanecke. (Photo by Brian Stratton)



Members of the Sayreville Police Dept. salute the flag during the Star Spangled Banner. (Photo by Tom Burkard)



South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry (l) and Perth Amboy Mayor Wilda Diaz are pictured at the Fireworks Spectacular Fundraising Launch aboard the Cornucopia. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

McLaughlin Nominated For U.S. Naval Academy

Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr. recently honored many area students at the 2019 Sixth Congressional District High School Arts Competition at a Congressional Awards Ceremony reception which was held at the West End Arts Center. Pallone nominated 20 candidates for the U.S. Service Academies, and locally nominated Stephen McLaughlin, a senior at South Amboy High School for the U.S. Naval Academy. Congratulations Stephen, and best of luck!

***This issue is
dedicated in
memory of
John Clark***



The Amboy's Launch Fundraising for July 3rd Fireworks

The Mayors of Perth Amboy and South Amboy, in alliance with the Celebrate Our Stars & Stripes Committee are launching the fundraising efforts for July 3rd fireworks spectacular. This year, the pyrotechnics extravaganza is honoring America's patriots from the past, present and future. During the May 3rd kickoff event for the fundraising efforts, a group of "patriots," a Founding Father and local sponsors presented a Boston Tea Party skit.

The theme for Perth Amboy and South Amboy fireworks recognizes the deep and lasting connections Americans have with the concepts of freedom, independence and liberty.

Annually, the fireworks are viewed by more than 60,000 people who line Raritan Bay shoreline. The magnificent pyrotechnics

are presented by the world-renowned Garden State Fireworks. Also, each city organizes a series of family-friendly activities, which occur before the fireworks will begin on July 3rd at 9:15 p.m. Residents, their families and friends are invited to enjoy all the activities, and view the fireworks for free.

All costs are paid by generous donations from corporations, local business, families and individuals. The not-for-profit Celebrate Ours Stars & Stripes Committee coordinates the fundraising. Right now, companies and individuals may contribute funds via Celebrate Our Stars & Stripes website (<http://www.celebratestarsandstripes.com/>).

The Celebrate Our Stars & Stripes event was held on Friday, May 3rd on the Cornucopia St. Charles Vessel, at a dockside event in Perth Amboy. The guest

list for the Celebrate Our Stars & Stripes event included Honorary Chair and Perth Amboy Mayor Wilda Diaz, Honorary Chair South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry, and City Council President Mickey Gross, Celebrate Our Stars & Stripes Committee Chairman Barry Rosengarten, Christopher Santore of the world champion Garden State Fireworks, Event Emcee Bart Baron, WCTC-AM's Morning Show Host.

South Amboy, Perth Amboy and Celebrate Our Stars & Stripes News Media Briefing and V.I.P. Sponsors Lunch was attended by people from local corporations, small businesses, not-for-profit groups and individuals who help fund the annual fireworks spectacular. A group of brave "patriots" presented a skit about the Boston Tea Party.

South Amboy Memorial Day Services

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

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

Coughlin Receives Award

Former South Amboy Councilman Craig Coughlin, currently the State of New Jersey Assembly Speaker, was recently honored with the Housing Legislator of the Year Award by the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment. Congratulations on a well-deserved honor!

Sayreville Memorial Day Parade

Sayreville will host its annual Memorial Day parade on Monday, May 27th beginning at 10:00 a.m. This year the parade is sponsored by the American Legion Post 211. The procession will start at Elizabeth Street and Washington Road and conclude with a service at the Borough Hall on

Main Street. In the parade line-up will be veterans and their affiliated groups, color guards, distinguished bands, local officials, school, civic, community and church groups, marching units, scout troops, youth sports leagues, antique vehicles, local police, fire and emergency departments.

SWMHS Hall of Fame Inductees



The 2019 inductees into the Sayreville War Memorial High School Hall of Fame, who were inducted on April 27 are (l-r) Mark Mills (Class of 1993), John Worobey (Class of 1969), Carlos Vargas (Class of 2008), Carlo Alban (Class of 1996), Daniel Buchanan (Class of 1993). Congratulations to all! (Photo/Info Submitted)

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On May 1st, the Middlesex County School Board Association honored three South Amboy board members for their 10 years of service to the students of Middlesex County. The honorees were (l-r) Lynn Kasics, Paula Taggart and John Dragotta. Awards were presented by Dr. Lawrence S. Feinsold, Executive Director, Debbie Boyle, President, and Christy Tighe, NJSBA for County Affairs. (Photo/info submitted)



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The events are sponsored by the City of South Amboy. Contact: MTOTH1@optonline.net or 908-930-3497.

OLV Senior Trip to Doolan's Oktoberfest

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to Doolan's on October 10th to celebrate Oktoberfest. The price of the trip is \$90.00 which includes a delicious meal at Doolan's, one hour open bar, show, bus transportation, and bus gratuity. For further information or to reserve a seat please call Carmen at 732-254-9425.

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Talk Of The Towns

By Tom Burkard

Deacon Laikowski Celebrates 40 Years

Congratulations to Deacon Stephen N. Laikowski, who celebrated the 40th anniversary since his ordination to the diaconate on May 12th. Deacon Steve was ordained on May 12, 1979 by Bishop George W. Ahr for what was then the Diocese of Trenton. The dedicated deacon has spent his entire 40 years serving St. Mary Parish, and is loved and admired by all. He said, "My whole career has been predicated on trying to pass on God's love." God Bless, Deacon Laikowski, and thank you for all that you do for everyone!

Director Of Music/Organist-20 Year Milestone

St. Mary's Church Director of Music/Organist, Christopher M.C. Deibert recently celebrated his 20th anniversary of directing and bringing beautiful music to the members of the church. Congratulations, continued success, and thank you Christopher!

McCarthy Joins Law Firm In D.C.

Jenna McCarthy from Sayreville, daughter of Joan (Vanni) McCarthy and David McCarthy graduated from Vanderbilt Law School on May 10, 2019 with a Juris Doctorate. She will begin her law career as a first year corporate associate at the Washington, DC office of Ropes & Gray LLP. Jenna graduated from Princeton University in 2013 and from Sayreville War Memorial High School in 2009. Congratulations Jenna!

In The Colleges

Graduates

Congratulations to the following Graduates: Caitlin Norek (South Amboy) from Kean University; Haleigh Croddick (Parlin) from Penn State University.

Honor Roll

Muhlenberg College
Rashida Haye of Sayreville made the Centennial Conference Academic honor roll for the winter semester.

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Pleasant little TRIVIA

By Tom Burkard

1. Borough of Sayreville Tax Assessor in 1969?
a. J. Howard Kolb b. Juan Estrada c. Michaelina Patel

2. Sayreville Fire Chief in 1970?
a. James Rodgers b. Richard Rinkiewicz c. Stanley Mroczkowski

3. Served as South Amboy Commissioner of Economic Development?
a. Vincent Mackiel b. John O'Connell c. Martin McBride

4. Where was the Dugout Sports Bar located in South Amboy?
a. North Broadway b. Main St. c. South Stevens Ave.

5. Mayor of Sayreville in 1999?
a. James Zagata b. Kennedy O'Brien c. John McCormack

6. Back in '94, where in South Amboy was Wedding World located?
a. Bordentown Ave. b. North Stevens Ave. c. Main St.

7. Top vote-getter in the 2004 Sayreville Board of Education election?
a. Curtis Clark III b. Joseph G. Myers c. Peter Barone

8. South Amboy PBA Local #63 President in 1999?
a. Glen Malkiewicz b. Thomas Szatkowski c. George Kern

9. Where was The Fishery located in Sayreville?
a. Main St. b. Rt. 35 North c. Rt. 35 South

10. Where was Larry's Service Center in South Amboy?
a. South Broadway b. North Stevens Ave. c. South Pine Ave.

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



Business Of The Month Homecare Rehab

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Dr. Edward J. Marion, physical therapist assisting a patient in the home, providing home care and rehab.

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Amboy Bank Honored by Township of Old Bridge



Gregory Scharpf, Amboy Bank President and CEO, is presented a plaque by Old Bridge Mayor, Owen Henry, for the Bank's 130 years of service in the community. Mayor Henry hosted an opening ceremony for the Township's 150th anniversary, where he presented a mayoral proclamation, and Richard Pucciarelli, VP of the Madison Township-Old Bridge Historical Society, provided a brief history on the Township's history. The event kicked off the yearlong celebration. (Photo/Info Submitted)

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Pictured (l-r) Recreation Director Annette Abolt, Recreation Assistant Teresa Cruz, and Director of Nursing Kevin Fisher of the Venetian Care and Rehabilitation Center who hosted a dinner to thank the volunteers for their service to the patients at the center. (Photo by Steve Schmid)



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The American Flag

(Photos submitted)



Members of American Legion Lenape Post 211 Honor Guard of Sayreville are assisted by local Girls Scouts during an evening of educating the Scouts in flag etiquette.



Past Commander Rich Kosmoski assisted by Honor Guard members demonstrate the proper procedure to fold the American flag to the Girl Scouts.

Learning About The American Flag

By Rich Kosmoski

On April 29th, 2019, the Sayreville American Legion Lenape Post 211 Honor Guard hosted a contingent of 50 Girls Scouts and leaders at their post. The Scouts were there to learn about the flag of our country. They were taught the proper way to display the flag and to administer proper respect to the flag when it is carried and/or displayed. The Scouts were shown the proper way to fold the flag and what each fold represented. Then each Scout and leader had the opportunity to

fold the flag properly according to military regulations. This evening of training was conducted for the Scouts in order for them to receive the "Color Guard Advocacy Patch."

A demonstration by the American Legion Honor Guard was held to shown the Scouts the proper way to carry and post the colors during parades and other ceremonies. Following this demonstration, each of the Scouts had the opportunity to carry flags and post them in the proper procedure.

Happy Birthday!



Sayreville Mayor Kennedy O'Brien wishes Lorraine Gallas 67, (l), and Julia Zagata 97, (r) a Happy Birthday at the Mayor's quarterly birthday party on April 17 at the Sayreville Senior Citizens meeting. All in attendance had a great time. (Photo/info by Joe Lotkowitz)

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Yearbook-Hoffman Class of 1979

By Mary Kate Kelly Contributor Tom Burkard

The song "Grease" topped the pop charts, as Hoffman High's Class of '79 got back to the books in September of '78..."The Last of the 70's" was the inscription on the cover of the Class of '79's yearbook. It's hard to believe, but 40 years have come and gone. It seems like yesterday Marion Cooper, Denise Kudelka, Terry Kozak, Glenn Ball, Dennis Clark, Billy Croddick, Alison De Fort, Mike Attardi, Rich Aucone, Joe Drost, Eileen Gallagher, Tom Garsick, Linda Grover, John Guiro, Joan Harkins, Jack Kanecke and myself "rushed" to make the homeroom bell. I can still see Charlie Gray, Guy Fisher, Joe Carney, who sat in the back of the classroom rocking on their chairs. And who can forget Joy Tarallo, Gloria Higgins, Denise Spencer, Karen Redden, Claire Skrynka, June Stolte, Chrissy Ryan, in my class.

Mr. De Pasquale was the Principal, and some of the teachers were Reggie Carney, Mr. Larsen, Mrs. Yadowsky, Miss Folis, Mr. Bonner, Miss Marbach, Miss Wieringer, and Mr. Olszak... 1979 was quite a year on the national front. "The China Syndrome," a popular movie about a leaking nuclear power plant became a reality with Three Mile Island in Harrisburg, Pa....Pope John Paul visited the U.S... Acting legend John Wayne died... The Purple & Gold squads were filled with talented senior athletes including; Frank Kuziowski, who joined the elusive 1,000 points club. Randy Neumann, who was an all-

state outfielder in baseball, Alex "Tucker Me Neil, Mark Wahler, Paul McLaughlin, Marty Carey, Mike Diem, Louise Westerholm, Warren Christensen, Jimmy Bright, Corina Bloodgood, John Pyonteck. The Hoffman vs. St. Mary's football games were the highlight of every new school year, especially the parties afterwards. Terry Levandoski was Editor-In-Chief of the yearbook... Senior Class officers were Helen Mae Stader-Pres.; Brenda Pytel-VP; Jackie Johnson-Sec; Jill Pappa-Treas. Other fine friends and classmates such as the following will never be forgotten, as they helped make it a great class; Ann Matarangolo, Mariann Wawerczak. Kelly Vona, Gina De Maio, Richard Allen. David Bloodgood, Cindy Fodor, Patty Krygier, Jane & Janet Dyer, Angie Gonzalez, Kathy Koerner, Fred Hurst, Denise Kuzma, David Laberge, Mary Agnes Locascio, Bobby Maker, Jan Malkiewicz, Bill Me Mahon, Drew Newcomb, Richie Norek, Peggy O' Grady, Vinnie Paduano. Scott Peterson, Eddie Flynn, Kathy Radtke, Chris Richmond, Gerianne Scibek, Guido Sessa, Joe Sporek, Frank Tarallo, Robin Toth, Benny Vattelana.


It didn't matter if we were in Tony G.'s History class or Ms. Search's Science class, keeping Mrs. Lopez (to whom this yearbook was dedicated) out of the girls room or hanging at Kelly's Sub Shop (The Jug), the CLASS OF 1979 IS DEFINITELY FINE."

OLV Senior Christmas Trip to Lancaster

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

Car Blessing June 4

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 hold the annual blessing of the cars Tuesday June 4 from 6:30 to 7 p.m. in the St. Mary's parking lot. Everyone is invited to bring their car, truck, SUV, or motorcycle to receive blessings for the summer driving season. For more information call 732-721-2025.




South Amboy Council President Michael "Mickey" Gross (r) is being congratulated by Father William Smith (l) Pastor of St. Anthony of Padua Church, Port Reading on completing his first degree membership for the South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council #426, on April 25. (Photo/info by Joe Lotkowitz)

YMCA Award Winner

Emily Shemchuk is the recipient of the John Malinowski Rising Star Award for the South Amboy YMCA Branch. Emily joined the Y five years ago as a volunteer to work with youth. She is currently a School Age Child Care Program Coordinator and also works with the camps as a role model for the children. She attends Brookdale College where she studies social work.

This award is presented to one outstanding youth employee at each YMCA Branch and Child Care Services who demonstrate outstanding job performance and initiative, often going above and beyond basic requirements of their position to get the job done. Congratulations Emily!



