



FEMA Center Closed

The Sayreville Disaster Recovery Center, which was located at 423 Main St., closed on Saturday, Feb. 9th at 4 p.m. Anyone who has questions for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) can go to any other Disaster Recovery Center that is open in the state, or call 800-621-3362.

PBA Donates \$5,000

Sayreville PBA Local 98 donated a \$5,000 check to the Sayreville Storm Relief Fund recently. The check was presented to Borough Council President Dan Buchanan by PBA President David Sivilli.



Clem Skarzynski (r), organizer of the "Songs For Sayreville" fundraiser for Hurricane Sandy victims, proudly presents a check for \$8,061 from the event to Borough of Sayreville CFO Wayne Kronowski at the Borough Hall. Congratulations Clem and everyone for making this event a huge success! See complete coverage on pages 20, 21, 25. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

Samsel Upper Elementary Wins Award

Samsel Upper Elementary School (SUES) Green Team won a New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Institution Award for Outstanding Achievement in Recycling. The team came up with innovative recycling programs such as gathering 50,000 bottle caps, and most recently has collected over 400,000 soda tabs for recycling. In addition, the Green Team had a Capri Sun juice box collection, a contest to see which lunch period had the least waste, and a rainwater-collecting barrel, from which the students used for watering plants on the school grounds. Congratulations on your great accomplishment!

St. Patrick's Parade Route

The South Amboy St. Patrick's Parade steps off at 2 p.m. on Sat., March 9 on South Pine Ave. It will proceed down Bordentown Ave. and turn left onto South Stevens Ave., travel to Main St., make a right at the traffic light, go down to the next traffic light, and make a right onto North Broadway. The parade ends at the reviewing stand on Broadway.

Sayreville March Of Dimes Gets \$10,000 Grant

The Horizon Foundation for New Jersey awarded a grant for \$10,000 to the March of Dimes Birth Defects National Foundation, New Jersey Chapter in Sayreville. A total of 49 grants were awarded to non-profit groups during the fourth quarter of 2012, totaling \$939,000.

Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 is holding its annual Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner, Saturday, March 9 at the Council Home, 308 Fourth St., South Amboy following the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Cost is \$8. Sandwiches and takeouts are also available. For more info call 732-721-2025 or 732-727-1707.



This year's South Amboy St. Patrick's Parade Honorees pose for a photo during Grand Marshal night at the AOH hall. (l-r) Bert Baron, special honored guest, James "Jamie" Downey, Grand Marshal and Ronald Rios, Honorary Grand Marshal. (Photo by Brian Stratton)

St. Patrick's Day Parade 2013 / Tip-a-Pint Night

The smell of corned beef and soda bread is in the air and that can only mean one thing. It's time for the city of South Amboy to put the finishing touches on plans for the city's annual St. Patrick's Day Parade. This year's St. Patty's Day Parade will be held

on Saturday March 9th and will step off at 2:00PM. A major parade fundraiser, the popular "Tip-A-Pint Night" will be held on Wednesday, March 6th from 7-10PM at the Munk-ee Bar, 113 S. Feltus Street in South

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The Sayreville Bomber boys bowling team captured the Group III State Championship and also the TOC and finished the season as the #1 team in the state. (Photo by Brian Stratton)

Sayreville Boys Bowlers #1 In N.J.

By Tom Burkard

The Sayreville Bombers boys' bowling team solidified its #1 state ranking by rolling to the NJSIAA Group 3 state championship, and then capturing the prestigious Tournament of Champions (TOC) by defeating Group 2 champion Ewing, and Group 4 champ, Jackson Memorial in the final best of 5 series.

To start the memorable day off, Sayreville racked up 3,152 pins to win the Group 3 title over 2nd place Linden who notched

3,085. In the final, superstar Jay Ciszewski bowled an incredible, perfect 300 game, (the 6th of his career) to lead the Blue and Gray, and finish the series with a lofty 795, the top score in Group 3 competition. The Bombers balanced attack also featured fine performances by Mike Bernstein 611, Kevin Nettler 579, Mike Danchisko 579, and A.J. Angotti 579.

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The Cardinal McCarrick girls varsity bowling team, Group 1 Champions! (Photo by Brian Stratton)

Cardinal McCarrick Wins State Title

By Tom Burkard

Cardinal McCarrick amazing girls' bowling team rolled to its second consecutive NJSIAA Group I championship, by turning in a strong third and deciding game score of 961 to hold off a determined Carteret team, 2,995-2,912. Katie Latham, the Blue & Gold's top bowler came up big in the final game with a 278, the second highest score in the state finals.

CM qualified for the Tournament of Champions (TOC), but bowed to Brick Township, 3-1 while using the Baker Format.

Congratulations to Coach Maureen Jones, and her group of talented, hard-working, and dedicated team on a truly exciting and successful season!

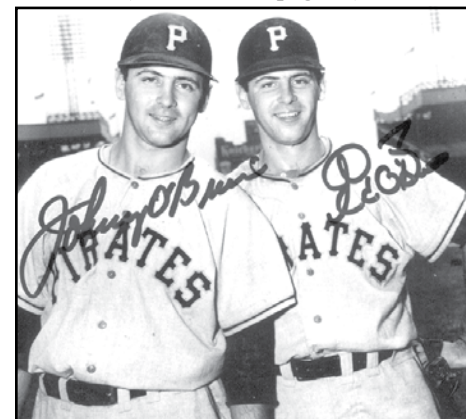
O'Brien Twins Selected To Hall Of Fame

By Tom Burkard

The O'Brien twins, John and Ed were recently selected to the All American Amateur Baseball Association (AAABA) Hall of Fame. The talented brothers played for South Amboy in the 1948 AAABA tournament at Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

Jay Elliot, the Third Vice President of AAABA, at the recommendation of South Amboy Councilman "Mickey" Gross, sent the O'Brien bios to the Hall of Fame

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South Amboy's legendary O'Brien Twins, Ed and John have been recently selected to the All-American Amateur Baseball Association (AAABA) Hall of Fame. Induction will take place in August at Johnstown, Pennsylvania.



Jennifer O'Neill (r), owner of J. O'Neill's Place in Sayreville was selected The South Amboy Irish American Association's 2013 Irish Person of the Year for her charitable work during Hurricane Sandy and also for her many years with the Sayreville BIC. Jennifer's husband, Ryan O'Neill (l) proudly looks on. Congratulations, Jennifer! (Photo/info submitted)

Larkin Honored By City Of South Amboy

The City of South Amboy honored firefighter Lois Larkin for 25 years of service to the community. Lois, who is South Amboy's first female firefighter has spent her entire tenure with Independence Fire Co. Congratulations Lois, and thank you for your dedication!

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Talk Of The Towns

By Tom Burkard

Adams Wins Geography Bee

Sayreville Middle School seventh-grader Robert Adams won the school's 2013 Geography Bee. Congratulations, Robert!

In Memoriam

Daniel Lucevich, 23, of Perth Amboy died on Jan. 16. He was the nephew of Alex and Alexandra Panko, owners of Peter Pank Diner in Sayreville, and worked at the Pank for many years. Alice Zdzienicki, of Sayreville died on Jan. 18. She retired as Vice President of Amboy Bank, where she worked for over 30 years. Mary Lovely Hayden, 87, formerly of South Amboy died on Jan. 20. She was a member/Past President of the South Amboy Senior Citizen, a member of Catholic Daughters of America Court Sancta Maria #382, where she served as Regent, District Deputy, and also Grand Regent. Mary was also active in numerous religious and community organizations. Dorothy Jensen, 87, of Sayreville died on Jan. 22. She and her husband Elmer were co-owners of Jensen's Seafood in South River from 1955-2008. Walter Zagata, 92, formerly of Sayreville died on Jan. 23. He owned Zagata Welding and was Past President of the Sayreville Lions Club, and active in many other organizations. Gertrude "Trudy" Kedzierski, 81, formerly of Sayreville died on Jan. 24. She was an elementary school teacher in Sayreville for 41 years, teaching at Selover, Truman, and Arleth. "Trudy" also started the Cape May program in Sayreville. Joseph Bellan, 94, of Parlin died on Jan. 24. He was a member/Past President of St. Stanislaus Kostka Holy Name Society, a former Sayreville Board of Education member, and also active in several community organizations. Jacqueline "Jackie" Piskorski, 72, of Sayreville died on Jan. 25. She was a former bus driver for the Sayreville Senior Citizens. "Jackie" loved horses and dogs, and was a member of the Friends of Animals and the Humane Society. Jean Galinski Jarusiewicz, 100, of South Amboy

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Pleasant Little Trivia

By Tom Burkard

- In 1960, this Day Nursery School was located at Christ Church in South Amboy? a. God's Children b. Little Angels c. Christ Church
- What year was the historical Olde Spye Inn in Morgan closed for the last time, due to a fire? a. 1966 b. 1976 c. 1980
- Back in the 1960's the store where Center Deli is now located, was called? a. North Stevens Deli b. Prasnal's Confectionary c. The Jug
- President of the Sayreville Jaycees in 1982? a. John Silver b. Mike Poligro c. Ray Flynn
- Where is John Ciszewski Park in South Amboy? a. Sixth St. b. Conover St. c. Barkalow St.
- Canal St. in Sayreville is located near? a. MacArthur Ave. b. Washington Rd. c. Oak St.
- Hoffman High's senior class President in '61? a. Jerry Peterson b. Bonnie Jean Meinzer c. Phillip Nix
- In 1973, where was the Polonaise Inn located in Sayreville? a. Johnson's Lane b. Krumb St. c. Pulaski Ave.
- In 1960, this Lodge was located on Rt. 35 in Morgan? a. Howard Johnson's b. Matt & Mary's c. Ernie's
- President of the Sayreville Historical Society in '82? a. Marian Grabas b. Michael Roman c. Susan McManus
- In the 1970's South Amboy Auto Parts was located on? a. South Pine Ave. b. Bordentown Ave. c. North Broadway
- President of the Morgan Athletic Association in '77? a. George Spiecker b. Ed Gorczynski c. John Fogarty

Answers

1b 2b 3b 4c 5b 6a 7a 8b 9c 10a 11c 12b.



Dynamic Duo Of The Keys-On Feb. 3rd, The highly-creative and talented Chris Deibert (r) and Dave McCarthy (l), joined forces once again at a "Dueling Organ Improvisation" concert at St. Mary's Church to benefit the victims of Hurricane Sandy. The two standout musicians performed on St. Mary's historic Jardine pipe organ and delighted the audience with their diversified repertoire. Their performance was a huge success, and very highly-appreciated by not only the church congregation, but by the City of South Amboy. Great job, dynamic duo of the keys! (Digital graphic/info courtesy of Joe Lotkowitz)

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OLV Seniors March Meeting

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your sandwich for the February meeting, please call Geri at 732-257-4351 no later than Monday, February 25, 2013. The cost is \$4.00 which includes a sandwich, chip bag, and water or soda. Your sandwich choices are: fried flounder, eggplant parmesan, tuna salad, or egg salad. Membership is always open. You must be 55 years or older to join. For further information, contact Teri at 732-727-7639.

Fish Fry

The First Presbyterian Church of Sayreville will be having a Fish Fry on March 15, 2013. Tickets are \$12.00 in advance and there are limited tickets available at the door for \$14.00. Fish or chicken available, state your preference at time of ticket purchase.

Take-outs will begin at 5:00 and dining room seating will be from 5:30-7:00pm. For tickets please call 732-257-6353. Doors for dine-in eating will open at 4:45pm.

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Business Of The Month Brick House Bar & Grill



Pictured at the popular Brick House Bar & Grill in Sayreville are (l-r) Bar Managers/Head Bartenders Corrie Anne Penland, Megan Amato, and owners Mary Ann Spisso, and Carmelita Rondesko. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

The Brick House Bar & Grill recently celebrated the 60th Anniversary of the popular, family-owned and operated establishment in Sayreville. In 1952, the business was named Kelly's Bar after Carmelita's husband, then in 1983, a change to Wally's Bar after son Walter. They are now known as Brick House Bar & Grill since 2009, with the third generation and a new chapter for the business. It is the place to go for those looking for a friendly neighborhood spot offering everything from tasty Angus burgers to a delicious full course meal. According to owner Mary Ann Spisso, "We offer casual dining at its best."

The Brick House menu is loaded with mouth-watering food with some of its specialties including House Fried Chicken, Rib-Eye Steak, Brick House Steak Salad, Marino's Famous Steak Bites, Pierogies, Homemade Soups, and they also offer a small variety of desserts. Every Friday features a Seafood Fry & Broil, and sandwiches, as well as dinners also available. Some of their superb specialties include Flounder Franchise, 1lb. Seafood Combo Dinner, in addition to offering seafood sandwiches such as Cod, Flounder, Scallops, and Shrimp. Menu specials change daily, plus Brick House also offers homemade fare.

You can enjoy casual dining in the bar area, and there is also a separate

dining room and sun porch area. There is always a friendly atmosphere and great service at the Brick House Bar & Grill, plus there are 13 HD TV's always offering the NFL Package and the NBA Package.

In 2002 at the business' 50th Anniversary celebration, Sayreville Mayor Kennedy O'Brien presented a proclamation to the Rondesko family, which adorns a wall in the dining room. The restaurant has served as a home, a job, and a proud tradition for three generations of the Rondeskos.

Bar Manager/Head Bartender Megan Amato, a third-generation Rondesko family member said that, "The most important thing to remember in this business is to stay true to who you are, and stay true to your patrons. I think we have succeeded in doing that. That consistency is why we have stood the test of time. As a third-generation, I'm proud to say that we've been serving cheer for over 60 years, and I say cheers to 60 more."

Be sure to stop in at the Brick House Bar & Grill, 267 Washington Rd., Sayreville, telephone 732-254-8899, and be part of a truly unique and enjoyable experience."

The Brick House motto is, "Remember, at the Brick House—our house is your house."

BIC Charity Ball

The Sayreville Association for Brain Injured Children's Charity Ball will be held this year on Sunday March 10, 2013. The event will take place at the Grand Marquis on Rt. 9 in Old Bridge from 12 noon until 5:00pm. Our Star for the day is Alise Strawhand. Alise is a beautiful 5 year old girl that needs our

help with her many medical needs. At 17 months old Alise fell into a shallow goldfish pond and nearly drowned. This benefit will help provide many gifts for Alise. Tickets can be purchased for the event by calling Jim Gillette's office at 732-254-8530.

Civil War Round Table

The next meeting of The Robert E. Lee Civil War Round Table of Central New Jersey will be held on Monday, March 4th at the Woodbridge Public Library at 7:00 P.M. The

speaker for the evening will be Bill Stypke and his topic will be "McClellan's Other Story" All are welcome.



