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Former South Amboy Police Chief Jerry Pizzillo proudly shows his 1929 Ford Model A at the recent Independence Engine & Hose Co. #1 car show. See more photos on page 14. (Photo by Tom Burkard)



The Sayreville Recreation Complex on Bordentown Ave. was recently renamed the Jerry Ust Recreation Complex in honor of the late and beloved Recreation Director Jerry Ust who will never be forgotten. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

Hoffman High School Multi-Year Reunion Is Back!

All alumni of Hoffman HS are invited to join us at our multi-year reunion! The nostalgic event will take place on Sunday, Oct 9th from 1-5pm at Mara's, Rt 35, So. Amboy.

The cost is \$65 per person, which includes a delicious buffet, beer, and wine. Questions? Contact Helenmae Stader Bilder (hbilder1@gmail.com) or stop any of the

committee members, Edward Szatkowski, Kathy Koerner O'Leary, or Grace Hoffman Spencer. Please send your check payable to Bill Croddick, 130 So. Stevens Ave, So. Amboy or Jill Pappa Heckmann, 364 Conover St, So. Amboy. The deadline to purchase tickets is Sept. 15th, so don't miss out on a chance to see old friends or make new ones!

American Legion Fundraiser

The members of Luke A. Lovely Post #62, South Amboy are conducting a fundraising event honoring fallen veterans, our members, families, friends and supporters. The funds raised by this program will be used to help with the building of a new post. We will be selling through a custom order a 4" x 8" or 8" x 8" brick that will allow 4 lines of engraving. Supporters can have their family's names (first and last), or a comment

(in memory of) etc.

On behalf of the entire membership of Luke A. Lovely American Legion Post #62, we thank you for your support.

You can order a 4" x 8" brick with up to 4 lines of engraving and up to 18 characters per line for only \$50 or an 8" x 8" for \$100.

For more information contact Robert W. Moglia, 732-236-1596 or Gary Poland 732-470-7527.



South Amboy Troop 91 recently held its 96th encampment in July at Camp Dill in High Bridge, NJ. Founded in 1916, 91 is the oldest Scout Troop in the Monmouth Council (that includes southern Middlesex County), as well as one of the oldest in the nation. Pictured are Scout Gregory Barna III, Assistant Scoutmaster Scott Oshman and Life Scout Gavin Oshman. The three represent a third generation of Scouting with Troop 91, as their deceased great-grandfather Tom Cottrell and late grandfather Gary Cottrell were both Troop 91 Scoutmasters. Scouting activities resume in September. If you have a son interested in Scouting, please contact Cubmaster Kathy Nemeth (732-991-4802; email: pack91sa@gmail.com) or Scoutmaster Jay Diforti (732-735-1994; email: jaydiforti@icloud.com). Both groups meet at different times on Monday nights at the First Presbyterian Church on Broadway.

Free Concert Oct. 6th

The South Amboy Business Association will sponsor a Free Fall Concert on Thursday, Oct. 6th from 6-9 p.m. at the South Amboy Train Plaza across from South Amboy City Hall, 140 N. Broadway. (Parking behind City Hall or Train lots). The band Aloha Monkey (www.alohamonkeyband.com) will provide Classic, Southern, Yacht, Trop Rock, Country, Reggae & Blues music from the 50's to today. Bring your folding/patio chair. No alcoholic beverages permitted. Support your Downtown Businesses!

September 11th Memorial Service

The Borough of Sayreville will be hosting the 21st Annual Memorial Service to remember the victims of September 11, 2001. The Memorial Service will be held at 4:30pm, Sunday, September 11th, 2022 rain or shine at the Sayreville Borough 9/11 Memorial in Burke's Park, Washington Road. Those wishing to attend are asked to arrive by 4:00pm. For more information, contact the Municipal Clerk's Office at 732-390-7021.



Several trees have prematurely shed leaves and much of the grass has turned brown at Raritan Bay Waterfront Park. (Photo by Steve Schmid)

Heat and Drought Strike Area

By Steve Schmid

The dog days of summer continued in August when the third heat wave of the summer began August 2. We experienced 10 consecutive days of 90 degree temperatures or higher. The high humidity accompanying the heat made us feel very uncomfortable. The lack of rainfall since June 1 has caused drought conditions in Middlesex County. Local businesses that need rainfall to

water crops, and flowers have faced steep challenges. Homeowners have seen their lawns turn brown and go dormant from the hot, dry conditions. The city of Newark has seen a seven and a half inch rainfall deficit since June 1. We can only hope the upcoming fall season brings an end to the rainfall deficit and gives us cooler weather.

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New Knights



Grand Knight Jordan Drevelus (r) welcomes new members to the Knights of Columbus Council #426 of South Amboy. The new Knights are (l-r) Joseph Vicini, George Giovenco, and Christian Fazzini. (Photo by Steve Szabo)

National Library Card Month

September is National Library Card month! Stop in today to sign up for a new card. You can use your South Amboy Library card at the Dowdell library, but it can also be used to check out materials at over 30 other local LMXAC libraries. You can find the complete list of libraries on our website, Dowdell.org. Your library card will also give you access to valuable online resources like Hoopla, Explora, eLibrary NJ, Libby, Heritage Quest, and Jersey Clicks.

Did you know that by borrowing four books a month from the Dowdell Library, you saved yourself over \$60.00? That's over \$700.00 a year! If you want to see how much you can save, visit Dowdell.org and try the Library Savings Calculator on the left side of the webpage.

Signing up for a library card is easy! All South Amboy residents are eligible for a free library card, as well as school employees, city employees and business owners. South

Amboy adults must show either a valid NJ driver's license, state of NJ ID, a current utility bill, or a bank statement. All residents under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian with the above-required ID. Individuals that do not reside within the borrowing area must show a pay stub or letter from the employer on company letterhead. Other individuals can also purchase a library card for \$50 per year.

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

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Pleasant Little TRIVIA

By Tom Burkard

- This Hoffman HS principal transferred to South Amboy Middle School and became principal there in 1995?
a.Robert Bloodgood b.William Beattie c.Mildred Danesko
- Detective Sergeant retired from the South Amboy Police Dept. in '95?
a.Steve Malkiewicz b.Edward Cieslarczyk c.Thomas Noble
- In 1995, where was the Brass Monkey located in Sayreville?
a.Ernston Rd. b.Route 9 South c.Bordentown Ave.
- What year did Sacred Heart School, South Amboy celebrate its 100th Anniversary?
a.1975 b.1995 c.2020
- St. Bernadette's Pastor in 2003?
a.Father Lawrence Smith b.Father Andrew Szaroleta c.Msgr. O'Dea
- Where was Rupp's Ace Hardware located in Sayreville?
a.Main St. b.Jernee Mill Rd. c.Washington Rd.
- In 2003, where was Bake & More located in South Amboy?
a.South Stevens Ave. b.South Broadway c.Main St.
- What section of Sayreville was the Paramount Diner located in '06?
a.Morgan b.Melrose c.President Park
- Became South Amboy Fire Chief in 2007?
a.Mark Herdman b.James Larkin c.Richard Johnson
- In '07, where was Plus Polish Specialty Deli located in Sayreville?
a.Washington Rd. b.Pulawski Ave. c.Jernee Mill Rd.