Emily Shemchuk

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Fr. Dennis Wezorak, (5th from left) pastor of St. Mary Church and Deacon Serge Bernatchez, of Sacred Heart, join the Knights of Columbus from Council 426 at the annual Pride in Priests dinner held at the Grand Marquis and sponsored by NJ Knights of Columbus Chapter Four. (Photo by Cheryl Schmid)

Amboy Bank Appoints Executive Officers

Gregory Scharpf, Amboy Bank President and CEO, recently announced the hiring of a new officer and the promotion of another. Joseph Cascella is joining the bank as Chief Credit Officer, and Eileen Roemer has been promoted to Chief Financial Officer.

Scharpf said, "We are pleased to appoint two dedicated professionals to these leadership roles. Both individuals bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to their respective leadership roles. We look forward to developing and strengthening our position in the industry, and I am confident in the continued growth and success of our customers under this new leadership."

Joseph Cascella was



Eileen Roemer

most recently a Vice President, Senior Credit Officer and Director of Credit and Portfolio Management at BCB Community Bank. He earned his Bachelor of Science, Mathematics and Secondary Education at the State University of New York College at New Paltz. He currently resides in Hazlet, NJ.

Eileen Roemer first joined Amboy Bank in 1997. She most recently served as Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer before being promoted to Chief Financial Officer. Roemer studied Investments, Economics and Accounting at Rider University. She currently resides in Sayreville, NJ.

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Jan Williams (r) Deputy Grand Knight of South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council #426 presents Stephen Schmid (l) PGK/PFN with a certificate gratefully acknowledging his 25 years of loyal and faithful service to Council #426. The SA Times would like to congratulate Steve for this outstanding accomplishment. (Photo/info by Joe Lotkowitz)

Men's Day of Reflection


The South Amboy Knights of Columbus is holding a Men's Day of Reflection on Saturday, June 29 from 9:00am to 12:30pm at St. Mary Church, 256 Augusta Street, South Amboy, NJ 08879. The retreat will be facilitated by Rev. Sean W. Kenney (Pastor of Our Lady of the Mount in Warren, NJ). The day will begin with Mass at 9:00am in St. Mary Church. The retreat will follow in St. Pat's Hall which is underneath the Church with the entrance behind the Church on Church Street.

Turback Inspires Artists


Victor Wayne Turback was raised in Sayreville, NJ with a knack for the arts from the very beginning. His passion drew him to New York, where he attended Pratt Institute "stretched his creative legs" with the likes of photographer, Robert Mapplethorpe, singer/songwriter, Patti Smith and designer, Betsy Johnson. Later, returning to his roots, he successfully established The Bedroom Nightclub and Lounge known for its surreal interiors and unique atmosphere. Wayne, as his friends know him, then ventured off with his wife, Sally, to create their brain child, The Broadway Central Cafe in South Amboy. The Broadway was a creative hub exhibiting Wayne's art, where artists could be inspired and express themselves. Members of Bon Jovi and The Smithereens, among other great artists, were patrons that became lifelong friends, commissioning art featured in numerous music videos and print seen around the world.

Turback's subject matter ranges from the actual to the unearthly, embodying both personal and universal imagery. The intricate details in each piece have a way of drawing you in, seeing more with each glance. His uniquely active imagination has helped him create a style of painting all his own making him one of the most influential artists of our time. (Article submitted)


Central Jersey Collective Art Exhibition At South Amboy Arts Broadway Gallery (Photos/info submitted)



Victor Wayne Turback (c) talks with art enthusiasts at the South Amboy Arts Broadway Gallery art exhibition.



Pictured is one of Turback's fine paintings that was on display.



Many creative people attended, and had a great time sharing their thoughts and ideas.



Friends, family, educators and others came out to the Sayreville Upper Elementary School (SUES) to pay tribute to the school's late D.A.R.E. Officer Charles "Chip" Blazas of the Sayreville Police Dept. Known as "Officer Chip," he was posthumously honored by having his proclamation from the borough, and picture placed on a wall leading to the school gymnasium, where he taught the students Drug Abuse Resistance Education about the dangers of drugs. (Photo/caption by Tom Burkard)

Officer Chip Back Home With "His Kids"

By Clem Skarzynski

On Tuesday April 23rd, Sayreville's beloved D.A.R.E. Officer, the late, Charles "Chip" Blazas, known to all as "Officer Chip" went home to "his kids", at Sayreville Upper Elementary School (SUES) where his Borough proclamation and picture was placed on the wall leading to the School Gymnasium where "Officer Chip" taught "his kids" Drug Abuse Resistance Education, about the dangers of drugs. The journey began when the need to recognize "Chip's" work was apparent, while knowing him thru the years, and seeing and understanding, his passion to "Let these kids know the real dangers out there they faced everyday with drug and alcohol abuse and its inherent long lasting dangers". Chip's love for "his kids" was the same as the love he had for his "family and friends. He just knew how to approach them, talk with them, without coming on as a "cop". His smile and personality made it so easy for "his kids" to listen, ask questions, and just be at ease with him in the classroom and beyond. He had that "presence" with everyone he knew and met. So it was then, I sat down to write a proclamation for him..

so everyone who saw it, and read it, would get a true understanding of his work with the Borough's "kids"..And ya know, I didn't write Chip's proclamation..HE DID!! That's what made it so easy to write, he did it with his legacy, and made it easy for me to put in black and white! And, it needed to be at "Chip's and his kids" home, The SUES! Many thanks go out to Stacey Coglianese, Principal of UES, Dr. Richard Labbe, for allowing this to happen, and their help in organizing the event which brought out so many of Chip's friends at the school. Heart-warming speeches of their friendships with Chip. Ms. Coglianese, Dr. Aguilera, Dir. of HR, who was Principal at UES during Chip's tenure teaching there, Ms. Bonnie Brady, retired Vice Principal at the UES, Linda Smith, School Counselor at UES, Gineen Morosco, Special Ed Teacher at UES. Again, to all, my sincerest thanks for such a beautiful tribute to my dear friend Chip, who so much deserved it! "Chip, you're home now, so give your guidance to your "kids" everyday! Keep that smile and personality alive and well at the SUES. "Welcome Home".

Speaker Coughlin on Anti-Hunger Bill Package Becoming Law

Speaker Craig Coughlin released the following statement recently after Gov. Phil Murphy signed a sweeping anti-hunger bill package into law. The bills specifically address the reduction of food waste and food deserts, helping farmers, the provision of resources and information to the general public and food insecurity among students enrolled in public institutions:

"Too many residents in the state of New Jersey go to bed without a meal every night

- 1 out of every eight residents to be exact. No family should have to choose between paying their bills and eating a nutritious meal.

"The bills signed into law today will help steer us in the direction of reducing food waste, donating food to markets in need and combating food insecurity.

"To fight hunger effectively, we must address all possible sources of food insecurities for New Jersey families."

Caruso Co-Grand Marshal Of Memorial Day Parade

(Article submitted)

Peter Caruso will serve as Co-Grand Marshal of the Sayreville Memorial Day Parade along with Larry Bishop.

Caruso comes from a family of Army veterans, and at an early age aspired to follow in their footsteps. Upon graduation from Seton Hall University, he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Army Reserves. He then went on to attend Armor Officer Basic Training at Fort Knox, Kentucky. Next, he was assigned to Fort Hood, Texas, where he was Platoon Leader of a Cavalry Platoon.

Soon after Fort Hood, he was ordered to South Korea as Executive Officer of Headquarter Company, Eighth Army Support Command. Peter eventually became Commanding Officer of the unit.

Having completed his active duty requirement, Peter was assigned to a Reserve Unit as Assistant Operation Officer, and completed his reserve time as a

First Lieutenant.

Returning to civilian life, he resumed his career in education, and taught elementary and middle school grades in the Elizabeth Public School System. He later attained the position of Learning Disabilities Teacher-Consultant and Supervisor of Special Education before retiring in 1994. He then went on to accept a position in the private sector as a Director of Child Study Teams.

In addition to Peter's professional life, he has been very active in his parish, St. Bernadette's Church. Here he has served as a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, and as a Catechist.

*Note: The article on Co-Grand Marshal Larry Bishop was in the April 27th issue of The SA Times on page 1, titled "Memorial Day Parade." To read it, go to our website: www.thesatimes.com.

OLV June Meeting

The OLV Senior Group will hold their June Meeting on Friday, June 14, 2019 at 1:30PM in Monsignor Dalton Hall. After our final business meeting for this meeting year, we will have our annual End-of-the-Year luncheon. Please call Mary Bouchard no later

than Sunday, June 9th for a reservation. This is a members-only luncheon. Non-perishable food donations for St. Vincent de Paul will be accepted at all meetings. For further information contact Teri at 732-727-7639.



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**Historical Society Of South Amboy
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(Photos by Tom Burkard)



The Historical Society of South Amboy recently held an Open House which featured an outstanding presentation on Genealogy by President Mary Szaro, and also interesting facts, trivia, and more about the bars, taverns and pubs of South Amboy through the years. Pictured (l-r) are Joe Coakley-treasurer, Mary Szaro-president, Mayor Fred Henry, Holly Hughes-secretary, George Fuller-vice-president.



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The Smoke Column

By Ex-Chief Richard Kosmoski, BA, MS

If we could only predict the future, what would the fire service look like in 10, 20, or 30 years from now? What type of apparatus and equipment would we be using in our response to suppressing fires? How would our personal protective clothing change over time? What new design features in building construction and materials will be engineered over the next few decades? If we only had the answers to these questions, it would be so much easier to plan and budget our resources as efficiently as possible.

But unfortunately, we don't have that option. We hope that we make the correct decisions when planning for capital purchases for equipment and apparatus that will be in service for the next two decades.

If we only knew what type of building materials the architects and engineers are planning to use in the future, we could plan our apparatus purchases and equipment accordingly. It is unfortunate that the fire service is made aware of the characteristics used in building construction materials and the dangers they pose AFTER an incident occurs. Architects tend to design buildings with one thing in mind, AESTHETICS! They want to design their building to be different using the latest building products available.

Case in Point. On September 23, 2007, a fire in a high rise structure under construction caused over \$35 million dollars in damage. The Water Club Tower, a forty-one story complex, was being built as an addition to the Borgata Casino. The fire was reported to the ACFD at 0731 hours and within ten to fifteen minutes, most of the fire had subsided. In that short period of time, the entire exterior wall panels on the front side of the structure had been consumed by fire.

The materials used for constructing the outer shell of the structure contributed to the cause and rapid development of the fire. The materials were called Alcan Alucobond panels and its main purpose was of aesthetics. The panels were a composite of 1/8" aluminum sheeting with a 1/4" polystyrene

plastic center. It was originally believed that the polystyrene panels were the cause of this fast moving fire but that was proven to be incorrect since polystyrene is supposedly a fire retardant. After extensive testing, it was found that if a high enough heat was quickly applied to these panels, the polystyrene would liquify and then burn like a flammable liquid. This fact was not made known to the ACFD during the construction phase and they were unaware of this potential life threatening situation. Would it have made a difference if it had? Since the fire consumed the wall with 10-15 minutes and burned itself out, there was not much the ACFD could do to suppress the fire even if they were on the scene quickly.

Luckily the structure was still under construction, was not occupied, and sustained minimum damage to the interior. Where the fire attempted to enter the building on floors three to ten, sprinklers activated and prevented flames from entering those rooms. There was a six foot gap behind these exterior wall panels where the fire extending but this gap was enough to prevent fire from spreading throughout the upper floor of the building.

More recently in 2017, a fire in the Grenfell Towers, a 24 story apartment building in London sustained a massive fire when the cladding (paneling) on the outside of the building caught fire and burned upwards killing 72 people. Most, if not all, outside paneling/cladding is installed for aesthetic purposes because the architect wants his building to be different or stand-out among the others. It is our duty to be aware of what is in our community when responding to these types of incidents.

As Memorial Day approaches, let us remember our Firefighters who have passed away during this past year: Sayreville Fire Department-Kenneth Walczak, Melrose Hose Co. #1; Robert Castellano, Morgan Hose & Chemical Co.; George Zulin, Morgan Hose & Chemical Co. South Amboy Fire Department-Ex-Chief Kenneth Walczak; Jackie Szatkowski, Protection Fire Co.

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National Day Of Prayer
(Photos by Tom Burkard)



Members from local churches are pictured in front of South Amboy City Hall, where a service was held for the National Day of Prayer. The Rev. Suzanne Schafer-Coates leads the group in prayer.



Local people are united in prayer on National Day of Prayer in South Amboy.

Fear of Flying
By Elaine Holton Scott

Most people were still afraid to fly in the 1950's. Our military didn't have a choice especially in wartime, of course, but "ordinary" Americans either were afraid to fly, just didn't have the money or a mix of both. Entertainers, politicians, and sports figures filled the airline seats and that wasn't hard to do as, by comparison to today, planes were "kind of" few. As a child, I'd actually get excited to see an airplane flying so high it looked like a tiny fleck crossing the sky. Always being introspective, I used to wonder about the people on the planes, who they were and where they were going. Quite honestly, I still do.

I was 19 on May 27th, 1967 when I first flew (alone) across the Atlantic Ocean to Germany on a TWA night-time flight. It was a long way to go knowing there was only some metal between me and all of that water thousands of feet below. My confidence had really been tested earlier at the airport seeing people taking out insurance policies before boarding. Even so, I took out a policy too... "just in case." Being a morale buster, not booster, insurance policies had been sold from kiosks and vending machines at airports just like magazines and candy were.

Becoming a Stewardess had seemed to be a glamorous job for a young female back then, one who wasn't afraid of heights. Written requirements for applicants aside from friendliness, manicured hands, and neat appearance were: age limits: 18 1/2 to 26 years of age; height between 5'1" - 5'9"; weight between 105 - 135 pounds. An "unwritten" requirement was the applicant had to be very nice looking... with the emphasis on "very." Not adhering to any of the requirements had meant being let go. A Stewardess following all the requirements got the same treatment as those who didn't upon her 27th birthday, when she automatically became too old. Meanwhile, male pilots could have been old, fat, and ugly, but it hadn't mattered because they were men. Thankfully, this unfair and blatant male chauvinistic attitude towards

stewardesses came to an end, no doubt, to the disappointment of the opposite gender.

Flying isn't such a big deal any longer for most people... many of whom never give it a second thought. Yet, there are those luckless passengers who should have taken a car, a bus, a taxi, a train, or a boat to get to their destination... like the following sample of celebrities who had lost their lives unexpectedly when their planes crashed: actress Carole Lombard, Clark Gable's wife; Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens (only 17), and the "Big Bopper," all three dying together; John Denver; Ricky Nelson; Patsy Cline; Glenn Miller; Mike Todd, Elizabeth Taylor's 2nd husband; Dag Hammarskjold; Rocky Marciano; Leslie Howard who played Ashley in Gone With the Wind; Jim Reeves; Otis Redding; Jim Croce; and Audie Murphy, the most decorated war veteran who served in WWII. There were also Joseph P. Kennedy, JFK's brother; JFK's sister, Kathleen and her husband, William Cavendish; Frank Sinatra's mother who was flying to see one of his shows in Las Vegas; Jacques Cousteau's son, Philippe Cousteau; and John F. Kennedy Jr. who, it's been said, had made pilot errors on July 11, 1999, resulting in an end to his life and that of his wife and her sister... to mention just a few.