The family of the late legendary Hoffman HS Coach/Principal James Croddick, was on hand at a South Amboy HS game recently to present his Hoffman Governors' 1963 state basketball championship jacket to the high school to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Governors winning the NJSIAA Group I state title. The 50-year old jacket, which is in mint condition will be put on display at the school. (Photo by Brian Stratton)

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Cardinal McCarrick High School's Annual trip to the March for Life - 40 people strong in voice and heart for LIFE stand in front of the Supreme Court January 25th. This day of prayer and sacrifice made a great impression on the students. (Photo Submitted)

Yearbook-St. Mary's 1963

By Tom Burkard

This June will be 50 years that St. Mary's HS Class of '63 marched down the aisle on Graduation Day in June, and what grads could ever forget the Principal Sister Mary Leonard or Pastor Msgr. Francis J. Sullivan? If one had to go to the principal's office, you probably heard some kind words from Miss Mahoney, the secretary. Some of the fine faculty included Father Forker, Sister M. Dominic, Tom Otto, Sister M. Theodore, Mr. Walling, Sister Monica Marie, Sister M. Richard, Mr. Walling, Luke Lenahan, Sister M. Celeste.

Many religious functions were a big part of life at St. Mary's, such as the Sodality, First Friday Masses, and Nocturnal Adoration... At the 4th Annual Carol Festival in Dec. 1962, Margaret Trpisovsky narrated the musical program "Story of a Christmas Carol," while Sister M. David's Glee Club provided the holiday music... "The Merry Widow" was the school's musical and dramatic production. The lead roles were played by James Mangin and Leona Florek... The prom was held in the auditorium, and had a "Southern Plantation" theme. The Augusta Street students probably danced to The Beach Boys "Surfin' USA," "If You Wanna Be Happy," "I Will Follow Him," "It's My Party," and "Puff (The Magic Dragon)."

Some of St. Mary's Class of '63 members selected randomly are: Mary Toris, Rose Holovacko, Thomas Delaney Jr., John Dunworth, Frederick Jackiewicz, James Kennedy, Michael Krzyzkowski, Luke Lyons, Wayne McCormack, Thomas O'Brien, Christopher O'Connor, Joseph Pierson, Martin Ruzsala, Thomas Ryan, Maryann Wisniewski, Robert Quigley, William Schwarick, Julius Teske, Colette Solinski, John Starzynski, John Wolfe, Harold Smith, Lloyd Walling.

At the movies, Frank Sinatra was crooning in "Come Blow Your Horn," and The Beverly Hillbillies was a top TV show... The best non-fiction bestselling book was "The Whole Truth & Nothing But." Christian Ziegler was SMHS Student Council President, and George Wist was the V.P... The senior boys went to West End at Long Branch for their retreat, and the girls went to Mount St. Mary's in North Plainfield...

The Eagles outstanding baseball team captured the South Jersey Parochial B state championship. The senior members of this vintage team included Joe Pohl, Art O'Donnell Jr., Jack Kreiger, George Stramback, Tom Vona, Gerry Freeman, and statistician Bob Windrem.

Senior Annual Retreat

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring their annual retreat at St. Alfonso's Retreat House in Long Branch on Wednesday, March 20, 2013. The cost of the retreat is \$45.00 which includes a continental breakfast and lunch at the Retreat House, bus transportation, and the bus driver's gratuity. The bus will leave OLV lower parking lot at 8:30AM and return approximately 4PM. For information or reservations contact Millie at 732-254-1602.

Movie Matinee

Sayreville Public Library offers its monthly movie matinee on Friday, March 8, from 2:00 to 4:00pm. Enjoy popular movie hits on our 84" x 84" screen and fresh popcorn from our popcorn machine! Watch a movie and meet fellow movie enthusiasts! Check our website at: www.sayrevillelibrary.org to see this month's selection and to register. Adults only, please. Contact Alaina by phone at 732-727-0212 x25 or email alainad@lmxac.org for more information!

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- 9:00 a.m. - Mass, St. Mary R.C. Church, Augusta Street
- 10:00 a.m. - Flag Raising - South Amboy City Hall, Broadway
- 12:30 p.m. - Line up
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Military News



Airman First Class Alyssa O'Leary graduated from technical training at Goodfellow AFB, San Angelo, TX as an Operations Intelligence Specialist. The airman completed an intensive 16-week program that included training in analyzing and producing intelligence information, constructing target materials in support of combat missions, planning and the completion of the rigorous "Operation Lone Star" exercise, which tested her ability to perform in high-ops tempo environments. O'Leary is the daughter of Dennis & Susan O'Leary of Parlin, and is the granddaughter of Dennis & Katherine O'Leary, of Sayreville. She is a 2011 graduate of Sayreville War Memorial HS. Airman O'Leary is currently assigned to the 56th Special Operations Intelligence Squadron, 27th Special Operations Group, AFSOC, located at Cannon AFB, Clovis, NM, where she works as a Mission Intelligence Coordinator for Predator and Reaper Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV).



Air Force Airman Nicole M. Sherman graduated from basic training at Lackland AFB, San Antonio, TX. The airman completed an intensive 8-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness and basic warfare principles and skills. Airmen who complete basic training earn 4 credits toward an associate's degree in applied science through the Community College of the Air Force. Sherman is the daughter of Susan & Dennis O'Leary of Parlin, and is the granddaughter of Dennis & Katherine O'Leary of Sayreville, and Susan Fisher (Palermo) of Ocean City, NJ. She is a 2012 graduate of Sayreville War Memorial HS, where she graduated 14th in her class. Airman Sherman is currently assigned to the Defense Language Institute, Foreign Language Center (DLIFLC) at the prestigious Presidio of Monterey located in Monterey, CA. There she is studying the Russian language as part of her training to assume the duties of a Cryptological Linguist. Upon graduation, she will join her sister A1C Alyssa, as a member of the USAF's Intelligence community.



Petty Officer 2nd Class Michael Pappas of South Amboy instructs Marines in Combat Lifesaving techniques. (Photo/Article Submitted)

U.S. Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Michael Pappas of South Amboy, was one of three Navy corpsmen stationed at Marine Barracks, Washington, DC, who taught the Combat Lifesaver Course to 30 infantry Marines Jan. 31. The Marines were taught critical battlefield first aid techniques designed to save lives of those injured in combat.

Pappas, who served in Afghanistan from 2010-2011, was the lead instructor for the

course, and felt that the 3-day course could increase the chances of Marines returning home if they were injured in combat.

Petty Officer 2nd Class Pappas plans on staying in the Navy and entering the Navy Nurse Corps, while his current duties include being responsible for the medical care and overall health/wellness of the Marines he serves with, in addition to the management of the units "sick call," the military's equivalent of an urgent care center. He has received several military medals including Navy Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Afghan Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal. Congratulations Petty Officer Pappas on a job very well done!



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The South Amboy High School Varsity Challenge team competed against Keansburg in Round One of the Challenge on MSG Varsity. You can see the competition on Demand on channel 614 for Cablevision subscribers. Pictured (l-r) Sean Dunphy, Vice Principal/Athletic Director SAHS, Klaudia Maslowska, Seagun Adeagbo, MSG Challenge host Jared Cotterand, Katie Makar, Sabrina Myers, and Jack O'Connor. (Photo Submitted)

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McGowan's Irish CD

Former Sayreville resident and standout guitarist/vocalist Kevin McGowan, has recorded an excellent Irish CD titled "Where The Shannon River Flows-Great Irish Places," which is perfect to get you ready for the South Amboy St. Patrick's Parade, and of course your St. Patty's Day partying.

McGowan sings and plays guitar on 10 top-notch Irish tunes on this CD, including Galway Bay, Lovely Lentrin, Green Glens Of Antrim, When New York Was Irish, Storms Of Kilarney, and several more songs with a strong taste of Ireland.

For more info and to order your Irish CD, go to Kevin's website: www.kevinmcgowan.net.

Tap Dance Lessons

Open to students in grades 3-5 (Beginner to intermediate skill level). Sundays at 1:00pm @ South Amboy YMCA, 200 John T O Leary Blvd South Amboy, NJ 08879. Eight week session, starting Sunday, March 3, 2013 Cost for 8 week session is \$10.00 per student (payable at first class). Each student will need their own tap shoes. To register, please send the following information: Student's name, Grade, Experience level to katiestapdancekids@yahoo.com or mail to Katie's Tap Dance Kids, 26 Rosewood Ct, Sayreville, NJ 08872 by Feb. 25, 2013. Financial assistance is available if needed. This program is part of a Sayreville/South Amboy Girl Scout Gold Award project.

Ryan To March In St. Patrick's NYC Parade

Former South Amboy resident Kevin Ryan, who is President of Covenant House will march with his organization in the New York City St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 16th. Covenant House, which has been caring for New York City's homeless and runaway youth for over 40 years, was named the official charity of the parade. Kevin is the son of Jim and Eileen Ryan of South Amboy! Congratulations, Kevin!

The Wearing Of The Green

By Al Gomolka Jr.
Times Poet Laureate
c.1995

Green is my favorite color,
But that's not why I wear,
Parties and jollies on March 17th
But that's not why I care
Corned beef, cabbage, potatoes and beer,
Still not the reason why I join the cheer—
I'm not even Irish, nor pretend to be,
Though, there's a spirit alive,
Goodwill is the key—
That a saint from one nation
A hero to be
Is honored by many
And quite openly—
With parades, shamrocks, and music that smiles,
For one day forgetting ol' Ireland's trials—
To share these festivities, come let it be seen
Commemorate, celebrate, by wearing the green.

YMCA Flag Football League Starts in March

The YMCA of Metuchen, Edison, Woodbridge & South Amboy are teaming up with the NFL for the first Association Wide Flag Football League. Teams will be made at each YMCA Branch and given an NFL team name. Games will be played on Sunday afternoons at rotating fields in the community. The League is open to boys and girls ages 8-12 and will from March 3 to May 19.

Children in the South Amboy and Sayreville communities are encouraged to sign up for the South Amboy Branch Team! Registration is now open at www.ymcaofmewsa.org or at the South Amboy Y's Welcome Desk. Players that register early will receive a reversible NFL jersey. The 12 week program is \$44 for Full Facility Members and \$66 for Program Members.

For more information, please contact Mike Manfre at mike.manfre@ymcaofmewsa.org or 732-316-8208.



The sign for Key Food Supermarket adorns the former South Amboy Foodtown building, and seeing that the new store will be open soon, has made many local residents very happy to do know they will be able to do their grocery shopping in town once again. According to inside sources, the store is expected to open sometime in March. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

Trip To Longwood Gardens Museum

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to Longwood Gardens/Brandywine River Museum on Saturday, April 13, 2013. The cost of the trip is \$125.00. The package includes: admission to Longwood Gardens, meal voucher at Longwood Gardens, visit to Brandywine River Museum, taxes and meal gratuities, bus transportation, and bus driver gratuity. The bus will leave the lower OLV parking lot at 9 AM and return approximately at 5 PM. For further information or reservation, please contact Geri at 732-247-4351.

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Cut-A-Thon-Pictured is Don Righetti (l) owner of the Hair Together Salon, with Charles and Barbara Treihart (2nd and 3rd from left), and Janice Peters (2nd from left in front), along with the Hair Together staff, who conducted a Cut-A-Thon for the benefit of the Treihart family, whose home and property was destroyed by Hurricane Sandy. The staff donated its time and tips for this worthy benefit, which was a huge success, as over \$3,000 was collected. If anyone wants to make a contribution to the Treihart family, they can drop it off at the shop located at 960 Rt. 9 South in the South Amboy/Sayreville area. (Digital graphic/Info courtesy of Joe Lotkowitz)

Easter Bunny Breakfast

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 is holding its annual Breakfast with the Easter Bunny, Sunday, March 24 from 9-11 a.m. at the Council Home at 308 Fourth St., South Amboy. Bring your camera to get photos with the Easter Bunny. Cost is \$7-adults, \$3-children ages 2-12, children under 2 are FREE. For reservations, call Steve or Cheryl at 732-727-1707.

Connections Program Seeks Volunteers

Catholic Charities Connections Program is looking for volunteer mentors to work with at-risk youth. If you have a few hours, you can mentor a youth to help them reach their full potential. For more info call Jeanette Nadonley at 732-738-1323.

Creative Writing Group

Gather on the third Thursday of every month at Sayreville Public Library to meet with other writers to bounce ideas off of one another or clear that infamous writer's block! Special guest professional writers will join the group from time to time to give

advice and talk about their experiences as writers. This month's date is March 21, from 2:00-4:00PM. ADULTS ONLY! For more information, contact Alaina at alainad@lmcxac.org or call 732-727-0212 x25.



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Bob "Zak" Sekerak, Commander of American Legion Luke A. Lovely Post #62, South Amboy, shows some of the devastating damage done by Hurricane Sandy to the Legion home on lower David St. in South Amboy. Sekerak said that, "A rough estimate for the total damage is \$80,000, and the insurance will only cover \$10,000. The cleanup, with the help of the Sons Of The American Legion (SAL), has begun. It will be a long process, maybe a year and a half, but we will reopen." Commander Sekerak also thanked the South Amboy Elks for the use of their hall for Legion meetings, and said if anyone would like to donate to help the American Legion, they can send their checks to: American Legion Luke A. Lovely Post #62, 111 David St., South Amboy, NJ 08879. Watch for upcoming fundraisers to help this wonderful organization as they try to rebuild and repair. The SA Times sends its prayers and best wishes to all of the Legion members for a successful and speedy recovery from Sandy's devastation. (Photo/info by Tom Burkard)

OLV Wine Tasting Event

A wine tasting event will take place at Our Lady of Victories Monsignor Dalton Hall located at 42 Main Street in Sayreville on Saturday, March 9, 2013 from 7:00PM – 10:00PM. The event will feature wine and beer. Light refreshments will be served. The cost of the wine tasting is \$35.00 per person. Tickets can be purchased either at the school office or the pastoral center. Tickets will also be available for purchase after all Masses beginning the weekend of February 22nd. For further information please contact Melissa at mkrakowski@optonline.net or (732) 247-0077.

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Members of the South Amboy Y's Girls Club designed, produced and modeled in a fantastic Fashion Show on Wednesday, February 13. The Girls selected outfits with fun themes like Pajama Party, Prom & Hollywood. Girls Club meets on Wednesday evenings and is open to girls in grades 5-7. Congratulations on a job well done girls! (Photo Submitted)

Lenten Soup Nights

On Tuesdays, Feb. 26th and March 12th, St. Mary's Church will hold its popular Lenten Soup Nights in the cafeteria at 6 p.m. These dinners are the perfect occasions to participate in Lenten sacrifices with your family. A free-will offering will be taken to benefit the St. Mary Food Pantry and Helping Hands.

Scrabble Club

Join us at Sayreville Public Library on the first and third Friday of every month to play a few rounds of Scrabble. This month's dates are March 1st and 15th, from 1:30-3:30pm. The library has a Scrabble Board, but you may bring your own also. No need to sign up in advance, just show up and make new friends! If you have any questions, email Alaina at alainad@lmaxac.org or call 732-727-0212 x25.