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

Business Of The Month
Route 9 Cash For Gold Buyers LLC



Owner Maureen Herndon (r) and her husband Rob (l) are pictured in front of their popular Route 9 Cash For Gold Buyers LLC business, which is now celebrating 15 years of service to our local communities. (Photo submitted)

Route 9 Cash For Gold Buyers is one of the area's most popular GOLD store businesses, and is located at 960 Route 9 South, (Behind Burger King, and next to Farmer's Market) in Sayreville/South Amboy, NJ. Stop in and make some Ca\$h on the spot. Maureen Herndon, Owner of Rt 9 Cash For Gold, 960 Rt 9 South was born and raised in Sayreville and has lived here her entire life, which prompted her to open their store in town. When customers come to her store they bring all of their old, unwanted gold jewelry in exchange for CASH. Maureen & Rob greet their customers always with a friendly face. All their jewelry is tested and weighed with state certified scales right in front of them. They are then paid out in cash on the spot. Most of the pieces that are seen coming to the store are outdated, jewelry not worn anymore, single earrings, class rings, broken chains, dental gold, silver and platinum. People are VERY surprised when they come, and things they

thought were "junk," turn out to be actual gold. Maureen and Rob truly believe in HONESTY, LOYALTY & INTEGRITY, and that's what prompted them into opening their own store. Many people have reported feeling extremely comfortable and confident when coming to Rt 9 Cash for Gold, and dealing with Maureen "THE GOLD LADY." It puts a smiling face to a business that sometimes people are skeptical about entering. This is definitely the business you would feel comfortable sending your mother or grandmother to because Maureen truly has the "women's touch." Rt 9 Cash For Gold Buyers LLC is conveniently located BEHIND BURGER KING & MCDONALDS in the FARMERS MARKET PLAZA- easily accessible from Rt9 South, or Bordentown Ave. with lots of parking. Stop by today and turn your OLD, UNWANTED jewelry into holiday gifts. Open late 7 days a week. Route 9 Cash For Gold Buyers, 960 Rt 9 South, Sayreville, NJ 732-727-GOLD (4653),

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Our 60th Wedding Anniversary
By John Phillips

On September 1st Iris and I will celebrate our 60th wedding anniversary. We began our life journey together on a very, very hot day at Saint Mary's Church in South Amboy. We were just two young people who could not afford an engagement ring, a formal wedding reception or a honeymoon. Over the years God blessed us with three children, four grandchildren, three great grandchildren, and one great grandchild on the way. I got my Accounting Degree after 8 years of night school and we were transferred to Dupont's home office in Wilmington Delaware. After retiring we moved to our beach house in

Beach Haven on Long Beach Island. Our children and grandchildren gave us a belated wedding reception for our 50th anniversary at the Sea Oaks Country Club in Little Egg Harbor. A golfing community we now call home. Together we have traveled extensively throughout the US and Europe and have taken more than a few "honeymoons" on land and sea. Along the way Iris finally got her engagement ring! On balance even with the ups and downs that all couples face raising a family and dealing with various life events that come along we would do it all again!
Iris and John...Happy Together!

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Yearbook-St. Mary's 1997

By Tom Burkard

St. Mary's principal was John Gloss Jr., and assistant principal was Eugene Malahme. Some of the faculty included Mary Beth Woolf, Ed Twomey, Gil Pritchard, Tom Tice, Kathy Redling, Sr. M. Kateri, Rich Malik, Sister M. Anastasia, Bill Ryan...Some of the graduates selected randomly were: Gordon Baker, Joanna Dyke, James Fedor, Susan Freundt, Susan Goceliak, Jennifer Goldberg, Debra Granaghan, William Henry, Karen Hoffman, Jennifer Jancola, Jessica Jarvis, Nicole Kasper, Tania Kozak, Christopher Lynam, Matthew Marlinski, Joseph Marshall, Colleen McCurdy, Tracy McCurdy, Lauren McGowan, Brian McGrathm, Michael Menno, Robert Morales, Amy-Lynne Morey, Alana Nicholsen, Dane O'Grady, Elizabeth O'Such, Michael Oliver, Danielle Otero, Heather Paullus, Gregg Pavlonnis, Melissa Precour, Jacquelyn Rapach, Suzanne Raniere, Kelly Simile, John Sullivan Jr., Bonnie-Jean Thurston, Suzanne Updike, Elizabeth Velasquez, John Wagner, Kimberly Wendt, Jessica Westcott, Amanda Wislinski...

The school was overloaded with fine senior athletes from various sports including the following who were randomly selected: Alyson Baumgartner, Alleya Bess, Patty Bronsky, Belinda Connolly, David Cuesta, Jennifer Cunningham, Jeffrey Eber, Greig Fallon, Lisa Ferrara, Laura Florek, Michael Gall, Erin Gardner, Clinton Gorga, Arthur Hillman, Kelly Horan, Nicholas Iozzi, Alexander Jimenez, Courtney Kierst, Sean Knofel, Kevin LaScala, Scott Lesinski, Nicole Lombardo, Jennifer Lunsden, Joseph Majkowski, Anne-Margaret Mannion, Michael McBride, Bernadette McCreary, Heather McLean, Ian Mercado, Brian Moy, Lauren Murphy, Jacqueline Rakowski, Miguel Santos, Christine Rosenthal, Anne Marie Rojewski, Valerie Seaman, John Solakov, Janine Swanson, Trisha Thorne, Keith Woznica.

There were many activities other than sports, and some of them were: the '96 Christmas Ball with a theme of "Wonderful Tonight," Halloween Happenings, the Senior Dance '96, Bowling Bash, a visit from Flavian, the literary magazine with Courtney Kierst as the Editor-In-Chief, the Eagle Press, Sceptre yearbook, which had the theme "Above & Beyond with Nicole Kasper, as the Editor, and many more fun events and happenings. St. Mary's Class of '97 was a very talented group of athletic teenagers, who undoubtedly went out into the world and helped make it a better place.

SAFD Testing Equipment



On August 15th the South Amboy Fire Department completed yearly state mandated fire ladder and fire engine pump testing on all fire department apparatus. This testing is conducted to ensure the safety and efficiency of the fire equipment. (Photos by Jamie Norek)

MCUA Retirements




The Middlesex County Utilities Authority would like to congratulate both Daniel Widener and Mark Picklo on their retirements!

Dan started at MCUA as an Operator and Laborer in 1994, then transferred to a Meter Maintenance Technician. In 2009, his title was changed to Lines and Meters Technician. The following year, Dan was promoted to Lead Lines and Meter Technician. Upon retirement, Dan retired as a Lines and Meters Foreman, with 28 years of service with the

Mark started his career at MCUA as a Maintenance Mechanic in 1995 and was promoted to a Vehicle Maintenance Foreman in 2008. Upon his retirement, Mark had completed 27 years of service in the department.

The Middlesex County Utilities Authority would like to express our gratitude to these men, and their dedicated years of service. We wish them a healthy and happy retirement."

