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## Allie Clark Sports Complex Slated For \$3 Million In Improvements



The Allie Clark Sports Complex in South Amboy, will be getting many improvements and upgrades thanks to the \$1.5 million grant from Middlesex County's Open Space Recreation and Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund and another \$1.5 from the City of South Amboy. The area, located at 200 Governor Hoffman Plaza.

New improvements will include: two new baseball fields with LED lighting; renovation of one Little League/softball field, which will feature a warning track, clay infield resurfacing and irrigation; new bleachers, dugouts, fencing, foul poles, bases and scoreboards. In addition there will be new walkways, sidewalks and landscaping.

Mayor Fred Henry expressed his gratitude to the board of county commissioners for the "important funding." He also mentioned how critical the city's collaboration with the county board is to "bring projects like this to

the youth of our community."

The Sports Complex was dedicated to South Amboy's beloved Major League Baseball player, the late Allie Clark, who played for the New York Yankees and other teams, and was always actively involved with the youth in the City of South Amboy. Allie passed away on April 2, 2012.



## Fireworks Canceled For July 4

**By Steve Schmid**

The news was predictable but still came as a disappointment. For the second consecutive year, South Amboy and Perth Amboy canceled their joint Independence Day fireworks display over Raritan Bay, due to the continuing COVID-19 pandemic. Barry Rosengarten is chairman of the non-profit group sponsoring the annual fireworks display with South and Perth Amboy. He said even though the pandemic has loosened its grip on New Jersey, this year is not the year to assemble people in close contact with each other. He added it is very disappointing to cancel it this year and last but health and safety has to be the top priority. The

fireworks are normally launched around July 4 over Raritan Bay and attract thousands of people in South Amboy and Perth Amboy who turn out to see the dazzling colors from waterside parks. Other events are usually scheduled to help celebrate the holiday. Rosengarten said he is looking forward to an incredible fireworks display next year. South Amboy, Perth Amboy join Woodbridge in canceling fireworks for the second straight year. Somerset County also announced the cancellation of its fireworks display. Hopefully our situation continues to improve and we can get back to normal in 2022.

## Gorman Honored For 50 Years Of Service



South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry (l) presented a Proclamation to Tom Gorman (2nd from left) for his 50 years of service to the city while members of Enterprise Hook and Ladder presented Tom with a plaque. Tom joined the SAFD Enterprise Hook and Ladder in 1969 and climbed the ranks of Lieutenant, Captain and Asst. Chief and became Chief of the Department in 1985. (Photo/Info by Jamie Norek)

## Flag Retirement June 14

American Legion Luke A. Lovely Post Retirement Service on June 14th at the #62, of South Amboy will hold their Fisherman's Beach in South Amboy at 6 p.m.



## ARTSFEST 2021

Artsfest to be held on September 12, 2021 (Rain date September 19) has been a time for families to come to Broadway and enjoy a simple day filled with arts activities, hands-on crafts, entertainment, art exhibitions and vendor shopping as we gather with members of our community. Since we had to cancel the event last year we are beginning to plan for this September's special day! We need your help to create this year's celebration of friends and community. Please contact us if you would like to be a vendor, crafter, exhibitor, entertainer, workshop presenter, ambassador, coordinator or volunteer just for the day.

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## So Amboy Receives NJ DOT Grant

The New Jersey Department of Transportation [NJ DOT] in partnership with the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority [NJTPA] announced yesterday that the City of South Amboy has been awarded 1 million dollars from the federally funded Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside program. This program was designed to fund projects to improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists without impacting local property taxes.

The project South Amboy submitted under this program will provide for a new pedestrian/cyclist link between the existing New Jersey Transit Rail Station [NJ Transit] and the soon to be constructed Radford Ferry Terminal. Upon completion this project will also add to the City's existing waterfront walkway allowing more access to the shores of the Raritan Bay.

"As one of the original four designated NJ Transit Villages we are constantly

## Irish Festival

The City of South Amboy in partnership with the South Amboy Parade committee will host an Irish Festival on Saturday, September 25th at the Middlesex County Raritan Bay Waterfront Park. The festival, which will begin at 2pm, promises to be an exciting and family friendly event and will include music, food and craft vendors, kid friendly activities, and will culminate in a fireworks display at dusk.

There will be live entertainment throughout the event including appearances by renowned Irish Musicians Willie Lynch and Andy Cooney as well as our very own DB Kelly Pipes and Drums.

Parade Co-Chairman Mickey Gross said, "Now that we are finally beginning to emerge from the pandemic, we are excited to hold this event in anticipation of the parade's return in March 2022".

The City of South Amboy has hosted an annual Saint Patrick's Parade for many years and the event has grown to one of the largest in New Jersey. "We felt that it was important to support the Parade Committee and gear up for our annual Parade in 2022" said Mayor Fred Henry. "I promise you that our dedicated Parade volunteers and our City employees will ensure that this is an event to remember".

South Amboy is conveniently located at the nexus of Route 9 & 35 and is home to a convenient NJ Transit rail station that is only a short walk to the Waterfront Park. Rain date for the event is September 26th.

seeking ways to improve access to our transit facilities while maintaining a safe, walkable community" said Mayor Fred Henry. "This funding will provide another critical link in our efforts to reduce vehicle traffic and provide safe and convenient transportation alternatives for our residents and local commuters".

Ultimately the City plans to construct one final section of the waterfront walkway providing over 1 1/2 miles of interconnected pedestrian/cyclist links serving its transit facilities, the downtown, and the bayfront area.

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On May 6, 2021, Sayreville Middle School 8th grade student, Barry J. Muller, Jr., was awarded a National Junior Honor Society Outstanding Achievement Award. Barry was chosen as one of 500 recipients from across the nation based on his work to support the five pillars of the National Junior Honor Society: scholarship, service, leadership, character, and citizenship. Barry attends Sayreville Middle School. He maintains a cumulative GPA of 98. He is a member of the Middle School Basketball team and the St. Bernadette's RC Youth Group. He is a volunteer in a number of community-based programs. (Photo/Info Submitted)



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## Congratulations John Sayreville Seafood & Main St. Sub Station

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## Talk Of The Towns

By Tom Burkard

**Pastors Celebrate 35th Anniversaries**

This month, Rev. Dennis Weezorak, Pastor of St. Mary Church, and former Sacred Heart Pastor Rev. Joseph Romanoski are celebrating their 35th Anniversaries of their ordination into the priesthood. Congratulations Father Dennis and Father Joe!

**Whiteley Now A 2nd Lieutenant**

South Amboy's Mary Whiteley was recently commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force. Congratulations Mary and best wishes for success in the future!

**Sorry Kevin!**

It was brought to our attention that through the years, I have somehow missed the name in my Yearbook Column of one of my very good friends from St. Mary's HS Class of '71, Kevin O'Connor. Kevin is a great guy who played sports for the Eagles, and is a talented musician/singer/songwriter. Again, my apologies Kevin for this oversight!

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 -C.P.

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## Pleasant little TRIVIA

By Tom Burkard

1. Grand Marshal of the 1999 South Amboy St. Patrick's Day Parade?  
a. Bill Tierney b. Tom Noble c. Leo McCabe
2. American Legion Lenape Post 211, Sayreville Commander for 1997-98?  
a. Edward Strek b. James Mulvey c. Roy Place
3. South Amboy Board of Education Secretary in 1997?  
a. Michael Poll b. Kenneth Kokoszka c. William Beattie
4. Where was Berman/Rossi Eyeglasses located in Sayreville in '97?  
a. Rt. 9 South b. Main St. c. Rt. 35 North
5. In 1997, this bar was located at the corner of North Feltus St. & Augusta St. in South Amboy?  
a. Dominic's Lounge b. Scott & Kim's Pub c. Freddie's SA Pub
6. Where in Sayreville was Frank's Service Station located in '97?  
a. MacArthur Ave. b. Washington Rd. c. Minnisink Ave.
7. In 1999, where was Henry's Barber Shop located in South Amboy?  
a. Bordentown Ave. b. North Feltus St. c. South Stevens Ave.
8. In 1997-98, she was the Sayreville Memorial Post 4699 Ladies Auxiliary President?  
a. Carmen Delikat b. Joanne Hockenjos c. Gail Smalley
9. In 2004, this gift shop was located on South Broadway, South Amboy?  
a. Suzee Q's b. By The Baybreeze c. Scarborough Fair
10. What section of Sayreville was Quick Pix Subs-N-More located back in '97?  
a. Oak Tree b. Melrose c. Morgan

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



From left: Linda Scherr, vice president for academic affairs; Board Chairman Dorothy K. Power; Valedictorian Richa Nayak, College President Mark McCormick, Ronald G. Rios, commissioner director of the Middlesex County Commissioners; Alumna of the Year Kathleen Morgan; and Salutatorian Michelle Wojcik. (Photo courtesy of Middlesex College)

## Institution Celebrates 54th Commencement, But First As Middlesex College

It was a historic occasion for Middlesex College: Thursday, May 20 saw the largest class in its history graduate, and the first under its new name, Middlesex College.

Formerly known as Middlesex County College, the two-year institution changed its name in January, and this is the first class whose diplomas will use the new term.

The record number of graduates – 1871 – eclipses the previous record of 1,592 in 2020. The ceremony was held virtually because of the pandemic. Richa Nayak (North Brunswick), who is double majoring in Computer Science and Mathematics, was the valedictorian and gave the class welcome. She is planning to transfer to Rutgers University and major in Computer Science.

Other speakers included Ronald G. Rios, the Middlesex County commissioner director, who told the class they are vital to the prospects of the County. Dorothy K. Power, chairman of the College Board of Trustees, congratulated the graduates for their accomplishments. “This is a great day for you – where you are, what you have accomplished, and what a wonderful new

future is ahead, known or unknown,” she said.

College President Mark McCormick said that despite facing difficult obstacles, the class of 2021 persevered.