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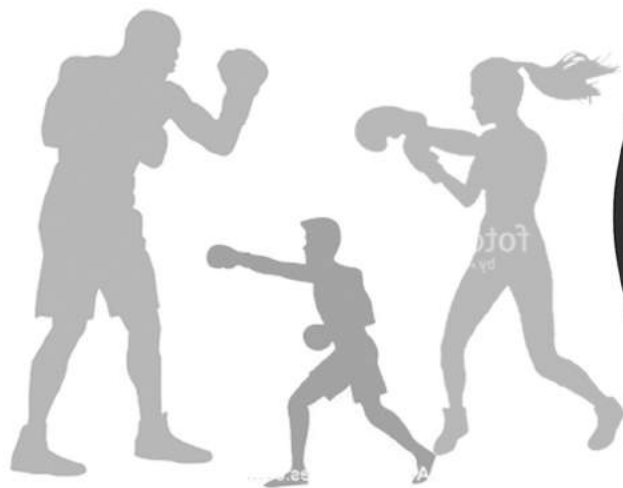
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The Brian O'Connor School of Music All Star Band gave another great performance for the Veterans at the VA hospital in Menlo Park on Sunday May 19th. This is the 15th classic rock show Brian has performed with his music students in the past several years. The band was extremely professional and in perfect form with some great singers, tight guitar and bass players, a cool horn section and of course a powerhouse drum section that rocked the house. The performers are as follows: Back Row: Brian McCarthy, Nick Zonak, Kyle O'Connell, Lance Kennedy, Abhiram Godavari, Aaryan Mehta & Anuraag Godavari. Front row: Aaryan Parikh, Vismitha Prashanth, Arjun Merchant, George Giovenco, Brian O'Connor, Gabriel Werts, Nicholas Lesniak, Aayush Mehta & Michael Ramirez (Photo/Info Submitted)

Fiesta De San Gennaro Sept 12

Sacred Heart Seniors are running a trip to the Staten Playhouse for the Feast of San Gennaro Thursday September 12. Cost of \$98 includes round trip motor coach transportation, Italian music, one hour open

bar, and one hour wine bar. A three course lunch will be served which includes fresh garden salad, lunch entree, dessert, coffee, and tea is included. For more information call Judy at 732-727-0154.



Sayreville Mayor Kennedy O'Brien (l) bids farewell to Joe Soos at his last "gig" after many years of entertaining the public. So long, Joe, take care and we will see you around. (Photo/info by Joe Lotkowitz)

6th Annual Jammin for Jaclyn April 27, 2019



Members of the Nick Ryan Band playing to a crowd of hundreds at the annual Jammin for Jaclyn Benefit Concert. Nick Ryan, Michael Squillace and Victoria Romano.



A packed house enjoys one of the 10 live bands.



Jammin for Jaclyn founders, Michael Squillace, Ron Morgan and Denise Morgan.

(Photos by Evolution Images)

Rumbles from the Rock and Roll Reunion

By Clem Skarzynski

The Rockdaddys, a.k.a.”The Fee Bros. Band” were sounding tight and “on” at the Police Reserve Annual Carnival, Friday May 10th at Kennedy Park. Brothers Fran, and Tim, along with Richie Standowski, and doubling on the Bass and Sound Guy duties, Emerson Jones, from Basement Audio,with Kylie Craft, handling the sound board duties. Great job Kylie! You’re good at your “CRAFT”! The “Daddys ”have been on the circuit since 1998, and still going strong with a solid 4 piece “Classic Rock” set list from the 60’s thru the 80’s..Nothing like drums, guitar ,keys and a bass to achieve that “3 Chord Rock n Roll” sound, and the boys got it down. Nice Job Daddys! Congrats to Carmen Delikat for another successful “Support the Troops Dinner Dance at the Sayreville VFW on April 6th, and to all who attended to make it so successful! My thanks go out to the musicians with “Clem and Friends”..8 pieces of awesome Classic Rock and Oldies kept the crowd dancing! Hey, September will be here before ya know it, and that brings the Annual Sayreville Day festivities at Kennedy Park on the 14th, and the ever popular “Blast from the Past” Car Show and Concert on the 15th. ”Clem and Friends’ with S.A. Drummer Dave Silva, joining the lineup. More info to follow as we get closer. October not that far away either, so just a “heads up” with more info to follow, the OLV Seniors will be having a “classic Rock/ Oldies nite on Oct.19th at The Msgr.Dalton Hall, so put that date on your Rock ‘n Roll Calendars please, and I’ll get back to you with more info as we get closer to the date. South

#1 Pop Hits-May 25

- 2004-Burn-Usher
- 1998-My All-Mariah Carey
- 1981-Bette Davis Eyes-Kim Carnes
- 1977-Sir Duke-Stevie Wonder
- 1966-Monday, Monday
- The Mamas & The Papas

#1 Country Hits May 25

- 2000-The Way You Love Me-Faith Hill
- 1995-Gonna Get A Life-Mark Chesnutt
- 1983-Common Man-John Conlee
- 1975-I’m Not Lisa-Jessi Colter
- 1969-My Life-Bill Anderson

C.Y.O. Dance 50 Years Ago

A Sacred Heart CYO dance was held on April 26, 1969 at Memorial Hall on Washington Ave. across from the church. Admission was only \$1, and the music was provided by a band called “Flesh and Blood.” Does anyone remember that night, or who was in the band? Please let us know.

Open Mic May 31

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 will again hold their Open Mic Friday May 31 at the K of C on 308 Fourth St. South Amboy. beginning at 8 pm. Anyone who is part of a group or solo act is invited. No cover charge. Refreshments are available. For more information call 732-721-2025.

Amboys””Northstar”80s-90’s, and beyond, classic rock group with Mr.Joe Durnya on Guitar, Ray Suchicki on the Drums, Mark Messinger on the Bass with Frontman/ Vocalist, John Piccinic on the circuit, just did a great show at The General Saloon last week. Great sets with “The Mighty Van Halen, Def Leppard, Billy Idol, Allman Bros., Metallica, ZZ Top, Judas Priest, Deep Purple, Led Zeppelin, Petty, and more..Ya get the chance go give a listen! Coming up this summer a double bill at the S.A.Library on Tuesday July 23rd, with S.A.’s top Acoustic Pickers, Danny Toye and Jerry Smith. Paul Nagy Project is scheduled to be there on Monday Aug.26th, gotta hear these newly formed Classic Rockers. Again, guitar, bass, drums, and keys, the perfect balance for the Rock ‘n Roll genre. Paul Nagy-Guitar, Scott Bishop-Keys, Dave Lippencott-Drums,and Roger Blake-Bass..check in with me in future issues for more dates. Rumors abound with a possible Musicians Indoor Flea Market, consisting of “only musical related items,” coming soon in Dunellen area! Anymore news on that, I’ll be on it, and let ya know! Johnny Maestro Tribute Band had the audience singing along to the hits of Johnny M. at The Middletown Arts Center April 13th! No Doubt they were thee top act on the bill! They’re getting busy as the summer music scene heats up. June 22-Ampitheater at Secaucus, July 8-Woodbridge Concert Series, July 10-Manchester Concert Series, and Aug.21-Bayonne Concert Series. For more info go to: thejohnnymaestrotributeband.com.Till next time kiddies,rock ‘n roll.

One Hit Wonders 30 Years Ago

- 1989-I Remember Holding You-The Boys Club; What I Am-Eddie Brickell & The New Bohemians; Beg Your Pardon-Kon Kan; Heaven Help Us-Deon Estus with George Michael; Thinking of You-Sa-Fire; Iko Iko-The Belle Stars; Where Are You Now?-Jimmy Harnen with Synch; Cry-Waterfront; Angel Eyes-The Jeff Healey Band; Talk It Over-Grayson Hugh; Swing The Mood-Jive Bunny & The Mixmasters; Don’t Make Me Over-Sybil; Don’t Close Your Eyes-Kix.

Free Concert



Jerry Mokar will be presenting a FREE concert on Wednesday, June 5, at 7:30 p.m. at the Sayreville Senior Center, 423 Main St, sponsored by the Sayreville Cultural Arts Council.

Jerry, who started his first band, The Rondels, at age 15, has been in the music business ever since. His talents have been sought out by many bands and he has played in shows all around the world. He performs with “The Johnny Maestro Tribute Band” as well as other groups, but will bring his solo performance, a unique blend of saxophone and vocals, to this venue. You don't want to miss this talented musician!

ALL ages invited; light refreshments will be served. For more information, call Edna at 908-208-2358 or email Sayrevilleculturalarts@gmail.com.

MUSIC TRIVIA

By Tom Burkard



Fruits & Vegetables

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2. __ Cherry Cherry	b.Tommy James & The Shondells
3. __ Sweet Pea	c.Trini Lopez
4. __ Lemon Tree	d.The Beatles
5. __ Mashed Potato Time	e.Booker T. & The MG's
6. __ I Heard It Through The Grapevine	f.Neil Diamond
7. __ Little Green Apples	g.Marvin Gaye
8. __ Sweet Cherry Wine	h.Tommy Roe
9. __ Green Onions	i.Mongo Santamaria
10. __ Watermelon Man	j.Dee Dee Sharp

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

School Sports

By Tom Burkard

Guvs Win GMC Gold Crown

The South Amboy boys baseball team captured its 2nd straight GMC Gold Division title, clinching the crown in an 11-0 blasting over Bishop Ahr. Winning pitcher Nick Charmello tossed a game-shortened 2-hitter in 5 innings. Johnny Gonzalez plastered a single and triple to drive in 3 runs, Zach Honimar hit a single and double, Andrew Juhass had a single, double and RBI, Stephen McLaughlin laced 2 hits, and Raymond Perez pounded a single and double to knock in a run.

The Governors, under the expertise of Coach Dan Poulsen, finished (7-1) to win it. The Purple & Gold's talented roster consisted of Nick Charmello, Kyle Gasiewski, Stephen McLaughlin, Zach Honimar, Raymond Perez, Hunter Brown, Casey Fenton, Christian Gonzalez, Johnny Gonzalez, Ronny Henriquez, Andrew Juhass, Enrique Martinez, John McCleery, Jacob Mercado, Shane Murphy, Justin Rodriguez, Geovanni Twiggs, Anthony Vella, Josh Vuocolo.

Congratulations Coach Poulsen and Governors on another great season!

Bombers Down Guvs

The Sayreville Bombers baseball team topped the South Amboy Guvs, 4-2. Ray Ament was the winning pitcher and struck out 8, while adding 2 hits and an RBI to aid his own cause. Ryan Casano chipped in with 2 hits. Nick Charmello belted an RBI double for SA.

Team Leaders

(As of May 10)

Baseball

South Amboy (9-6)

Runs-Kyle Gasiewski 18 Nick Charmello 11 Zach Honimar 11 Stephen McLaughlin 11; **Hits**-Gasiewski 21 McLaughlin 20 Charmello 18 Honimar 18; **RBI**-Raymond Perez 12 Honimar 10; **Doubles**-Honimar 6 Charmello 5 Perez 4; **Triples**-Johnny Gonzalez 1 Perez 1; **Home Runs**-Charmello 1 Gonzalez 1; **Batting Avg.**-Gasiewski .438 Honimar .400 Perez .378 McLaughlin .377 Charmello .367 Gonzalez .351; **Wins**-Charmello 4 Gasiewski 3; **Strikeouts**-Gasiewski 53 Honimar 19; **ERA**-Charmello 1.06 Gasiewski 2.10.

Sayreville (9-11)

Runs-James Ryan 13 Ryan Casano 11 Joe Haytas 11; **Hits**-Casano, Ryan, Ethan Calcano, Dylan McTonic 13 each; **RBI**-Calcano 16 McTonic 7 Christian Aich 7; **Doubles**-Calcano 5 McTonic 4; **Triples**-Calcano 1 Tommy Kearns 1; **Home Runs**-Haytas 1 Dan McDonnell 1; **Batting Avg.**-Aich .275 Ryan Ament .265 Casano .255 Ryan .250; **Wins**-Ament 3 Ajay Churaman 2 Nick Lodzinski 2; **Strikeouts**-Aich 48 Ament 31 Lodzinski 29; **ERA**-Lodzinski 0.68 Aich 2.81.

Softball

South Amboy (9-9)

Runs-Julie Olivieri 15 Saraya Pina 15 Taylor Russo 15; **Hits**-Russo 17 Nola Gawroriski 17 Olivieri 16 Pina 16; **Doubles**-Pina 5 Gawroriski 4; **Batting Avg.**-Gawroriski .515 Pina .444 Olivieri .410 Russo .395; **Wins**-Jaime Moran 4 Gawroriski 1; **Strikeouts**-Moran 31.

Sayreville (5-12)

Runs-Destiny Gonzalez 16 Morgan Wehrle 12; **Hits**-Jalyn Dzamba 16 Gonzalez 15 Wehrle 15; **Doubles**-Gonzalez 4; **Triples**-Gonzalez 2 Paige Kaminsky 2; **Home Runs**-Gonzalez 1; **Batting Avg.**-Wehrle .366 Dzamba .340 Gonzalez .319; **Wins**-Paige Roberts 2 Jessica Wasko 2; **Strikeouts**-Wasko 22 Roberts 21.

Flashback: 1986

Bombers Win CJ Group IV Crown

The Sayreville Bombers baseball team captured the CJ Group IV championship by downing Piscataway, 5-1. Winning pitcher Chuck Frobosilo tossed a 7-hitter and struck out 4, while John Gluchowski drove in 3 huge runs for Coach Steve Gozora's club that finished (17-7) on the year.