Lions Pancake Breakfast March 24

The Sayreville Lions Club will be holding its semi-annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, March 24th from 8 a.m. till noon at the Sayreville War Memorial HS Cafeteria. Cost is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children. For info or tickets, see any Sayreville Lion, visit their website at: www.sayrevillenj.lionwap.org or call 732-234-3932. Proceeds from the breakfast help support the Lions' local projects including scholarships to high school grads. This breakfast is especially important since the last one was cancelled due to Super Storm Sandy.

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.) -E.P.

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Sittin' On The Rocks By The Bay-“The Instigator” boat is still ashore by Waterfront Park after nearly four months since Hurricane Sandy hammered the Raritan Bay. Many people have been asking where the owner is, and why is the boat still there? Does anyone know? (Photo by Tom Burkard)

MCC Scholarship Gala

A wonderful evening of fine food and music is in the offing at the 43rd annual Middlesex County College Scholarship Gala. The event will be Saturday, March 2 at 6 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency, New Brunswick.

“This will be a wonderful evening of fine food, outstanding music and great fellowship,” said Joann La Perla-Morales, president of the College. “However, the true beneficiaries of the gala will be deserving students.”

Proceeds from the event will go to the Middlesex County College Foundation, which provides student scholarships. “For some, a scholarship means the difference between going to school or having to drop out,” Dr. La Perla-Morales said. “It can be a life-changer.”

Individual tickets are available at \$250; there are also sponsorship opportunities available. Please call 732-906-2564 or e-mail foundation@middlesexcc.edu for details.

The gala will honor Jim Cahill, mayor of New Brunswick and a 1972 graduate of the

College, Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, and New Brunswick Tomorrow, a nonprofit that promotes self-sufficiency and economic upward mobility among low-income youth and families.

Bus Trip To AC

The Sayreville Historical Society is planning an Atlantic City Bus Trip

March 10, 2013 to Trump Taj Mahal Casino. You will get \$30.00 slot cash back. There will be bingo and snacks on the bus with snacks and a movie on the trip home.

The bus leaves the Sayreville Senior Center, 425 Washington Road, Sayreville, NJ parking lot at 10:45 a.m. (Daylight Savings Time) and returns approximately 8:30 p.m.

Cost is \$35.00 per person (a \$10.00 deposit is required by March 3, 2013). To sign up please contact Art Rittenhouse at 732-525-3208 or leave a message at the Sayreville Historical Society Museum 732-390-7048.

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This Catherine St. home in South Amboy is boarded up after being severely damaged by an early February fire. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

Sisters Celebrate Jubilees

The following sisters who taught at St. Mary's South Amboy schools at one time or another throughout their careers, recently celebrated milestone jubilees. Congratulations to the following: Sister Mary Kateri Smith, RSM-75 years; Sister Mary Amadeo Morganti, RSM-60 years; Sister Mildred Rossiter, RSM-60 years. May God Bless you for your many years of dedication and devotion!

Remember The Mardi Gras In 1960?

The South Amboy PTA sponsored the Mardi Gras, and Mrs. Fred Grimes was general chairwoman. The crowning of the king and queen of the Mardi Gras took place on the grounds adjacent and in Hoffman High School. Wayne Sturgis was chosen king, and Louise Burkard was selected queen of the event. Others who participated were Marilyn Burkard, lady-in-waiting; Linda Turner, lady-in-waiting; Mark Abbatiello, page; Paul Mundy, page. Anita Straius, Miss Middlesex County officiated at the crowning.

Summer Camp Early Registration

Trinity United Methodist Church, 815 Bordentown Ave., Sayreville/South Amboy will be holding its annual Summer Camp program. Registration is now open for campers 5-13 years old. Call the camp now and ask about an early camp registration discount. Campers will enjoy the shady, secure outdoor setting as well as weekly themes, field trips, and new adventures.

The camp is staffed by an enthusiastic staff and will be open weekdays from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Call 732-721-3887 for further details and a registration packet.

PFN Dinner

Msgr. John F. Brady Assembly 676 of South Amboy is holding its annual Past Faithful Navigator Dinner honoring Deacon Rich O'Brien on Saturday, Feb. 23 at 7 p.m. at the Council Home, 308 Fourth St., South Amboy. Cost of \$35 includes Roast Beef Dinner, Roasted Potatoes, Salad, Dessert, Tap Beer, Wine, Soda. For more info call 732-721-2025 or 732-727-1707.

Maximize Your Tax Refund!

Wouldn't you like to maximize your tax refund? Glenn Bartram of Accredited Tax and Financial Services LLC will walk you through the process of filing the federal tax refund. Even if you think you know what you are doing, you may be missing new deductions that could save you money. Please note: This is a group presentation. Glenn will not give individuals one-on-one assistance. Sayreville Public Library, Wednesday, March 6, 6:00-7:30PM. For more information or to register, contact Alaina at 732-727-0212 ex. 25 or email her at alainad@lmaxac.org. You may also register online at www.sayrevillelibrary.org

Teen Tech Week Photo Contest

The Dowdell Library will be holding a Photo Contest in honor of Teen Tech Week in March. It will start on March 1st, and run until March 27th. The theme will be "Why I Love the Library/ What the Library Mean to Me" The Library will be providing the cameras for the contest, and the contest is open to all teens. The contest is a single sign-up, there will be no groups. Every teen has to take at least five photos that goes along with the theme, and has to be creative with them. Each teen will be given an hour to take their photos before returning it to the Library. The person with the most creative photo will win a gift card.

The library is adjacent to the South Amboy High School off O'Leary Blvd. Library hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 10am - 8 pm; Wednesday and Friday 10am - 5pm and Saturday 12 noon - 4pm. Directions: www.dowdell.org

For additional information, contact the library at comments@dowdell.org or 732-721-6060.

Fire At Winding Woods

On Feb. 3rd, a fire broke out at Winding Woods apartment complex on Bordentown Ave. in Sayreville, and 24 residents had to be placed in temporary housing by the Sayreville Office of Emergency Management and the Red Cross. Seven units had fire damage and another had residual damage. Sayreville Fire Marshal Kevin Krushinski and Sayreville Fire Inspector Jonathan Magaw found the fire to be accidental, caused by a power strip.

Sayreville's 4 fire companies under Fire Chief George Gawron were on the scene, and received backup from East Brunswick Fire District No. 1. Sayreville EMS and Morgan EMS were also at the scene, but fortunately there were no injuries.

JUST BE HOME IN TIME FOR SUPPER

By Elaine Holton Scott

For those of us who were children half a century and more ago, life had surely been different than how it is for kids today. In fact, looking back, that time seems like ancient history.

We had worn no helmets when riding our bikes, nor did we have any knee pads when we roller skated outdoors. We had no thermal wear to keep us warm in cold weather, and no flame retardant night clothes to keep us safe when sleeping. We had gone to schools with asbestos in the walls, and had lived our lives breathing pollutants emitted daily from nearby factories. We had gone swimming in the contaminated water of the Raritan River, and had never heard of sun blockers. Our school lunches had been stored for hours without refrigeration, often in the stifling heat. If we had forgotten to bring a lunch in those days before school lunches were provided, we had to go hungry. If we had forgotten our milk money, we'd drink from the water fountain or go thirsty. We had played with toys often made with sharp metal pieces, and waved lit sparklers in our little hands on the Fourth of July. We had ridden in cars without seatbelts, had played baseball without protective gear, and had taken our sleds down the steepest and iciest places we could find. We had no air conditioning

in our homes to cool us in the hot summer months and some of us had no central heating to warm us when it was cold. When we were thirsty, we drank water from the kitchen faucet, or from old garden hoses during the summer. We had climbed the tallest trees to see how high we could go, and walked along the lonely and "forbidden" railroad tracks without fear. When we had gotten hurt, we pretended we were okay. When we had wanted something, and couldn't have it, we'd "suck it up" and pretend we hadn't really wanted it anyway. We had ridden the Marathon Bus with Red the Bus Driver to go to the movies in Perth Amboy without chaperones, and never had to call home to let our parents know we were safe once we got there. The coldest weather had never kept us indoors, and the hottest temperatures had never sent us home. Back then, when "children should be seen and not heard," and corporal punishment was "administered liberally" in raising children, our friends had known us better than our families ever did, creating bonds to last a lifetime.

Somehow, most of us survived to remember how it used to be...in that time of long ago when we had done what we had wanted to do, just as long as we were home in time for supper.

Historical Society Of South Amboy News

The Historical Society in conjunction with the Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Society is in the process of having a "Historical Marker" constructed depicting the 1950 Pennsylvania Railroad Explosion. After the marker is delivered from the manufacture it will be placed along the pedestrian walkway by the boat ramp. This location was chosen as it is the closest place to the actual site of the explosion was so it can be viewed by the public. Once the date of the unveiling is known, it will be published so all residents, friends and persons interested in history can be a part of this media event.

The Historical Society of South Amboy is looking for new members. If you are interested in the history of South Amboy and surrounding communities this is a great way to become involved. Members have a hands on approach to history, not only for South Amboy, but to world historical events. Come to a meeting to see for yourself, I'm sure you will like what you see and become a member.

Migraine Management the Natural Way

The standard medical treatment for migraine headaches is anti-inflammatory and pain killing medications. Conversely, a holistic approach would attempt to identify and eliminate the underlying problems causing your headaches in the first place, rather than just treating your symptoms. Dr. Rothman, author of *Edibolic Stress - How the Lies You Are Being Fed Are Making You Sick*, a how-to guide on proper nutrition, will

lead this presentation at Sayreville Public Library on Tuesday, March 19 from 7:00 to 8:30PM. Learn how blood sugar problems and unhealthy foods can destabilize your autonomic nervous system and lead to excessive blood flow to your brain resulting in migraine headaches and other symptoms. For more information or to register, contact Alaina at 732-727-0212 ex. 25, email her at alainad@lmaxac.org, or register online!

The outpouring of love, encouragement and support from so many friends, families and organizations during the illness and passing of Ken Blekeski was overwhelming. We would like to thank family and friends for generous donations of food, arrangement of fund raisers and monetary donations that we received. We would also like to acknowledge the following organizations that assisted during this most difficult time: Staff and doctors of RWJohnson Hospital; Staff and doctors of The Center for Hematology and Oncology; EMS teams of Sayreville and South River; Gamma Knife Center of RWJohnson; Sayreville Pharmacy; The Gundrum Service Home for Funerals; Our Lady Of Victories RC Church; Jacqueline's Florist; my employer, Sun Ray Drugs and Medical; Owners and employees of The Brick House and the Texas Road House.

We would especially like to acknowledge the generosity of Ken's employer, Group I Automotive, Inc., his co-workers for all of the kindnesses extended by them throughout his illness. The Walk-a-Thon held on October 21, 2012 was a huge success and much appreciated. It became painfully obvious how much Ken was respected, appreciated and loved by the many lives he touched, the friendships he shared, his kindness and through the many good deeds he performed for others. He will be missed by many, but most especially by:

The Family of the late Kenneth H. Blekeski



Camp Middlesex Means Summer Fun for Kids; Open House Set for March 3. Twenty-six new programs have been added to Camp Middlesex for the summer of 2013. The camp, located on the Middlesex County College campus in Edison, is for kids 6 to 18 years old. It runs from June 24-August 16. For a brochure that details all the camps, or for more information, call 732-906-2556 or visit www.middlesexcc.edu/camp.



What is The Facsonic Project? Here is the logo. Read the following article for complete details. (Photos/article submitted)

The Facsonic Project Mystery

What is all the mystery behind the Facsonic Project? The SA Times is the first to have the exclusive story behind the rumors and mystery surrounding The Facsonic Project.

But, first, we need to understand the name Facsonic. The name was trademarked 11 years ago by Frank Anthony Cilente (initials FAC) plus Sonic relating to audible sound: a sonic wave. Putting it together, you have Facsonic.

So, who is Frank A. Cilente? He's a native New Jerseyan who moved to Sayreville in 1975, and started jamming and played with local musicians in the area. Frankie learned how to play the guitar as a teenager and went by a stage name Frankie Fame, and has evolved into a skilled musician, and now goes by the name Facsonic. As a musician, he plays lead guitar, bass guitar, keyboards and drums, and has a home recording studio called The Facsonic Studio, where he com-

poses and records his own brand of music, which is very diverse, by blending all types and styles of music.

Frankie is also a photographer and videographer, adding unique touches to his videos using his music, editing special effects, and Facsonic style cinematography along with his photography. You can see some of them on Youtube just by going to <http://www.youtube.com/user/FacsonicVideo>.

Now for the inside scoop on The Facsonic Project. Frank Cilente would like to bring all types of musicians, young and old, male and female together to work on music productions, live and video. There are no commitments, no pressure or obligation, and this is just for fun and sake of the music. He is looking for people who can think outside the box, and can get their creative juices flowing and come participate in The Facsonic Project. If you seem interested in this, you can send him an e-mail to: 7@facsonic.com or go to facebook and hit like at: <http://www.facebook.com/TheFacsonicProject>.



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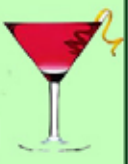
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Past Businesses Remembered



1987-Chet's 90's Bar was located on First St. in South Amboy, and was famous for its thin-crust pizza. (Photo by Joe Mantz, courtesy of Paul Bouchard, and Mary Szaro, President of the Historical Society of South Amboy)

O'Brien Twins Selected To Hall Of Fame

(Continued from page 1)

Committee, and said that he also submitted Jack and Bill McKeon for induction in 2011, and both were formally inducted in August 2011. "These latest inductions will further confirm the legacy of great baseball players from the great City of South Amboy," stated Elliot.

The formal induction of John and Ed O'Brien will take place in August at Johnstown to kick off the 2013 AAABANational Tournament.

The South Amboy-Sayreville Times newspaper has documented and researched the storybook careers of John and Ed O'Brien, more than any other publication or sports historians in America. See upcoming SA Times issues for even more on these local sports legends and fine gentlemen. Congratulations John & Ed on a truly, well-deserved honor!

Chet's 90's

By Tom Burkard

Locals will never forget the outstanding thin-crust pizza pie served at The Gay 90's Bar on First St. in South Amboy, and its kitchen, on the Church St. side, where you picked up your takeout pizza order.

The bar was initially established and owned by the Borbely family, although the year it began is unknown, but possibly in the 1950's. The family later sold it to a man named Stanley (Last name is not available) and his brother (unknown), who had it for quite some time until selling it to South Amboy brothers Tom "Chet" Wortley, and his older brother Chet Wortley in 1984, who changed the name to Chet's 90's.

Tom said that, "We had a lot of old and new friends that would stop in and swap stories, and the biggest reason they came was for our pizza. It was everybody's favorite!" Chet's 90's sponsored softball and basketball teams in the South Amboy Men's Senior Leagues, and also had a team that won the Sayreville Summer Basketball League title.

The Wortley brothers sold Chet's 90's in 1987, and according to Tom, "It was quite an experience. Owning a bar is a lot more work than people realize, and it really is hard finding people you can trust to hire."