We would love to hear from you!

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Mason 10 years old, and his sister Mollie 7, from Laurence Harbor are pictured at their lemonade stand which they ran on weekends for the month of July. The youngsters raised and donated \$1,120 to the Old Bridge Animal Shelter. Good job, kids! (Photos/info courtesy of Louise Burkard Roberts)

SA Arts Announces Artsfest '22 Performance Lineup

To stay up to date follow the South Amboy Arts Alliance on Facebook.

On September 18, 2022, South Amboy Arts Alliance and the City of South Amboy will present Artsfest '22. The day will include live music and performances at various locations along Broadway. You may want to bring a chair to take in the performances lined up for you to enjoy!

Hollow Molly Begins Artsfest '22 at Noon

The afternoon will also include songwriters and musicians, Jean Marie Henry, Dan Toye, and Jerry Smith. We also have acoustic musical performances with Barbara Paskin and Debbie and Paul Gangemi.

For those of you who favor jazz, get comfy and relax with The Jeff Lopaz group. If you like to move and if music moves your spirit, get energized with the dancers from Dance Stop or join in the dancing opportunities for you.

What to Look for at Artsfest '22 this year?

- Artsfest is a day to Celebrate Community with and through the Arts!
- It is a place to create and try something new
- A Day to meet a new friend and find individuals who have common likes such as music, dance, art, writing, acting and the list goes on and on....
- Visit the gallery to see all the photographs submitted for our gallery exhibition "My Special Place"

- Notice all the street banners on the lamp posts that exhibit the photographer's work for all to enjoy!
- Have Fun in our Kids Zone with the YMCA's fun & games and do not forget to pick up your supplies for the Scarecrow Contest for this fall!
- Help create the Artsfest's chalk art mural and participate in creating some spin art at the PTO area.
- Look for the Marker's Mart to create your art or craft by showing your passport.
- Enjoy some tasty items from our food vendors.
- Don't forget to do some shopping at our vendors as you enjoy their selections!
- Look for some special surprises along the way, we think you will have fun with them and perhaps take some selfies to send out to your friends.

Sign in at the SA Arts Gallery at 141 N Broadway and pick up a map, list of events and a performance schedule. You will also receive a passport to bring around to create your free crafts.

We look forward to seeing you on September 18th at noon!

SA Arts is still accepting vendors as well as artists and crafters for our Maker Mart. Volunteers are needed to help with planning, registration and set up. Interested parties should contact the SAAA at 732-727-4600, ext. 5971 or email SAarts141@gmail.com.

Trinity Treasures Thrift Shop

Trinity United Methodist Church

The hot weather hasn't stopped the Thrift Shop from being busy and productive although we are looking forward to cooler weather. We are so grateful to all that donate their items and all our customers.

Starting in September, we have fall decorations and Halloween items for sale. Our sheds have been updated with fall and winter clothing, Christmas items, and our toy shed continues to be open with books, sporting goods, toys, dolls and more. Our household shed has dishes, glasses, linens, sheets, tools, baking items, and much more. Our prices continue to be the best in the area – per our customers.

The sheds are open Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 9 am to 11 am. We do reserve the right to close or close early if the weather is not acceptable (hard rain, snow, freezing or over 95 degrees). You are welcome to drop off any donations in the DROP OFF SHED at any time OR stop by when we are open. We accept all things EXCEPT large furniture due to storage limitations. If you have any questions or special requests, please contact Lori at 732 763 6232. This is a critical mission for the Trinity United Methodist Church and our community.

If you are wondering where we are located – 815 Bordentown Avenue South Amboy right by the Parkway Rest Area exit.

The Miraculous Prayer

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

A PRAYER FOR HEALING

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

Remember When?



K mart was one of the most popular stores to shop in. There are only three stores left in the U.S. including, New Jersey, New York and Michigan.

September at Dowdell

The Dowdell Library would like to thank everyone who participated in the many summer events! Everyone had so much fun creating, exploring, laughing, and reading! In between all the excitement, the Library has been busy planning the September calendar, and we think you will love the upcoming events!

September is National Library Card month! Stop in today to sign up for a new card. You can use your South Amboy Library card at the Dowdell Library, but it can also be used to check out materials at over 30 other local libraries. You can find the complete list of libraries on our website, Dowdell.org. Your library card will also give you access to valuable online resources like Hoopla, Explora, eLibrary N.J., Libby, Rosetta Stone, Heritage Quest, and Jersey Clicks.

Story Time continues in September! Hear fun books read aloud and stay for the crafts, activities, and fun. Monday 9/12 and Saturday 9/24.

The after-school programs are starting back up in September! The K-5 After School Fun Club will meet on 9/21 from 3:30 - 4:30 pm. Let's Play BINGO and win prizes! On 9/28, play Games Galore. Play a variety of board and tabletop games!

The Teen Advisory Board will meet on Friday 9/16 at 3:00 pm. TAB is a club designed for teens living in South Amboy interested in becoming more involved with the Library. We will be working on starting our first podcast.

The Teen Hangout will resume on Friday 9/30 at 3:00 pm. Teen hang-out is a relaxed environment where teens can play video games, make crafts or simply have a safe place to hang out.

This September marks the 21st anniversary of the September 11 attacks on the nation. The Dowdell Library was honored to receive the poster exhibition "September 11, 2001: The Day That Changed The World." The poster exhibition is curated by the 9/11 Memorial & Museum, and it includes a series of 14 posters. The display

depicts the events of September 11, 2001, the immediate aftermath of the attacks and the nine-month recovery period, and the ongoing repercussions of 9/11 to this day. Archival imagery, artifact photography, and individual stories accompany the explanatory text to give visitors a deeper understanding of a critical moment in modern American history. This poster exhibition has been made possible in part by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Dowdell Library, in collaboration with Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital and RWJ Barnabas Health, offers online virtual health programs. Some courses offered in September include Stress Reduction through Imagery on September 13 & 27 and Stretch It! Chair exercising, stretching, and flexibility workshop on September 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29. Please register by emailing Kathleen Johnson kathleen.johnson@rwjbh.org. For a complete list of the classes, please visit Dowdell.org.

The Senior Book Club will meet on Monday, September 26, at 10:30 am. Contact the Library to pick up this month's book.

Looking Ahead

Enjoy a Jazz program on Monday October 3 at 7:00 pm. Celebrate the life and music of Louis Armstrong: Ambassador of Jazz. Guest vocalist trumpeter Gordon James & pianist Mark Minchello will be featured.

Business Breakfast @ Dowdell on Friday, October 21 at 8:00 am. Enjoy breakfast while learning how to use the Library's free U.S. Business and Consumer database to target specific groups of businesses or individuals who may most likely be interested in your products or services. To register, contact the Library at comments@dowdell.org or 732.721.6060 Limited seating.

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

has also participated in the NJ State History Fair and the Middlesex County History Day. Conducting tours for all of the public school 4th grade students.