“I want to acknowledge that this past year has been extremely challenging for you and for all of us who work at the College as everyone continues to be affected by the COVID-19 pandemic,” he said. “My hat is off to each one of you for your courage, resilience, and determination.

We would of course prefer to be celebrating with you in person. I miss seeing all of your smiling faces as I deliver these remarks. I hope that as you look back on your time at Middlesex College, you are able to see beyond what you may be missing right now and remember all that you have experienced and learned. This pandemic will pass, but what you have gained from your time at Middlesex College will be with you for life.”

Sixteen graduates were honored with the Chambers Award winners for attaining the highest point average. Tarek Ahmed of Parlin was one of the proud recipients. Congratulations Tarek!

## Jammin for Jaclyn

Jammin for Jaclyn, the New Jersey based benefit for those fighting cancer, will have it's 8th annual event virtually this year on Facebook LIVE, June 12th from 7-10:30pm EST. The livestream will consist of 8 talented musicians performing from the safety of their homes, as well as a 50/50 drawing at the end of the night. The funds raised by this year's event will be supporting local business owner, Brian Da Silva, who is currently battling Pancreatic Cancer. This family run benefit in a small New Jersey town came to last over seven years and raised over \$185,000 for 8 families in their ongoing fights with cancer. The organization was originally established for local New Jersey resident, Jaclyn Squillace, who was diagnosed with Stage 3 Breast Cancer while five months pregnant in 2014. Her brother, Michael Squillace, a professional multi-instrumentalist, along with her parents and co-founders, Denise and Ron Morgan, created the annual event

in order to raise funds for Jaclyn's many surgeries and treatments, but also to lift her spirits. As she went in and out of remission for several years, they continued to run the event for others fighting cancer in the community. Though Jaclyn passed in 2018, they continue to run the event in her name. This year's Featured Artists: Fern 7:00-7:25 • Levy Okun 7:25-7:50 • Sof 7:50-8:15 • Natalie Farrell 8:15-8:40 • Sahara Moon 8:40-9:05 • Jake Tavill 9:15-9:40 • Nick Ryan 9:40-10:05 • Taylor Tote 10:05-10:30 • 50/50 Drawing Donate online: Givebutter.com/JamminforJaclyn2021 or Text J4J2021 to 202-858-1233 Donate via check: Make check payable to RJC Charities, Inc and send to 292 Stevens Avenue, South Amboy, NJ. 08879 Contact info: Co-founders Michael Squillace, Denise Morgan, Ron Morgan JamminforJaclyn.org JamminforJaclyn@gmail.com 732-525-9536.



South Amboy Middle/High School teaching staff has nominated the students of the month for April, 2021. The nominations are based on character, school spirit, and academic integrity. For April, we are happy to announce our winners. Pictured in a virtual classroom setting are: From left to right: top row: J. Patrizzo (grade 6), K. Herman (grade 10), A. Dominguez (grade 7), S. Pina (grade 12). Bottom row: K. Handy (grade 8), R. Albarran (grade 11), and V. Myers (grade 9). (Photo/Info Submitted)

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Former South Amboy resident Dennis Larson hauled in "The biggest fish I ever caught," which was 43 inches and 35 pounds at the Jersey Shore. A great sportsman, he released the monster back into the ocean. ➡







The crew of the Last Run went out looking for what they call ghosts, and came home with a Mother's Day giant bluefin tuna...measuring in at 96" and weighing over 650 lbs. Both the crew and moms were happy! Ryan Kanecke from South Amboy was on the reel for an hour and a half when it was landed. (Photo/info courtesy of Lockwood Boatworks Inc.)



Christine Pluskota of Morgan hauled in this beautiful Trout while fishing in Colorado. (Photo by Clark Gregoreski)



Brian Burkard, formerly of South Amboy, and a St. Mary's HS graduate proudly holds his huge 39-inch Snook he caught and released in Florida where he now resides.



Judy Neumann (l) holds one of three beautiful Striped Bass she landed aboard her son Randy Neumann's (r) boat in Raritan Bay.




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## Yearbook-Sayreville 1996


By Tom Burkard

When the Sayreville War Memorial HS Class of 1996 returned for its final school year in September 1995, "You Are Not Alone" by Michael Jackson was the top hit in the U.S. The school principal was Dennis Fyffe and some of his fine staff consisted of Jerry North, Linda Tanchyk, Robert Szabo, Catherine Lonski, Lynne Steele, Brian Heineman, Athletic Director, Jack Hefelfinger, Bill Scarola, Linda Carney, Lori Rosen, Elaine Hall, John Rupp, Debra Golder. The school offered an unbelievable number of academics and activities. Eric Kaplan was the Editor-In-Chief of the yearbook, which was titled "Tapestry and Tradition." Erin Walsh was Student Council President, while Heather DeGroot and Kimberly Kukulski were co-Editors-In-Chief of "Echo Lites" the school newspaper. Kukulski was also president of the National Honor Society. Other clubs/groups presidents were French Club-Justin Strawhand; Library Council-Darlene Robe; Chamber Orchestra-Erin Hayes. Some of the other extracurricular activities were; Talented and Gifted (TAG); Academics Competitions Team (ACT); Images (Literary magazine); C.B.E.; DECA; Improv Troupe; International Society; Active Students Serving In Society Together (A.S.S.I.S.T.); Film & Video Society; Odyssey of the Mind (OM); TIGS; Chess Club. The Fall Drama was "I Remember Mama," and the Spring Musical was "The Sound of Music." Senior co-captains of the cheerleaders were Erica Lugo and Kelly Maher. Carlo Alban was president of the Chorus. Mr. Griffin was the advisor for

the Sayreville Marching Unit. Jillian Jackson was selected 1995 Homecoming Queen. In late May of '96, 299 seniors graduated from SWMHS. The following is just a handful of the class, selected randomly. Jacquelyn Adamiec, Jeff Andrejewski, Nicole Bellini, Victor Belarista, Dana Bender, Daniel Braz, Amy Calello, Shaun Burke, Valerie Chernega, Tim Connors, Nickeshe Darby, Bill Coward, Carrie Dooling, Christopher Docs, Leslie Dowling, Gregory Dzieciol, Cristina Ferraro, Brian Flynn, Jamie Grossman, Joe Grankowski, Danielle Hardy, Joseph Hanis, Dawn-Marie Jones, Todd Janas, Nicole Keller, Raymond Kelly Jr., Erika Lebow, Soo Jim Lee, Kelly Maher, Brandon Margolies, Christine Medvetz, Michael McCarthy, Debra Mix, James Meyer, Allison Pasewark, George Nowak, Matt Pereira, Kristi Peterson, Nancy Protosenia, Joe Prysxlak, Dana Read, Kenneth Rayhon, Jaclyn Russo, George Roybal, Sandra Seminski, Christopher Shaver, Charles Stewart Jr., Jason Standowski, Wendy Stratton, Santa Torres, Dana Van Pell, Craig Vass, Jill Warden, Betony Zelonis, Kenneth Wolfe, Kevin Zsorey. In sports, the Sayreville teams posted the following records: Football-4-5; Boys Soccer-6-10; Girls Soccer 12-4-1; Girls Tennis-4-15; Boys Basketball-7-15; Girls Basketball 12-10; Wrestling 3-11. "The Crossroads" was the #1 hit in the nation on that memorable Graduation Day in late May 1996. Kimberly Kukulski was Valedictorian and Sanjay Mehta was Salutatorian.

### Dad-Daughter Dance

South Amboy-Sayreville Rotary Club will host their annual dad-daughter dance on Friday, June 4, 2021. It will be held at the Knights of Columbus located on Washington Road, Parlin. Dance starts at 7pm. Due to COVID regulations space is very limited. Walk-ins are not allowed. Do not mail in payment and do not leave payment with the Knights of Columbus. As space allows, registrations will be accepted in person. Cost remains the same \$60 for dad and daughter. Each additional daughter is \$25. To register contact Greg at 732-721-0400 or email-[greg@customfinancial.org](mailto:greg@customfinancial.org).





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Read Squared is back this year! Read Squared is where you can efficiently track and log all your reading hours for the summer to win prizes. You can find all the details about how to make your account on our website coming soon.

Each month this summer, we will feature two animal themes. July opens with Bookish Beasts for the first two weeks, and then Under the Sea is Home for Me for the final two. At the beginning of August, we will focus on Endangered Animals and then wrap up the month by taking a walk on the Wild Side. Each week we will have new programs for all age groups!

Children can visit the library and enjoy weekly outdoor crafts and activities every Monday and Friday! We are also hosting Celebrity Storytime at the Waterfront Gazebo! Our first outdoor Storytime will be held on Tuesday, June 22 (rain date June 29) from 11 am to 12:30 pm in the gazebo at the Waterfront Park. South Amboy's very own Zusette Dato, Deputy County Clerk, will be joining Ms. Maryanne for a family fun event! Seating under the pavilion is limited (but don't worry, there is plenty of room on the grass surrounding the gazebo!) We ask that you bring a beach towel to sit on and make social distancing easy! Future Storytime dates: Tuesday, July 13, (rain date July 20) featuring Glenn Skarzynski, South Amboy

Business Administrator, and Tuesday, August 10, (rain date August 17) featuring Suzanne Ryan as Mother Goose!

Tweens and teens can enjoy weekly computer time at the library! Every Wednesday, computers will be reserved for the tweens and teens to come in, play E-games, email friends, or work on summer homework. There are also crafts and activities planned throughout the summer!

Adults can participate in virtual trivia contests, create their family tale using Heritage Quest, pick up MIY crafts, and taste various smoothies at the library!

Have you ever dreamed of owning a sailboat? If so, you won't want to miss our Sail Away on the Raritan Bay virtual program. The video will be on YouTube in July.

Prizes and giveaways will happen all summer long for all ages!