*Does anyone have a favorite memory of The Gay 90's or Chet's 90's they would like to share with SA Times readers? Please e-mail it to: satimes@aol.com and be sure to include your name, address and phone number. Only your full name will be printed with your memory in our March issue.



Masterson's Esso Service Center was located on Route 35 South, in Morgan, and according to Bob Masterson, "My father Bill Masterson Sr. built the business in 1952 and sold it in 1966 to Amoco. It is now the Express 19." Bill Masterson Sr. was a highly-respected auto mechanic, and after selling the service center opened Masterson's Garage on Kath St. in Morgan, which is now C & H Auto Repair, LLC. (Photo/info courtesy of Bob Masterson)

Registration For Recreation Programs

The Sayreville Recreation Department is holding registration for all Spring session Classes from 8:00am-3:45pm at the Mickey Sedlak Recreation Center on Dolan Street beginning the week of March 1, 2013. Programs are: Explore Our Country, Stations of Fun, Snacks R US, Snacks R Us with Mom and Crafts R Us as well as registration for Little Kids Playtime at Kennedy Park.

Registration for our Men's Basketball League will begin on February 19, 2013 at the Mickey Sedlak Recreation center on Dolan Street from

8:00am - 3:45pm Monday thru Friday. The league will begin on March 18th, 2013

Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on March 23rd, 2013 at 10:00 on the Borough Hall Football Field. Open to all Sayreville Residents from ages 1-12. Come on down and hunt for eggs and meet the Easter Bunny. Prizes to be awarded to each age group.

For more Information please call us at: 732-390-7092/7096

Historical Society Open House

On April 6, 2013 the Historical Society of South Amboy will be hosting an OPEN HOUSE exhibit located at the Senior Center, S Stevens Ave., South Amboy, NJ. The time of the event is 1PM to 3PM. Admission is free and there will be free refreshments. Take some time and visit the days of yesteryear while you view old photos, articles, post cards and artifacts. The exhibit will not only feature items from South Amboy, but artifacts from world events. This is a great way to learn about some of the significant events that shaped the City of South Amboy and has made it what it is today.

Community Wide Yard Sale at the South Amboy Y

Clean out your Garages, Basements and Attics at the South Amboy Y's Yard Sale on Saturday, March 23, 2013. Tables will be available in our Gymnasium from 9am-3pm so you can sell those unused items that have been piling up in your house. Set up will begin at 7:30am. All proceeds will support the Y's Strong Kids Campaign, which provides scholarship assistance to members of the community. At the Y, no one is turned away for the inability to pay. The price is \$25 for one table, and \$40 for two tables. Please contact Roxann DeVoe to reserve your table at 732-316-8217 or roxann.devoe@ymcaofmews.org.

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

Give a Gift, Change a Life...Olivia's Story

(Photo/Article Submitted)

Olivia joined the South Amboy YMCA Stroke & Turn Swimming Program this past June.

For Olivia the Y has been a place to fit in. As a child with ADHD, she's always had some difficulty finding a place where she is comfortable.

Olivia is competitive, has low self-esteem, can be unfocused and headstrong. But once she began her Stroke & Turn classes at the Y, her attitude began to change thanks to her amazing coaches.

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Jed Doherty (r) of "We Will ROAR" (Respect Others, Accept Responsibility) performed his show for students at Sacred Heart School during Catholic Schools Week.

Sacred Heart School Began Catholic Schools Week with a ROAR!

Sacred Heart School enjoyed a special treat during Catholic Schools week when Jed Doherty of "We Will ROAR" (Respect Others, Accept Responsibility) performed his show. The interactive program focused on character education by teaching children to practice respect and kindness. Amid the magic tricks, storytelling, and comedy, the program brought home to students the importance of standing up for each other against bullying and how poor decisions strongly impact others. Mr. Doherty really drove ROAR home with the retelling of the Parable

of the Good Samaritan, in which students were reminded that they should not remain bystanders when others are suffering.

"We Will ROAR" empowers children to take action for what's right, and teaches appropriate skills for how best to interact with peers. ROAR teaches students to treat others the way that they would like to be treated. "We Will ROAR" was a great success with the children. For more information please go to <http://www.wewillroar.com>. (Photo/Article Submitted)

Trip To Washington D. C.

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to Washington D.C. from Tuesday, May 3 to Thursday, May 5, 2013. The cost of the trip is \$350.00. The package includes 2 nights lodging, 2 breakfasts, 2 full course dinners, luggage handling, taxes and meal gratuities, bus transportation, and bus driver gratuity. Also included are visits to memorials, guided sightseeing tour of the U.S. Capitol and

visitor's Center, U.S. Library of Congress, and more. The group will also visit the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. There will also be an illuminated tour of the various monuments. We will visit the new Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Air and Space Museum. For further information or reservations, please contact Geri at 732-257-4351.

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A ribbon cutting ceremony was held at the Dowdell Library of South Amboy commemorating the opening of the new Children's Computer Literacy Stations! The children's computer literacy stations project was made possible through grants from the Amboy Foundation, Dowdell Library Foundation, Walmart Foundation; and donations from the Friends of the Dowdell Library as well as a donation in memory of Mary D. Lagoda. Pictured (l-r) Elaine Gaber, Library Director, Mariola Jones, Branch Manager, Amboy Bank, South Amboy Mayor, Fred Henry, Mimi Pichey, President, Dowdell Library Foundation, Pat (Lagoda) Rock, daughter of Mary Lagoda, Janet Simeone, President, Friends of Dowdell Library. (Photo by Brian Stratton)

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Rock star Rick Springfield, who had 17 Billboard Top 40 hits, including the #1 "Jessie's Girl" in 1981, put on a superb concert at Count Basie Theatre in Red Bank recently. Springfield is also an accomplished actor, and through the years has appeared on daytime TV's "General Hospital" many times. (Photo/info by Tom Burkard)

Mauro Still Super

If you grew up in Perth Amboy in the late 1960's and we know there are several of you now living in South Amboy and Sayreville, you probably remember a red-hot band "The Young Tempts," with a very talented lead vocalist Michael "Mickey" Mauro, a '69 Perth Amboy HS grad, on lead vocals, along with original band mates Robert Leuse, John Middleton and Bob McClain. The Young Tempts later added Gary Pennyfeather, Jerome James, and Bobby Henderson, and really rocked the schools at dances on the other side of the Victory Bridge. In 1967, The Young Tempts opened for the legendary, renowned Marvin Gaye when he performed at the Majestic Theater in Perth Amboy.

Of course everyone knows "Mickey" Mauro from Spezzi's Restaurant and Gianna's, which later became Cagney's in Parlin. Blessed with an amazing voice, good looks and a terrific personality, he has had an outstanding career in the music field. In 1980, he signed with Sutra Records and released a 12" Disco version of "Susie Q." He also recorded "Talk To Me" in 1983.

Mauro returned to New Jersey in November 2012 for a performance at Fiamma's Restaurant in South Amboy, and his many fans are hoping that he will continue performing with his act, The Michael Mauro Show.

#1 Country Hits- Feb. 23

2000-Cowboy Take Me Away-The Dixie Chicks
 1994-I Swear-John Michael Montgomery
 1980-Years-Barbara Mandrell
 1975-I Care-Tom T. Hall
 1969-Until My Dreams Come True-Jack Greene
 1956-Why Baby Why-Red Sovine & Webb Pierce

Open Mic At Knights

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 will be holding Open Mic Night on Friday, Feb. 22 at 8 p.m. at the Council Hall located on Fourth St. & Stevens Ave. Admission is FREE, so come on out for a good time, and see some talented local solo performers and bands, live.

Remember When?

By Steve Schmid

Feb. 8, 1963-50 years ago today, AM radio was the king of music. In the old days, we cruised around and listened to 77 WABC with Cousin Brucie, Dan Ingram and Scott Muni as part of the All Americans. We also listened to 57 WMC home of "The Good Guys," like Dandy Dan Daniel, Harry Harrison, and Joe O'Brien. 1010 WINS featured Murray The K., and Johnny Holliday.

The top 5 songs of the land on Feb. 8, 1963 were: 1. Hey Paula-Paul & Paula 2. Walk Right In-The Rooftop Singers 3. The Night Has A Thousand Eyes-Bobby Vee 4. Loop De Loop-Johnny Thunder 5. Up On The Roof-The Drifters. You could still sing to these songs which have stood the test of time.

John Eddie Goes Country

By Tom Burkard

Popular Jersey Shore rocker John Eddie, who rocked Todd's Dugout in South Amboy several years ago, has released a new CD titled, "Same Old Brand New Me." Eddie, who is one of the most talented and underrated performers in the world, has turned out another excellent product, but this time with

some really interesting country songs. My personal favorites on this disc are "Forever Anymore," "Country In My Blood," and "Your Love." Congratulations, John on a terrific job!



John Eddie rocked South Amboy several years ago when he appeared at Todd's Dugout & Sports Café for a fundraiser. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

Bon Jovi Writes Two Songs For New Movie

By Tom Burkard

Mega rock star, Jon Bon Jovi, who grew up in Sayreville, and is the front man of the world famous Bon Jovi rock band, has penned two songs for the new movie "Stand-Up Guys." The song "Old Habits Die Hard," explores the bonding of old friends, who just happen to be mobsters. His other song is "Not Running Anymore."

This is Bon Jovi's first attempt at writing solo for movies since 1990, when his album for "Young Guns II" produced the #1 hit, "Blaze Of Glory," which got him a Golden Globe award and Oscar nomination.

#1 Pop Hits-Feb. 23

2007-Irreplaceable-Beyonce
 1993-I Will Always Love You-Whitney Houston
 1985-Careless Whisper-Wham!
 1970-Thank You-Sly & The Family Stone
 1965-This Diamond Ring-Gary Lewis & The Playboys
 1955-Sincerely-The McGuire Sisters

50 Years Ago

The Del Royals, was one of the most popular local rock 'n' roll bands from 1961-63, and thrilled teenagers who attended dances at St. Mary's, Hoffman, Sayreville and South River High Schools, as well as the Corpus Christi CYO. The group consisted of Glen Giles-bass, John Klimkiewicz-guitar, Danny LaCross-sax, Frank Mason-guitar, and Wayne Turback-drums.

"Wild Thing" Singer Reg Presley Dies

On July 9, 1966, The Troggs, a British Invasion band reached #1 on the Billboard record charts with "Wild Thing," a song that is still popular today, and was resurrected in a baseball movie "Major League" in 1989. The song was covered by many artists, most notably the one and only Jimi Hendrix, who really put some unbelievable guitar licks into

"Wild Thing."

Reg Presley was the lead singer for The Troggs, who also had a big hit with "Love Is All Around" which peaked at #7 in March, 1968, and a #29 hit, "With A Girl Like You" also in '66. Sadly, Reg Presley, 71, died recently after a battle with lung cancer, but the song lives on.



Ed Jarmouliński of Sayreville plays guitar and belts out a tune during Open Mic Night at Buddies Tavern in Parlin recently. Ed did a great job, and everyone enjoyed listening to him perform. (Digital Graphic/Info courtesy of Joe Lotkowitz)



Lead guitar/lead vocalist Karl Cochran of the FarCry rock band is pictured during a recent concert at the South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426. The group really rocked the house and proved why they are one of Jersey's top cover bands. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

Music Trivia Belated Valentine's Special

By Tom Burkard

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| 1. __ Love (Can Make You Happy) | a. The Strangeloves |
| 2. __ Expressway To Your Heart | b. Rod Stewart |
| 3. __ Roses Are Red (My Love) | c. Wayne Newton |
| 4. __ Candy | d. The Soul Survivors |
| 5. __ Red Roses For A Blue Lady | e. Mercy |
| 6. __ You're In My Heart | f. Bobby Vinton |
| 7. __ Heartlight | g. Bette Midler |
| 8. __ The Rose | h. Seal |
| 9. __ Heart Of Rock & Roll | i. Neil Diamond |
| 10. __ Kiss From A Rose | j. Huey Lewis & The News |

Answers

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

School Sports

(As of Feb. 15th)

By Tom Burkard

Sayreville Finishes Undefeated

The Sayreville Middle School wrestling team turned in an incredible dual meet season, finishing with a perfect 9-0 record. It was the Middle School's best record in about 10 years. Only 4 wrestlers finished undefeated, but the rest of the talented roster stepped up, and helped the young Bombers remain undefeated through their dedication and teamwork. The future is really looking bright for the Bombers high school wrestling program. Congratulations!

McCarrick 2nd In Sectionals

Cardinal McCarrick/St. Mary's talented girls' bowling squad finished 2nd in the CJ Group I sectionals. Carteret copped the title by nipping the Lady Eagles, 2,632-2,583.

Couzo: 2013 Woman Of The Year

Allie Couzo, a 2009 graduate of Sayreville War Memorial HS, was recently selected as Felician College's recipient of the 2013 New Jersey Association of Intercollegiate Athletics For Women (NJIAIW) Woman of the Year Award. Allie is a senior, and has a 3.87 GPA as a pre-physical therapy major. She has been accepted into a joint doctorate degree program in physical therapy with the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ). A student in Felician College's honors program, she was a 2011 Arthur Ashe Sports Scholar, and was selected as the Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference (CACC) Student-Athlete of the Month in Sept. 2012.

Athletically, Allie was the starting goalkeeper for 4 years, and was named to All-CACC 2nd Team in 2011, and the CACC All-Tournament team in '09. In addition, Couzo is among the top 3 All-Time leaders in games, wins, and solo shutouts.

College Notebook

Olivia Gorczynski leads Chestnut Hill College (PA) with the most 3-point field goals-37, and is second in scoring with 166 points, 10.4 avg., and is also tied for second with 27 steals for the (3-15) CH club...David Langan continues to have a stellar season for Wesley College, and leads the (17-5) team with 10 rebounds per game, and is #2 in scoring with a 12.4 avg...Chrissy Keir is #1 in assists for the University of Charleston with 85, and a 4.5 avg. She averages 7.5 points per game for the Yellow Jackets, who stand at (11-8)...Coach Jen Kuziemski and her Assistant Coach Reggie Carney have had a rebuilding year at Monmouth University, and the squad currently has an (8-12) record...Julio Rosario leads William Paterson College with 40 assists. He is averaging 2.8 points per game for WP (13-9)...Former Cardinal McCarrick bowl-

Hartsfield Wins GMC Title

Sayreville's Myles Hartsfield won the GMC high jump championship recently with a leap of 6-3, as the Bombers finished 4th place at the meet. Congratulations Myles and Bombers!

Bombers Bow In Quarterfinals

Both Sayreville basketball team were eliminated from the GMCT in the quarterfinal round. The boys, seeded #9 in the tourney had the unenviable task of facing #1 powerhouse East Brunswick, and fell by a score of 69-37. Rob Seraji scored 12 points for the locals.