Events coming up include an Ice Cream Social on Sunday August 21, 2022 from 6-7:30 p.m. behind Borough Hall celebrating Women's Suffrage. On August 27, 2022 there will be a Flea Market at the Senior Center and Museum 425 Main Street in Sayreville to help support the Sayreville Historical Society Museum. The Sayreville Historical Society will be holding a Commemorative Program on October 22, 2022 marking the 10th Anniversary of SuperStorm Sandy showing Sayreville Before, During and After the Storm.

The Society's latest fundraiser is selling authentic Sayre and Fisher Bricks for \$5.00.

The Sayreville Historical Society is open on Sunday from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. during the year.

Sayreville Historical Society News

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St. Stan's School
(Photos/Info Submitted)



Third grade students gather together for a picture during their annual field day. Pictured from left to right: Emma Guijo, Ella Poulsen, Vanessa Girard and Ophelia Valettutto.



Second grade students learn how to count money and give change during Starbucks Day. At the end of the lesson, the students toast to a successful learning experience.



First and second grade students are taking it to the hoop as they participate in St. Stan's Instructional Basketball Program. (Photo by Ron Madeira)

A Day's Passing
By Al Gomolka Jr.
Times Poet Laureate
c.2006

My, how my days are
passing, passing, passing
Slyly and wily,
unnoticeable to an extent
Does this time of life slip by:
I did that last week
You mean two months ago
At the end of the day
I can't believe
that happened
Three years ago now!
My how you've grown
I haven't seen you since
It's been that long?
I just don't
have the time
Society sure has changed
I feel so many
aches and pains
Boy, he died so young
Generations
have passed
Are there any
I know still alive?
Until a lifetime
comes around
My, how my days are
passing, passing, passing
Where have the
years gone?
I can't remember when
One doesn't realize
as days come and go
Until it creeps up on you
And you don't have much
time left to consider.

FIREFIGHTERS
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When: Saturday October 8th, 2022.
At 4 p.m., Church of the Sacred Heart 531
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invitation is open to all firefighters in the
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OLV Seniors –
September Meeting

The OLV Seniors will hold their
September meeting on Friday, September
2, 2022 at 1 PM in Monsignor Dalton Hall.
Membership of \$15.00 will be taken at
that time. After the business portion of the
meeting, light refreshments will be served.
New trips for 2023 will be announced at
this meeting. A \$20.00 deposit is required at
time of sign-up. There will be a schedule of
payment dates for the multi-day trips.
Food donations for St. Vincent de Paul
will continue for the 2022-2023 year. Please
bring your canned goods donation to the
meeting.
For further questions please contact
Teri Yetsko, OLV Senior Group President
at 732-727-7639.

Sayreville Summer Camp: A Blast!
(Photos/story by Kevlyn Uveges)



August 4th ended Sayreville Recreation Department's Summer Camp 2022, it was a blast! While campers and counselors were sad that camp was coming to an end, everyone enjoyed a fun-filled summer at Burke's Park. This summer was full of games, activities, special guests, and so many new experiences! We have really enjoyed the opportunity to experience this time with our campers and look forward to more summers together in the future. We will be sending out updates throughout the year with information about other Sayreville Recreation programs. We wish everyone the best of luck in the upcoming school year!

Sayreville Shade Tree Commission
(Release submitted)

The Sayreville Shade Tree Commission has received inquiries about the Arsenal Trade Center Project along Cheesequake Road in Sayreville. Many residents are concerned about the number of trees that have been removed. The Borough of Sayreville has a Tree Bank which developers are expected to contribute to when a large number of trees are removed.
Arthur Rittenhouse, Chair of the Sayreville Shade Tree Commission has stated that the Arsenal Trade Center has contributed \$1.7 million to the Tree Bank and is committed to planting over 7,000 trees on the site. The Shade Tree Commission uses the money in the Tree Bank to replace and

place trees throughout the Borough. As far as the Arsenal site, many of the trees that are being removed were at a stage in life that they were dying and were falling.
Rittenhouse indicated the Shade Tree Commission is researching other developments in the Borough to make sure contributions are being made to the Borough. If contributions are not being made the Shade Tree Commission will be investigating why contributions are not being made to the account.
The Shade Tree Commission meets the third Thursday of each month in the third floor conference room at Sayreville Borough Hall.

May I Share?

By Robert W. Eginton

May I share a moment with you,
To do the things we used to do.
To walk along the beach at dawn,
And watch the black sky turn to blue.
I will carry you when you have fallen,
Make you smile when you' re feeling down
Be your knight in shining armor
I just like to be around.
We can sit and watch the grass grow
And feel the morning dew,
Or maybe climb a mountain
Just to enjoy the view.
We can laugh or cry together
Maybe share a joke or two,
Take a ride into eternity
If I may just share ...
A moment with you.

”This poem was inspired by my son’s youth and sharing it together with him. The best times ever.”

The Smoke Column

By Ex-Chief Richard Kosmoski, BA., MS.

Being in the fire service is no different than any other career or profession when it comes to ethics and values. Most organizations, including the fire service, have multiple duties and responsibilities for their personnel. I will compare the employees to apples in a crate. In every crate you can be sure to find a bad apple. Unfortunately, in the fire service we occasionally find a bad apple. The fire service in California found out the hard way how one of their own became the bad apple. This article is about the infamous California fire arson investigator John Orr. John Orr applied for a position in two police departments and two fire departments in Los Angeles County and was turned down by both. He was turned down by the police departments because he could not pass the mental health test. He was turned down by the fire departments because he struggled with both the written and physical tests and was rejected. Then in 1974 he applied for a position with the Glendale Fire Department which was the lowest paid department in Los Angeles County at that time. He studied fire science and soon became an arson investigator. In 1984, a major fire occurred at a hardware store which quickly destroyed the structure. Unfortunately, four people were killed in this fire: a two-year-old child; a 50-year-old grandmother; a 26-year-old mother of two; and a 17-year-old employee. Following the fire, arson investigators from southern California investigated the devastating fire and determined the cause to be electrical. However, Orr, as one of the investigators, insisted that the cause was arson. Investigators later showed that the fire started in highly flammable polyurethane products which quickly ignited and caused the fire to flashover, thus retracting their cause as being electrical. In January 1987, an arson investigator's conference was being held in Fresno, CA. While the convention was occurring, there were multiple suspicious fires occurring in nearby Bakersfield. Found at the scene of one of those fires was a

fingerprint found on a piece of notebook paper. It was part of a time delay incendiary device which led investigators to start looking at arson investigators as suspects. There were just too many fires of a suspicious nature occurring near and around where arson investigators gathered. During March 1989, another series of arson fires occurred along the California coast in the Pacific Grove area which was in proximity of a conference of arson investigators. A list of attendees from both the Fresno and Pacific Grove conferences was created and the outcome showed a possible ten suspects. Again, in late 1990 and early 1991, another rash of arson fires occurred around the LA metropolitan area. An organization called Fire Investigator Regional Strike Team (FIRST) was created to help the smaller surrounding communities that did not have arson investigators. They created a flier that was distributed around the communities. The flier described the modus operandi of the suspected serial arsonist. Now four years after finding that fingerprint at the scene of an arson fire they were able to place a name to it. When John Orr applied for a position with the LAPD, he had to have his fingerprints taken. His prints were on file and were matched to the print left at the arson fire. He was their arsonist! It was only through forensic science that this determination was possible. On July 31, 1992, John Orr was convicted on three counts of arson and sentenced to 30 years. On November 21, 1994, he was indicted on four counts of first- degree murder and twenty-one counts of arson. He will die in prison. He later explained that he was angry and held a grudge because of being turned down by both the LAPD and the LAFD and the arson fires were his way of getting back at them. There is a book about John Orr called "Fire Lover" where he considered the fires his mistress therefore giving the book its name Lover. A TV show called "Forensic Files" also did a story on John Orr which is very interesting.