Details and information about each program will be posted on our website, Dowdell.org, in June and shared on our social media pages. You can also sign up for our monthly newsletter on our website and have all the program information sent directly to your email!

Comments, queries, compliments? Please visit [www.dowdell.org](http://www.dowdell.org), or contact the Library at 732-721-6060 or [comments@dowdell.org](mailto:comments@dowdell.org). The library is located off John O'Leary Blvd, adjacent to South Amboy Middle High School. Due to all services being staff-assisted, walk-in service is available Monday 10am-5pm, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday 12-5pm and Thursday 12-5pm and 6-8pm.

## Backyard Party Set Raffle

South Amboy Elks, 601 Washington Ave is having a raffle with a drawing date of July 1, 2021 at 8pm The back yard party set includes a hand crafted cooler on wheels, a tin bottle tub filled with goodies, a mini bar with 3 different changeable fronts, and a grill/

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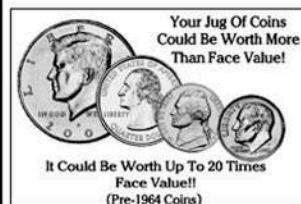
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## Jack McKeon And Brother Bill McKeon Visit South Amboy

By Tom Burkard

South Amboy natives, favorite sons, and baseball legends, Jack McKeon and his brother Bill McKeon returned to “The Pleasant Little City” for the first time in over a year, since the Pandemic started, and on

runs and strikeouts than other important and fundamental aspects of the game. It’s definitely a different type of game today, especially with all the analysts and analytics.”

Jack is presently an Assistant to the

Washington Nationals GM Mike Rizzo, but says, “It’s been tough getting out and around with the Pandemic, so it keeps you from doing your traveling and more.” Residing in North Carolina, Jack was working out everyday and staying in shape for many years at the YMCA, but since last year the facility has been closed, so he said he has a treadmill at home for exercise.

We also talked about many of his players, coaches and others from his 2003

Florida Marlins World Championship team that defied all odds and shocked the world by defeating the powerful New York Yankees.

“Winning the World Series in 2003 was without a doubt my proudest moment in my entire baseball career, he said. He also said that it was “A big thrill to manage the National League All-Stars in the ‘04 All-Star Game.” Jack mentioned that he is very happy about the success of future Hall-of-Famer Miguel Cabrera, now with the Detroit Tigers, who is still playing and having a great year.

Cabrera got his start as a rookie in ‘03 with the Marlins. McKeon mentioned that he keeps in touch with Hall-of-Famer Ivan “Pudge” Rodriguez, Juan Pierre, Dontrelle Willis, Josh Beckett, Carl Pavano, and Derek Lee, as well as Reggie Sanders, who he managed with the

Cincinnati Reds.

When asked if players like Barry Bonds, Mark McGwire, Roger Clemens, Rafael Palmeiro and others who were accused of using steroids would ever be enshrined in the Baseball Hall-of-Fame, he said, “I think they will eventually let them in.” Bonds, who as a player became the All-Time Home Run King, was not overly popular with the media and many fans, served as a hitting instructor in Spring Training for McKeon and the Marlins. Jack said that, “Bonds was one of the best all-around players I ever saw in my lifetime. He was a pleasure to work with when he was a hitting coach for me at Spring Training in Florida.”

It was the first time I got to visit with Jack in about 5 years, and as always, it was a most enjoyable and interesting experience, as we renewed our longtime friendship, that inspired me to write a book about his life story in 2004, titled Jack McKeon: Baseball, Cigars & Saint Theresa. There were

two other books written about Jack through the years, by high-profile writers and I was honored and flattered that he personally told me that, “Your book is the most complete

outstanding trades and acquisitions, while picking up the now famous nickname, “Trader Jack”...

Bill “Biff” McKeon, who resides in Indiana has been involved in baseball for almost his entire life, and is currently in his 10th year as a broadcaster for the Evansville Otters team that plays in the Can-Am League. A standout catcher, who could hit with authority, he was signed in 1951 by the Boston

Braves organization, after playing for the South Amboy All-Stars in the AAABA National Tournament at Johnstown, PA. (Boston later became the Milwaukee Braves, and is currently the Atlanta Braves). The future was looking bright for Bill until he suffered a rotator cuff injury in ‘56 while playing for Evansville, Indiana in the Three I League. He decided to retire during Spring Training of 1958, and his 5-year minor league career totals showed that he was moving towards his big league goal. He finished with a solid .289

lifetime batting average, with 14 home runs and 115 RBI. His tremendous love and dedication to the game of baseball has always kept him involved, as he has served in many

different capacities including: coach, manager, scout for many Major League Teams (MLB) teams; Philadelphia, Los Angeles Angels, Dodgers, Kansas City/Oakland A’s, Kansas City Royals, San Diego Padres. When he scouted for the Kansas City A’s in the 1960’s, he signed Sayreville standout Charlie Lynch to a contract. During his most successful, interesting, and diversified life, “Biff” was in the educational field for many years, as an administrator at

Madison Twp. HS, and later at Cedar Ridge, where he was Athletic Director/Varsity Baseball Coach at the old Cedar Ridge High School in Old Bridge. He proudly stated that “I was the varsity baseball coach at Madison Twp. When the school won its first game in history, we defeated Hoffman HS, who was coached by John Zdanewicz, 3-2.”



Pictured (l-r) Jack McKeon, his sister Marge Gorczyca, nephew Darren Gorczyca, and brother Bill “Biff” McKeon

May 6th visited their sister Marge McKeon Gorczyca. Some family and friends, who were at Marge’s home to greet the world-renowned and beloved baseball men, were thrilled to see them, and once again renew old friendships, in addition to reminiscing about the good old days in South Amboy, and of course, baseball.

Although it was a relaxing “reunion,” I had the opportunity to chat with my old friends, and ask them a few questions. When asked what he thought about baseball

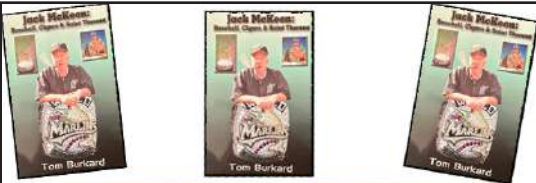
today, Jack said, “The game of baseball has changed, and I’m not happy with some changes, even though many people think the changes have made progress. It seems there is an emphasis on analytics these days, and the analysts pay more attention to home



Kevin Gorczyca Jr. (c) is pictured with his great uncles Jack McKeon (l) and Bill McKeon (r).



Jack is pictured with his wife Carol (l) and daughters Kori and Kristie.



### Jack Facts:

He is the only manager in professional baseball history to have over 1,000 victories in the minor leagues (1,146-1,123, .505) and also MLB (1,051-990, .515), Hall-of-Fame credentials...Jack has managed 5 MLB teams: Kansas City 1973-75; Oakland 1977-78; San Diego 1988-90; Cincinnati 1997-2000; Florida 2003-05, and also 2011... He was GM of the San Diego Padres from 1980-1990, and rebuilt the team through

Former Major League Baseball manager, Jack McKeon (l) had a reunion with The SA Times Publisher Tom Burkard, who back in 2004 authored and self-published a book on Jack's life titled, Jack McKeon: Baseball, Cigars & Saint Theresa. (Photo by Greg Babulak)

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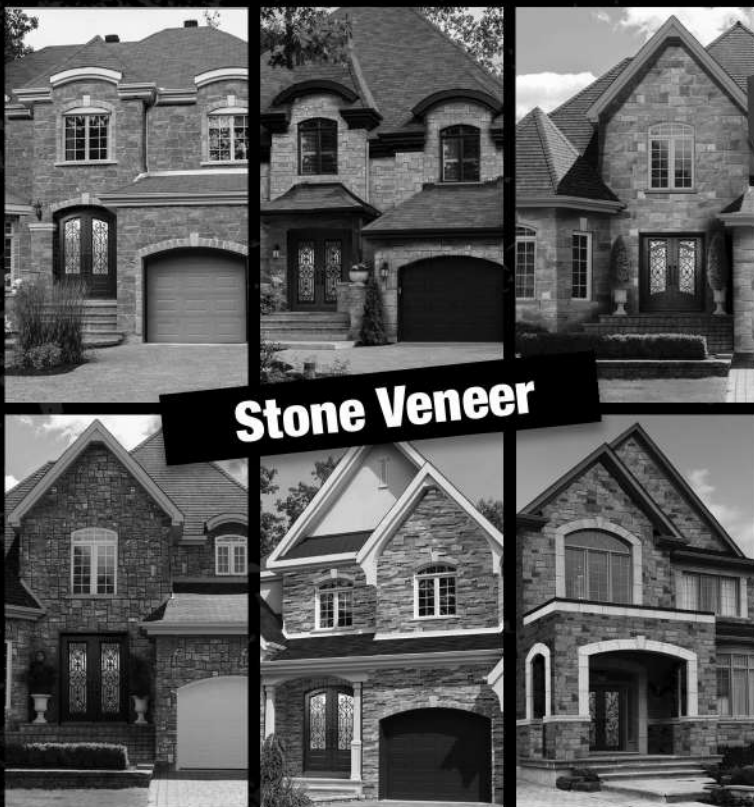


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### Middlesex College Displays New Logo and Look

Middlesex College unveiled its new look, showcasing its sharp new logo, brand and name at a flag-raising ceremony on May 13. The College, which was known as Middlesex County College, is now Middlesex College.

Shanice Pearson, whose photo adorns one of the banners that traverse the campus, spoke at the flag raising and said she is thrilled that Middlesex County College changed its name to Middlesex College, and that her diploma will sport the new term.

“I love the new look,” she said. “And not only because I’m on one of the banners. It is bright and fresh and appealing. I think it represents the experience students have at the College. For me, this experience has truly been a rewarding one. Not only have I met some amazing people along the way, but I’ve also learned valuable life lessons that I will take with me along my journey as I enter my field. And by this time one week from today, I will be very proud to call myself a Middlesex College alumna.”