The girls' hoops team also drew the top seed, undefeated JFK, and lost, 67-49, despite Jackie Rodriguez's 22 points.

Winslow Wins Title

Sayreville's Colin Winslow captured the 400 crown by turning in a 50.00 at the NJSIAA Indoor Track & Field Group III championships. Congratulations, Colin!

Bomber Boys Rule GMC Bowling

The highly-talented Sayreville Bombers' boys bowling team captured the GMCT championship, sweeping 2 games from Colonia, by scores of 1077-966, and 1187-879. Senior sensation, Jay Ciszewski provided plenty of excitement, as he topped the outstanding Bomber bowlers with a 238-290—528. In the second game, Ciszewski rolled his first 11 balls for strikes, and was one strike away from the elusive perfect 300 game, but his plant foot slid a little too far and went over the line for a fault, to halt his bid for history.

Ciszewski led Coach Mike Weinert's club in the first contest with a fine 238, and was closely followed by Mike Bernstein 235 and A.J. Angotti 231. The Blue & Gray turned in an amazing performance in Game 2, with 5 players cracking the 200 mark. Ciszewski again paved the way with his near-perfect game 290, Angotti 244, Bernstein 227, Kevin Nettle 214, and Andy Danchisko 212 in this mega-team effort for the title. Congratulations to Coach Weinert and the Sayreville Bombers GMC boys bowling champions on an superb season!

McDonough Sparks Bombers

Alyssa McDonough, a 5-7 senior forward for the Sayreville Bombers girls' basketball team, has played tremendous basketball since joining the squad after sitting out the Blue & Gray's first 10 games of the season, after transferring over from Cardinal McCarrick/St. Mary's HS. Coach Tara Currie's club has a current 5-game winning streak, and is (6-1) since the arrival of McDonough.

McDonough's ability to score big, and haul down rebounds has added an extra dimension to the offensive attack that was centered around junior point guard Jackie Rodriguez, and soph forward Amanda Quintero, both big scorers as well.

ing great Nicole Baginsky, a junior at New Jersey University averaged a fine 196.78 as a soph...Sayreville's superstar football player, Delon Stephenson, who was a major part in the Bombers' 2011 championship season, spent the fall of '12 playing for Milford Academy in New Berlin, NY as a defensive back. He was outstanding for the Falcons with 33 solo tackles, 15 assisted tackles and 1 caused fumble...Bridget Giovenco was a member of the West Chester University (PA) women's soccer team that captured the Atlantic Region title of the NCAA Division II. Bridget is a freshman midfielder... Anthony Bozzella, who coached at St. Mary's HS in the late 1980's has been the head coach of Iona University women's basketball team for over 10 years. This season, his Gaels stand at (11-10)...



Jason "Jay" Ciszewski star bowler for the Sayreville Bombers #1 championship boys' bowling team was outstanding under pressure throughout the end of season tournaments, and also rolled a perfect 300 game in the Group III state championship! Congratulations, Jay on a truly outstanding high school career! (Photo by Brian Stratton)



Cardinal McCarrick track standout Kelly Gorman (c) was honored at the National Girls and Women sports day held at Seton Hall University. (Photo by Brian Stratton)

Boys Basketball

Sayreville (14-8) Coach John Wojcik's club has had an exciting season with a cast of talented players, including leading scorer/playmaker Corey Taite, Jason Saldiveri, Brian Gay, Robert Seraji, Donald Johnson and Malik Pressley.

South Amboy (13-9) Steve Herdman, SA's 3-point sharpshooter, and Joe Fruncillo, who scores big, and also tops the team in rebounds, have led the Guvs throughout the season. Nick and Tim Kales, along with Matt Lavan can also hit double figures when needed.

Cardinal McCarrick/St. Mary's (6-18) Sky Harris, Michael Vick, Jaquante Madden, and Aaron Lewis were the big guns for the Eagles in 2012-13.

Girls Basketball

Sayreville (14-8) Coach Tara Currie's Bombers have really began to jell since the late arrival of transfer Alyssa McDonough. Along with Jackie Rodriguez and Amanda Quintero, the Bombers have 3 bona fide, huge scoring threats.

South Amboy (9-11) Amanda LaVigne, Beth Kudelka, Beth Noble, Kyra Kuhn and Nicole Burns have had big games recently for the Lady Guvs.

Cardinal McCarrick/St. Mary's (8-13) Brittany Clayton Madison McNally, Savannah Valentin, Shannon McCleery, and Lauryn Materowski have all scored big over the past month.

Boys Bowling

Sayreville (Record Unknown)-It's been an incredible year for this outstanding team under the coaching genius of Mike Weinert. Led by Jay Ciszewski, the balanced attack also features A.J. Angotti, Mike Bernstein, Kevin Nettle, Andy Danchisko and Mike Danchisko.

Cardinal McCarrick/St. Mary's (5-9-2) Zack Durso, John Miller and Gabe Tirado were the Eagles' top bowlers.

South Amboy (5-8-2) Phil Oppenheimer, Alex Van Reek, Kevin Zulin, Jake Piazzolla, Mike Pagan, and Jim Bloodgood all contributed to Coach Tony Gonsalves' Governors.

Girls Bowling

Cardinal McCarrick/St. Mary's (19-1) Another super season for the Lady Eagles. Katie Latham was the top bowler and followed by Katie Rose Noble, Asia Howard and Kristen Pianka.

Sayreville-(Record Unknown) Mary Kate Kersting, Chantelle Glowacki and Megan Aucone were the leading bowlers for the Bombers.

South Amboy (0-15) Caitlin Toomey,

Duftrat Capture Second Place

Sayreville's standout swimmer, Peter Duftrat took two second place finishes in the GMC Swimming championships. He captured runners-up honors in the 50-yd. freestyle in 21.85, and also the 100-yd. freestyle in 47.50. Congratulations, Peter!

Brandi Charmello, Savannah Januzzi, Kaitlyn Vee, Jennell Webber all had a good year for the Lady Guvs.

Wrestling

Sayreville (10-14) Best matches recently were by Anthony Procaro, Nick Taillefer, James Peters, and Maddux Mason.

Boys Swimming

Sayreville (0-4) Top swimmers: Peter Duftrat, Mike Astarita, Joe Couzo, William Gottstine, Steven Barham.

Girls Swimming

Sayreville (1-2) Top swimmers: Liz Kaczmarek, Alexa Olsen, Jane Pruszkowski, Michelle Quinn, Grace McCrone.

GMCT Basketball

Boys

1st Round

Cardinal McCarrick/St. Mary's 66 Edison 59-Sky Harris pumped in 16 points and grabbed 9 rebounds, while Jaquantee Madden tossed in 13 points and had 10 caroms for the #26 seeded Eagles.

South Amboy 49 East Brunswick Tech 37-Steve Herdman paved the way with 20 points, and Joe Fruncillo scored 10, and hauled down 12 rebounds for the #18 seeded Governors.

2nd Round

Sayreville 60 Metuchen 50-Rob Seraji led the #9 seeded Bombers with 26 points, and Corey Taite chipped in with 10 markers.

Piscataway Tech 53 Cardinal McCarrick/St. Mary's 48-Jaquantee Madden scored 14 for the Eagles.

Bishop Ahr 71 South Amboy 44-Joe Fruncillo connected for 22 points for the Purple & Gold.

3rd Round

Sayreville 59 Dunellen 58-The Bombers advanced to the quarterfinals behind Donald Johnson's 17 points, and Robert Seraji, who scored 16.

Girls

1st Round

Monroe 57 Cardinal McCarrick 48-Brittany Clayton topped the #18 seeded Lady Eagles with 16 points.

East Brunswick 59 South Amboy 24

2nd Round

Sayreville 70 Highland Park 50-Jackie Rodriguez topped the #9 seeded Bombers with 25 points. Alyssa McDonough scored 14.

3rd Round

Sayreville 78 Timothy Christian 44-McDonough burned the nets for 30 points, Rodriguez scored 21, and Amanda Quintero added 13 points, as the Bombers advanced to the quarterfinals.

Herdman #4 In Treys

South Amboy HS sharpshooter, Steve Herdman is currently fourth in Middlesex County with 49 three-point field goals, an average of 2.5 per game. Earlier in the season, his 37 consecutive game streak, for making at least one three-point field goal in a game, was halted.

The Local Sports Memory Machine

By Tom Burkard

From The Sports Archives



1985-This talented St. Mary's Eagles team made it to the state tourney and finished (15-7). Pictured top row (l-r) Coach Gil Pritchard, Dave Kennedy, Bob Waltz, Jim Vellanti, Bill Reilly, Joe Byrne. Bottom row (l-r) Randy Wilson, Tom Mierzwiak, Bill O'Leary, Bob Bialoblocki, Nick Ferraro.

The Cheerleaders

1942-Hoffman High's cheerleaders were Dolores Christiansen, Margaret Brower, Helen Springle, Lily Hoffman, Jane Burkard, Grace Clayton.

C.Y.O. Days

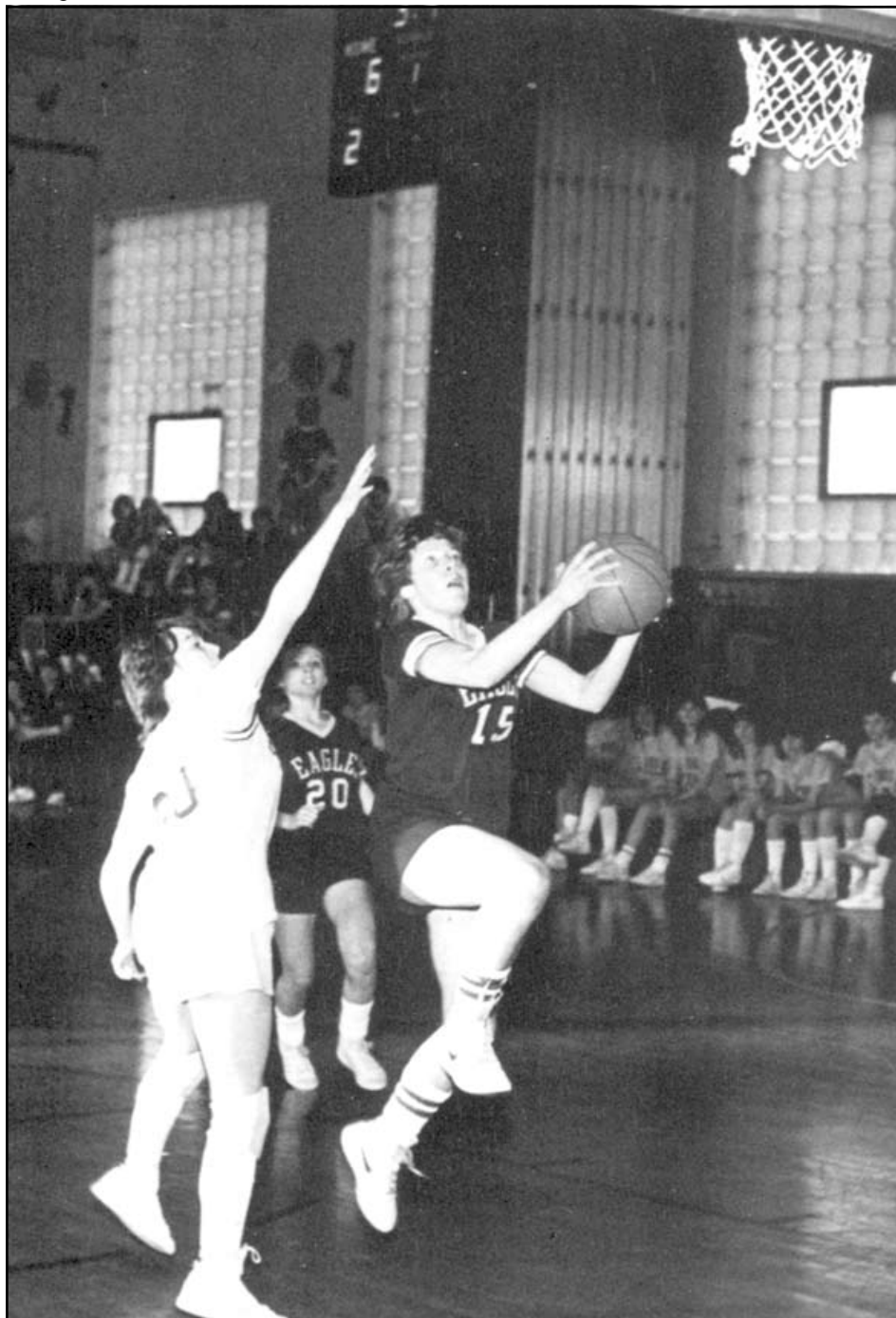
1960-St. Stephen's of Perth Amboy beat Sacred Heart in the season opener, 38-34. Ricky Ferguson and John Kampo tossed in 10 points apiece, while Art Urbanik and Frank Eskra scored 7 each for the Hearts.

45 Years Ago

1968-Keansburg shocked Hoffman 81-80 in the opening round of the Msgr. Sullivan Tournament. The Guvs had 4 players in double figures: Jimmy Lyons 24 points, Larry Kurzawa 17, Danny Paone 16, and Jerry Disbrow 14.

30 Years Ago

1983-Sayreville's wrestling team won the Woodbridge Christmas Tournament, as Ed Mahalick and Matt Pachkowski won championships. On the year, the Bombers finished (10-5-1). Tony Viola was a District champion.



1985-Eleanor Wykpisz of St. Mary's girls' basketball team drives in for a basket against St. Pius. The Lady Eagles had a respectable (12-9) mark for the season.

50 Years Ago Sabres Beat Panthers

1963-The South Amboy Sabres Pop Warner football team trounced the Morgan Panthers, 31-0 in the 2nd Annual "Neighborhood Bowl" played at Sayreville HS Field. Pat McDonough raced 55 yards for the first TD, and Fred Poli broke through center for the extra point. Tom Kelly ran for a 6-yard TD to make it 13-0 after one quarter. In the second stanza, Kelly found Norm Kilcomons on a 6-yd. scoring strike to give SA a 19-0 lead at halftime.

In the third quarter Kelly swept around left end from 3 yards for another touchdown, making it 25-0 after 3 sessions. The Sabres last score was on a beautiful reverse, when Kelly handed off to McDonough, who ran around right end and raced 95 yards for the final score of the "Neighborhood Bowl," giving South Amboy its second straight win over Morgan.