Free Virtual Health Services @ Dowdell Library!

The Sadie Pope Dowdell Library received a grant to provide the community with telehealth services and just launched a program which allows the community to schedule a doctor's visit using the library's private telehealth space. Just schedule an appointment to participate in a private online video conference with your healthcare provider and obtain online access using one of the library's iPads. This free service also provides access to online medical and mental health information using suggested websites on the iPad screen.

The library is bridging the digital divide and is committed to connecting the community to their healthcare providers

to improve access to health information to ensure they lead healthy lives.

Telehealth iPads are available for private telehealth appointments for South Amboy Library cardholders. Just make a reservation to ensure a time slot. Contact the library at 732-721-6060.

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

The Miraculous Prayer

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Old Friends



1970's-This local group of old friends hang out at a nearby ballfield after playing a fun game of softball or baseball. Pictured top row (l-r) Jim Keegan, Dennis Sommers, George Gilbert, Tom Ropelewski, Rich Tanchyk. Bottom row (l-r) ?, Gary Mauro, Brian "Bucky" Conochan, Lou Bentson.

August 1976- Warming up prior to playing a game of horseshoes, players clown around and toss the horseshoes towards the cameraman. In photo (l-r) Paul Czorba, Tom Ropelewski, Dan Jones, and Jim Kopystecky. (Photos Jim Pearson/Names supplied by Jim Kopystecky)

WHAT WAS THE DRAFT, DADDY?

BY Henny The DJ

I'm an old guy now, but when I was young I served in the US Army from Oct '67 to Aug '69 during the period of the war in Vietnam.

Our involvement in the politics of Vietnam had begun as a seemingly easily manageable, far away, lower case, leftover problem from WWII, but by August of 1964 and The Gulf of Tonkin Incident (Google it) our ill-fated inclusion in this now violent and bloody foreign revolution was of huge national concern. Just like that, we were involved in a full-fledged war and troops were urgently needed to carry on that war. So the call went out and the Selective Service was sent into overdrive, and all unmarried, physically fit, young men eighteen and above, not enrolled as full-time college students or employed in draft exempt occupations were subject to being inducted to the US Army and other branches of the service.

However, one unforeseen problem was that this overloading of the normal draft system, caused the Army to experience a shortage of Drill Sergeants to train these newly drafted troops. One solution devised was to select a certain number of superior graduates from Advanced Infantry Training to move on to a month of intense training at a Drill Corporal School located in Fort McClellan, Alabama, and after spending roughly a whole year performing as Asst Drill Sgts. at different Basic Training Companies across the country, then to advance to another month's training at The Modified Drill Sgt. School at Ft. Jackson, SC to become full fledged "DI's".....and that's exactly what happened to me....Old Henny the DJ!

Because of the popularity of certain post war movies like Full Metal Jacket and the late Sgt. Ermy's performance in that movie, the role of the Drill Sgt. has been portrayed as a caricature of an abusive, foul mouthed, vindictive, ignorant, bully with more concern with his own well-being than that of the trainees whose lives he has sworn to protect.

For a long time I laughed along with everyone else I guess because of the likability of Sgt. Ermy and the truly monstrous, therefore humorous difficulties that Basic Combat Training (BCT) presents; however, during my most recent viewing of that movie just the other day, a vision came into my mind of my own highly respected Drill Sgt., a Louisiana Cajun, believe it or not, at my own Basic Company back in 1967 Company B, 5th Battalion, 2nd Training Brigade, Ft Dix, NJ. And the image I remembered of my Sergeant, was this tanned, in shape Sgt. E-6 veteran of not one but two tours of highly at risk combat helicopter assaults in the Republic of Vietnam, but now sweating on his hands and knees in our latrine/bathroom demonstrating for us, the 50 scared, disoriented basic trainees in his grossly overcrowded platoon, how to clean a urinal and a toilet and a shower so that there would be no germs to get us sick during our upcoming 10 weeks of Basic Combat Training, and I then realized what a huge disservice it was by me, a veteran, not to mention an ex-DI myself, who should have known better, than to be taken in by the anti-soldiering propaganda of a gaggle of effete Hollywood types who for sure never spent one minute on the pay line or in the chow line or even near an Army base in their lives.

Of course, that was ages ago and never in a million years would the US Army of today let someone like me, almost still a trainee myself, even near the position of a Drill Instructor training new recruits. But I'm passing on this story today as a sign of respect for all past, present and future veterans of military training who are the only ones who really know what it was to endure that training...but especially in honor of my own real Drill Sgt. Werner of 55 years ago at Fort Dix. I really hope you are ok, Sarge. we all loved you....Thanks, for all the hard work and help...You were really there for us when we needed you.

I Am

By Albert Gomolka Jr.
Times Poet Laureate
c. 1995

I am man
I am baby.
I am child,
I am teenager,
I am adult
I am son,
I am grandson,
I am great grandson,
I am godson
I am brother,
I am cousin,
I am nephew
I am uncle
I am godfather
I am son-in-law,
I am brother-in-law
I am husband
I am father
I am friend,
I am neighbor
I am stranger,
I am society
Whatever title
I inherit
Whatever role
I become and play
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may influence,
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may it be done as
"To Do Unto Others"
In their roles
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- Throughout our life's
presenting characters,
Perceptible evidence
of what we are.
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of our Creator
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"We Are."

OLV Senior Group Trip to
Longwood Gardens

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a day trip to Longwood Gardens in Pennsylvania on Saturday, September 24, 2022. The price is \$80.00 which includes bus transportation, gratuity, entrance ticket to Longwood. Lunch and dinner will be on your own. The bus will leave OLV lower parking lot at 8 AM and return approximately

at 7:30 PM. Lunch will be at Longwood Gardens where they have a variety of food items on their menu. Dinner will be in route on our return to New Jersey.

For further information or to reserve a seat, please contact Teri Yetsko at 732-742-1320.

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 -L.E.

A PRAYER FOR HEALING

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Song Lyric Trivia

By Brian Stratton

There is a game trending on social media that has people asking questions relating to song lyrics for all different genres, i.e. Country, Rock, TV themes etc. See how many you can get right! The answers on page 16..

- 1.What does Cyndi Lauper want girls to have?
- 2.Where did Bryan Adams get his first real six string?
- 3.How does Bon Jovi live?
- 4.According to ABBA how old was the dancing queen?
- 5.How fast does Joe Walsh's Maserati drive?
- 6.What did Roy Orbison say the pretty woman was doing?
- 7.What can't the Rolling Stones get?
- 8.What can't Elvis Presley help do?
- 9.Who does Rick Springfield wish he had?
- 10.How old is Taylor Swift feeling?