Kathryn Harrigan

College Notebook

Freshman Kathryn Harrigan of Sayreville batted .338, 22-for-65 with 3 doubles, 1 triple and 12 RBI for The College of St. Elizabeth in Morristown, NJ...Erin Fitzsimmons (Sayreville) was the ace pitcher (13-10) for Ramapo College (22-14). She pitched in 156 innings, struck out 101, had an super ERA of 1.79, authored 2 shutouts, and notched 2 saves in relief, while holding opponents to a .223 batting avg...Jackie Riley (Cardinal McCarrick) turned in a tremendous season, both at the plate and on the pitcher's mound for Kean University (37-6). She had a sparkling (16-1) record, and led the team with a miniscule 1.37 ERA, while fanning 66 batters in 107.1 innings, and stopping hitters to the tune of a .219 batting avg. Jackie racked up 6 shutouts and added a save to her pitching credentials. On offense, Riley belted out a .349 avg., with 37 hits, 2 homers, and 33 RBI...Kelly Duffy (Sayreville) had a fine season with Rowan University (31-12). She batted .319 with 38 hits, 9 doubles, 2 home runs, and 30 RBI...Christina Misiur (Sayreville) topped Caldwell University (32-23) with 15 two baggers, and tied for 2nd with 33 RBI, and a .555 slugging pct...Ryane Brush (Sayreville) led the College of St. Rose, NY (14-24) with 5 homers, and a .545 slugging pct., while batting .318 with 28 hits...Pitcher/first baseman Katie Eicher (Bishop Ahr) won her only start as a freshman at powerhouse Rollins College (38-11)...Pete Soporowski (Sayreville) was the ace hurler for Rider University (15-33) with a (3-2) record, 2.64 ERA, tops on the team, and in 47.2 innings, struck out 62, and held the opposition to a .229 batting avg...Connor Johnson (Sayreville) turned in a (4-3) mark with East Stroudsburg University (31-19), and had 20 K's in 36 innings with a 5.25 ERA...Kayla Stvan (Sayreville) saw limited action as a freshman at Springfield College (22-16). In 18 games she blasted 2 homers and had 6 RBI to go with a .293 batting avg...Jonny Stratton (Howell) had 3 hits and 3 RBI for Penn State York (9-8).

Mets Trip June 15

For all of you baseball fans, the South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 sponsor their annual outing to see the Mets with rookie sensation Pete Alonso, host the St. Louis Cardinals Saturday June 15 in a 7:10 p.m. game. Cost of \$135 includes round trip motor coach transportation, reserved promenade seats, snacks, refreshments, Player Gnome promotion, and \$24 of Mets Money that can be spent anywhere in the ballpark. For reservations, call Steve at 732-727-1707.

Name The Yankees Winners

Last month's "Name The Yankees" contest was won by former South Amboy resident/defending champion, Dennis Quinlan, who named all 3 of the Yankees correctly: #1-Ron Swoboda, #2-Graig Nettles, #3-Rich "Goose" Gossage. Finishing tied for 2nd place with 2 correct answers were Pete McIntyre, "Chernball," Glenys Biloholowski. Congratulations to all!

Sayreville, Lady Guvs Bow In GMCT

In first round action in the GMCT, both local schools were eliminated. Mother Seton blasted South Amboy, 7-1, and Bishop Ahr shutout the Bombers of Sayreville, 9-0.

Wyzykowski Coach Of The Year

Greg Wyzykowski, a Hoffman HS alumnus and current Sayreville business owner is also an outstanding tennis coach for Baruch College mens and womens teams. His men's team finished undefeated in the CUNY Conference for the 2nd year in a row, captured the regular season championship, and won the CUNY Tournament, which gave the team an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament, where they played Goucher College, but bowed in the 1st round of a very competitive match.

Greg was chosen as CUNY Coach of the Year for the 2nd straight season, an

outstanding accomplishment considering the fact that the team lost half of their starting lineup from the previous year, removed their 3rd singles player midway through the spring season due to violation of team rules, and despite this managed to remain undefeated and bring home championships. Coach Wyzykowski said, "The students fought hard and stepped up."

Baruch College's 1st singles player, Abhinav was selected player of the year.

Congratulations to Coach Wyzykowski and his outstanding tennis team!



South Amboy High School Teacher, Colleen Partenope, with Student Volunteers and First Place Winner, Rafael Albarran. (Photo/Story Submitted)

South Amboy High School Teacher Honored: Jersey Shore 5K & Tea

On Saturday, May 4th, runners and walkers from all over New Jersey laced up their shoes and headed to Bar Anticipation for the fourth annual Jersey Shore 5K & Team Hope Walk to raise awareness and funds for the Huntington's Disease Society of America (HDSA).

The annual race saw its biggest turn out with about 230 participants and raising over \$50,000 for Huntington's Disease, a fatal genetic disorder that causes the progressive breakdown of nerve cells in the brain. The money from the race will go to the HDSA's care, education, advocacy, and research programs both in the local community and across the country.

This year's first place winner, a South Amboy High School Freshman, Rafael Albarran (15) finished the race in 18 minutes and 59 seconds, beating out 3 time winner Daniel Campbell (44) who finished the race in 19 minutes and 49 seconds.

As an athlete on the South Amboy High School Track and Cross Country teams, Rafael was unable to accept the monetary prize for winning first place and graciously decided to give his first place prize to his teacher, Colleen Partenope. Albarran said he wanted to give back to his teacher who has done so much for his school.

Mrs. Partenope, a recipient of the 2018 "Positive Coach Award" for her dedication to her JV and Varsity Softball teams, has been a Math teacher at South Amboy High School for the past 2 years, and works hard to keep her students motivated and feel supported every day.

"I'm so proud of Rafael and my other students for coming out to run and volunteer in this year's race" stated Mrs. Partenope. "Each year you can see more people coming out to participate and learn more about this disease, and my family and I always try to do our part to help those who are affected by HD."

Mrs. Partenope and her family have been a part of the annual 5K since its inception and has raised numerous dollars over the past 18

20 Years Ago

1999: South Amboy Wins

The South Amboy Governors, and South Amboy Lady Guvs both captured the Gold Division championships in the GMC baseball and softball divisions respectively.

The boys under Coach Rich Klein Sr. were comprised of Dan Poulsen, Rich C. Klein, Ed Behnen, Dan Waldman, Ryan Novak, Jay Riehl, Chris Ball, Ken Batiuk, Craig Colfer, Dan Beam, Pat Cohoon, Tim

years in honor of her Aunt Bernadette Hayes, who fought for 14 years before passing from Huntington's Disease. The Hayes family has worked to bring awareness and funds to their community and hopes that there will one day be a cure for HD.

What is the Huntington's Disease Society of America?

The Huntington's Disease Society of America is the premier not-for-profit organization dedicated to improving the lives of everyone affected by Huntington's disease. From community services and education to advocacy and research, HDSA is the world's leader in providing help for today, hope for tomorrow for people with Huntington's disease and their families. To learn more, please visit www.hdsa.org.

What is Huntington's Disease?

Huntington's disease is a fatal genetic disorder that causes the progressive breakdown of nerve cells in the brain. It deteriorates a person's physical and mental abilities usually during their prime working years and has no cure. Every child of a parent with HD has a 50/50 chance of inheriting the faulty gene that causes the disease. Today, there are approximately 30,000 symptomatic Americans and more than 200,000 at-risk of inheriting the disease. The symptoms of Huntington's disease are described as having ALS, Parkinson's and Alzheimer's – simultaneously.

About Team Hope

Team Hope is HDSA's largest national grassroots fundraising event. Thousands of families, friends, co-workers, neighbors and communities walk together each year to support HDSA's fight to improve the lives of people affected by HD and their families. From forming a team, to sponsoring an event, to volunteering, you too can help make a difference in so many lives. Join Team Hope for HD, and help us provide help for today, hope for tomorrow! Learn more by visiting www.hdsa.org/teamhope.

Baseball, Softball Titles

Pasquale, Gary Bigg, Josh Gonzalez.

The girls under Coach Tom Krill and Assistant Coach Maryanne Lewis, consisted of Kim Peterson, Regan Rone, Nicole Magnifico, Lily Munoz, Gina Miller, Elena Bajkowski, Stacy Connors, Kristen Woods, Melissa Rainone, Kristen English, Melissa Poulsen, Karen Felice.

The Local Sports Memory Machine

By Tom Burkard

From The Youth League Archives



1970- Gomolka's Auto Body Cubs had one of the top teams in the Morgan AA Midget League. Owner, Al Gomolka Sr. donated schedules to the entire league. Pictured Front-Batboy Kevin Hourahan; Bottom row (l-r) Edward Gorczynski, Dave Gomolka, Jeff Kabat, Jim Phillips, Dan Michoch, John DeFillips, ?; Second row (l-r) George Nycz, Fred Singer, ?, Mark Toglia, Neil Hourahan, Lee Wilson, Richie Peters; Top Row (l-r) Asst. Manager-Rich Gray, Manager-Al Gomolka Jr. (Photo/names courtesy of Al Gomolka Jr.)

Diamond Dust

1969
South Amboy Babe Ruth League
Komars 5 Sacred Heart CYO 3-Winning pitcher Charlie Steuber struck out 8. Ron Croddick belted a single, double and homer for 3 RBI...South Amboy Trust Co. 4 Mechanicsville 2-Winning pitcher Gary Lange, fanned 11, and teammate Al Pasztornyicky drilled a bases loaded double for 3 RBI...Raritan River 8 Independence 6-Winning pitcher Steve Makwinski struck out 10. Jeff St. Amour ripped 3 doubles and a single...

South Amboy Little Fellas League
First Aid 11 Daylight Bakery 2-Tom Diem struck out 11 and gained the victory, while Fran Norek unloaded 2 triples and drove in 3...Protection 3 Enterprise 0-John Szatkowski fired a 5-hitter, struck out 8 and stroked 2 hits...Lions 8 Jo-Tom's 1-Bruce Richmond tossed a 2-hitter, and hammered a single and double for Lions, while Joe McCarthy blasted a solo homer for Jo-Tom's...

South Amboy Men's Slow Pitch Softball
Roddy's Tavern 11 Enterprise 9-Ed O'Leary blasted a dinger for Roddy's, as John McQuade chalked up the victory. George

55 Years Ago

1964-In the second Annual Mayor's Trophy game, Sayreville blasted Laurel Park, 10-0, behind ace pitcher Joe Gabel, who fired a brilliant no-hitter, and struck out 13 including 8 of the first 9 batters he faced. He also collected 2 hits. Catcher Tim Rhatican added 2 hits for the winners.

Trip To Sands

St. Mary's Church is running a summer trip to the Sands Casino in Bethlehem PA Saturday July 15. Cost of \$35 includes round trip transportation, \$20 in slot money, and \$5 in food money. For more information call Angel at 732-501-5133.

Ogborne homered for Enterprise...English Chevron 15 Wonder Bar 8 Dave Stolte was the winning pitcher. Ed Szatkowski stroked 4 hits, and Wayne Olsen orbited a home run for English's...Amboy-Madison Bank 10 Enterprise 6-Winning pitcher Curt Wilczewski punched out 3 hits. Stan Director blasted a homer and double for the winners. 1982 South Amboy Little Fellas League Enterprise 9 English Association 4-Winning pitcher Vinnie Spitaletto struck out 14... Progressive 15 K of C 8-Paul Noble blasted a home run and Brian DeBlis was the winning pitcher...Modern Trans 29 Progressive 8-Steve Chrzaszcz unloaded 2 homers for the winners...Lions 2 Protection 1-Brian Gay was the winning pitcher, struck out 11 and also orbited a long home run...

1979 **South Amboy Little Fellas League**
Lions 4 First Aid 2-Frank Dill was the winning pitcher and also smashed 3 hits including his 3rd homer of the season...K of C 6 Progressive 4-AI Ust ripped 3 hits, and Bernie Warnowicz notched the victory...English's 9 Rotary 4-Tom Mierzwiak, Dave Martin, Lou Kwiatek, and Sal Mercho combined for a no-hitter...

T.H.E. Game

Sport-Girls Softball
Year-1999
Teams-St. Mary's (5-11) vs. South Amboy (13-0)

Recap-The Lady Eagles shocked the Lady Guvs, 7-6 to snap South Amboy's 13-game winning streak and hopes of an undefeated season. Courtney Kowal scored the winning run in the bottom of the 7th on a wild pitch. Diane Unger blasted a triple, and Jody Sprague a two-bagger for the Saints. Regan Rone ripped a double for the Purple & Gold. Players-of-the-Game-The entire Blue & Gold team for pulling off one of the biggest upsets in the history of the hometown softball rivalry.

Glory Days In Local Sports

1956-St. Mary's stopped St. James of Red Bank (later became Red Bank Catholic), 6-1, as unbeaten Charlie Conroy won his 4th game in a row on a 4-hitter and struck out 8, while hitting a double. Tom Pristavec pounded a single and double. 1966-Sayreville won a first round CJ Group III baseball contest over Franklin Twp., 5-1, as Costy Pawlowski hurled a 3-hitter and struck out 9. Charlie Lynch drilled 2 singles, good for 3 RBI. 1970-Hoffman hammered St. Patrick's, 20-8 in a 3-hour baseball game. Winning pitcher Dennis Yanoski combined with Larry Kurzawa and Gary Lange to drive in 11 runs. Yanoski ripped a 2-run double and single, Kurzawa 3 hits and 3 RBI, and Lange a grand

slam homer. Joe Smith and Ron Croddick laced 3 hits apiece. 1986-Sayreville walloped Woodbridge, 12-5 in baseball play. Chuck Frobosilo smacked 3 hits including a double and triple, Joe Coyle contributed 2 RBI, and John Gluchowski added 2 hits. Chris Cook notched the win in relief. 1995-Hoffman ace softball pitcher Jamie Keeter fired a 5-inning perfect game, 12-0 victory over New Brunswick. She struck out 12 of the 15 batters she faced, and went 2-for-3 with 3 RBI. 2003-Bombers javelin throwers Steve Aich and Matt Bodak were undefeated, winning the GMC Coaches Invitational, Matawan Relays, Holmdel Relays, and GMC Relays, consistently over 160 all season.

Back In Those College Days

The following Sayreville War Memorial HS graduates went on to play college sports at the following schools: Northern Arizona- (Baseball) Reggie Carney, Fred Poli, Joe Gabel; Wagner University- (Baseball)

Gary Unkel; Brown University-(Baseball) Kevin Lynch; East Carolina-(Basketball) Bob Casazza; Villanova University-Tom Pristavec, St. Mary's (Baseball).



Jim Holovacko (r) is pictured with wrestling legend King Kong Bundy many years ago. (Photo submitted)

Sayreville Recreation Department Mets / Yankee sTrips



August 10, 2019

Mets vs Washington Nationals
\$90 per ticket




August 16, 2019

Yankees vs Cleveland Indians
\$100 per ticket

Bus leaves Mickey Sedlak Rec Center
at 4:00 pm sharp!