Glory Days In Local Sports

1958-Sayreville slammed St. Peter's 20-0 on the gridiron. Matty Zalewski scored 2 TD's, one on a fumble recovery in the end zone, and also ran for a 17-yard score. Tom Michaels found Rich Mazur on a 28-yd. scoring strike to add to the Bombers victory margin. **1962**-St. Mary's boys' basketball squad slipped by Carteret, 66-64 to win the consolation game of the 6th Annual Holiday Festival Tournament. Tom Farrell led the Blue & Gold with 22 points, Jay Derent and Jack Kreiger scored 18 points apiece. **1976**-Sayreville's super gymnast, Steve DeLeo captured the state title on the vaulting horse. **1981**-J.P. Stevens hammered Hoffman, 92-62 in the Middlesex County Basketball Tournament (MCBT). Bob Aucone led the Guvs with 20 points, and was followed by Tom Mulligan 17, and Ron Brown 10. **1997**-St. Mary's boys' bowling team shutout Monroe, 4-0. Clinton Gorga had the highest game with a 244, followed by Dan Holovacko 217 and Scott Lesinski 202. **2002**-South Amboy pounded Metuchen in girls' hoops, 55-37, as Kiersten McCarthy popped in 19 points and Regan Rone 17,

T.H.E. Game

Sport-Basketball Year-1983

Teams-Hoffman

vs. Keyport in the CJ quarterfinals.

Recap-Hoffman trailed 41-34 after 3 quarters, but in the final frame, Joe Lewis caught fire and poured in 9 of his 19 points to lead the comeback. He hit a jumper to tie it at 52-52 with 0:36 seconds left, and as time ran down, Pat Leonard grabbed an offensive rebound and scored a layup at the buzzer to give the Guvs a nail-biting 54-52 triumph over the Red Raiders. Hoffman played without the talented starter Ron Brown, who had a knee injury.

Lewis topped all scorers with 19 points, while Peter Smith tossed in 15 and grabbed 7 rebounds, and Leonard ripped 12 rebounds. Players-Of-The-Game- Lewis, Leonard, Smith.

Flashback-1981 South Amboy Men's Senior Basketball League

Jack O'Leary poured in 35 points to lead Dooling Electric to a thrilling 61-59 victory over Pine Liquors, who was led by Bob Howarth's 30 markers...Sanitary Fuels slammed the Sled Dogs 69-47, as Tom Stroin pumped in 21...English's Pub beat the Underdogs, 64-57 as Greg Kardos swished in 15 points...Lions Den defeated Hubbard's Cupboard, 65-58 as Gary Lange burned the nets for 26 points.

Sacred Heart Basketball-1960

Little Bigger League

Villanova 27 Seton Hall 16-Mike Gliello and Jimmy Zrebiec scored 10 points each for the winners. Bob McNeany, Carl Chodkiewicz, and George Warga had 4 points apiece for the Hall.

Holy Cross 14 Fordham 10-Steve Stankowicz and Ed Nocek were high scorers with 4 points apiece.

Little League

Dayton 17 Notre Dame 2-Larry Gliello topped all scorers with 10 tallies, while Frank Mioduszewski scored a deuce for ND.

Duquense 22 Louisville 14-Gene Chodkiewicz, Rick Ragula, and Al Klimek scored 6 apiece for Duquense, while John Opiola took scoring laurels with 7 for Louisville.



St. Mary's Great Sibilia Dies

Mary Jean Sibilia, 46, a 1984 St. Mary's graduate died on Jan. 31st after a courageous battle with ALS. She was an outstanding basketball player, and joined the elite 1,000 point scoring club as a senior. In addition, she was a talented starting first baseman on St. Mary's legendary 1982 softball state championship club.

Lagoda Met Stan Musial

Baseball legend, Stan "The Man" Musial recently passed away. The St. Louis Cardinals great and Major League Baseball Hall-of-Famer, was loved and admired by people all over the U.S., and that was certainly true for South Amboy and Sayreville baseball fans.

The late, beloved South Amboy businessman, John Jas' Lagoda had the thrill of a lifetime when he met Musial, his hero on Sept. 18, 1960, when he ran a bus trip from his business, Lagoda's Bar and Grill, to Philadelphia to see the Cardinals play the Phillies. Jas' had been a Cardinal roofer since his childhood, and had also dreamt of visiting the Cardinals and talking to Stan. Through the efforts of South Amboy's former big leaguer, Allie Clark, Lagoda received permission from the Cards GM to meet Stan "The Man."

Jas' and his nephew Bob Kukulski were taken into the clubhouse, where they talked with St. Louis stars Larry Jackson, Joe Cunningham, Curt Flood, Ray Sadecki, and manager Solly Hemus. Lagoda received a ball autographed by the entire Cardinals team, and his nephew received a ball personalized by Cunningham. Jas' big dream became a reality when he was taken out to the dugout and was introduced to Musial. The pair talked for quite a while before the game.

50 Years Ago Cheerleading Champs

1963-St. Mary's CYO cheerleading team won its second straight Trenton Diocesan championship, defeating 15 other squads. The talented cheerleaders were coached by Lena Kennedy, who was assisted by Mrs. Schwarick. Team members were Lucille Coan, Donna Chuilli, Lenore Carroll (Co-Captain), Roseann Cross, Suzie Clark, Paulette Nehila (Co-Captain), Mary Ferguson, Judy Kosloski, Cathy Macholl, Geneva Lucovitz, Eileen Norek, and Nancy O'Donnell.

The girls previously captured the Hudson County championship. Does anyone have a photo of this great group to share with The SA Times readers?

The Boys 1,000 Points Club

Hoffman/South Amboy-Curt Wood, Billy Clayton, Gary Lange, Bob Clayton, Frank Kuziemski, Peter Smith, Gary Kuhn, Ed Behnen, Nick Shaw, Brian Seres, Joe Bartlinski, Joe Charmello.

St. Mary's/Cardinal McCarrick-George Krzyzanowski, Rob Zaleski, Dan Blaha, Kevin Burns, Kevin Oliveri, Vince Rosario, Mike Burwell, Julio Rosario.

Sayreville-Ron Kuran, Jeff Osowski, Steve Makwinski, Dan Osborne, Ralph Novak, Leland Norris, Marcin Ziobron.

Blood Drive March 3

Our Lady of Victory Knights of Columbus will be holding a Blood Drive on Sunday, March 3rd from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Knights Council Home located at 775 Washington Rd., directly across from the Parlin Post Office. For more info call the K of C at 732-257-2061.



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Winter Memories

By Joe Jaskowiak

I remember after a big snowfall back around 1966, my friend Tom Burkard, myself and many other teenagers from South Amboy worked for the city, just for one day, shoveling snow. It was a nice payday. The late Ray Durski, a South Amboy policeman at the time, used to say that once it starts snowing, call him, which we did. He gave us a ride in his police car to the old City Hall, and we filled out job applications and started work immediately with the others."

*Do you have any special Winter Memories or photos to share with SATimes readers? E-mail them to: satimes@aol.com.



Sisters from Cardinal McCarrick High School participated in the Polar Bear Plunge last January 13th. This was a great success. All money raised will help us provide Tuition Assistance Programs to Students! (Photo Submitted)

Old Man Winter Strikes

By Steve Schmid

Winter storm Nemo delivered a glancing blow throughout the area on Friday Feb. 8, as 7-8 inches of snow fell. The snow created a picturesque display of white on lawns, trees, woodlands and meadows. The snow began early that morning, but quickly changed to rain saving us from a more substantial total. The snow and sleet caused some schools and businesses to send people home early.

The rain changed back to snow in the afternoon and came down hard overnight while people were sleeping. The storm was formed by the convergence of two weather systems off the NJ coast. One system from the Midwest dived south pulling in cold air, while the other system came from the southeast pushing moisture up from the Gulf of Mexico. If the nor'easter had formed slightly to the south and east, we could have had a blinding blizzard with 3 feet of snow. Hamden, Connecticut near New Haven hit the jackpot with 40 inches, the New Haven rail yard had 38 inches, while Milford, CT had 38 inches. Closer to home, Newark Airport had 10 inches, Central Park, NYC, 11 inches, and Piscataway 9.

The middle of January saw a week of subfreezing temperatures which represented the longest stretch of below 32 degree temperatures. The bitter cold was excellent for local ice skaters and hockey players, who took advantage of frozen ponds to enjoy themselves. We can look forward to warmer weather soon. The first day of spring is Wednesday March 20.

A PRAYER FOR HEALING

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

THE 3 POINT SHOT INVENTED BY MOOKIE CISZEWSKI

BY HENNY THE DJ

Look at any pro or college basketball game today and you see pretty much the same modus operandi of teams on offense: dump the ball inside to collapse the defense and quickly dish it outside and reverse it for the open three point jump shot. The game changed dramatically with the adoption of that rule back in the late 80's. And watching Mello Anthony jock up three pointers during a Knick game the other night, I realized that I was at Saint Mary's versus Sayreville High School game back in the 50's when I witnessed Ronnie "Mookie" Ciszewski invent that long distance jump shot, only his was better than Mello's because Mookie shot his three pointers off the dribble and from almost half court.

It hurts to say this, and it doesn't mean that you don't try to beat them on the playing field, but some ball players are just better than everybody else. Period. You can practice every day, go to camps, and actually become a very, very good basketball player and even superior in maybe ball handling or defensive skills, but certain players are just of a different breed. I'm familiar with that special breed because my father was one of those types.

In a town that has produced numerous Major League Baseball players, it so happened that when the SA/Sayreville Times had a Computer Based Search some years ago to determine the best South Amboy baseball player of all time, guess who that computer come up with? The one that topped that list was my own father, Henry J. Conroy, pitching and hitting for good, old Hoffman High School back in the 1930's, like Casey Stengel used to say, "You could look it up." So, I know full well what a world class athlete looks like. Of course, those who became

MLB Professionals were great players who achieved the greatest of heights in later life. However in town, my dad was it

But this story is about Mookie Ciszewski, a basketball player who played the game at a different level than all the other mere mortals on the court with him, and that includes some great other players, but still those mere mortals in comparison to Mookie.

Of course, being an extremely loyal and true, Saturday confession going, Kenny's Sweet Shoppe, Tek's, Gus Potts, Abbatellio's, and Tarallo's hanging, Perth Amboy Evening News delivering, Perth Amboy movie going, hole in the wall driving, Marathon and Public Service Bus riding, Dupont Picnic sneaking, Water Works hot dog and hamburger chomping, Stanley Soda slurping, Hercules and Ducksie's swimming, Sacred Heart Dancing, Roger Johnson cheering, Protection Little League baseball sliding, Baranowski's, Nebus', Zalewski's, Vincie Poulsen's, Feffer's, Mack Seemer's and Safeway shopping, Jayvee basketball playing hero worshiper of the great Saint Mary's players: John Mullane, Pat Mullane, Freddie Farrell, Tex Leonard, Jim Smealas, Jim Phillips, Pinger Phillips, Ed Paczkowski, Marty Metzger, Adam Lovely, Joe Viggiano, Tommy Pristavec, Nip Noble, Ned Moran, Rock Stader, Jimmy Higgins, Joe Smith, John Graber and many others not remembered...I hated Mookie with a passion. Hated him.Little did I know that I would go on to become one of his biggest fans and in a way one of his best friends.

To Be Continued."The Game" – Sayreville vs Saint Mary's 1958 at our new Eagles gym.

WWW.?



Here's a mystery photo that shouldn't be too tough for our faithful WWW.? contestants. Send your answers in to: satimes@aol.com.

January Winners

The 2013 WWW.? contest started off with a huge number of correct answers. The January photo was the building on the corner of Ridgeway Ave. & Oak Street in the Melrose section of Sayreville. It was owned by the Maliszewski family, and called by many the Maliszewski homestead. Also, many, many years ago, it was a tavern called Molly's, or Maliszewski's Tavern.

The winners who correctly identified the photo: Chuck Pickard, Shawn & Norine Switzer, Jennifer Cisko Prusakowski, Theresa Krzywdzinski, Glenn Fallon, Pat & Bill Scully, Marie English, Joan Ogorek, Bernie Revolinsky, Bill Danku (who said "I remember delivering newspapers there."), Peggy Yuhas, Jay Seyglinski, W. Tom Kross, Priscilla Gilbert, Estelle Pluskota, Jim Cleary, Gerry Sherry, Joe Prusik, Joan

Fulham, Mary Ann Matarangolo, Mark Matuszkiewicz, Jim Vail, John Harris, Lisa Grankowski, Dorothy Malik, Joe Szaro, Lynn Loy, Don Zrebiec, Hugh Rone, Frank Vona, Maryann Zakrzewski, Pete McIntyre, Jim Hayden.

Note: Keep in mind that a contestant can submit only ONE answer, and after it is submitted, the answer CANNOT BE CHANGED.

There was also more incorrect answers than usual, including Ridgeway Ave. & Routes 9 & 35; Check's Tavern; Raritan St. & Rt. 35 North; Lasko's Tavern; Raritan & Oak Streets; Oak St. & Stevens Ave. ; Joe Check's; the building was located in the Mechanicsville section of South Amboy. (It is actually in the Melrose section of Sayreville).

"ON BORROWED TIME" AT THE MAIN STREET THEATRE

"ONBORROWED TIME": The Main Street Theatre Company will be celebrating the Silver Anniversary (75 years) of this wonderful play. Premiering on stage in 1938, then produced as a classic motion picture starring Lionel Barrymore and Sir Cedric Hardwick the following year. Both play and movie were critically acclaimed as a superior comedy/drama/fantasy, containing barrels of laughter as well as a river of tears.

Young Pud is orphaned and left in the care of his aged grandparents. The boy and his cantankerous old grandfather become inseparable friends. But Gramps is concerned for his grandson's future and wary of a scheming relative who seeks Pud's custody. One day Mr. Brink--an agent of Death--arrives to take Gramps "to the land where the woodbine twineth." Through a bit of trickery, Gramps confines Mr. Brink,

and thus Death, to the top of an old apple tree. Now, no one in the world can die until Gramps allows Mr. Brink to come down. This gives Gramps more time to think what to do about Pud. What seemed like a wonderful situation, soon turns into a thought provoking problem. When is it a "time to live and a time to die"?

The play is directed by Tony Adase of Lakewood and produced by Roberta Ferlita of Sayreville. The play's cast all reside in Central N.J.

Show dates: March 8-24. Fridays and Saturdays @ 8pm. Sundays @ 2pm. Adults: \$20. Seniors/students: \$16. Children 12 & under: \$12. For ticket reservations call: 732-553-1153 (check or cash only). To pay by credit card, go to website @ www.smstc.org. The Main Street Theatre, 3018 Bordentown Ave., Parlin

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STANDING ROOM ONLY AT BELLO'S



Three young men took advantage of the frozen pond at the South Amboy Waterworks to practice their hockey skills. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

Third Grader Writes Winning Story

Anna Sibley, an 8-year old 3rd Grade student in Mississippi, and the granddaughter of former Sayreville residents Dr. Robert and Anna Friberg Mamrak, and great-granddaughter of SA Times writer/research specialist, Anna Harris-Friberg, recently won a \$10 gift card to Wal-Mart as first prize for her story, "My Angel," which she read to the entire school over the intercom. The teacher gave the students some photos and asked them to select one to write a story about, and Anna chose the school bus picture. She was selected as the winner from 59 third grade students. Congratulations, Anna! The following is her prize-winning entry:

My Angel

Last Tuesday, I was riding the school bus home. It was full of other kids chewing gum, writing on the walls, and all sorts

of bad things. Since I didn't want to get blamed for anything, I sat up front. The other troublemaking students stayed hidden in the back section. I was on the bus for about thirty minutes when I glanced out the window. Then I saw it! Something incredible! Something so amazing I thought I was dreaming. I pinched myself, but I certainly wasn't dreaming. I saw a beautiful angel with long, blonde hair and sparkling white wings! As quickly as I saw her she vanished!