Sayreville Public
Library News

Summer Italian Cooking with Vanessa
(Virtual)

Monday, August 29 @6PM

Join Vanessa, chef and founder of Thirsty Radish, for another fun cooking demonstration.

In this session: learn how to create and update Italian dishes for the summer using fresh new ingredients.

This is a Virtual Session. Registration Required to get the Zoom Link.

Register online or call 732-727-0212 Ext 112

Tuesday Movie Matinee

Tuesday, Sept 20 @1PM

Join us once again for our monthly movie matinee. This month, Queen Bees, a comedy starring Ann-Margaret, James Caan, and Christopher Lloyd. Rated PG-13/1 hr 42 mins. Refreshments provided.

Trivia Night with Dan

Monday, Sep. 26, 6:30PM

Think you are good at trivia? Want to try and win some prizes? Then join us for the evening for trivia. Sayreville Library's own Dan Vetrano, adult librarian and long time trivia enthusiast, will be your host for the evening. Prizes will be offered to the winners. Bring your thinking cap and good luck.

You can play solo or with a team. Please no more than 4 to a team. If playing with a team, All members of the team must be registered.

Register online or call 732-727-0212 Ext 112.

Ice Cream Social
August 21st

An Ice Cream Social will be held on Sunday Aug. 21st from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the parking lot behind Borough Hall at 167 Main St., Sayreville, in celebration of women achieving the right to vote. Free ice cream will be given out to individuals that show up. Please note that it is limited to one per person and is on a first come first serve basis.

*In the event of inclement weather, the rain date will be Aug. 27th between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the Sayreville Historical Society Flea Market.

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Sports Collectors Convention

(Photos by Tom Burkard)



Pictured is a small portion of the many thousands of sports collectors who attended the recent National Sports Collectors Convention at Atlantic City.



NBA greats (l-r) Tim Hardaway, Mitch Richmond, and Chris Mullin. Richmond scored 20,497 points in his Hall of Fame career, and Mullin netted 17,911 points and is also a Hall of Famer. Hardaway did not make the Hall, but racked up 15,373 points.



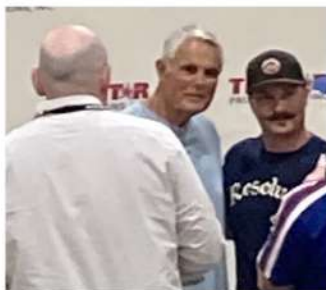
Former Dallas Cowboys and
NFL Hall of Famer
Randy White signing autographs.



Former NBA star/Hall of Fame
member Chris Mullin.



Former NFL great Steve Largent.



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Lou Piniella (c) poses for
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Who is it? By Brian and Phyllis Stratton

Last month was none other than “The Captain” Derek Jeter. I took this photo at Shea Stadium the day after he made the diving catch by third base in Fenway Park. You can see he was a bit banged up but still managed to smile for the camera. The following knew it was #2: Edna Mazur Pilch, Patti Tengelics, Dennis Quinlan, Alice Walsh, Betty Leveille, Eleanore Westerholm, Peter McIntyre, John French, T.J. Albanese, Dermot Scales, Vincent Farina, Dane Colburn, Mark Moniello, Laurie & Gary Loftus, Gary Feret.

Derek Jeter

Pallone Helps Pass Bipartisan CHIPS and Science Act

Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr. (NJ-06) today helped pass the bipartisan CHIPS and Science Act in the U.S. House of Representatives. As Chairman of the Energy and Commerce Committee, Pallone included critical provisions in the bill that invest over \$54 billion to ensure more semiconductors are produced in the United States. The bill will also bolster semiconductor manufacturing, boost resilience in U.S. supply chains, create good-paying American jobs, and lower costs for families in the United States. New Jersey could benefit from this investment in chip manufacturing, especially the New Jersey Innovation and Technology Hub in New Brunswick.

“The CHIPS and Science Act will lower

costs for consumers, create good paying American jobs, and end our dangerous dependence on foreign manufacturers of critical goods,” said Pallone. “As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, automakers, medical supply companies, and manufacturers of heavy machinery faced severe disruptions, which drove up prices. That’s why this bill invests \$54 billion in American manufacturing to lower costs by ending dependence on foreign manufacturers. My home state of New Jersey has a well-known reputation for research and manufacturing. There’s simply no reason why we can’t invest in American workers, innovation, and manufacturing.”

The CHIPS and Science Act also invests

\$1.5 billion in the Public Wireless Supply Chain Innovation Fund for the deployment and promotion of Open Radio Access, or Open RAN Networks. This investment will help bring more diversity and innovation to wireless supply chains while also countering the spread of harmful network equipment, like Huawei, here and around the globe. The Public Wireless Supply Chain Innovation Fund spurs movement towards open-architecture, software-based wireless technologies, and funding innovative, “leap-ahead” technologies in the U.S. mobile broadband market.

Video of Pallone’s remarks on the House floor are available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UcfXoD0QeW4>

Knights of Columbus Council #8478 Installation of Officers

St Bernadette Knights of Columbus Council #8478 Installation of Officers on Wednesday, August 17. (L-R) Gerard D'Ambrosio - District Deputy, James M Smith, PGK - Advocate, Christopher Duffett, PGK- Three Year Trustee & Lecturer, Philip McGovern - Treasurer, Dennis Keller, PGK - chancellor, Michael Roemer - Warden, Phil Redfield- Grand Knight, Scot Pampaloni, PGK - Recorder , Stephen Agnone, PGK- Financial Secretary, Michael Donahue, PGK - Deputy Grand Knight, Rev Msgr. Andrew Szaroleta- Chaplain. (Photo/Info Submitted)

Hardy Mum Sale

The Sacred Heart Council of Catholic Women will hold a hardy mum sale the weekend of September 23-25 in front of Memorial Hall, 529 Washington Avenue, South Amboy (across from Sacred Heart Church). Locally grown 8” hardy mums in assorted colors will be available for \$6 each or 3 for \$15. Please come by Friday, September 23, 3-5PM; Saturday, September 24, 12 Noon-5PM; and Sunday, September 25, 7:30AM-1PM, and support our organization’s fundraising. Call Virginia at 732-721-1521 with any questions.

Teen Dance 55 Years Ago

The South Amboy Recreation Commission sponsored a Teen Dance on July 7, 1967, near the old City Hall on John St. This marked the first dance of the summer, and dances were held every Friday night through August 18. A band called “The Investments” performed. We are looking for information on this group. If anyone knows who played for them, please let us know.

Open Mic October 14

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 are resuming their Open Mic sessions starting Friday October 14 from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. at 308 Fourth St. South Amboy. Bring your instrument and voice. You can perform solo or be in a group to participate. No cover charge. Refreshments available. Pre-registration is encouraged. For more information and to register, call Bruce at 732-586-9779.