Price Includes ticket, bus,
bus driver tip & parking

All tickets are first come first serve and
can be purchased on Sayrevillerec.com



Vintage Base Ball Game

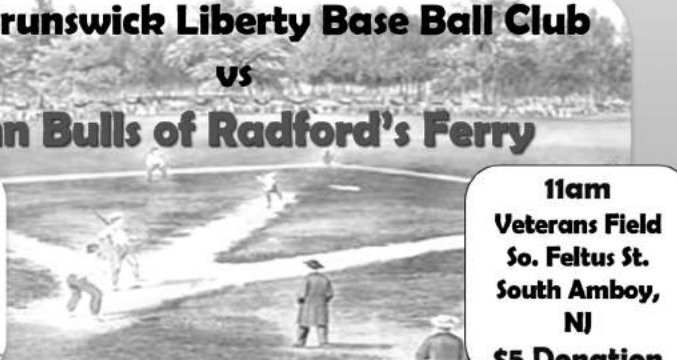

Played by the Rules of 1864

Saturday June 8, 2019

New Brunswick Liberty Base Ball Club

vs

John Bulls of Radford's Ferry



11am
Veterans Field
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1969: The Year of Champions-Sayreville, St. Mary's, Hoffman

By Tom Burkard

Bombers Surprised Experts

According to an area newspaper, the Sayreville Bombers baseball team would be in for a rough year in 1969, following a super (17-5) season in '68. To quote the pre-season scouting report in an article in that newspaper, "1969 might mark the year that the Sayreville HS baseball corps comes back down to earth. Since John Wortley took over the coaching reigns 12 years ago, the Bombers have suffered just one losing season (1963), while developing into one of the biggest baseball powers in the entire state."

Sayreville lost its 3 top pitchers, and 3 other top-notch position players to the '68 graduation, and apparently local experts expected them to have an unsuccessful year. Guess, they didn't consider the managerial/coaching genius of John Wortley, who always worked his magic, and turned out strong baseball squads in Bomberland.

Star left-fielder Joe Gabel said that "He knew how to pick the players and place them on the field, and in the batting order to produce a winning team year after year after year. I have the highest admiration for the man. To win as many games and have as many players who 'loved to play for him,' he was certainly doing something right."

The Bombers quickly became a force to be reckoned with, blasting and defeating most opponents throughout the county, and going all the way to capture the Middlesex County Coaches Baseball Tournament (MCCBT). In the opening round contest, Frank Olszewski fired a 2-hitter and struck out 7 St. Mary's Eagles, while Kevin Lynch ripped a 2-run single, and Jim Campion went 2-for-2, as Sayreville advanced with a 4-1 victory. In the quarterfinals, against St. Joseph's, Frank Olszewski tossed a brilliant 5-0, 3-hit shutout, and left fielder Joe Gabel had a perfect 4-for-4 game with 3 singles and an RBI triple.

Gabel, continued his red-hot hitting in the semifinals, by blasting a game-winning 3-run homer to deep center field in the 5th inning, to break a 3-3 tie, and give the

Bombers a thrilling 6-4 semi-final triumph over Piscataway. Gabel finished the game with a perfect 3-for-3 and scored 3 runs. Olszewski came in for 4 strong innings of relief, to notch the win for the locals. Jim Campion drilled an RBI double.

In the MCCBT championship game played at Waters Stadium in Perth Amboy, The Bombers easily pounded the Patriots of Colonia, 10-0 to capture the crown. Kevin Lynch fired a 2-hit, 11 strikeout shutout, and Jim Campion ripped 3 singles and knocked in 3 runs to help notch the huge victory for the Sayreville squad, which wasn't given much of a chance in the beginning of the season, but certainly proved the critics wrong, by finishing with one of the best records in school history (20-7) under Coach John Wortley.

A very proud Coach Wortley said after his club fell in the CJ Group IV finals to Edison, 3-0, that his team "Was disappointed in the last game, but had great spirit all year long. We had an all-new team this year, and they were really great."

Sayreville's lineup for the championship game was: Dan Hockenjos ss Gary Unkel c Kevin Lynch p Gary George cf Joe Gabel lf Jim Campion 1b Rick Popowski rf Brian Kreiger 2b Bob Gaspartich 3b. Res.-Rich Lerche rf Bob Casazza 2b Andy Wilson 2b. Junior left-fielder standout Joe Gabel was selected the M.V.P. of the tournament with 8 hits in 13 at-bats, a scorching .615 avg., and 6 RBI for the champions.

1969 Sayreville Final Leaders
Batting Avg.-Gabel .387 Unkel .329 Lynch .317; hits-Gabel 29 Unkel 25 Lynch 20; RBI-Gabel 21 George 16 Jim Campion 15 Unkel 13 Lynch 12.
Won-Lost-Frank Olszewski (8-1) Kevin Lynch (8-3) Larry Ciborowski (3-2).
ERA-Olszewski 1.25 Lynch 1.55.
Honors-Star Ledger All-Middlesex 1st Team-Gabel, Lynch, Unkel; News Tribune All-Stars (All-County) 1st Team-Olszewski; All-Sentinel-1st Team-Gabel, Unkel, Lynch.

Eagles, Governors Win Baseball Titles On The Same Day

50 Years Ago-June 4, 1969

By Tom Burkard

The date was June 4, 1969, and it will go down in history for the City of South Amboy. Our local high schools, St. Mary's and Hoffman accomplished a feat that was probably never done before or after in New Jersey, when two teams of the same sport, from the same town, both won state baseball championships on the very same day, as St. Mary's captured the South Jersey Parochial B title, and Hoffman won the Central Jersey Group I crown.

When the powerhouse St. Peter's of New Brunswick (22-6), and ranked #1 in Middlesex County, players and coaches got up on the morning of June 4, 1969, all probably expected an easy win over the Eagles, who they defeated 3 times during the regular season. Always confident and cocky, visions of a victory celebration, most likely danced through their heads. Our St. Mary's team, (12-11), faced a stiff test to say the least, and the Cardinals probably were 100-1 or more shot favorites to make it 4 straight over us at Johnson Park on that unforgettable day.

Coach Tom Otto's starting lineup was: Dennis Nardone 3b Joe Kelly cf John Clark p Nick Charmello ss Bernie Mackiel rf Joe Wallis lf George Krzyzanowski c Dave Wisniewski 2b Tom Burkard 1b. Other members were: John Kibbler, Gerry Henderson, Dan Weinman, Doug Sprague, Jay Thomas, Mike Drahos, Joe Jancola, Dan MacKay, John Smigelsky, and team managers Kevin Bergin, Henry Sager, Rick Sciora.

We certainly respected St. Peter's, especially after they dominated us 3 times already, in addition to blasting other teams throughout the county, all season, but on June 4, 1969, for this one game, a huge game for the title, and one shining moment in history, the boys of St. Mary's rose to the occasion, guess you could say something like it was "David beating Goliath" (LOL), and played our hearts out, giving 120%.

The Blue & Gold overcame all odds,

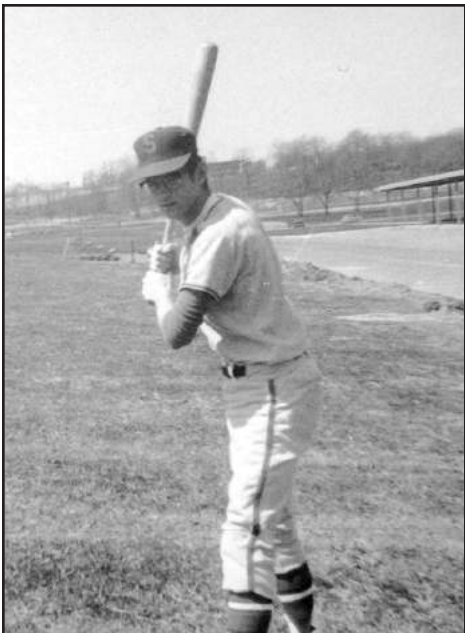
and defeated St. Peter's 6-3 to accomplish "The Impossible Dream." Kibbler, a talented sophomore lefty, who was injured for most of the season, relieved Clark, the starting pitcher, and hurled 3 1/3 innings of scoreless, 1-hit ball to notch the championship victory. He also won the semifinal game against Gloucester Catholic. SM capitalized on 6 errors by the usually flawless Cardinals team, and out-hit the New Brunswick powerhouse, 6-3. Kelly led the offense with a 2-for-3 game, and Krzyzanowski blasted a towering triple. The Lord smiled down on the underdog Eagles of St. Mary's, and gave them something to be proud of and never forget for the rest of their lives!

While our crosstown rivals, yet good friends, Hoffman (11-8-1) had beaten and tied a strong Henry Hudson (14-6-1) during the regular season, and now facing them once again in the CJ Group I final, Coach John Zdanewicz used the following lineup: Mark Abbatiello cf Jimmy Lyons ss Larry Kurzawa 3b Ken Blaha c Jack Bloodgood 1b Ron Croddick 2b Jimmy Tingle p Jimmy Croddick lf Gary Lange rf. Other team members: Danny Paone, Dennis Yanoski, Joe Smith, Doug Buckalew, Tom Wortley, Jerry Disbrow, John Yates, Gary Read, Roger White, and team managers Dennis McCarthy and John Wurth. John Kovaleski was assistant coach.

Kurzawa blasted a long double in the 8th inning to drive in Jimmy Lyons with the game winner in the extra inning thriller, as Hoffman prevailed, 6-5. Tingle pitched the complete game victory, striking out 5 and allowing 7 hits. Bloodgood drilled 3 singles and had 3 RBI, while Kurzawa hit a single and double, and Lyons laced 2 singles, as the Governors out-hit the Admirals, 10-7.

1969 Tidbits- Hoffman and St. Mary's split 2 games during the season. Freshman second baseman, Ronnie Croddick officially

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1969-Sayreville Bombers baseball standout Joe Gabel, was selected M.V.P. in the Middlesex County Coaches Baseball Tournament, which was won by Coach John Wortley's talented team.



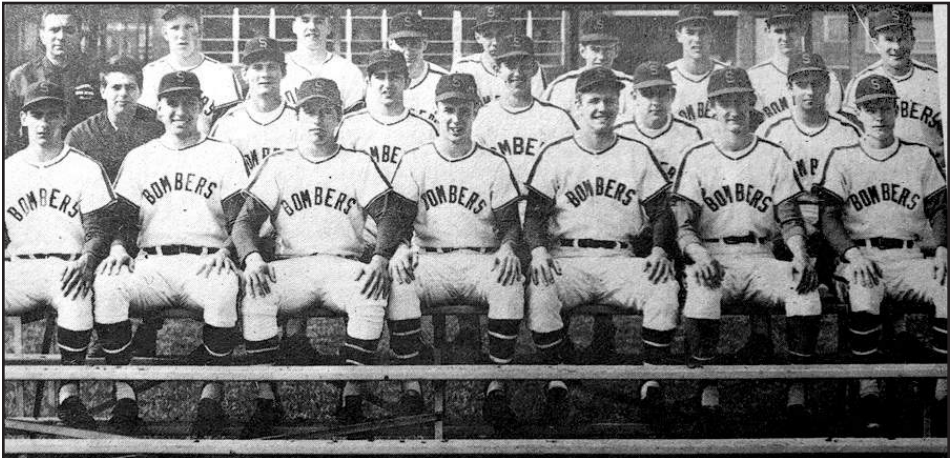
John Kibbler, talented sophomore pitcher for St. Mary's, won 2 huge games for the '69 champs, defeating Gloucester Catholic in the state semis, and powerful St. Peter's in the title game.



1969-St. Mary's South Jersey Parochial B State Champs are pictured top row (l-r) Henry Sager (mgr.), Mike Drahos, Dan MacKay, Joe Jancola, Rick Sciora (mgr.). 2nd row (l-r) Joe Wallis, George Krzyzanowski, Nick Charmello, Jay Thomas, Kevin Bergin (mgr.). 3rd row (l-r) John Clark, Gerry Henderson, Tom Burkard, Dan Weinman, Bernie Mackiel, Coach Tom Otto. Bottom row (l-r) John Smigelsky, Dennis Nardone, Dave Wisniewski, John Kibbler, Joe Kelly. Missing from photo-Doug Sprague.



1969-Hoffman's Central Jersey Group 1 State Champs pictured Top row (l-r) Jimmy Lyons, Mike Boychuk, Bernie Poulson, Larry Kurzawa, Jack Bloodgood, Jimmy Tingle, Coach John Zdanewicz, Assistant Coach John Kovaleski. Bottom row (l-r) Danny Paone, Ken Blaha, Jimmy Croddick, Roger White, Tom Wortley. *Note: Boychuk and Poulson did not play on the '69 championship team. Missing from photo-Dennis Yanoski, John Yates, Doug Buckalew, Joe Smith, Mark Abbatiello, Gary Lange, Ron Croddick, Jerry Disbrow, Gary Read.



1969-The Sayreville Bombers were the Middlesex County Coaches Tournament champions. Pictured bottom row (l-r) Ken Lyon, Larry Rybicki, Bill Coyle, Bill Campion, Brian Kreiger, Larry Ciborowski, Kevin Lynch. Middle row (l-r) manager Gary Pavao, Rick Popowski, Andy Wilson, Gary Unkel, Bruce Marcinczyk, Gary George. Top row (l-r) trainer Vito Recine, Bob Lerche, Bob Gaspartich, Jim Campion, Bob Witkowski, Joe Gabel, Bob Casazza, Frank Olszewski, Coach John Wortley. Missing from photo: John Thorsen, Greg Lyon.

Sayreville Police Auxiliary Carnival
(Photos by Tom Burkard)



The Sayreville Police Auxiliary Carnival was once again successful despite some rainy weather. Pictured are Police Auxiliary and family members at the Command Post in Kennedy Park.

The Ferris Wheel is always a popular ride for carnival enthusiasts.



People of all ages line-up to purchase tickets for the rides.

Getting Ready For Memorial Day
(Photos by Tom Burkard)



American Legion Luke A. Lovely Post #62 of South Amboy Commander Bob “Zak” Sekerak (c) hands out American flags to Legion members Bill Tierney (l) and Frank Campbell (r) to place on the graves of veterans at St. Mary’s Cemetery.



Members of American Legion Luke A. Lovely Post #62 have plenty of U.S. flags to place on the graves of veterans for Memorial Day. Pictured (l-r) Ed Marczak, Commander of VVA 233, Frank Campbell, Gary Poland, Commander Bob “Zak” Sekerak, Bill Tierney, Billy Gerrish.

WWW.?



Here is another easy Mystery Photo for our loyal readers. If you think you know what and where it is, send your answer into: satimes@aol.com. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

WWW.? Winners For April

Last month’s photo was of Signs, Banners & Vehicle Lettering located on the corner of Henry St. & North Pine Ave. Prior to that it was Ports Of Call, and for many, many years before that, Vince’s Confectionery Store.