It sounds strange but I knew that I'd just seen my guardian angel. I jumped up immediately went to the back of the bus and told the others. They did not laugh but they said it was a trick of the light. I smiled and whispered to myself I know what I saw and I'll never forget!

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Tom, I just finished reading the Jan. edition of The SA Times, and as I turned to the last page, I was shocked to read that Jimmy Coan had died. Looking at the pictures, I immediately recalled the great time my husband Bob and I had at the Class of '68 class reunion in June 2011. Bob got to catch up with old classmates, some he didn't even recognize, and I relived my high school years at the dances in St. Mary's cafeteria with music by The Profit\$. They sounded great that night, like they had been playing together since they left school.

I remember the next day some classmates and their spouses met at Jenkinson's for an afternoon cocktail and to shoot the breeze. It was amazing! One of the best afternoons I can recall having in a long time. Only a few weeks after the reunion, I heard about Jimmy's health problem.

Now when I look back on that weekend, I know that it was a "once in a lifetime" thing. Jenkinson's will be rebuilt after super storm Sandy, but the music will never be the same.

Thank you, Bob Toye for sharing your memories.

Sincerely,
 Bob & Maureen Sekerak
 St. Mary's Class of '68, '70
 South Amboy

Dear Editor,
 Thank you for the great job that you do with the South Amboy-Sayreville Times!
 Mark Matuszkiewicz

Dear Tom,
 My wife Joan and I would like to thank you for your great newspaper! We look forward with anticipation each month. The January issue brought wonderful memories with the picture of Maliszewski's Tavern at the corner of Ridgeway Ave. and Oak St.

At times, the adults would have community clam bakes in the tavern yard. During World War II, the owners were kind enough to allow a memorial sign to be constructed in the yard to honor those who served. My cousin, Sam Defort, had a gold star next to his name, as he was lost in the war. At times, as young kids, we would watch for Mr. E., who lived a couple doors down on Oak St. to come out with his daily lunch pitcher of beer. We would line up next to the building and sometimes he would give us each a sip from the pitcher. Those were the days!
 Jim Hayden

NEW Zumba Class Comes to South Amboy Y

Dance, Sweat, Burn & Tone in our NEW Zumba/Butts & Guts Mix at the South Amboy Branch YMCA! This exciting new Specialty class will be held on Friday evenings from 8-9pm at the Y, located at 200 John T. O'Leary Blvd in South Amboy. The class will run during our Winter II session which is Friday, March 1 through Friday, April 19. Join us for a FREE Demo Class on Friday, February 22 from 8-9pm!

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Kenneth G. Kubinak
 Who Departed This Life
 Four Years Ago
 February 12, 2009 ~ February 12, 2013

Those we love remain with us for love itself lives on, and cherished memories never fade because a loved one's gone.

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Bridges Of The Raritan River-Part 2 The Victory Bridge

By Fran Fitzmorris

The story continues with the building of the Victory Bridge, which opened in 1926, and was something that the people of Sayreville, South Amboy and Perth Amboy could be proud of. By the early 1920's, it was evident that the "wood" bridge wasn't the answer to the local area's traffic problems, and that a steel bridge was necessary. By 1922, a deal had been made, and the new bridge would be funded jointly by state and federal government for the enormous amount of \$4 million dollars.

At the time of its construction, this original 360 ft. bridge was the longest in NJ. The name for the bridge came from State Assemblyman Harold G. Hoffman from South Amboy, to honor all the soldiers who fought in World War I from our state. This bridge would become the connecting link between North and South Jersey, and hopefully eliminate or at least lessen the traffic congestion crossing the historic Raritan River, especially going to the Jersey shore during the summer months. According to reports, it was believed, at the time, that it would be seen or traveled over by more than any other memorial bridge in this country, except for the memorial bridge heading in or out of Washington, DC to Virginia.

Originally, the Highway Commission was planning to open the bridge in April 1924. However, a 2-year extension was given. The state condemned land at both ends of the bridge approaches. The roads would be widened by 50 ft. near the base of the bridge, especially the north bound traffic, to create a better flow. The connecting points for the new bridge would be at Convery Blvd. and Smith St., and at the Pennsylvania Railroad right away, at lower Main St., and would be widened by 50 ft. to make the flow of traffic move easier.

Finally the date for the opening of the bridge was set for June 26, 1926. As the date drew closer, the route for the parade was set, and then at the last minute, changed. In researching, I still can't figure out why it was changed, see what you think. The parade route was as follows: Start at the Luke A. Lovely American Legion located on David St., turn onto Stevens Ave. to Main St. Originally, it would turn right and

travel down to lower Main St., but at the last minute, it was rerouted at Main St. up Fourth St., through the Hole-In-The-Wall to Scott Ave. over the bridge to Smith St., where the reviewing stand was located, and where the Perth Amboy American Legion was stationed.

As for the parade, the South Amboy American Legion was given the honor of being the honor guard for the Governor of NJ, A. Henry Moore. The locals had about 100 men marching, led by Post Commander Chris Mulrain in full uniform. The parade was divided into divisions. The first division was composed of only military units from all over NY and NJ. The second division was composed of veterans organizations, including about 20 American Legion posts and members of the Grand Old Army of World War I. They rode mainly in cars. In charge of this division was John C. Conlogue, who fought in the war. He was a well-known figure in South Amboy. The Civil Division was the largest, and included city, state, police, and firemen from all over the state. South Amboy was represented by several fire companies from town including Protection. There were numerous bands and floats which added to the joy and happiness of the day.

Even though a little rain fell, there were various amusements on the bridge and a fireworks display that surpassed anything seen in the area up to that time. The amusements continued to a late hour, and a banquet was held in the Perth Amboy Auditorium, with many speeches given to praise the people responsible for the bridge. Mayor Hoffman received special recognition for leading the fund raising necessary to make this event work. All three towns, South Amboy, Sayreville, and Perth Amboy should all be proud of what was accomplished for a bridge that stood until 2005.

Last but not least, I would like to inform you that my grandfather John Fitzmorris worked for the Pennsylvania Railroad for 35-40 years and all those years were spent on the Railroad Bridge—the same one that still stands today. That's pretty incredible! We are proud of what he did!



1966-Electric railroad cars cross the Raritan Bay from Perth Amboy over the railroad bridge, and are headed for the South Amboy train station. (Courtesy of Anna Harris Friberg)



This postcard from 1912 shows the old bridge connecting Perth Amboy and South Amboy. (Courtesy of Anna Harris Friberg)

Meet The Orchestra Concert!

On Saturday, March 23 - 1 pm, the Dowdell Library will present the family concert "Meet the Orchestra and More," featuring the City Winds Trio, a professional music chamber group. This will be a wonderful musical experience for families to share! The trio will perform well-known ragtime and classical music and after the performance, the audience will be encouraged to interact with the musicians during a hands-on musical instrument session. Library Director, Elaine Gaber, a fellow musician, noted that she is looking forward to trying some of the percussion instruments! In addition, interactive movement and learning games will be offered for children who'd like to participate. The City Winds Trio has been presenting this enjoyable program for more than eleven years at hundreds of locations and has inspired more than 5,000 children to treasure music.

The Dowdell Library of South Amboy serves as a cultural and entertainment center for the community. As part of this goal, the library has been developing innovative programs in the visual and performing arts which will provide a higher level of cultural

events free of charge for the community.

The City Winds Trio formed in 2001 and has performed at the prestigious Trinity Church, Cathedral St. John Divine, and St. Paul's Chapel in New York in addition to weddings and corporate events. Meredyth Coleman (Oboe), Crispian Fordham (Flute), and Yuki Higaski (Bassoon) are professionally trained musicians who travel the world performing. They are a lively and entertaining group not to be missed!

Attendees are advised to arrive early for the 1 pm performance, as seating will be limited.

The Dowdell Library is located on John T. O'Leary Boulevard, adjacent to the South Amboy High School. For additional questions, please contact the library at 732.721.6060 or comments@dowdell.org. Free admission.

This program is funded in part by Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders, Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission; with assistance thru a grant provided by New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Dept of State.

Sayreville Boys Bowlers #1 In N.J.

(Continued from page 1)

In the TOC, Ciszewski continued with his impressive hot streak of strikes, and ran it to 18 straight until getting a spare. In the first round, the Bombers swept Ewing in three games in the best of 5 series, and in the TOC championship against a powerful Jackson Memorial squad, Sayreville trailed 2 games to 1, but caught fire by nailing 8 consecutive strikes in game 4 to win 267-165, and captured the coveted crown by downing Jackson, 194-163, as Coach Mike Weinert's fine club copped its third TOC and fourth Group III state title since 2008. They also won a few other impressive tournaments throughout the year, and although the Bombers will be losing 4 seniors through graduation, their Coach Mike Weinert who

is possibly the best boys bowling coach in NJ, always manages to get the most out of his players, and next season should also be exciting for Sayreville. Congratulations, Coach Weinert and the fabulous #1 champions, Sayreville Bombers on a remarkable season!

South Amboy AA Baseball/Softball Registration

The South Amboy Athletic Association will be holding registration for the upcoming baseball/softball season. You can register online at www.leaguelineup.com/SAYAA, or in person at the YMCA Recreation office.



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Fishing Flashes

By Teo "Weebles" Weber

Salt Water

The winter Mackerel run never got started. The party boats that went out to look for them caught very few fish. There was nothing behind them to follow it up. The only fishing now is on the wrecks in the Mud Hole for mostly Ling, some Blackfish and a few Cod. Inshore Blackfish fishing on party boats is still spotty. There are still a few big Blackfish around at 12 to 14 pounds. Surf fishing for Striped Bass is getting slower and slower due to dropping water temps. There are still a few Bass being caught on plugs at night in the area above Shark River and on LBI. Using clams, you will catch a few during the offshore special Sea Bass trips. Trips are excellent with many limits being caught if you can stand up to the rough seas and inclement weather, there are big Porgies and some Pollock mixed in. There are a few Weakfish and Bluefish still out there too. A surprise catch of a Bonito on the Big Jamaica was caught by someone trying to jig for Pollock. Striped Bass season opens in the bays and rivers on March 1st. This fishing will be slow at first so don't expect any great catches.

Fresh Water

Cold frigid weather resulted in ice on all upstate lakes. The ice is safe for now. The warm spell we had in January led to the death of two teens drowning when they fell through the thin ice on Bud Lake. Lake Hopatcong is the best bet for fishing. Safe ice is in all the coves there. Perch and Pickereel can be caught on shiner baited tip ups. Some trout have been caught from shore at Round Valley near the boat ramp, but it has slowed up. Holdover Trout are still lurking in the Pequest and other upstate streams if you can find them.

**THE SPINAL
COLUMN**

By DR. JOHN MISIEWICZ

Ice Or Heat, That Is The Question!

Whether to use ice or heat can be a vexing question for those of us coping with acute injury, morning aches, or chronic pain. First, use caution. Ice and moist heat therapy can both interfere with circulation, especially in the elderly, the immune compromised, and those with circulatory problems, or who suffer from serious diseases (including cancer). When in doubt, check with your chiropractor. Never use any form of ice or heat unless you are certain it's appropriate to do so.

What To Do First!

Have you ever seen an athlete with a bag of ice lashed to his ankle wearing an ace bandage? That player is practicing athlete injury first aid. It is called R.I.C.E., Rest, Ice, Compression, and Elevation. This can be done for 24-48 hours. If pain and swelling persists, heat can be applied.

Ice is best when an acute injury has resulted in acute inflammation in the area of injury. Signs of acute inflammation include swelling, redness, or heat in the surrounding area. Ice should be used for 10-30 minutes depending upon the thickness of the damaged part; for example, an elbow for 10 minutes, and lower back for 30 minutes. Wrap ice packs in a towel and apply it to the injured area. You can expect to feel a little cold discomfort in the area before any numbness or pain reduction takes place. Check the skin temperature frequently to prevent damage.

Heat is best used with chronically stiff muscles or joints, or if your pain increases as the weather becomes colder. Persons with circulation problems should use neither heat or ice because they can't reliably tell if the area is warming or cooling properly. Wrap hot packs in 4-8 layers or thick toweling to start with. Adjust towel thickness as needed. In general, you may use commercial hot packs in either boiling water or the microwave. Follow the instructions that come with the pack or consult your chiropractor.

As for electric heating pads- never, never, use them. Heating pads can overheat quickly and burn you before you know what's happening. There are safer and easier ways to apply heat. I urge you again, DO NOT use electric heating pads for any reason. If the injury persists for more than a week, consult your physician.



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Ryan Tied High Jump Mark

Nora Ryan recently tied the Rumson-Fair Haven Regional HS high jump record. She is the daughter of former South Amboy resident Kevin Ryan, and granddaughter of Jim and Eileen Ryan of South Amboy. Congratulations, Nora!



Sayreville, Mayor Kennedy O'Brien (r) is presented a check for \$1000 By Sayreville Lion President Dawn Myatt (l) for the Sayreville relief effort to help those devastated by Super Storm Sandy. This was just another example of the Lions motto: "WE SERVE". In the days after Sandy, Sayreville Lions and Lions throughout the state of NJ were there to provide food, blankets, etc. (Photo/Info Submitted)

PRAYER TO ST. JUDE

(To be said when problems arise or when one seems to be deprived of all visible help, or in 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.

You Tube-In

By Tom Burkard

1970's-"I'd Really Love To See You Tonight" by England Dan & John Ford Coley just missed #1 in 1976 with their #2 smash. England Dan is really Dan Seals. "Sentimental Lady" by Bob Welch landed at the #8 spot in 1978, and Air Supply's "I'm All Out Of Love" went all the way to #2. They're both excellent songs that will live forever.

1980's, 2013-Does anyone remember Steve Forbert? Well, he had a big hit in 1980, "Romeo's Tune" that reached #11 on the Billboard charts. In Jan. 2013, he made a video of his new song, "Sandy" which is of course about Hurricane Sandy. It was shot on the Asbury Park boardwalk, and is pretty interesting with a catchy hook, as Steve holds up placards with the words to the songs,

and names of shore towns affected by the superstorm. Check out both Steve Forbert songs-- they're worth the click.

Country-A red-hot country band from NJ, After The Reign has 2 interesting songs on youtube.com, "Burning Down The Farm," and "Jersey Strong," which was inspired by super storm Sandy.