Flea Market August 27

The Sayreville Historical Society will present an Items of Yesterday Flea Market on Saturday, Aug. 27th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Parking Lot behind the Sayreville Senior Center. Each spot is \$20. Setup begins at 8 a.m. To book your spot or for more info call Heather Pawski at 732-814-9964 or email: heatherpawski@gmail.com.

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

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

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 -RS, AS, LP, HS, LS, EP.



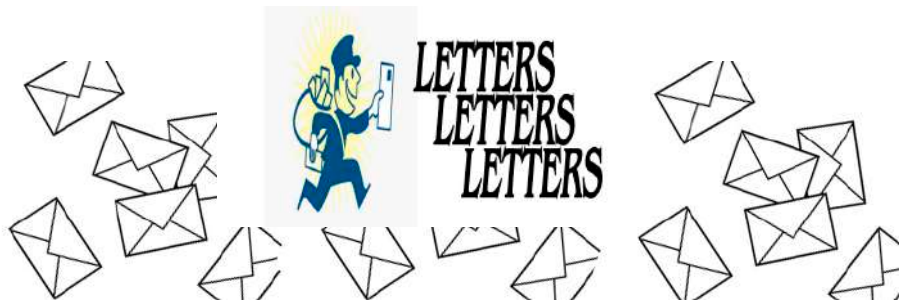
Stanley "Stash" Skowronski of Sayreville, who is a member of the Sayreville Thursday Senior Club, proudly shows his Congressional Gold Medal that he was recently awarded for his service in the American Merchant Marines in World War II. Congratulations "Stash" and thank you for your service! (Photo/info submitted by Mary Ann Spisso)



Larry Bishop, Past Commander of Sayreville American Legion Lenape Post #211, proudly displays the award he received from the post for serving 10 years as Commander. Congratulations on a job well done, Larry! (Photo submitted)

LETTERS

Hello,
You may recall that I graduated from Sayreville WMHS and have written several letters recently, and was your late cousin Elaine Scott's brother-in-law for 30 of the 60 years we corresponded. I'm sorry about Elaine's untimely passing. Thanks for all your work on this stellar, unique news journal, Tom!
John, (Formerly of Sayreville) Daytona Beach, Florida



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Independence Engine & Hose Co. #1 22nd Annual Car Show

(Photos by Brian Stratton)

Congratulations to Independence Engine & Hose Co. #1, Mike Toth, all his volunteer workers, and participants on a great day!



Jim Abbatiello (r) and Donna Medvar are pictured standing by Jim's award-winning 1934 Ford Pickup Truck.
(Photo by Tom Burkard)



Something for everyone!



This 1951 Victoria caught the eye of many people.
(Photo by Tom Burkard)



Tommy Hetzel (l) and South Amboy Council President Mickey Gross.



The JUDGE is in!



Mike Toth (front) with the crew making the famous Firemen burgers!



Three generations of Corvettes (l-r) generation 3 1969, generation 2 1963 and generation 1 1961 or 62.



Ring Toss was very popular with the crowd.



South Amboy Police Chief Darren LaVigne stopped by after a bike ride.

South Amboy's Second Annual Irish Festival Saturday, Oct 1, 2022 2-9pm (Raindate October 2)



Craft and food vendors line the midway displaying their wares and food items.

Special appearances by "The Willie Lynch Band" and "Andy Cooney".

Visit the Kids Zone complete with face painting, activities, amusements and puppeteer shows.

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The event will end with a spectacular fireworks display!

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Crafters and Vendors please contact Elliotj@southamboynj.gov

Dedication of the Allie Clark Athletic Complex September 18th



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From The Rock & Roll Archives



Circa 1968: Satan's Jury- A few members from this Sayreville rock band played at the same CBA concert in 1973 that featured Bruce Springsteen. Pictured (l-r) Ron Chicalese (bass who was replaced by Ron Brodzinski prior to the Springsteen show), Mark Dail (trombone), Brad Picher (guitar), Larry Schied (drummer who was replaced by Ken Hoguta prior to the Springsteen show), Mike Glinsky (guitar who left prior to Springsteen), Bruce Liebowitz (trumpet), Matt Anderson (tenor sax), Ed Merski (keyboards). Also added to the group prior to the Springsteen show was Ed Gamble (lead singer), but he was not in the band until the early '70's. (Photo/story courtesy of Matt Anderson)

#1 Pop Hits

August 27

2004-Lean Back-The Terror Squad
1990-Vision Of Love-Mariah Carey
1988-Roll With It-Steve Winwood
1971-How Can You Mend A Broken Heart
 -The Bee Gees
1962-The Loco-Motion-Little Eva

#1 Country Hits August 27

2001-Austin-Blake Shelton
1996-Carried Away-George Strait
1985-Real Love-Kenny Rogers/Dolly Parton
1977-Don't It Make My Brown Eyes Blue
-Crystal Gayle
1968-Already It's Heaven-David Houston



The nine member group Parkway Soul recently performed at Raritan Bay Waterfront Park. The concert was one of the free summer concerts sponsored by the Middlesex County Commissioners. (Photo by Steve Schmid)

One Hit Wonders-65 Years Ago

1957-The Banana Boat Song-The
Tarriers; Your Wild Heart-Joy Lane; Love Is
Strange-Mickey & Sylvia; The Walk-Jimmy
McCracklin; Marianne-Terry Gilkyson & The
Easy Riders; I'm Stickin' With You-Jimmy
Bowen with The Rhythm Orchids; Pledge
of Love-Ken Copeland; Dark Moon-Bonnie
Guitar; Gonna Find Me A Bluebird-Marvin
Rainwater; With All My Heart-Jodie Sands;

Over The Mountain; Across The Sea-Johnnie
& Joe; Rainbow-Russ Hamilton; Mr. Lee-
The Bobettes; Black Slacks-Joe Bennett &
The Sparkletones; Happy, Happy Birthday
Baby-The Tune Weavers; Silhouettes B/W
Daddy Cool-The Rays; Little Bitty Pretty
One-Thurston Harris; Alone (Why Must I
Be Alone)-Shepherd Sisters; Raunchy-Bill
Justis; I'm Available-Margie Rayburn.



MUSIC TRIVIA

Fruits/Vegetables

By Tom Burkard

1. Cherry Cherry
2. Apples, Peaches, Pumpkin Pie
3. Mashed Potato Time
4. Raspberry Beret
5. Lemon Tree
6. Sweet Cherry Wine
7. Watermelon Man
8. Banana Boat Song
9. Blueberry Hill
10. Strawberry Fields Forever
11. Green Onions
12. Cherry Pie
13. Coconut
14. Sweet Pea

- a. Prince
- b. Fats Domino
- c. Jay/The Techniques
- d. Tommy James/The Shondells
- e. Harry Nilsson
- f. Trini Lopez
- g. Neil Diamond
- h. The Beatles
- i. Booker T./The MG's
- j. Tommy Roe
- k. Dee Dee Sharp
- l. Harry Belafonte
- m. Mongo Santamaria
- n. Warrant

Answers

1g 2c 3k 4a 5f 6d 7m 8l 9b 10h 11i 12n 13e 14j.