The following were the winners who correctly identified the structure: Jen Coddington, Chuck Pickard, Estelle Pluskota, Don Zrebiec, Judy Guilfoyle, Dennis Quinlan, Joan Gorczyca, Dennis & Kathy O’Leary, Pat & Bill Scully, Jack Piskorski, Keith Piskorski, and Lorraine Krauss, Elizabeth Leveille, Mark Moniello, Stephen Yuhas, Eleanore Westerholm, Maryanne Matarangolo, Joan Fulham, Mary Agnes Morris, Jim Malkiewicz, Sherry

Sullivan, Steve Laskiewicz, Gerry Sherry, Gary Feret, Leon Credico, Marie English, Ed English, Dane Colburn, Lisa Grankowski, Joseph Smith Jr.

*Don Zrebiec was inadvertently omitted from the March WWW winners.

*Shirley Schaefer was omitted from the winners list for the Delicious Orchards photo, and mistakenly given a correct answer for the Komars one, which she did not identify.



April-WWW.? Signs, Banners & Vehicle Lettering North Pine Avenue, South Amboy

WWW.? Letters

Hi Tom,

This month's mystery picture is Signs, Banners & Vehicle lettering, 117 North Pine Ave, So. Amboy. Door address says So. Pine. It's North Pine Ave. It was Vince's Confectionery years ago. Vince & Eleanor Poulsen owned it. You could get anything

from lunch meat, bread, candy, soda to newspapers there. I lived around the corner on John St. My brother, me and friends use to get penny candy there.

Stephen Yuhas
(Formerly of South Amboy)

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arrived as a star in the second game victory by the Guvs with a perfect 4-for-4 game... The Purple & Gold won its semifinal game, 5-0 over Keansburg, as Danny Paone won his only game of the year with a masterful shutout. Joe Smith was brought up from the JV's for this game to start at shortstop, and Doug Buckalew was also promoted to play third base. It is believed that the prom was held that night or the night before, and it prompted Coach Zdanewicz to call in replacements.

'69 Memories: The things I'll always remember about our unbelievable championship season of 1969 include: Our senior players getting to leave early from graduation practice at St. Mary’s Church, and walking down the aisle, and seeing Eddie McKavanagh and others giving us the “thumbs up” signal, and saying encouragements like “go get ‘em,” “you can do it,” “go Eagles.”... The final out in the title game, and the pile up on Coach Otto...Singing our graduation song, "The Impossible Dream" on the bus...Otto lit up a cigar on the bus, and called it the "victory

cigar, " and passed it around to the players to take a championship puff. The Hoffman bus passing us on Stevens Ave., and their guys celebrating and hollering out the windows to us, and our guys yelling back in celebration...Having a small victory parade through town with several cars honking horns and yelling out the car windows...The City of South Amboy gave both teams a banquet and engraved watches...St. Mary's gave us a dinner, trophies and windbreakers, (a really good one that lasted for 20 years).

Honors-Eagles’ third baseman/co-captain Dennis Nardone was selected 1st Team All-County by The News Tribune, and 3rd Team All-State Parochial by The Star Ledger. Outfielder Joe Kelly was 3rd Team All-State Parochial in The Star Ledger. Hoffman's ace pitcher, Jim Tingle was 1st Team All-State Group 1 in The Star Ledger, while third baseman Larry Kurzawa was 2nd Team All-State Group 1 in The Star Ledger.

*John Clark, St. Mary’s co-captain, an excellent player, and wonderful guy, passed away on May 8th. May God Bless him. He will never be forgotten.

Lancaster Christmas Trip

Sacred Heart Seniors sponsor a 3 day 2 night trip November 6 to 8 to rustic Lancaster Pennsylvania to enjoy two Christmas shows at two fine venues. Cost of \$409 includes tickets for "The Miracle Of Christmas," at Sight And Sound Millennium Theatre, and "Joy To The World," at the American Music Theatre. Two nights lodging, two breakfasts, two dinners,

including a family style smorgasbord meal are included. The trip features Tanger Outlets shopping, and an excursion to the old west Kitchen Kettle Village. You'll receive a souvenir gift Luggage, handling, tips, and taxes included. For reservations, call Judy at 732-727-0154.

Where in New Jersey?



The clue for this month is Good Luck! Send your answers to Satimes@Aol.com by June 17th.

April Information
Where in New Jersey?

By Brian & Phyllis Stratton
The Where in NJ for April was the interior of the Crystal Diner located at 2 NJ-37, Toms River, NJ 08753.

Where in NJ winners for April
The winners who correctly identified the Crystal Diner in Toms River were: Dennis Quinlan, Pete McIntyre, Pat & Bill Scully, Jack Piskorski, Keith Piskorski, and Lorraine Krauss, Elizabeth Leveille, Stephen Yuhas, Bruce Grankowski, Jim Malkiewicz, Darryl & April Spiecker, Gerry Sherry, Gary Feret, Marie English, Ed English, Laurie and Gary Loftus, Dane Colburn, Eleanore Westerholm, Chuck Pickard.



April Where in New Jersey-Crystal Diner, NJ-37, Toms River, New Jersey



Soccer World Cup

The Women's Soccer World Cup takes place from June 7-July 7 in France. Our women, arguably still the best in the world, won the last Cup held in Germany, and are seeking their fourth championship. We will

be having viewing parties at South Stevens Pub. Keep an eye on their schedule and join us in cheering on our ladies sporting the Red, White and Blue.

Grand Opening Of The History Gallery
May 18, 2019

(Photos by Brian Stratton)



Mayor Fred Henry cuts the ribbon at the Grand Opening of the new home of the Historical Society of South Amboy at the History Gallery on Broadway, as proud members look on approvingly.



Some of the crowd who attended the Grand Opening, are pictured inside the gallery, and everyone was amazed at the huge assortment of interesting historical information, photos, maps, and so much more that was on display.



Mayor Fred Henry (l) who is an active member of the Historical Society and President Mary Szaro (r) inside the History Gallery.

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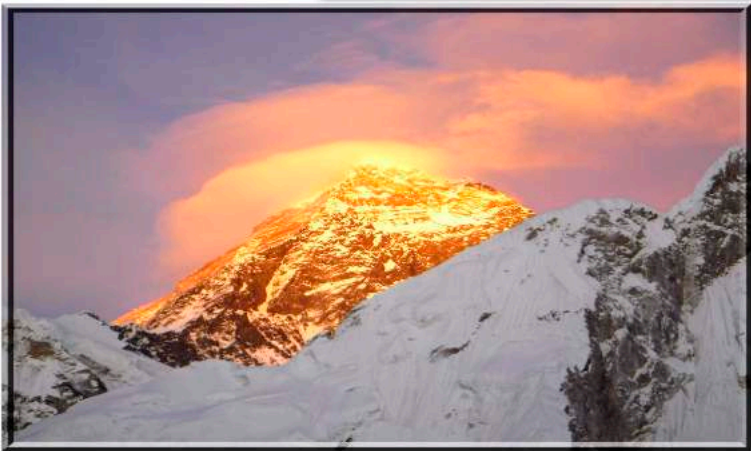
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Trip To Nepal

(Photos/Info Submitted)

Former South Amboy resident Flossie O'Leary and a group experienced the trip of a lifetime, when they traveled to Nepal. Flossie shared these beautiful photos with us for your viewing pleasure.

Flossie after crossing a glacier-fed river, elevation 15,000 ft.



Light from the setting sun reflecting off the top of Mount Everest.



The team at Everest Base Camp, elevation 17,500 ft. Flossie is 2nd from the left.



The 2019 Confirmation Class served a complimentary breakfast to patrons at the Trinity United Methodist Church of South Amboy Thrift Shop.

Confirmation Class Serves Breakfast

The Trinity United Methodist Church of South Amboy hosted a complimentary breakfast for our thrift shop patrons on Saturday, April 13th. The idea for this event was presented during the Wednesday morning Bible Study Group. They decided to show their appreciation to the local customers who support our thrift shops by preparing and sharing a meal. The Thrift Shop is not one, but several sheds that contain goods, furniture, clothes and household items that are donated by the general public which is then sold. All of the proceeds are donated back to charities and local families in need.

The servers at the breakfast were the six Confirmands of Reverend Douglas Rea's 2019 Confirmation Class. Part of the process of becoming confirmed within the Methodist Church is to serve others. This

breakfast presented an excellent opportunity for our youth to give back to their community while fulfilling part of their confirmation obligations.

The congregation of Trinity United Methodist Church welcomes the opportunity to fellowship with our neighbors. We invite you to be part of our faith community at Sunday morning worship at 9:15 am. The church is tucked away in the woods at 815 Bordentown Avenue in South Amboy. We offer midweek Bible Study, Sunday School and service projects as well as multiple events to socialize and serve the Lord. We are an informal, family-oriented church with a heart for giving back to others.

If you would like to hear more, please call Reverend Rea at (609) 432-5073.

A Day Of Remembrance-PFC Benjamin Zygmund, Sayreville, N.J.

By Ronald F. Stryshak
1st Lt. USAR (Retired)

To most Americans, Memorial Day is a national holiday, a work free day to enjoy with family and friends.

For me, it's a time to think about all those who gave their lives so that we could enjoy this day for many years to come. I also think about those men who returned from the carnage of warfare and the indelible memories lodged in their brains forever.

One such man was Ben "Benny" Zygmund, a Sayreville resident and WW II veteran who went off to war at the age of 19. Ben was inducted into the U.S. Army in 1943, and served as a combat medic because he wanted to save lives rather than take lives. That alone tells me a lot about his character. He lived his entire 92 years in Sayreville with the exception of his time in service.

Ben was a combat medic assigned to the 232nd Mortar Battalion, 42nd Rainbow Division, which fought in Europe. He was engaged in combat operations in France, The

Battle of the Bulge, the Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns, including the liberation of the Dachau concentration camp.

The following are excerpts from a letter he wrote to the Veterans Administration in 2007.

"I had a tough time adjusting to civilian life for 2 years. I had bad dreams and always woke-up screaming. These nightmares were from liberating the people in Dachau...To this day, I wake-up at night when I see an Army picture on TV. It brings bad memories... At Dachau concentration camp, I can still remember seeing a room filled with just shoes from the victims which were killed. The Germans made articles from the bodies of the victims, lampshades, etc. There were bodies piled high, just skin and bones. This is something you never forget."

Today, Benny lies resting at St. Stan's Cemetery in Sayreville. Please take a few moments and say a prayer for him.

SAINT STAN'S 2019 CARNIVAL FACT SHEET

St. Stan's will hold its annual Carnival on the Church Grounds at 225 MacArthur Avenue, Sayreville, on Wednesday, June 19 from 6-10 p.m.; Thursday, June 20 from 6-10 p.m.; Friday, June 21 from 5-11 p.m.- School Alumni Night; Saturday, June 22 from 5-11 p.m.

-As always, there will be a great selection of HOMEMADE American and Polish-Ethnic foods

-Seafood area featuring Steamed & Raw Clams, Peel-&-Eat Shrimp, Nightly Fish Fry.

-Awesome nightly specials at Pizza's Main Street Café.

-B & T's Barbeque Ribs serving several thousand pounds

-Ice Cream, Funnel Cakes, Zeppole and more scrumptious desserts for all ages

-Beer Garden featuring Domestic & Imported Beer along with Wine (21 or older)

RIDES: There will be at Least 14 rides for Kiddies through Adults to enjoy.

Pre-Sale DISCOUNTED ride tickets available for purchase prior to the carnival.

Monday - Friday 9:00 - 3:00 & Tuesday evenings 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Call the Parish Office at 732-254-0212 for details; Sat. 6/8 &

6/15 - 10:00 am - 12:00 pm- Front Entrance St. Stan's School (221 MacArthur Ave.); Fri. 6/14 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm- Front of Sayreville Seafood (141 Main St. Sayreville); Prior to Bingo at Saint Stan's Auditorium Thursdays - 6/6, & 6/13; Sunday's - 6/2, 6/9, 6/16, 2019.

GAMES: Don't miss the fabulous prizes for all ages! Las Vegas MONEY WHEEL & PULL TABS for adults (18 or older; Nightly 50/50s each night; Our Giant-Super 50/50 to be drawn on Saturday Night; St. Stan's School 8th Grade Special Fundraiser Raffle. ENTERTAINMENT:

Wednesday, June 19 Live music by "Nick Ryan Band" 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Thursday, June 20 Live music by "East Brunswick School of Rock" - 6:00 pm - 7:45 pm, Live music by "Jernee Mill Music" 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Friday, June 21 "St. Stan's School Alumni Night" All in one - 8:00 pm - 11:00 pm

Saturday, June 23 Thunder 106 - Jersey's Best Country - Radio Station - 6:00 pm

-8-00pm Live Music by "The Fog" 8:00 pm - 11:00 pm.

Historic Marker Dedication

(Photos by Brian Stratton)

May 18, 2019



Historical Society Vice-President George Fuller (l) looks on approvingly as members Jerry Pizzillo (c) and Claire Kuhn (r) prepare to unveil the new historic marker in front of City Hall.



President Mary Szaro addresses those in attendance at the ceremony.



VP George Fuller reads the inscription on the historic marker to the crowd.



Mayor Fred Henry delivers an excellent speech at the dedication event.



Members pictured (l-r) Claire Kuhn, VP George Fuller and Jerry Pizzillo stand proudly by the new marker.



Our Lady Of Victories School
(Photos/Info Submitted)



The second grade class at Our Lady of Victories School celebrated its First Holy Communion on May 4. Pictured is the second grade class along with Cynthia Kitts, Principal, Marygrace Piccolomini, second grade teacher, Deacon Majkowski and Father Ryan.



Our Lady Of Victories School held an all you can eat spaghetti dinner on May 11. It featured a delicious menu prepared by Carmen Spezzi.(I-r) Carmen Spezzi, Jackie Gluchowski, Father Ryan, Cynthia Kitts, Principal and Meaghan Spezzi.

The students at Our Lady of Victories School participated in their annual Walkathon on May 3.



Pictured above are students in Grades 1 & 2. Pictured below are students in grade 8.



South Amboy Police Dept.
Memorial Day Service
(Photos by Tom Burkard)



South Amboy Police Chief Darren LaVigne, followed by Capt. Joe Matarangolo lead officers out for the South Amboy Police Dept. Memorial Day Service.



Frank Norek gives a great acapella rendition of the Lord's Prayer at the Police Memorial Day Service.



American Legion Post #211 color guard of Sayreville was on hand to honor police at the South Amboy Police Dept. Memorial Day Service.



Former South Amboy Councilman/U.S. Secret Service Agent (for many U.S. Presidents) Bill Schwarick (l) and his son Bill Schwarick, a Lieutenant with the Morris County Sheriff's Office showed their support at the South Amboy Police Department's Memorial Day Service.