Local-Top-notch video producer Frank Cilente, of Sayreville, who is the owner of Facsonic Productions, just finished a video featuring a band close to my heart (Many years ago) The Lincoln Conspiracy, a local group with big dreams and plans, led by yours truly. To hear a few cool rockin' original songs from this 1987 EP vinyl collectors' album, go to: youtube.com and type in: The Lincoln Conspiracy 3 Song Video.

McCarthy Will Play Pro Ball

Mike McCarthy, son of former South Amboy resident and Hoffman HS great, Joe "Moose" McCarthy, will be playing professional baseball in April for the Rosewell,

New Mexico Invaders team. The Invaders play in an Independent League, and will be happy to have the talented McCarthy, who is a catcher, in their lineup.

Rock & Rant

By Rev. Buck Daddy Flash

This New Year is growing up so fast. We're already half way through winter and I almost forgot to wish a Happy Birthday to 3 Kings for whom we celebrated over the past month and a half. These men changed the world in their own way, and one has been revered a bit more than the other two.

I had a dream I was howling like a hound dog, "father you have forsaken me! Let there be light." When I awoke I noticed that the sun is starting to get up the same time as me, and soon it will beat me out of bed. The darkness is being chased away by the upcoming spring, and no matter what that furry little rat in Western PA says, March 21st is still 6 weeks away even though like Christina Perry swoons in her "Twilight" song, it feels like a thousand years.

Spring will be sprung shortly. I know this because pitchers and catchers have reported, and Red the Barber along with a ton of others will be flying south to watch the boys of the hot season prep themselves for some more of America's favorite past time. I can't wait to be sitting Oceanside at Jersey's refurbished shore and singing "Put me in coach, I'm ready to play today, look at me I can be"...from John Fogarty's "Centerfield." Playball! Enjoy.

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Obituaries

Alberici, Paul J., 64, of Parlin died on Feb. 6.
 Ambrecht, Daniel C., 62, of South Amboy died on Jan. 8.
 Armstrong, Lanette G. Steiner, 64, of Morgan died on Feb. 11.
 Barone, Peter, 85, of Sayreville died on Jan. 30.
 Bellan, Joseph T., 94, of Parlin died on Jan. 24.
 Bird, Robert E., 85, of Parlin died on Feb. 4.
 Burdak, Edward, 89, of South Amboy died on Feb. 6.
 Cavallaro, James, 63, of Parlin died on Feb. 2.
 Corvino, Margaret Quinlan, 96, of South Amboy died on Jan. 28.
 Dolias, George, 92, of Parlin died on Feb. 7.
 Ellis, David H., 38, formerly of South Amboy died on Feb. 9.
 Erdek, Richard G., 33, formerly of Sayreville died on Nov. 18.
 Fell, Joyce Bright, 58, formerly of South Amboy died on Jan. 16.
 Hayden, Mary Lovely, 87, formerly of South Amboy died on Jan. 20.
 Hier, Richard C., 91, of Parlin died on Feb. 12.
 Holliday, Richard W. "Doc," 84, of Parlin died on Feb. 4.
 Holon, Jeffrey E., 54, of Sayreville died on Jan. 26.
 Jarusiewicz, Jean Galinski, 100, of South Amboy died on Jan. 28.
 Jensen, Dorothy E., 87, of Sayreville died on Jan. 22.
 Kedzierski, Gertrude "Trudy," 81, formerly of Sayreville died on Jan. 24.
 Kehoe, William J. III, 66, formerly of South Amboy died on Feb. 1.
 Kellar, Martha, 91, of Parlin died on Feb. 1.
 Klym, Frances, 88, formerly of South Amboy died on Feb. 6.
 Kost, Lawrence C., 90, of South Amboy died on Jan. 17.
 Kotula, Helen V., 90, formerly of South Amboy died on Feb. 1.
 Kreisler, Gloria E., R.N., died on Jan. 9.
 Krzyzanowski, Stanley B., 88, of Sayreville died on Jan. 30.
 Kuc, Mary, 86, of South Amboy died on Feb. 1.
 Lestuck, Marlene L., 61, of Parlin died on Jan. 18.
 Linderoth, Katherine, 78, formerly of South Amboy died on Feb. 6.
 Lucevich, Daniel A., 23, of Perth Amboy died on Jan. 16.
 McCarthy, Patricia L., 61, formerly of Sayreville died on Jan. 19.
 McCarthy, Rose Ann Kudelka, 81, of South Amboy died on Jan. 30.
 Modzelewski, Alfred, 87, of Sayreville died on Jan. 28.
 Morris, Richard J., 68, of Sayreville died on Feb. 3.
 Moskwa, Robert T., 60, formerly of South Amboy died on Feb. 7.
 Murphy, Mary Jean Sibilica, 46, of Madison Park died on Jan. 31.
 Nowak, Valerie, of Parlin died on Jan. 31.
 Nowicki, Sally, 88, of Sayreville died on Jan. 29.
 Ott, Leon, 89, of Parlin died on Feb. 3.
 Pandolfo, Patricia A., 75, of Parlin died on Jan. 22.
 Papp, Jean Podlesny, 98, of Sayreville died on Jan. 12.
 Penka, Florence H., 90, of South Amboy died on Jan. 13.
 Piskorski, Jacqueline "Jackie," 72, of Sayreville died on Jan. 25.
 Pozo, Angel, 84, of Parlin died on Jan. 15.
 Przybylko, Jean M., 94, of Sayreville died on Feb. 13.
 Raymond, Maxie L., 78, of Parlin died on Feb. 11.
 Rhatcan, Michael J., 51, of Parlin died on Jan. 13.
 Sadowski, Bernard "Ben" A., 75, of South Amboy died on Feb. 3.
 Scott, Helen R., 84, formerly of Sayreville died on Jan. 22.
 Zagata, Walter J., 92, formerly of Sayreville died on Jan. 23.
 Zamorski, Marie A., 81, of Sayreville died on Feb. 13.
 Zdzienicki, Alice, of Sayreville died on Jan. 18.

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St. Patrick's Day Parade 2013 / Tip-a-Pint Night

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Amboy. Admission is \$20.00 and includes food, beer, wine, and soda. There are no advance ticket sales.

This year, the South Amboy Parade Committee has named James Downey, owner of the legendary Landmark Tavern, to serve as the parade's 2013 Grand Marshal and Middlesex County Freeholder Ronald Rios as Honorary Grand Marshal.

James or "Jamie" hails from Elizabeth New Jersey. In 2000 Jamie and his dad, Joe Jr., purchased the Landmark Tavern. Since coming to town, Jamie continues a tradition that dates back to when he was a little boy, cooking corned beef with his dad at the Last Call Tavern in Elizabeth. Each year on St. Patrick's Day, Jamie's dad, in a Kelly Green shirt and white sweater vest, served a free St. Patrick's Day dinner to his loyal patrons. In this same spirit of hospitality and "giving back", Jamie has often made his place available for benefits and fundraisers for local charities and causes. His vision is for the Landmark is to be the town's "meeting place" with the motto: The Landmark Tavern "where local all-stars and social icons meet".

Beginning his political career in 1982, the Honorary Grand Marshal Ronald (Ron) G. Rios, has been a tireless public servant for the people of Middlesex County. His accomplishments include working with area fire departments, EMS, Local Police, Port Authority, Veterans Affairs, and the Parks Department to name a few. Ron currently serves as the Freeholder Deputy Director of Middlesex County.

A "special honored guest" attending this year's parade is award-winning writer, producer, voice-over artist, and radio personality Bert Baron. Bert is currently the Director of Creative Services for Greater Media's WCTC and WMGQ radio, Program Director and Brand Manager at WCTC and on-air talent at WCTC and WJHA.

Grand Marshal's Night, the annual event to commemorate the parade honorees was held on Friday, February 1st at the Ancient Order of Hibernians hall. To get everyone in the St. Patty's Day mood, the award winning Col. D.B. Kelly Pipes & Drums made a special appearance, filling the hall with the sweet sounds of Ireland. The band is also scheduled for a special appearance at Tip-a-Pint Night.

The South Amboy St. Patrick's Day Parade, one of the city's highlights each year, continues to be a success because of the generosity of local business, individuals, and corporations helping to cover the cost of the many terrific marching bands participating each year. Along with the bands, there are lots of beautifully decorated floats, thousands of marchers, and countless parade enthusiasts filling the streets. If you have a group interested in being a part of this great St. Patrick's Day tradition or for additional information, please visit the South Amboy St. Patrick's Day Parade website at southamboyparade.com or you can contact the parade committee chairperson, Betty Sturgis at rbsturgis@optonline.net.

Paws for a Cause- Part Deux

(Article submitted)

The date is on Sun. March. 17th at Rumor 35. We know it is St. Patrick's Day but please make a sacrifice. These animals need us. Plus, there is a bar there & I'll make sure there is Green beer & Guinness! The doors open @ 1pm. It is an 18+ Event, 21 to drink...*Tickets are on sale!! Tickets will be available at the door the day of the show as well. If you are unable to attend the event, donation are still accepted. The mailing address is below. MAX's Famous Hot dogs & Stuff food truck will be outside as well for great eats!!

*We also ask you bring unwanted blankets, pillows, dog & cat food, kitty litter, garbage bags, paper towels, toys, cleaning supplies, etc. to help out as well.

Again, this is for various SPAC's/shelter's in Middlesex/Monmouth Counties who need major help! We are the Animal's voice.

Ticket donations are only \$20. There will also be prizes up for raffle/auction in-

Talk Of The Towns

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Amboy died on Jan. 28. In November 2012, at her 100th birthday party, she sang Polish songs for family and friends. Margaret Quinlan Corvino, 96, of South Amboy died on Jan. 28. Before retiring, she was employed by St. Mary's School for 24 years, working in the cafeteria. Margaret was also Deputy Grand Marshal for the South Amboy St. Patrick's Parade in 2004. Rose McCarthy, 81, of South Amboy died on Jan. 30. She was a Crossing Guard for the City of South Amboy prior to her retirement. Rose was an active member in many community organizations and a truly beautiful person, loved by all who knew her. Stanley Krzyzanowski, 86, of Sayreville died on Jan. 30. He was the owner of Stanley Builders in Sayreville for many years, and also served as a Building Inspector for the Borough of Sayreville. Martha Kellar, 91, of Parlin died on Feb. 1. She worked for 20 years as a Librarian for the Sayreville Library and retired in 2001. William Kehoe, 66, formerly of South Amboy died on Feb. 1. A USMC veteran of the Vietnam War, he was a member of American Legion Luke A. Lovely Post #62 of South Amboy and other veteran organizations in the area. Bernard "Ben" Sadowski, 75, of South Amboy died on Feb. 3. He worked at Property Maintenance at the MUA for 16 years, and prior to that was owner/operator of Sadowski Contractors, Sayreville, which was a longtime family business. "Ben" served on the Sayreville Planning Board and also the Sayreville Board of Health. He was an award-winning artist working with stained glass. Leon Ott, 89, of Parlin died on Feb. 3. He was an Army veteran of World War II, and a real good guy. Edward Burdak, 89 of South Amboy died on Feb. 6. He was the owner of Burdak's Tavern and a proud World War II veteran. Katherine Linderth, 78, formerly of South Amboy died on Feb. 6. She was active in many social organizations. Lanette Armstrong, 64, of Morgan died on Feb. 11. She worked for the Sayreville Board of Ed as a Teacher's Aide for over 20 years. Richard Hier, 91, of Parlin died on Feb. 12. He was a life/chapter member of BPO Elks Lodge #784 South Amboy, and was Past Exalted Ruler, and District Deputy.

They will always be remembered for the happiness they brought to so many.

Auxiliary Meeting

The Ladies Auxiliary #4699 at 575 Jernee Mill Rd., Sayreville will hold its monthly meeting on Feb. 26 at 7 p.m. The 3 winners from Patriots Pens Contest will receive their awards. Please show your support by attending. Refreshments will be served. For more info call 732-264-3041.

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN

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

South Amboy High School December/January Athletes of the Month



Joe Fruncillo - Basketball

Joe has been a consistent force for our Boys Varsity Basketball team again this year. Averaging close to a Double-Double this season, he has become an All-Gold Division performer. Joe is described by Coach Reyes in this way, "Joe is the anchor on both ends of the floor for our team. His consistency to put up double figures in scoring and rebounding is all due to his work ethic. He is absolutely the best slot-man in the division and he is the key factor we are still in the hunt for the divisional championship." Congratulations Joe on being the South Amboy High School Athlete of the Month for December/January! (Photo/info submitted)



Beth Ann Kudelka - Basketball

Beth Ann has been a welcome addition to the Girls Varsity basketball team this year. After being sidelined by an injury for her entire Freshman year, Beth Ann has been consistent contributor for the Lady Governors. Coach Lewis describes Beth Ann in this way, "Beth Ann is an integral part of our girls basketball team. She is our number one rebounder and shot blocker. She has a nice shot and is averaging 8pts. per game. She is a hard worker and always striving to improve her game. Beth Ann is a pleasure to have on the team. Not only is she a student athlete, she is a wonderful person." Congratulations to Beth Ann on becoming the December/January Athlete of the Month for South Amboy High School. (Photo/info submitted)

YMCA Strong Kids Campaign Gains Momentum

At the YMCA, strengthening community is our cause. For over 90 years, the YMCA of Metuchen, Edison, Woodbridge & South Amboy has been part of the fabric of our community, working to make lasting personal and social change through programs designed to develop our youth, promote healthy living, and nurture social responsibility.

The YMCA unites, engages and educates our communities to enable all people, especially youth and those who need us most, to maintain good health and to reach their full potential as productive, caring and responsible citizens. Last year, the Y provided close to \$300,000 in support to our community, over \$60,000 in South Amboy and Sayreville alone, to ensure children, adults and families received financial assistance they needed to continue to learn, grow and thrive.

We believe that every child holds limitless potential and deserves the opportunity to realize it. Children, tweens and teens turn to Y programs, staff and volunteers to discover who they are and all that they can achieve.

We believe that healthy individuals build a strong community, and a strong community supports the health and well-being of its members. The Y's national reach, couples with the ability to deliver programs right in our neighborhood, presents the Y with the

unique opportunity to address some of the most pressing health issues facing our country today while making an impact locally.

We believe that the Y is for everyone. As a cornerstone of our community for over 90 years, we know when and how our neighbors need us. We respond by providing support that bridges gaps and empowers individuals to make changes and overcome obstacles. At the Y, no one is turned away for the inability to pay. Our Open Doors Membership Assistance Program is one of the important ways we work together to give back and support our neighbors so those in our community receive help and support when they need it most.

We believe that in order to strengthen our community, everyone must be given the opportunity to be healthy, confident and secure. Funds raised through the Y's Strong Kids Campaign allow the Y to support our neighbors as we work together to make a lasting personal and social change in their lives.

In the last two months, the South Amboy Branch has raised \$7,200 in support of our Strong Kids Campaign through the generous donations of staff, volunteers, and members. We enthusiastically invite you to join us in strengthening our community through a donation to our Campaign - impacting and inspiring one person, one family at a time.

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