The program also included speeches by the College president, Mark McCormick, and the Middlesex County Commissioner Director Ronald G. Rios.

“Though it has never strayed from its mission to make access to higher education and lifelong learning a reality for our County’s diverse population, the College has evolved throughout the decades,” Commissioner Director Rios said. “That evolution is evident when looking at the campus and how it has expanded over the years, but even more so when considering the breadth of academic, professional, and personal enrichment programs offered, and the innovative ways in which the College supports students and alumni.

“Now, some may look at these new signs and see merely signs with the College’s updated name. But they are so much more than that. They are the visual representation of this next step in the journey and evolution of Middlesex College. They reflect the College’s ongoing commitment to the campus community, and to the entire Middlesex County community. And they are one of the first things students, faculty, staff and the community will see when visiting – or even passing by – this beautiful campus here in the heart of Middlesex County.”

Dr. McCormick touted the College’s high quality education that produces graduates who transfer to and thrive at institutions such as Rutgers University, Kean University, the New Jersey Institute of Technology, The College of New Jersey and Princeton University.

“Our transfer partners report that Middlesex College graduates perform better than students who start at the four-year institution in terms of grade point average and time to completion of a bachelor’s degree,” he said. “Despite such amazing outcomes for our students, there are many in our community who remain unaware of what Middlesex College has to offer. With our new name and rebranding, we aim to spread the word about all that Middlesex College has to offer and to help dispel the stigma about attending a community college.”

Dr. McCormick also recognized Larry Thoms, an alumnus who – as a student in the late 1960s – drew the Colt that was used as the background for the first athletic logo, which lasted for the past 50 years.



On April 29th all four Sayreville Fire companies were dispatched to a structure fire on Kathleen Place in the Melrose section of the Borough. Upon arrival firefighters found a fully involved shed fire with flames burning two houses on either side. Firefighters quickly extinguished the fire in all structures. One minor injury was reported. Cause of the fire is under investigation by Sayreville Police Dept., and the Fire Marshal’s office. (Photo/story by Jamie Norek)

### HAVE YOU SEEN FACES OF THE CITY EXHIBITION?

Memories of Artsfest 2019 can be seen on the windows of South Amboy Arts Gallery. It is a celebration of our city’s diversity and our community’s resilience and kindness.

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Pets Of The Month



Duke and Daisy are pictured playing in the yard at Bulk Yard 35 Landscape & Masonry Supply located at 2069 Highway 35, South Amboy. Duke and Daisy’s proud owners are Brian and Melissa Burlew, the proprietors of Bulk Yard 35.

The Smoke Column

By Ex-Chief Richard Kosmoski, MS

May is “Wildland Fire Awareness Month.” Usually by this time of the year in our area the trees are starting to blossom and get their leaves and the grasses are getting green. This means that there is more moisture content in the environment which helps to reduce the fire load. When there is more humidity in the atmosphere, including plants and trees, it makes it much more difficult for these materials to ignite and contribute to a large fire. In late March and throughout April, before the growing season gets underway, the debris left-over from last year’s growing season is lying dead on the ground in the fields and woods. This is prime material for a fire to develop and spread. Most large and out-of-control wildland fires occur when the fuel is dried out. There must also be other factors in place: no significant amount of rainfall in a while; humidity is extremely low; gusty winds are in effect; and the temperatures are on the increase. Each one of these factors contribute to the drying out of the fuel. A source of ignition at any other time may not be sufficient to start a fire BUT under these conditions it is primed for disaster.

A large wildland fire broke out on March 14th of this year. It occurred on the Lakewood/Toms River border. It grew with such intensity that many homes were immediately threatened. People were evacuated from their homes in the surrounding areas. For those residents, it was a harrowing experience. The fire was so intense that the Garden State Parkway had to be shut down from Exit 83 to Exit 90 for most of the afternoon and evening. The gusty winds literally blew the fire across the GSP even causing the wooded medium separating the northbound lanes from the southbound lanes to ignite. It was impossible to see the roadway from all the smoke billowing from the fire. The dryness of the area was caused by the lack of rainfall for 12 days before the fire. This was a major contributing factor to the fire. Over 170 acres were burned along with the total devastation of a commercial building and less damage to sheds and garages in the residential areas. Due to the actions of many firefighters, no homes were severely damaged by this fire. Mutual aid from neighboring fire departments were called to assist the local fire department along with assistance from the New Jersey Forest Fire Service. The two prime seasons for wildland fires to occur are in the early spring and again in the fall when the leaves dry out and fall to the ground as perpetual fuel. Any dry, windy day in the fall came to

have the same effect on a wildland fire as in the spring.

We have been lucky in our local communities in recent years because we have not had any major wildland fires. This is due largely because our wooded areas have been developed and no longer provide the ammunition for a major wildland fire. Years ago, the meadows along our waterfronts would ignite and burn for hours on end. Unfortunately, many of these fires were left to burn themselves out because it was impossible to drive fire apparatus over the marshy areas. Firefighters would assemble near structures and provide protection if the fire got near them. After these fires burned themselves out, within days new sprouts would emerge from the marsh and grow all over again. I guess nature has a way of renewing herself just as the meadows regenerate after a fire, so do the forests on our west coast. This process has been evolving for millions of years and hopefully will continue rejuvenating our climate and our earth for many more.

As we celebrate this Memorial Day, let us not forget the true meaning for the day. It is the day that is set aside to remember our fallen heroes, those who have died while fighting for the freedoms we enjoy each-and-every day of our lives here in America. Take just a moment and reflect on the many reasons that you can go about doing just about anything you want to do. This is called FREEDOM! People have died for that cause so that you and the many other people throughout the free world can live without being suppressed.

On Memorial Day we also remember our local heroes, those first responders who have devoted their lives responding to other people’s emergencies and have answered their final alarm. Since Memorial Day 2020 we have lost the following firefighters from the South Amboy Fire Department:

- Wayne Olsen Protection Engine Co.
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Since last Memorial Day, the Sayreville Fire Department did not have a firefighter answer his final alarm and for this we thank God.

CROWNING MARY



Elizabeth Smetana crowns the Blessed Mother at a Rosary recitation and May Prayer service honoring Mary. The event was sponsored by the South Amboy Knights of Columbus and Columbiettes and held at the council hall. (Photo/Info by Steve Schmid)

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#1 Country Hits  
May 29

- 2000-The Way You Love Me-Faith Hill
- 1996-My Maria-Brooks & Dunn
- 1983-You Take Me For Granted-Merle Haggard
- 1970-My Love-Sonny James
- 1966-Distant Drums-Jim Reeves
- 1959-The Battle Of New Orleans-Johnny Horton

#1 Pop Hits-May 29

- 2002-Foolish-Ashanti
- 1997-MMMBop-Hanson
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Songs To The Blessed Mother

By Tom Burkard

If you happened to attend a Parochial/Catholic school back in the 1960’s, you probably remember the good sisters who taught you that May is the month of Mary, the Blessed Mother of Our Lord Jesus Christ. The crowning of a statue of Mary, with a crown made of real flowers, was an honor and tribute to her, and a daily event at St. Mary’s Grammar School during the entire month. When the crowner was about to place the crown upon Mary’s head, the sister or teacher would lead the class in singing “Oh Mary We Crown Thee,” and if you were there back then, the rest of the words to the song are probably going through your head right now...”with blossoms today, queen of the angels, queen of the May....In addition, a few other popular songs to our Blessed Mother back then were, “Hail Holy Queen Enthroned Above,” “Immaculate Mary,” “Ave Maria,” and “Hail Mary, Gentle Woman.”

From The Rock n Roll Archives



Tommy Shaw of Styx at the Count Basie Theatre. (Photo by Brian Stratton)



By Tom Burkard

Boys/Girls

- 1.Boys
- 2.Girls, Girls, Girls
- 3.The Boys Are Back In Town
- 4.Young Girl
- 5.The Boys Of Summer
- 6.Brown-Eyed Girl
- 7.The Boy I’m Gonna Marry
- 8.Girl Watcher
- 9.Soldier Boy
- 10.Image Of A Girl

- a.Gary Puckett/Union Gap
- b.The Beatles
- c.Van Morrison
- d.The Shirelles
- e.Thin Lizzy
- f.The O’Kaysions
- g.The Safaris
- h.Motley Crue
- i.Don Henley
- j.Darlene Love

Answers

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



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# WHAT IS IT?????

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton  
April What is it?



Can you identify this item? Hint it could be found on this month's vintage car. Looking for the name of the item sticking out. Send your answers to satimes@aol.com by June 14th.

Last month, the what is it, was an aluminum TV Dinner tray. Based on the number of responses from our readers, many a quick meal was eaten out of these. This particular tray was from a Swanson fried chicken dinner, the chicken went into the larger spot with mashed potatoes in the top right side, corn in the top left side and dessert of either a Brownie or the ever popular Apple Brown Betty in the small spot.

Those who correctly identified it were: Dennis Quinlan, Michael and Irene Kilcomons, Pete McIntyre, Joe Tortora, John Gelsinon, Adele O'Hara, Edna

Mazur Pilch, Chuck Pickard, John & JoAnn French, Laurie & Gary Loftus, Jack Piskorski, Keith Piskorski, Lorraine Krauss, Pat & Bill Scully, Mark Moniello, Bruce Grankowski, Marie English and Ed English, Marlene Letwinski, Betty Leveille, Steve Laskiewicz, Raymond Andrejewski, Alice Walsh, Mary Agnes Morris, Chelle Martin, Eleanore Westreholm, T.J. Albanese, Peggy and Steve Yuhas, Lynn Loy, Gary Feret, Karen Kieselowsky, John Meleski, Steve Villig, Anthony Carlo, Dane Colburn,

\*We inadvertently missed Dane Colburn's answer last month.