Future Politicians



Pictured with South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry and City officials are students who are members of the Government Club at South Amboy Elementary School. They recently had the chance to see first hand how a City Council Meeting is run. The students took over the roles of" Mayor, City Council, Business Administrator, Municipal Clerk, City Attorney, CFO, City Engineer and the Public. During the meeting several resolutions were read and voted on including one that the students developed themselves. All did a great job! Special thanks go out to the club's advisor Barbara Falvo and city clerk Laura Kemble.. (Photo by Brian Stratton)

The New Season

by Al Gomolka Jr.
Times Poet Laureate
c. 1994

The cold, the snow, the dark has ceased
Enter the new season Summer's
lazy heat is looming
Spring is the reason
Fresh buds of flowers & leaves reappear
Colors are bright with light
greens & yellows
Birds return singing, daylight extends
April showers bring out umbrellas
Clean out the house, the yard, a garden
Animals roam, now thawed
from the freeze
Everything anticipates beginning again
Cabin fever gives way
to spring's breeze
Feel high, feel gay,
new hopes arise
It's time to start, time is pleasin'
Go outside, breathe deep, and smile
Enjoy!--for it's the new season.

**OLV Senior Trip to
the River Lady**

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to the River Lady, a delightful luncheon cruise on July 30, 2019. The price of the trip is \$120 which includes deluxe motorcoach transportation, 2 ½ hour cruise with a full historical commentary and a delectable lunch, and all taxes and gratuities, and snacks on the bus. For further information or to reserve a seat please call Finita at 732-721-5081.

Mets Trip

The Our Lady of Victories Alumni Association is sponsoring a trip to see the New York Mets vs. Atlanta Braves on Saturday, June 29 at 4:10 pm at Citi Field. The cost of the trip is \$85.00 which includes the ticket, bus transportation, sandwich, soda/water, snack, and driver gratuity. The bus will leave the lower OLV Church parking lot at 12:30 pm. The Mets will be honoring the 1969 World Series Championship team prior to the game. For tickets or information, please call Joe at (732) 484-9565.

**Annual Memorial Ceremony In Memory Of
Deceased Members of Sayreville Police Dept.**
(Photos by Tom Burkard)



The Sayreville Police Dept. officers file into the Memorial Ceremony.



The Arleth School 2nd and 3rd grade Chorus, which was directed by Mr. Zomer was outstanding with their renditions of patriotic songs.



Pictured (l-r) Chief John Zebrowski, Father Ken Murphy PBA Local #98 Chaplain praying the invocation, Capt. Patrick Kiernan, and Sayreville Mayor Kennedy O'Brien.



Chief John Zebrowski addresses the crowd as Mayor Kennedy O'Brien (r) and a partially-hidden Father Ken Murphy look on.

Student Artists Gallery

South Amboy Arts Gallery will be showcasing the work of our MS/HS Student Artists. Students are presently preparing their choice pieces to hang in the gallery at 141 N Broadway with an opening show on Wednesday, May 29th at 6 p.m. The student artwork includes 2 and 3-dimensional pieces. That evening there will also be students reading their creative writing pieces with a musical performance to follow.

The City of South Amboy officially reinstated the South Amboy Gallery this year. The first show's opening was "The Central Jersey Collective," on April 13th. The three

artists, Victor Wayne Turback, Darek Szurlej and Bryan Wasilewicz, showed their work until May 12th. 'Why artists create' and 'how artist create' was significant to this show. The different reasons why artists create was be seen in their creations of 3-D found object sculptures, and abstract-conceptual along with mystical-storytelling oil paintings.

The City of South Amboy welcomes you to come and celebrate our student artwork on their opening night and enjoy the gallery as it will be bringing you opportunities to enjoy arts related activities in the near future. Come and Join the Celebrations!

Gloomy Spring

By Steve Schmid

The lousy spring weather continued Mother's Day as another rainstorm gave us heavy rains, cool temperatures and strong easterly winds. It was the second Sunday we experienced a washout that curtailed outdoor activities. We've had rain in about three quarters of the days in April and well into May. The gray skies have put a damper

on the green trees and flowers. Weather analysts blame the dreary weather on moist winds blowing off the Atlantic Ocean. Springtime in our area frequently is lousy due to the contrast between the cold ocean and the warming land. Hopefully in June we will see longer stretches of dry weather for everyone to enjoy.

May Crowning!



On Sunday, May 5, the crowning of the Blessed Mother took place in Sacred Heart Church during the Noon Mass. Father Stanley Gromadzki was the celebrant of the Mass and blessed the crown before members of the Rosary Society, carrying white carnations, processed around the church, followed by crowner, Dorothy Benson and crown bearer, Regina Haklar. The crown consisted of white roses and baby's breath. Dot's bouquet was made of the same flowers, accented with blue satin ribbons. A reception followed in Memorial Hall. The crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a long standing Catholic tradition, typically done during the month of May. Pictured are Dorothy Benson, (right), crowner and Regina Haklar (left), crown bearer, next to the crowned statue of the Blessed Mother. (Photo/Info Submitted)

AC Trip & Everly Brothers Music May 29

The Sacred Heart Seniors want to take you down memory lane to experience the great popular songs of Phil and Don Everly. The Wednesday May 29 trip will go to Caesar's Palace in Atlantic City where you'll enjoy songs such as "Bye Bye Love," "Cathy's Clown," "Wake Up Little Susie,"

"Bird Dog," "Let It Be Me," "All I Have To Do Is Dream," and "Crying In The Rain," Cost of \$90 includes round trip motor coach transportation the show, and buffet lunch. You will also get \$25 in slot money to enjoy at the casino. For more information call Judy at 732-727-0154.

SUMMERTIME AT THE DOWDELL LIBRARY!

School may be winding down, but things are just getting started at South Amboy's Dowdell Library! Consider June a modest preview of what's to come as the weather heats up!

Stop in for a spot at the Dowell's Adult Tea Party on Monday, June 24 from 6pm to 7:30pm! Sample tea-licious tea blends, sip sophisticated waters, munch on scrumptious desserts, groove to vinyl records, and bliss out with Zen coloring at this lively yet soothing event. A gorgeous door prize from South Amboy's own Jacqueline's Florist is also up for grabs—you don't want to miss it!

Kids, tweens, and teens: kickstart the summer at the Dowdell's Family Summer Party on Thursday, June 6 from 3:30pm to 5:30pm! Make your own ice cream sundae, put your gaming skills to test on the Nintendo Switch, and draw physical objects with 3-D pens at this exciting seasonal program!

Looking to get started with investing? The Dowdell's Investor Protection Program, presented by the New Jersey Bureau of Securities, is the perfect place to begin! Learn about safe investing and ways to avoid investment fraud on Thursday, June 6 from 2pm to 3pm.

The Dowdell is thrilled to welcome the art of Niyati Mehta to the Davidoff Exhibit Area! Mehta is an MBS graduate and self-taught artist working in many mediums, including graphite, colored pencil, and acrylic paint. Her art will remain on display until July, when the Dowdell will feature the work of Pauline Perlman. (Are you interested in exhibiting your art or collection? Let us know!)

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

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

Teens and tweens: do you eat food? Do you like books? If so, you just might enjoy T(w)een Books and Bites, the Dowdell's monthly bring-your-own-read club! The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 24 from 3:30pm to 4:30pm. No registration is required; please contact the library for additional information.

Aspiring artists are invited to join the

Dowdell's T(w)een Art Club, now entering its second month! Stretch your skills and share your work with a group of like-minded young creatives while enjoying refreshments and seeking feedback! Meetings are planned for every Friday in

June and will run from 3pm to 4:30pm. No registration is required; please contact the library for additional information.

Parents, grandparents, and caregivers: give yourself the gift of some much-needed R&R by bringing your little ones to the Dowdell's thrice-weekly toddler programs! Toddler Storytime with Robbie the Robot runs Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 1pm to 2pm. Your little learner can join Robbie the Robot to have fun with geometric magnets, practice shape, number, and color skills, and listen to delightful stories.

As students begin preparing for the end of the school year, the Dowdell is working to support them! Stop by the library for Sadie's Study Hour, which runs Monday through Thursday from 2:30pm to 3:30pm. Take advantage of a quiet space, tons of print and digital resources for all sorts of research and projects, and savvy staff just waiting to help you get started!

The Dowdell will switch to summer hours on Saturday, May 25. As such, the library will be closed on this day and all subsequent Saturdays through Labor Day.

Finally, mark your calendars for the Dowdell's Summer Kick-off Program, "Eyes of the Wild"! On Monday, July 8 from 2:30pm to 3:30pm, a parade of animals from bunny rabbits to wallabies will make their way to the library! While nature's finest fauna flaunt their finest furs in Sadie's Studio, attendees can sign up for the Dowdell's summer clubs! Weekly prizes include free roller skating passes, baseball tickets, and much more! All ages are welcome!

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.

Comments, queries, compliments? Please visit www.dowdell.org, or contact the Library at 732-721-6060 or comments@dowdell.org. The library is located off John O'Leary Blvd, adjacent to South Amboy Middle High School. Summer hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 10am to 8pm; and Wednesday and Friday from 10am to 5pm.






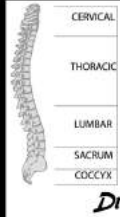
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The
Spinal
Column
By
Dr. John Misiewicz

Spring Into A Healthy Exercise Program

With the arrival of warm weather, it is time to change your sedentary habits. Most spinal problems are related to the muscles and joints which supports the back.

Tense, chronically contracted muscles can start a chain of physiological events which can lead to many different kinds of back, hip and neck pain. Excessive tension in muscles create rigidity which diminishes blood and oxygen circulation causing the muscles to become inflexible and more susceptible to sprains, strains and tears. This stress causes imbalances to these muscles and joints. Muscle imbalances can put unnatural demands on tissues and ligaments of your spine causing damage to discs, ligaments and nerves of the spine. Musculoligamentous health and balance depends upon a delicate balance between muscular strength and ligaments suppleness. Exercise such as yoga, and Tai Chi promote muscle relaxation and flexibility through slow breathing and stretching. They can also promote spinal stabilization and balance coordination.

Essential elements of a successful exercise program

1. Wear comfortable clothing.
2. Keep movements long and slow, and gentle.
3. Move with your breath. Inhale when you stretch. Exhale when you curl or fold your body.
4. Concentrate on your movements.
5. When it signals pain ease up and don't force the movement.
6. Exercise regularly in a pleasant and quiet environment.

As always, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure!



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To The Graduates
(Author Unknown)

*May you always be happy,
may your future be blessed,
May you reach your goal
in your earthly quest.
May you always succeed
in whatever you do,
May contentment be with you
your whole life through.
May your cup overflow
with sunshine and cheer,
May you be a success
in your chosen career.
May you forever have friends
wherever you are,
May you always be safe
when you travel far.
May you stay in God's grace
all your life long,
May you tread in His footsteps
and never go wrong.
May you have the strength
to affliction bear,
May you never know anguish
or need to care.
May you always remember
your younger years,
May you think back and laugh
at your childish fears.
May the sun shine brightly
on your Graduation Day,
May happiness and fortune
come with each ray.*





St. Stan's School

(Photos/Info Submitted)



St. Stanislaus Kostka School students raised \$416 for the Missionary Childhood Association either by purchasing a rice lunch (grades 2-8) and or through donations. The rice lunch took place during Holy Week to remind students of what it feels like for those less fortunate and how our works of mercy can make a difference.



Janet Rzepka and Robert Grover were named Mother and Father of the Year for St. Stanislaus Kostka School. They were honored at a cocktail reception on May 3rd.

(Photo credit: Lisa Grover)



St. Stanislaus Kostka School 7th grade student, Noelle Semeniuk poses with Mrs. Peggy Garboski after receiving the 2019 John Garboski Memorial Scholarship in honor of her husband.

(Photo credit: Betty Vitale)



St. Stan's School second grade student, William Christian, receives his First Holy Communion from Rev. Kenneth Murphy. In total, thirty-four students received the Sacrament at St. Stan's Church on May 4th. (Photo credit: Ronald Madiera)

Rubino Returns To Sayreville HS

By Steve Schmid

When the 2019-20 school year begins September, faculty and students will welcome back a familiar face. Dan Rubino was appointed by the Sayreville School Board to be principal at Sayreville War Memorial High School. Rubino takes over July 1 at the beginning of the next school year. He succeeds James Brown who retired as principal of the high school January 1.

School Superintendent Richard Labbe served as interim principal in the meantime. It's a homecoming of sorts for Rubino who served as the school's vice principal before leaving to become principal of Spotswood High School. Labbe said he was glad to work with Rubino for four years before he left to go to Spotswood. He said he was impressed by his leadership, hard work and attention to detail.

OLV Senior Trip to Princeton

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to tour Princeton. The price of the trip is \$145.00 which includes a guided tour of Princeton University, Drumthwacket, the Governor's mansion, and Morven

Museum. Also included is a 3 course lunch at Winberie's, motor coach transportation, driver gratuity, taxes and gratuity. For further information or to make a reservation, please contact Finita at 732-721-5081.

Car Show June 7

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 hold their annual classic car cruise night Friday June 7 from 6 to 9 p.m. in the K of C parking lot at 308 Fourth St. South Amboy. Refreshments available.

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

Sayreville Fishing Derby At Kennedy Park

(Photos by Tom Burkard)



Sayreville Recreation Director Jerry Ust proudly holds his granddaughter Ella Cook while grandson Jackson Cook enjoys the fishing derby, while trying to catch a big fish.



A Great Day For The Outdoors & Fishing



Letters

Dear Brian:

Old folks love to reminisce and for this senior citizen, "The South Amboy/Sayreville Times" is a wonderful catalyst to bring yesterdays back to life. I love reading what Biff McKeon has to say about things, especially his big brother Jack! Playing baseball at St. Mary's, I had the great fortune to play on the same team that boasted the O'Brien twins, Ray Stockton, Jerry Connors and of course Jack who was arguably one of the best defensive catchers of all time, behind the plate. Bill brought the same McKeon talent to the game.

In the 1970's I used to call on pharmaceutical companies in Puerto Rico. The flight from Chicago was very late on one particular night, and as I was checking in to the hotel, I suddenly heard voices saying, "Hello Mr. McKeon; Good night Mr. McKeon." I turned and said the same thing - kind of surprised him. But we spent hours talking about our families, his fabulous career, what I was doing, and a lot of baseball talk lasting into the wee hours of the morning. It was a stroke of luck that he was managing the San Juan baseball team at the time and we could get together for a least a short time.