April What Is It?  
Swanson Fried Chicken TV Dinner Tray

## Dowdell Library June Programs

The school year is quickly coming to a close, which means summer is right around the corner! The summer library programs are planned and will kick off in July! Until then, stay busy with a variety of fun events scheduled for June!

Dennis and Maryanne have filmed a new Test Kitchen Episode where they share easy summer picnic recipes. Dennis shows us how to make a simple and refreshing bean salad while Maryanne whips up a festive no-bake flag cake. Watch the latest video on the Dowdell YouTube channel or find the link at dowdell.org.

Join us this month for Celebrity Storytime down at the Waterfront Park Gazebo! Our first outdoor Storytime will be held on Tuesday, June 22 (rain date June 29) from 11 am to 12:30 pm in the gazebo at the Waterfront Park. South Amboy's very own Zusette Dato, Deputy County Clerk, will be joining Ms. Maryanne for a family fun event! Seating under the pavilion is limited (but don't worry, there is plenty of room on the grass surrounding the gazebo!) We ask that you bring a beach towel to sit on and make social distancing easy! Future Storytime dates: Tuesday, July 13, (rain date July 20) featuring Glenn Skarzynski, South Amboy

Business Administrator, and Tuesday, August 10, (rain date August 17) featuring Suzanne Ryan as Mother Goose!

Stop by the library from June 1- 11 to pick up a Superhero Father's Day take-home craft! Have your child make a super sweet card for the special Father (figure) in his or her life. The craft is recommended for ages 0-12 while supplies last.

Dowdell Library is excited to share online virtual health programs in collaboration with Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital and RWJ Barnabas Health. June will feature sessions on keeping your skin healthy, chair yoga and guided meditation classes. If you are interested in these online events, please register by emailing Kathleen Johnson at kathleen.johnson@rwjbh.org.

Parents celebrate World Oceans Day with your child, and you can have a chance to win a new picture book. Please take a picture of your child helping the environment for World Oceans Day, whether collecting trash at the beach or recycling plastic. Send your photos in for a chance to win! Send your picture to comments@dowdell.org with your name and contact information. The contest will run for the whole month of June, and on July 1, we will pick a winner.





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## The Vintage Car Contest

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton



Does this car look familiar? We are looking for the make model and year (year does not have to be exact) for this particular example hint: look toward the back window. Send your answers to satimes@aol.com by June 14th

Last month the vintage car was a 1965 Ford Mustang. Introduced the year before as a 1964 1/2 model the Mustang is the car that started the pony car wars.

Those who correctly identified the car were: Michael and Irene Kilcomons, Edna Mazur Pilch, Vince Farina, John & JoAnn French, Laurie & Gary Loftus, Jack Piskorski, Keith Piskorski & Lorraine Krauss, Pat & Bill Scully, Mark Moniello,

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### April Vintage Car



1965 Ford Mustang

Welcome!



Proud Parents, Kyle & Lindsay Babulak welcomed their son Maverick into the world on 4/14/21. (Photo/Info Submitted)



On May 14th at 9:29 am, members of South Amboy FD responded to a house fire on Charles St. Crews made a quick entry, and knocked the fire down swiftly containing it to one room. SAFA responded and stood by the scene. No injuries were reported. The cause of the fire is under investigation by South Amboy Police and the Middlesex County Fire Marshal office. Sayreville FD stood by and covered the town. (Photo/Info by Jamie Norek)

South Amboy Arts Alliance

The South Amboy Arts Alliance believes that art has the power to ignite a flame in our hearts, transform our minds and reveal beauty and awe in the world to inspire awareness. Therefore, at this time, we are calling for original artwork that can help nurture healing and personal growth. Over these past months, artists created their means of surviving the social emotion strain which brought the world horror, pessimism and confusion. The South Amboy Arts Alliance is looking for original artwork created over the past year that shows a sacred place or one that became important to you or, perhaps, one that showed an act of kindness that brought hope, peace and a smile to one's face. South Amby Arts Alliance is a non-profit group that works with the City of South Amboy located in Middlesex County NJ. We are referred to as 'South Amboy Arts'.

We are seeking artwork to begin our next gallery and street art show. This show called 'Art on Broadway' is made possible by a grant from the Arts Institute of Middlesex

County. The works will be adjudicated by a professional artist and the entries will hang in the SA Gallery on Broadway for our Artsfest 2021. The winning entries will be reproduced on vinyl banners to hang throughout our city over the next several months.

Call for Public Art  
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South Amboy High School Prom



The South Amboy High School prom was held at the Grand Marquis in Old Bridge. Pictured (l-r) is the Royal Court Irene Amaya (Queen), Israel Simmons (King), Tatjana Roessle (Princess), Donovan Savage (Prince).

Congratulations!

Cecilia Alcantar (r), from South Amboy, a journalism major at Brookdale Community College, was one of eight Brookdale students honored with the Outstanding Student Award for academic excellence, community service, and personal accomplishments. (Photo/Info Submitted)



The wonderful advisors that made it all possible: Colleen Palmeri, Maureen Strzykalski, Nicole Navarria, Diane Smocovich and Sarah Spinapont. (Photos/info submitted)

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This is an original invitation to Saint Mary's High School Senior Prom which was held on May 28, 1948 at the Molly Pitcher in Red Bank. (Photos/info submitted)

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# The Local Sports Memory Machine

By Tom Burkard

## From The Youth League Archives



1959-The Knights of Columbus South Amboy Little League team featured many familiar names and faces. Standing in back, manager Tom Fitzmorris Sr. Top row (l-r) Jim Wallis, Tom Ploskonka, Rich O’Brien, Pete Check, Pete Waters, Fran Fitzmorris, Jimmy Coan, John Coan, Paul Edgecomb. Bottom row (l-r) Billy Desmond, Danny Cheeseman, Jimmy Cleary, Henry “Hank” Wojciechowski, Reggie Carney, Teddy Wallace, Joe Vail, Jack Brennan. (Photo/names courtesy of Fran Fitzmorris) \*Do any of our faithful SA Times readers have a photo from their Youth League team to share for the newspaper? Please let us know.

## Diamond Dust

1970

### South Amboy Men’s Senior Slow Pitch Softball League

English Chevron 12 Fritz’s Tavern 3-Winning pitcher Don Potts spun a 2-hitter, and Bob Kukulski laced 4 hits for the winners. Miller’s Deli 11 Roddy’s Tavern 10-Dave O’Reilly had 3 hits, and Jack Paro was the winning pitcher.

### Morgan AA Midget League

Bonieski Agency 9 Morgan Pharmacy 5-Winning pitcher Rich Peters struck out 12 and blasted a grand slam homer. Tom Weinman unloaded a grand slam home run for the Pharmacy.

Matty’s Auto Parts 6 Sayreville Esso 5-Ken Spiecker was the winning pitcher, and also added 2 hits and 2 rbi’s.

1971

### South Amboy Little Fellas League Opening Day

Enterprise 32 Modern Transportation 8-Dennis Quinlan blasted two 3-run homers to support winning pitcher Jack Conlon, who fired a 3-hitter and struck out 8.

Progressive 11 Jo-Tom’s 0-Winning pitcher Pat Eppinger tossed a 3-hitter and fanned 15, and also ripped 3 hits.

Weiss 6 Protection 1-Ace lefty George Bongiorno was the winning pitcher, twirling a 2-hitter, while striking out 17. Rich Miller belted a 2-run homer.

K of C 7 Lions 0-John Connors spun a beautiful no-hitter, while blazing his fastball by 15 Lions batters. Curt Jankowski laced 2 hits

1976

### South Amboy Little Fellas League

Protection 10 Jo-Tom’s 9-Chet Klein smacked 3 hits and drove in 5.

Parkway Fabricators 18 K of C 8-Buddy Walters and Tom Lewis stroked 3 hits apiece.

### South Amboy Midget League

Mets 10 Yanks 3-Mike Toth drilled 4 hits. Yanks 8 Pirates 1-Mike McQuade hammered 3 hits including 2 home runs and 3 rbi.

### South Amboy Babe Ruth League

South Amboy Trust 7 Boat Club 3-Ed O’Connor had a perfect 4-for-4 game for the winners.

Independence 4 Boat Club 1-Pitcher Tony Januszewski notched the big “W” for Independence.

### South Amboy Girls Senior Softball League

Braves 12 Dodgers 7-Patty McCabe ripped 5 hits and had 6 RBI to lead the Braves to the Senior League championship.

### South Amboy Girls Junior Softball League

Jets 9 Indians 0-In the first game of the playoffs, Kim Kuzma tossed a 3-hit shutout for the victory.

## Glory Days In Local Sports

1948-St. Mary’s belted Perth Amboy St. Mary’s, 9-3 as Ray Stockton notched the victory. Ed O’Brien and Steve Malik stroked 2 hits apiece...1950-Hoffman, behind winning pitcher Bill Bouchard, shutout Keyport, 6-0. Bouchard fired a 5-hitter and struck out 6, while having a perfect 3-for-3 day with 2 singles, a double, and 2 rbi. John Kovaleski laced 2 hits and drove in 2, and Jerry Covell added a double...1967-Hoffman stopped South River, 4-3 behind winning pitcher Billy Clayton, who struck out 13, and also belted 2 doubles and drove in a run. Clayton held the great Joe Theismann to an 0-for-5 game...1976-The Eagles ripped St. Mary’s of Elizabeth, 10-5 behind winning pitcher Mike Grimley. Mike Mazzaroni blasted 2 triples and knocked in a run...1985-Hoffman destroyed Dunellen, 13-4. Winning pitcher

Scott Gumprecht fanned 11. Freshman Billy Moskal drilled 3 hits including a triple and 2 rbi. Steve Chrzaszcz and Tom Skarzynski knocked in 2 runs apiece...1998-Sayreville girls softball squad, behind winning pitcher Diane Catalano, shutout Hightstown, 7-0 in the 1st round of the Hightstown Tournament. Lauren Switzer went 2-for-4 with an rbi double, Brenda Shaver and Jennifer Marshall added an rbi each...2002-Old Bridge nipped Sayreville, 5-4 in a 1st round GMCT girls softball contest. Melissa Braun and Sarah Dovidauskas had 2 hits and an RBI apiece...2011-The Bombers baseball team defeated Edison, 4-2, as winning pitcher Scott Griffin spun a 6-hitter and whiffed 6. Christian Campbell blasted a solo home run, and Nick Ungando went 2-for-3 with a solo homer and 2 rbi.

## 15 Years Ago

## South Amboy Guvs Perfect In CJ Group I

By Tom Burkard



2006-Central Jersey Group 1 Champions- The South Amboy Governors captured the CJ title by beating Keansburg 8-0. Pictured: Front row (l-r) Bryan Klein, Mike DeJoy, Joe Tarallo, Brian Seres, Joe Bongiorno, Kyle Blum, Eric Oppenheimer. Back row (l-r) Assistant Coach, John Schnyderite, Steven Poltrictzky, Tom Szatkowski, Kyle Ravaoli, Jared Mundy, John Winkler, Joe Bartlinski, Billy Wanko, Assistant Coach, Dan Poulsen, John Cooney, Assistant Coach, Greg Castello and Head Coach Denis Bourgeau. (Photo by Brian Stratton)

Joe Bartlinski, South Amboy High’s senior pitching sensation, fired the first perfect game in the history of South Amboy high schools, as he led the Guvs to an 8-0 triumph over Keansburg in the Central Jersey Group I championship game! The Purple & Gold, in winning the crown for the first time since 1987, also received a huge offensive game from superstar, and county batting champion, junior Brian Seres, who blasted two no-doubt about-it home runs, the first, a grand slam in the second inning, and also a 3-run shot in the fourth, accounting for an incredible 7 RBI!

In the bottom of the fourth inning with South Amboy holding an 8-0 lead, right after Seres’ second homer, the weather gods started playing a game of their own.

There was lightning and a loud roar of thunder, so the umpires halted play for the mandatory 30 minutes to see if the weather improved. After 20 minutes, players and fans were getting anxious to resume play, but another thunder boom was heard, and the

umpires had to extend the wait for another half hour. At this point, many fans were saying that they hoped the game would resume and not be called before it was official, so Seres’ 2 homers and 7 RBI would not be wasted. Only one fan realized at the time that Bartlinski was working on a perfect game. Fortunately, the baseball gods convinced the weather gods to turn their frowns to smiles, and hold off for the completion of the most PERFECT game in high school baseball history in South Amboy.

South Amboy also received plenty of support from Joe Tarallo, who made two outstanding catches in center field to save Bartlinski’s masterpiece. In the fourth, he was running at top speed to make a sensational catch on a drive to the fence in centerfield. He also came charging in to rob a Keansburg player of a bloop hit in the sixth inning. Tarallo turned in a fine 3-for-4 game with 2 runs scored. Jared Mundy stroked 2 hits and stole a base, and Billy Wanko hit the ball hard, and was 2-for-3 with an RBI.

## Big League News

(As of May 13)

### Bielak Pitched Against Yankees

Sayreville’s Brandon Bielak, pitching for the Houston Astros MLB club, had a chance to actually live a dream most young boys dream of-- pitching at Yankee Stadium! He relieved against the powerful New York Yankee team, hurling 1.2 innings, allowing 2 hits, and 2 earned runs, while striking out 1 batter, the talented DJ Le Mahieu, but was unfortunately tagged with the loss...In his next appearance against the Los Angeles Angels, he picked up the victory with a strong relief performance in 3 ½ innings, striking out 2, including Angels star Shoei Ohtani, as the Astros romped 9-1.

So far this season, Bielak has pitched in 8 games, totaling 18.1 innings, struck out 14, walked 6, and has an ERA of 4.91. His record is (2-2).

## T.H.E. Game

Year-1985

### Sport-Girls Softball

Teams-St. Mary’s (1-0) vs. Hoffman (4-0), Game 1 of the City Series.

Recap-Winning pitcher Jean O’Toole tossed a 4-hitter and smashed a two-base hit. Janice Reilly drove in 3 runs, soph Veronica Wykpisz ripped 3 hits and had 2 rbi, and Jill Carew added a double for the Saints. Tricia Popowski blasted a bases-loaded triple and single.

Co-Players-of-the-Game-Jean O’Toole, Janice Reilly, and Veronica Wykpisz.

## 15 Years Ago

2006-Parlin’s Kevin Mulvey was selected by the New York Mets Major League Baseball (MLB) Club, as their top draft pick in the 2nd round, the 62nd player chosen in the MLB Draft. His selection was the earliest ever for a Sayreville/South Amboy resident.

## Kathleen Morgan Named Middlesex College Alumna of the Year

Kathleen Morgan has taught over 365 classes to more than 9,000 students. She has won 12 national awards, and 18 state and regional awards for leadership and work in the health sciences and related disciplines. She is the author of 26 articles, developed more than 30 Cooperative Education publications, and has led numerous professional associations.

She was nominated for the Alumni award by Mary-Pat Maciolek, chair of the Hospitality, Culinary Arts, and Dietetics Department at Middlesex College.

“Any conversation with Kathleen reveals that without the education and encouragement she received at Middlesex College, she would not be where she is today,” Dr. Maciolek said. “Her career is a testament to the mission, vision, and values of the College, for it remains an integral part of who Kathleen is, and what she has accomplished.”

Indeed. Dr. Morgan has accomplished a great deal, including promoting good nutrition in her kids. She’s afraid, however, that lesson may not have fully stuck.

“When my oldest went off to college, he said, ‘You’re not going to know what I eat!’,” she said with a laugh.



Kathleen Morgan



Gregory Wyzykowski Head Men’s and Women’s Tennis Coach at Baruch College recently served as the NCAA Division III Regional Representative for the NCAA matches at Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore Maryland. (Photo/Info Submitted)

Prayer to St. Therese  
St. Therese, the little Flower, please pick me a rose from the Heavenly Garden and send it to me with a message of love. Ask God to grant me the favor I thee implore and tell him I will love him each day more and more. -L.E.






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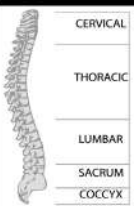
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*The Spinal Column*  
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**Avoid Injury While Enjoying Golf**

Most golf injuries are related to the swing. The most common injuries are to the lower back, and for right handed people, the left wrist, followed by the left hand, left shoulder and left knee. Left handed people would be the opposite; the right wrist, followed by the right hand, right shoulder and right knee. Sprains, strains and tendonitis are the most common complaints.

Injuries can be prevented or minimized with proper preparation. Following are some simple steps to take to avoid injury and enjoy golf to its fullest:

1. Ask your Chiropractor about a conditioning program to strengthen and stretch the muscles used in the golf swing.
2. Use the expertise of your local golf pro. He can ensure that your swing is mechanically correct. Improper swing mechanics are the most common cause of golf injuries.
3. Make sure your clubs fit your body. Clubs are like shoes; if you don't buy the right size your body will suffer the consequences.
4. If you walk the course rather than ride, don't carry your golf bag. Carrying a bag, even the lightweight styles; add extra strain on your body. Use a pull-cart. Those golfers with back problems might try pushing the cart rather than pulling it, this will reduce the rotational strain on your lower back.
5. Don't forget the simple things such as bending your knees to pick up the golf ball.
6. If you injure yourself, stop playing and consult your Chiropractor as soon as possible.
7. Have fun! Too many golfers take the game too seriously. Remember, the game is supposed to relieve stress, not create it.

**Fishing Flashes**

By Teo "Weebles" Weber



**Salt Water**

The big news is that the Bluefish have arrived. There were a few south of us, but Bluefish and some big ones were caught in the surf. Then they were over the back bay and ocean areas. Now they are all over Raritan Bay. I saw several 3 to 5 pound Blues caught at Cliffwood Beach. Striped Bass is now the fish to go after. Shore fishing has gotten better so much so that it has come to the attention of the game wardens. I saw pictures of a big bust that they made at Cheesecake Creek where they nabbed several people keeping shorts and fishing over the limit. They had at least 15 Bass. Their Tackle was confiscated and tickets were issued. So, fisherman beware, you could be next if you do not heed the law! Surf fishing is mostly Striped Bass and Bluefish. At LBI there are also a few Kingfish and a few Black Drum. To add some variety even a few out of season Fluke are being caught. Party boat fishing is still Blackfish and Ling. The season on Blackfish will end but Seabass will take up the slack when the season opens along with Fluke.

**Fresh Water**

The Shad run is in full swing in the Delaware River. Trout fishing is also good. My wife and I went fishing on the Pequest River at the end of April and we landed 3 Trout. They were rising all over but hard to catch. A week later we tried at the North Branch at Far Hills for an hour or two but did nothing. We returned to the Pequest in early May in the afternoon. All I did was miss and lose anything I hooked. She caught her limit of 6 with 2 big Rainbows at 18 inches. We again went to the same spot 2 weeks later and both limited out with nice Rainbow Trout with 2 large fish at 15 and 18 inches.

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## The New Norm for Passing Time

**By Elaine Holton Scott**

Okay, let's try to figure this out. First, let's keep the name of the "Provider" private, not to protect the innocent but to protect me from the guilty. In the 1980's, the "Provider" company got permission from our government to dig their cables below ground on private property. At that time, I was living on Embroidery Street in the Green Acres Development off Washington Road and watched as they dug the holes into my grass covered lawn to run their cable under my driveway. At that time, I, as well as so many other TV viewers, had no intention whatsoever to pay for something we had been getting for free for 30 plus years. Raised by the survivors of the Great Depression, from the moment of our birth, we had grown up having the value of every single penny ingrained into our psyches. "Shut the light off and stop wasting electricity!"; "Money doesn't grow on trees!"; What...do you think we're made of money?!"; Clean your plate! "Kids in the world are starving" are just a few of the many "lessons" most of us had learned throughout our formative years. Later, our ears would hear the same words coming from our own mouths. So, we were "hard nuts to crack" when it came to spending "good money" when none needed to be spent. Ah, but that doesn't mean we didn't spend money, as most of us had spent lots of it. The old axioms we continued to spout should have included another one..."Do as I say, not as I do." Actually, all of us who had been formed subliminally by the commercials on television were "infected" with the "I Want Syndrome." Our children, then, grew up with the "I Want Even More Syndrome," and that included more television channels...but most of all, MTV, which clinched the deal.