I'm always drawn to your "look back" columns. March's "70 Years Ago," in baseball vernacular, hit at least a double. It mentioned Sayreville A.D. Vince Abbatiello, Sr. who ran a foul shooting contest to raise funds for charity. It was won by John Kovaleski of Hoffman H.S. fame. He sunk 47 in a row! That was enough to beat his closest competitor, Bobby Koperwhats of Woodbridge H.S. for the title. It was a "double" because 1. Vince Abbatiello, Sr. was my father and 2. Bob Koperwhats went on to play shortstop at Rutgers University for Coach George Case, while I played second base. That's two for two! Bob and I still share emails! Thanks for the "Times"

Vince Abbatiello, Jr. (Formerly of South Amboy) St. Mary's H.S. Class of 1949

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Fishing Flashes

By Teo "Weebles" Weber



Salt Water

The big news is that Bluefish have finally arrived. They are catching them from Barnegat Inlet to Cape May. Most are big fish ranging from 8 to 16 pounds right in the LBI surf. The back bays are also producing both short and keeper Striped Bass off most of the public docks. Boat fishing for Stripers is good when you find the fish. Beach fishing is still spotty with hit and miss. I saw someone at Keansburg who had a catch of 3 shorts and he missed one bite. Fluke also have arrived but cannot be retained until May 24th and Flounder fishing in Shark River is on its way out. In Great Bay and Barnegat, the back bay areas, finding Black Drum is a good possibility. A few Ling, Blackfish and a few Cod are what party boats are catching in the ocean and Striped Bass in the Raritan Bay areas.

Fresh Water

The steady rains we have had put a heavy damper on Trout fishing but the State has still continued stocking fish on a regular basis. I gave it a try a few hours after work one afternoon at the end of April. I fished Peapack Brook and the North Branch at Far Hills. I hauled in 1 Sunfish, 2 eels which were hard to unhook-YUCK! and 4 Rainbow Trout. The largest Trout was 16 inches. The Shad run has started in the Delaware River but high waters have hindered the fishing.



Michaela Macauley

MCC Alumna Of The Year Chosen

Michaela Macauley, who is a member of both the class of 1997 and 2003, is our Alumna of the Year for 2019. She combines professional success with a dedication to her alma mater.

Michaela received two degrees from MCC, her first in 1997 in Business Administration, and her second in 2003 in Liberal Arts- Social Rehabilitation. She is currently employed by the Department of Labor as a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor, providing counseling services to individuals with disabilities needing rehabilitative services over an extended period of time. She also assists clients obtaining training and suitable employment. Before working for the Labor Department, she worked with Family & Children's Services of Central New Jersey and TheraCare Behavioral Healthcare Services, helping at-risk families and the homeless population providing crisis intervention, assessment, and individual and family therapy.

She is a volunteer with Elijah's Promise Soup Kitchen in New Brunswick and the United Methodist Church Outreach Program. She has also volunteered with the Middlesex County Homeless Hotline, and the Central Jersey Community Health Center. She also served on the New Jersey Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect.

Michaela has been a member of the Board of Trustees of the Alumni Association since 1998 and has been an active volunteer, assisting with the food tasting fundraiser and many others. She also volunteers at the MCC Food Pantry.

She also mentors MCC students, counseling them on career planning, networking and academics.

Ms. Macauley holds a bachelor's and master's degree from Montclair State University and School Counseling Certification from Kean University.

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(Photos by Tom Burkard)



Committee Co-Chair/South Amboy Council President Michael "Mickey" Gross (l) is ready to throw a tea crate into the Raritan Bay during the reenactment of the Boston Tea Party.



Pictured (l-r) South Amboy Council President Michael "Mickey" Gross, South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry, and former South Amboy Mayor John T. O'Leary.



Former NJ Assemblyman John Wisniewski (c) visits with former South Amboy Fire Chiefs/dedicated OEM coordinator Mark Herdman (l) and OEM Deputy Coordinator Larry McMahon (r).



Having a great time (l-r) Donna Williams, Jan Williams, and South Amboy City Engineer Mark Rasimowicz.

**Riley's
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(Photos by Brian Stratton)



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Pictured (l-r) Jack, Brian, Melissa and GingerBurlew from Bulkyard 35,

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**OLV Senior Trip to
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The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to the Christmas Lights in Dyker Heights, Brooklyn NY. On Friday, December 6, 2019. The price of the trip is \$145.00 which includes bus transportation, bus gratuity, dinner at Tommaso Restaurant, guided tour of the Dyker Heights Neighborhood, all taxes and gratuities. For further information or to reserve a seat please call Finita at 732-721-5081.

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.) -S.S.

TO ST. JUDE

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored and glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world. Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude gave me hope. -M.S.

**OLV Senior Trip to
Cabaret by the Sea**

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to the Crystal Point Yacht Club to see the show Cabaret by the Sea featuring Vincent Talarico. The trip is on August 6, 2019. The trip package is \$125 which includes deluxe motorcoach transportation, 3 course luncheon and show, all taxes and gratuities. For further questions or to reserve a seat please contact Finita at 732-721-5081.

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

O Holy Spirit, thou who art all knowing - Who brightens every path that I may reach my ideal - Thou givest me the divine gift of forgiving and forgetting wrongs done unto me and who in every instant of my life art with me. I'd like in this short dialogue to affirm my gratitude for all your blessings and reaffirm once again that I never want to part from thee though illusions of material things abound. My desire is to be with thee and all my loved ones in perpetual grace. Thank you for our mercy on me and mine. Persons should pray 3 consecutive days without revealing petition. Within 3 days grace will be obtained regardless of how difficult the petition may be. Publish this prayer once the petition has been attained. Thank you Holy Spirit. -L.P.

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John F. Loftus


John F. Loftus, 96, of Seaside Park, NJ, died peacefully at home on April 27 surrounded by family and friends. He was born in Manhattan, NY on March 1, 1923, the son of the late Anna and Michael Mazer. In the early years, he resided in Old Bridge, NJ until he moved with his family to Brooklyn, NY during the Great Depression. Upon returning to Old Bridge, he enlisted in the Marine Corps, where Corporal Loftus served with the 4th Marine Division from 1943-1946. Mr. Loftus was a proud Iwo Jima survivor, and a charter member of VFW Post 7508 in Old Bridge, NJ. He was proud to be a part of “The Greatest Generation.” John married the late Helen Sumoski Loftus on June 14, 1947. She predeceased him on June 15, 1990 after 43 years of marriage. John resided in the Parlin section of Sayreville for 40 years. He relocated to Seaside Park when he remarried Mary Wainczak on October 9, 1993. She predeceased him in March of 2001.

John retired from Hercules, Inc., Parlin, NJ plant, after 35 years as a lab operator in March of 1988. He served as recording secretary for the AFL-CIO Local 271 for several years. Mr. Loftus is predeceased by three younger brothers, Michael, Andrew and Richard.

John is survived by three daughters, Wendy Varkoly (George), Nancy Hauser (Joseph), Linda Russo (Joseph), and two sons, Gary (Laurie) and Jeffrey Loftus.

John is also survived by six grandchildren, Robert Myers (Heather), Aubrey Chisum (Patrick), Anissa Varkoly, Jeffrey, Jessica and Jillian Loftus, along with eight nieces and four nephews.

John enjoyed trips to Atlantic City, crabbing, and took pride in keeping his pool crystal clear. His greatest pleasure was sharing the natural beauty of the bay with family and friends right in his own backyard.

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 -D.P.M.M.R..

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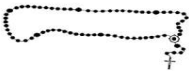
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In Memoriam

Jim Cassidy, 85, of Sayreville died on April 18. He was owner/operator of Clover Realty in Keyport for 30 years. Jim was also a Korean War veteran and member of the Sayreville VFW Post 4699. Elaine Boyler, 89, of Sayreville died on April 18. She retired from Johnson & Johnson, where she was Director of Executive Dining, and was the recipient of the Employee of the Year Award. In addition, she was a deacon, elder and President of the Women's Association of the Presbyterian Church in Sayreville. Elaine also was a member of the Eastern Star, as well as a member of Sayreville VFW Ladies Auxiliary Post 4699. Joseph Applegate Jr., 89, of Parlin died on April 21. He worked for 46 years at the Sayreville Werner Generating Plant and retired as group shift supervisor. He was elected President of 1314 IBEW electrical workers, and also chosen President of System Council 4-3 International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers on JCP&L property. Joe was also a past Commodore and served on the executive board of trustees at South Amboy Boat Club. Regina Kolb, 93, of Sayreville died on May 1. Prior to her retirement, she was an administrative assistant for the Borough of Sayreville. Regina was also a member of the Sayreville Lady Dems, and a Democrat Committee woman in Sayreville for many years. Robert Kaboski, 67, formerly of South Amboy died on May 2. He was a good, South Amboy guy graduating in Hoffman HS Class of '70. Sandra Quintas, 65, of Sayreville died on May 4. She was office manager at Camarato Contracting in Sayreville for the past 17 years. Richard Gers, 72, of Sayreville died on May 14. He was a good softball in the Sayreville League, and also coached Little League and American Legion baseball for many years. Grace Brinkerhoff, 80, of South Amboy died on May 15. She was employed for 20 years at Parkway Fabricators in South Amboy, and also at Kastle Kreations in South Amboy for 10 years.

Obituaries

Amato, Raegan R., newborn of Parlin died on April 30.
Applegate, Joseph T. Jr., 89, of Parlin died on April 21.
Bonis, Thomas R. Sr., 94, of Morgan died on April 28.
Boyer, Elaine M., 89, of Sayreville died on April 18.
Brinkerhoff, Grace T., 80, of South Amboy died on May 15.
Cassidy, James F. "Jim," 85, of Sayreville died on April 18.
Clark, John J., 67, formerly of South Amboy died on May 8.
Gers, Richard T., 72, of Sayreville died on May 14.
Hughes, Roberta "Robin" (Christensen), formerly of Sayreville died on May 3/
Kaboski, Robert J., 67, formerly of South Amboy died on May 2.
Kolb, Regina Pero, 93, of Sayreville died on May 1.
Lee, John Wood Chun, 77, of South Amboy died on May 15.
Loftus, John F., 96, formerly of Parlin died on April 27.
O'Kelly, James "Jim," 89, of Sayreville died on April 28.
Quintas, Sandra A., 65, of Sayreville died on May 4.
Rosenvinge, John "Jack," 90, died on May 4.
Sinatra, Ann, 80, of Sayreville died on April 22.



PRAYER TO ST. JUDE

(To be said when problems arise or when one seems to be deprived of all visible help, on far cases almost despaired of). Most holy Apostle St. Jude, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the church honors and invokes you universally as the patron of hopeless cases, of things almost despaired of, pray for me, I am so helpless and alone. Make use I implore you of that particular privilege given to you, to bring visible and speedy help where help is almost despaired of. Come to my assistance in this great need that I may receive the consolation and help of heaven in all my necessities, tribulations, and sufferings, and that I may praise God with you and all the elect forever. I promise O Blessed St. Jude, to be ever mindful of this great favor, to always honor you as my special and powerful patron, and to gratefully encourage devotion to you. Amen. Thank You St. Jude. -E.P.

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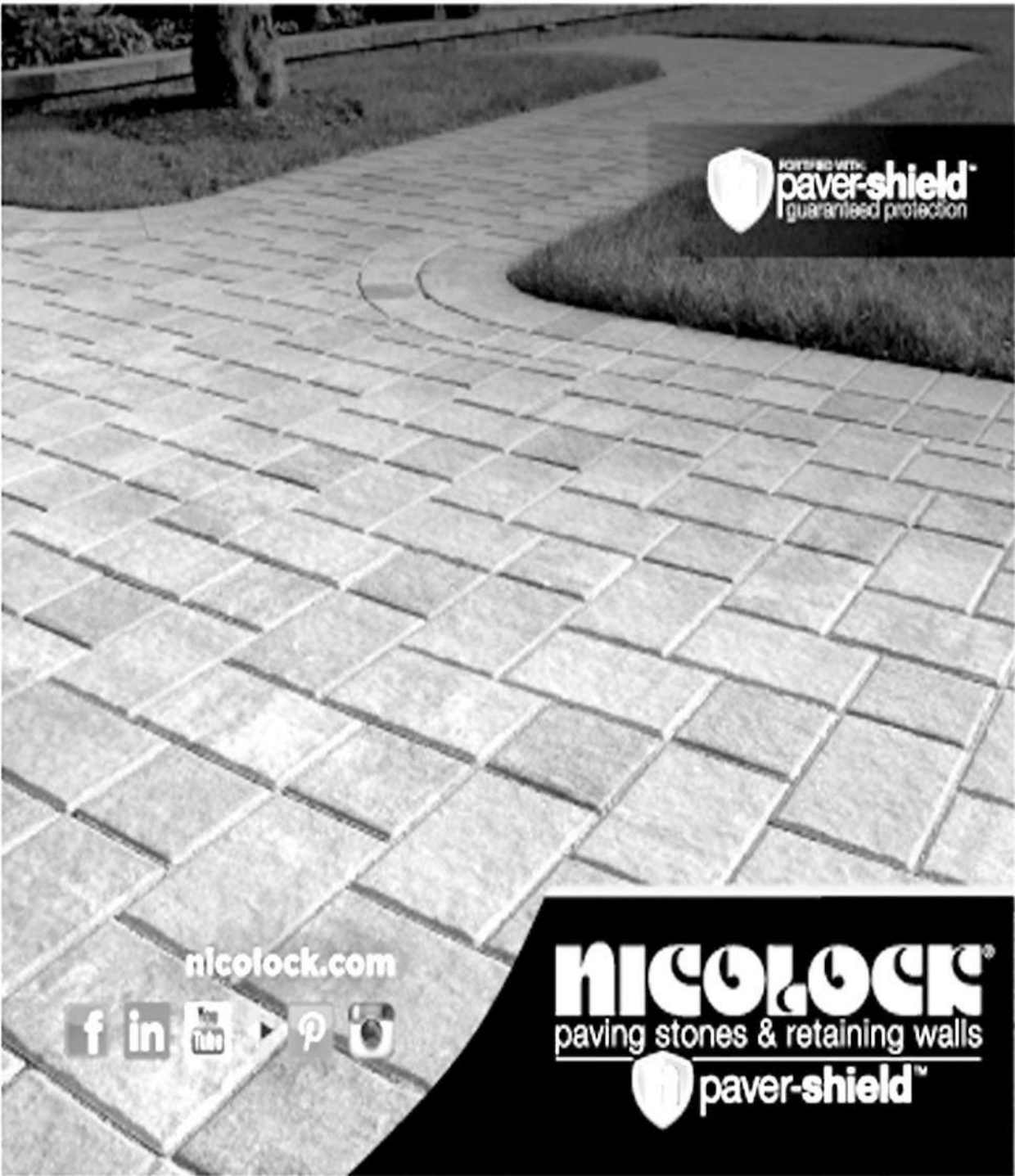
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