My first commercial-free cable bill was around 10 bucks and it included not only MTV but also a ton of commercials which increased faster than breeding rabbits. Within a few months, my cable bill also increased



to a few cents short of 11 bucks. Through the ensuing years, the bills for "Providers" never stopped getting larger and larger until, when you think about it, they are becoming so high now they seem obscene. As for free television viewing, it has long been put into the same category as rotary phones, cassette tapes, and movie rental businesses.

My “Provider” bill has recently increased again. Greed for more profit comes at a very bad time for many Americans. For over a year, we have existed in a Pandemic environment. Thousands and thousands of people have died...so many people have lost their jobs, and so many people, sadly including our youth, are committing suicide. Yet, all necessities, like food and fuel, have been drastically increasing in cost. Don't you think this is super bad timing for “Providers” to jump on the bandwagon and charge us more??? Lately, they also have us paying for channels in the “packages” we had chosen, then, have those same channels offer new shows for extra money??? These new channels within channels all have a + sign after them. That + sign to the Provider means more shows, to viewers it also means more money equating to a higher Provider bill.

During this very long and seemingly far from over Pandemic, more people have been turning to their television sets from boredom and loneliness than ever before. Turning on the TV set upon awakening has become standard to many of us...a gesture much like welcoming an old friend into the house to keep us company to combat the silence. Not able to go see a new movie playing in theaters, it's not surprising to know movie rental bills have increased drastically, thereby adding to an already bloated Provider bill. Maybe, just maybe, our bills for at-home "entertainment" would be worth it if we were given more shows which "entertain" instead of an unending list of crappy, inappropriate shows which not only don't entertain, many of them are extremely offensive in their total lack of morality. So, as life struggles to inch its way to a "new norm," and we continue being careful of infecting or getting infected by Covid-19 (unfortunately the vaccines aren't 100% effective), we can always ease our boredom by watching old, mostly black and white TV shows to pass the time...you know, those old television shows we used to watch for free in that now long ago pre-Provider time of life.

\*\*\*A special hello to an old friend, classmate, and fellow (former) writer for the SATimes, Fran Fitzmorris. I hope you and your wife, Elaine, are doing well and keeping safe. Miss you, Franny!

# Congratulations



Novena Prayer to St. Anthony of Padua

O Holy St. Anthony, gentlest of Saints, your love for God and charity for His creatures, made you worthy, when on earth, to possess miraculous powers. Miracles waited on your word, which you were ever ready to speak for those in trouble or anxiety. Encouraged by this thought, I import you to obtain for me (request). The answer to my prayer may require a miracle. Even so, you are the Saint of Miracles. O gentle and loving St. Anthony, whose heart was ever full of human sympathy, whisper my petition into the ears of Sweet Infant Jesus, who loved to be folded in your arms; and the gratitude of my heart will ever be yours. Amen. Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be. -M.S. & S.S.-N.P.



**PRAYER TO THE BLESSED MOTHER**

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

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By Tom Burkard



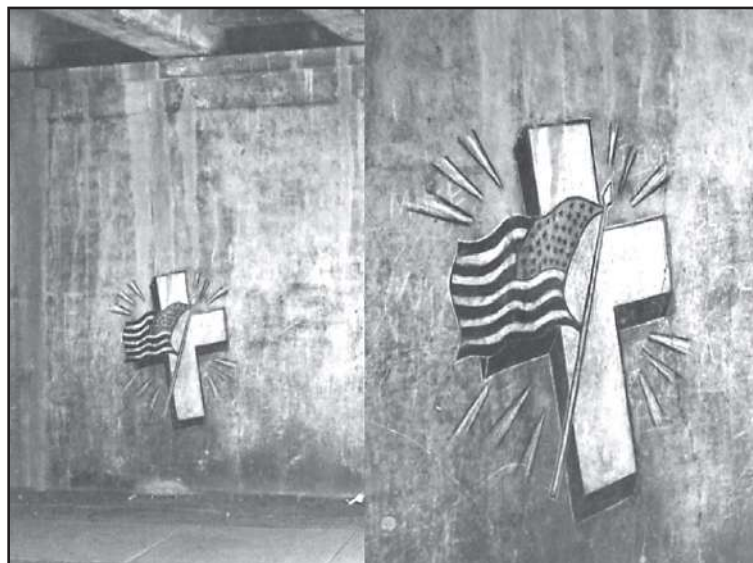
## WWW.? Winners April

The winners for April identified a painting under the bridge on Bordentown Ave. below the Rt. 35 South overpass. The winners were: Dennis Quinlan, John Gelsinon, Chuck Pickard, James Sissick, Joan Gorczyca, Laurie & Gary Loftus, Jack Piskorski, Keith Piskorski & Lorraine Krauss, John Harris, Pat & Bill Scully, Pete McIntyre, Don Zrebiec, Lu Anne Toye, Marie English and Ed English, Marlene Letwenski, Betty Leveille, Steve

Laskiewicz, Steve Laskiewicz, John Starzynski, Lori (Hann) Rogich, Mary Agnes Morris, Eleanore Westreholm, T.J. Albanese, Ken Stolte, Peggy and Steve Yuhas, Barb Bockus, Lisa Grankowski, Jessica Lopez,

Incorrect answers Raritan St under Route 9; the Hole in the Wall.

\*We inadvertently missed Dane Colburn's answer last month.



## LETTERS

## Letter to the Editor,

I was pleased to see this flag photo in your paper. I passed it daily coming and going to school and other areas in South Amboy such as Foodtown, Frog Hollow or anywhere else I may have visited. It was located on the underpass part of a bridge that spanned Rt. 35 over Bordentown Ave. To me it was an iconic part of my childhood. I wish it was still a part of the underpass. It is important to state that this beautiful drawing was never vandalized.

**Lu Anne Teye**  
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(Article submitted)

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## Candybars

By Al Gomolka Jr.  
Times Poet Laureate  
c.1998

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of the beholder  
How the taste buds  
remember:

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Charleston Chew,  
Clark Bar, Baby Ruth,  
Peanut Roll, Dove Bar,  
Three Musketeers,  
\$100 Grand Bar,  
Sweet Escape,  
Mars Bar, Milky Way,  
Snickers, Dream Bar,  
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Coconut Roll, Scooter Pie,  
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Necco Roll, Nestle's Bar,  
Nestle's Crunch, Tootsie Roll,  
And, my all-time favorite,  
the Skybar.

What would childhood be  
without candy bars?

## Kindergarten & Preschool Registration

Kindergarten and Preschool registration for the 2021-22 School Year for South Amboy Public Schools is now open. South Amboy Public Schools will continue with our partnership with Acelero Learning of Monmouth and Middlesex County to expand our class offering to five preschool classrooms. Space is limited and registrations will be done completely online to minimize the possible exposure of COVID-19.

Our preschool program is a full day program which is free to all residents in the City of South Amboy. Students work with the Tools of the Mind curriculum to develop crucial literacy skills, but also engage in thematic play to grow their social, emotional, and developmental needs. Our Kindergarten program is also a full day program which is free to all residents in the City of South

Amboy. Students work with the classroom teachers to expand their knowledge of literacy through the Fountas and Pinnell Classroom system and develop essential math concepts through Ready Classroom.

To be eligible for our Preschool program children must be four (4) years of age on or before October 31, 2021, and to be eligible for our Kindergarten program children must be five (5) years of age on or before October 31, 2021. For information about registration please call Amy Wolfe (732) 525-2118 extension 2221 or email her at [awolfe@sapublicschools.com](mailto:awolfe@sapublicschools.com). To learn more about the program or to download registration items, please go to the Early Childhood Page at [http://www.sapublicschools.com/departments/early\\_childhood\\_education](http://www.sapublicschools.com/departments/early_childhood_education).



## Stockton University and Middlesex College Sign Transfer Partnership Agreement

Stockton University has signed a dual admission and transfer partnership agreement with Middlesex College that will help students make a smooth transition from the two-year college to Stockton's bachelor's degree program.

The five-year agreement strengthens the relationship between Stockton and Middlesex College by offering multiple opportunities for students to seamlessly pursue associate and bachelor's degrees at the two institutions of higher education.

Stockton President Harvey Kesselman said the agreement will give students access to Stockton University services while they attend Middlesex College, and provide a smooth pathway to Stockton as juniors after they earn their associate degree.

"More than 300 students from Middlesex County already attend Stockton," Dr. Kesselman said. "This program will give even more students the confidence of knowing they are on the path to a four-year college degree."

Stockton Chief Enrollment Management Officer Robert Heinrich said the Transfer Pathways program gives students dual admission options, including access to Stockton University services while they attend Middlesex College.

"If a student applies to Stockton but is not initially accepted as a freshman, through the Transfer Pathways program we offer the opportunity for conditional acceptance if they start at Middlesex College," Heinrich said. "If students are already enrolled at Middlesex, they can apply for conditional acceptance at Stockton while they work toward their associate degree."

Linda Scherr, vice president for academic affairs at Middlesex College, said she was very pleased about the initiative.

"We are proud to partner with Stockton University to provide another excellent pathway for Middlesex College graduates to earn a bachelor's degree from one of the top public universities in the Northeast," she said.

Middlesex College President Mark McCormick agreed. "Middlesex College is very pleased to partner with Stockton University to provide expanded transfer opportunities for our graduates," he said. "Our institutions share the same values – offering quality higher education at an affordable cost in a student-centered environment of exceptional teaching and learning."

The terms of the agreement include: Students who are denied direct admission to Stockton can receive conditional dual admission in partnership with Middlesex College. Students will attend classes at Middlesex College but have access to campus housing, activities and student groups at Stockton and receive a special Stockton Identification card through its Transfer Pathways program.

Students who successfully complete their associate degree at Middlesex College can automatically transfer to Stockton with junior standing to complete their bachelor's degree. Application fees to Stockton will be waived for eligible students.

Students who complete at least 36 credits at Middlesex College, and a total of 64 credits between the county college and the four-year institution, are eligible to receive a retroactive associate degree from Middlesex College. Stockton and Middlesex College will co-host "reverse transfer" information sessions for students.

Stockton and Middlesex College will develop specific program-to-program articulation agreements for high-demand majors to facilitate the quality and ease of transfer.

Students will receive joint advising from both institutions and a Stockton advisor will have office space and a regular schedule at Middlesex College.

Students will be eligible for financial aid from whichever institution they are attending. Stockton will provide five one-year scholarships of \$2,000 per year to Middlesex College graduates whose admission to Stockton is covered by the agreement.

Stockton and Middlesex College will establish an advisory committee to ensure best practices in recruitment, enrollment management, academic and student services, information technology, marketing and facilities use.

Stockton already has similar agreements with Atlantic Cape Community College, Brookdale Community College, Camden County College, Mercer County Community College, County College of Morris, Ocean County College, Rowan College of South Jersey, Rowan College at Burlington County, and Salem Community College and is pursuing additional partnerships with other community colleges in the state.

## St. Stan's School

(Photos/Info Submitted)



Det. Juan Rodriguez, from the Juvenile Aid Bureau of the Sayreville Police Department, provides a presentation on Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying to the middle school students at St. Stan's.



St. Stan's first grade students and teacher, Ms. Danielle Brkaric, wear Conrail masks after learning about the past and present of Sayreville's railroad provided by Mr. Brian Taylor, an employee of Conrail and parent at St. Stan's School.



St. Stan's second grade students smile pretty on their First Holy Communion Day on May 1st. Pictured from left to right are Ella Poulsen, Ophelia Valetutto, and Emma Guijo. (Photo by Lori Hodder)



Pre-K and Kindergarten students gather around Farmer Steve of Happy Trails Pony Rides and Petting Farm as he holds Daisy the duck during St. Stan's School's Annual Field Day.



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**Michael “Mike” Havlusch**

Michael Havlusch, 74, of Ocean Township, passed away peacefully on May 13 at Jersey Shore University Medical Center. He was born in Perth Amboy to the late Walter Havlusch & Margaret Dobrenic Havlusch. He moved to South Amboy where he became a life member of Protection Fire Company - Engine 6 of South Amboy and a member of the South Amboy First Aid Squad. In the late 1970's Michael moved down the shore, living in Belmar before moving to Ocean Township. He retired a member of Teamsters Local 469 and found enjoyment fishing, cooking ribs at the firehouse, and helping others.

Michael was predeceased by his sister-in-law Cathy Avallone Havlusch. He is survived by his brother Gregory Sr. of Ocean Township, NJ, sister and brother-in-law Micheline and John Madura of Old Bridge, NJ and nephew Gregory Jr. of Deerfield Beach, FL.

A private memorial service was held for the immediate family.



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**My How**  
By Al Gomolka Jr.  
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T's a life of suffering  
Embrace it with your soul  
Through our hectic shuffling  
Oh, how it takes its toll...  
But even in the worst of times  
We've much to be thankful for  
In sight of love, my remedy of rhymes  
And look up... there's something more.

**PRAYER TO ST. ANTHONY**

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

**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 -MJC & EMP..

In Memoriam

Judith Kryzkowski, 83, of Sayreville died on April 26. She worked at Hercules, Inc. for many years, and was also the Membership Chairperson for the Sayreville Senior Citizens Thursday Club. Geraldine “Geri,” 78, of South Amboy died on May 7. She spent her career in modeling, and did many shows and makeup artist work on many famous people. Later she became the Chief of Staff at Barbizon School in Highland Park and Montclair. She also owned the Gilbert Skin & Beauty Care Center in Somerville.

Michael R. Kelly

Michael R. Kelly, 65, of Parlin died on Saturday April 24, 2021 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy. Born in Jersey City he was raised in Parlin and moved to Gibsonton, Florida before returning to Parlin. He was the owner of MRK Concessions, Parlin. While living in Florida, he was very active with the carnival community as well as generous in donating his time to the Shriners for Children and the Masonic Lodge. Son of the late Edward H. Kelly he is also predeceased by his wife Colleen M. Solden Kelly in 2006 and his brother Edward J. Kelly in 1973. He is survived by his mother Mildred McGovern Kelly of Parlin; his sisters Patricia Kelly of Parlin and Kathleen Stark of Tinton Falls; his stepson Anthony Angotti and several nieces and nephews. Cremation was private under the direction of The Gundrum Service “Home For Funerals” 237 Bordentown Avenue, South Amboy.

Ursula Jagusch Kenny

Urusla Jagusch Kenny, 88, of South Amboy died on Saturday May 8, 2021 at JFK Medical Center, Edison. Born in Stuttgart, Germany she moved to the United States 70 years ago. A member of St. Mary’s R.C. Church, South Amboy, she enjoyed playing LCR and spending time with friends and family. Daughter of the late Robert and Anna Jagusch she is also predeceased by her husband Eugene A. Kenny in 1990; her siblings Horst, Fritz and Hans and her dear friend Hilda Nebus. She is survived by her sons Peter and Dean Kenny and many nieces and nephews. A memorial service was held on Friday May 14, 2021 at 6:30pm at The Gundrum Service “Home For Funerals” 237 Bordentown Avenue, South Amboy. Cremation was private. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to South Amboy First Aid Squad, PO Box 328, South Amboy, NJ 08879

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. -R.S., A.S., H.S., L.S., L.P, EP. .

Obituaries

Algerio, Donna Mae G., 70, of South Amboy died on April 27. Bishop, George “Skipper” Jr., 65, of South Amboy died on May 5. Buickerood, Lester B. 100, of South Amboy, died May 15. Cumber, John, 81, of South Amboy died on May 8. Hanns, Ruth, 91, of South Amboy died on May 12. Hatter, Donald F., 82, of Parlin died on April 21. Havlusch, Michael “Mike,” 74, formerly of South Amboy died on May 13. Kelly, Michael R, 65, of Parlin, died April 24. Kenny, Ursula Jagusch, 88, of South Amboy died on May 8. Kerekes, Geraldine A. “Geri,” 78, of South Amboy died on May 7. Krainski, Michael, 60, of Sayreville died on April 27. Kryzkowski, Judith W., 83, of Sayreville died on April 26. Lagriola, Christina, 38, of South Amboy died on April 23. Lyons, Patricia J. Hendricks, 89, formerly of South Amboy died on May 1. Manion, Nancy Talbot, 69, of Morgan died on May 15. McLarney, Michael, formerly of Sayreville died on April 27. Menafro, Vincenzo M., 81, of South Amboy died on April 28. Mottley, Beth Ann Griffiths, 69, of Parlin died on May 16. Mrvicin, Shawn, 62, of South Amboy died on May 6. Murphy, Robert “Bob,” 54, of South Amboy died on May 9. Nelson, Roger L., 74, of Parlin died on April 27. Oleksza, Linda A. Schenkel, 56, formerly of Sayreville died on May 6. Padgett, Samuel J., 90, of South Amboy died on April 24. Rotondo, Gloria Frances (DeLucia), 95, formerly of Sayreville, died April 29. Salazar, Norma, 79, of South Amboy died on May 3. Sanders, Ronald J., 71, of Sayreville died on April 28. Speiser, Colleen, 66, of Sayreville died on May 1. Valentine, Raymond P., 94, of Sayreville died on May 1. Velez, Maria C., 79, of Parlin died on April 30. Zagata, Judd T., 32, of Sayreville died on April 22.

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 -BS, PS, MM, ML.

Prayer to St. Therese

St. Therese, the little Flower, please pick me a rose from the Heavenly Garden and send it to me with a message of love. Ask God to grant me the favor I thee implore and tell him I will love him each day more and more. -MS, SS, SP, NP

In Remembrance



In Loving Memory of Louis Kwiatek Jr. 10/1/1967- 05/2/1996

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American Legion Luke A. Lovely Post #62 of South Amboy members are pictured at St. Mary's Cemetery prior to placing new flags on the graves of all deceased veterans to remember and honor them for their service to the United States of America. Pictured (l-r) Bob Moglia, Tom Noble, Bill Tierney, Commander Bob "Zak" Sekerak, Bill Garnett, Joe Crowe. (Photo by Tom Burkard)



Annual National Police Memorial Week is held every year in the second week of May. This year it was May 9th through the 15th. South Amboy PBA Local 63 and the South Amboy Police Dept. usually holds their annual memorial service during this week but due to Covid-19 precautions the service was cancelled. PBA members placed a wreath honoring all deceased members of SAPD and commemorating law enforcement officers that have died in the line of duty nationwide. (Photo/Info by Jamie Norek)

**Flag Day**

(Article submitted)

The 4th Degree Assembly 0670 of the Knights Of Columbus will be holding its annual Flag Day ceremony. It will be held on Sat. June 12th in the parking lot of St. Stanislaus Kostka Church, located at 225 MacArthur Ave. Sayreville .

The time is 10:30 a.m. We will be honoring Our Nation's Flag, plus we also honor our Veterans who fought and are still fighting to protect the freedoms we have. Light refreshments will be served afterwards. So, please join us.



**What is Memorial Day**

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

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