Top 20 Songs

The following 20 songs topped The SA Times chart for most views in August:
1-I Got You Babe-Sonny & Cher (Reunited for the last time); 2-What A Wonderful World-Louis Armstrong; 3-Gentle On My Mind-Glen Campbell; 4-Soul Sacrifice-Santana; 5-Only In America-Jay & The Americans; 6-Lucky Man-Emerson, Lake & Palmer; 7-We Just Disagree-Dave Mason; 8-Black Magic Woman-Santana; 9-Morning Has Broken-Cat Stevens; 10-Only The

Lonely-Roy Orbison; 11-You Were Mine-The Fireflies; 12-Have You Ever Seen The Rain-Creedence Clearwater Revival; 13-If You Could Read My Mind-Gordon Lightfoot; 14-Love The One You're With-Stephen Stills; 15-Blue Eyes Crying In The Rain-Willie Nelson; 16-I'm Singing In The Rain-Gene Kelly; 17-Reminiscing-The Little River Band; 18-Don't Sleep In The Subway-Petula Clark; 19-In The Year 2525-Zager & Evans; 20-I Love A Rainy Night-Eddie Rabbitt.

Rock Legends



The Rascals, who originally were known as The Young Rascals back in the mid-60's are pictured at their reunion tour "Once Upon A Dream" back in 2012. In photo (l-r) Gene Cornish, Eddie Brigati, Little Steven Van Zandt, (who organized the reunion), Dino Danelli, and Felix Cavaliere. From 1966-69, the group racked up 13, Top 40 hits including 3 number #1 songs, "Good Lovin'," "Groovin'," and "People Got To Be Free."

Celebrating 20 Years



Former Parlin resident Walter Krzyzkowski (l) is pictured with Lance Larson and Debbie DeLisa, who are now celebrating 20 years of operating/managing the famous WONDER BAR in Asbury Park. As you probably know, Lance is an Asbury musical icon in his own right, one of the original purveyors of S.O.A.P. (Sound of Asbury Park), and Debbie keeps things running also at the famous "Yappy Hour" for the dogs, on the patio alongside the Wonder Bar. (Photo/info courtesy of Walter Krzyzkowski)

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Top 10 Billboard Songs For 1997

The Top 10 songs in Billboard magazine 25 years ago for 1997 were:

1-Candle In The Wind-Elton John; 2-You Were Meant For Me-Jewel; 3-I'll Be Missing You-Puff Daddy/Faith Evans; 4-Un-Break My Heart-Tony Braxton; 5-Can't Nobody Hold Me Down-Puff Daddy featuring Mase; 6-I Believe I Can Fly-R Kelly; 7-Don't Let Go (Love)-En Vogue; 8-Return of The Mack-Mark Morrison; 9-How Do I Live-LeAnn Rimes; 10-Wanna Be-The Spice Girls.

Song Lyric Trivia Answers

From page 11

- 1.Fun
- 2.Five and Dime
- 3.On a Prayer
- 4.17
- 5.185
- 6.Walking down the street
- 7.No Satisfaction
- 8.Falling in love with you
- 9.Jessie's Girl
- 10.22

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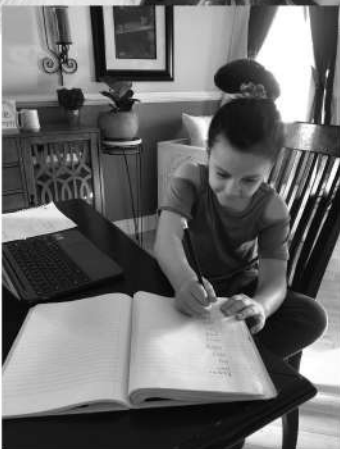


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The Vintage Car Contest

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton



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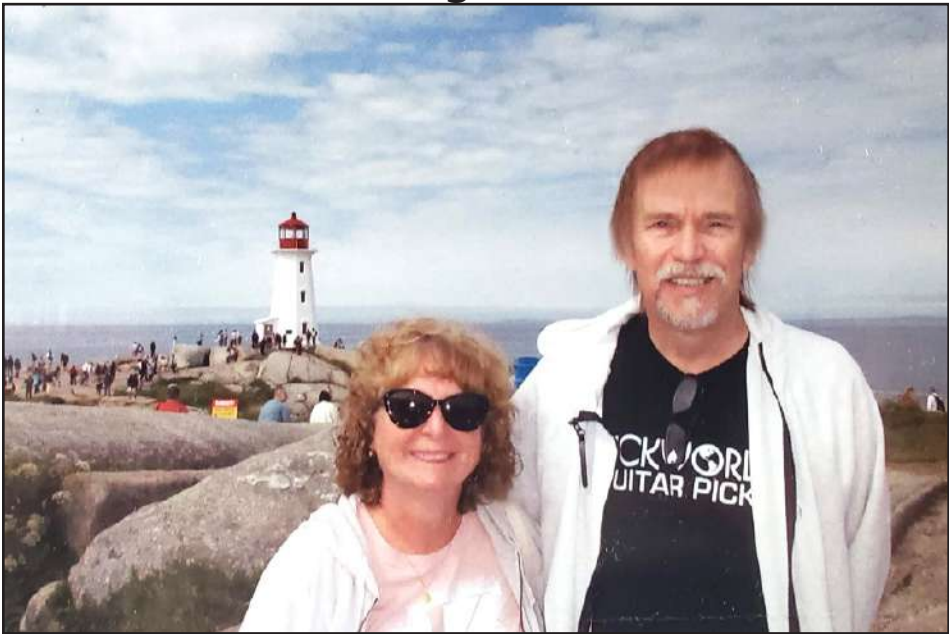
Last month's car was a Dodge Magnum, in particular a 2008 SRT8. They were produced from 2005 to 2008 with the SRT8 sporting a 6.1L Hemi producing 425 horsepower from the factory. They are a thrill to drive, I have a 2006 SRT8 if anyone is interested let me know. The following got it right: Edna Mazur Pilch, Kenneth Oleskin, Betty Leveille, Peter McIntyre, Thomas Harrigan, John French, Steve Villig, Dermot Scales, Vincent Farina, Bruce Grankowski, Pat Scully, Mark Moniello, Laurie & Gary Loftus, Gary Feret.

July Vintage Car



2008 Dodge Magnum SRT8.

Visiting Canada



Nova Scotia is home to over 160 historic lighthouses. We recently had the opportunity to visit Peggy's Cove Lighthouse, also known as Peggy's Point Lighthouse. It is located in the picturesque fishing village of Peggy's Cove along the South Shore and was built in 1915.



On a recent cruise to Canada I was able to capture this quaint scene at Peggy's Cove in Nova Scotia. (Photo by Brian Stratton)

Local Wildlife



A wild turkey was recently seen in South Amboy by the corner of Cedar St and North Stevens Ave. According to the state, there are 20,000 to 23,000 wild turkeys in New Jersey. (Photo by John Dembowski)



New Jersey’s official state butterfly, the Black Swallowtail was recently photographed on a beautiful flower. (Photo by Tom Burkard)



A baby toad fits easily into the palm of someone’s hand. Toads once were plentiful in the area, and it was common to see them on lawns, in gardens or in the woods, but now it’s a rarity when you come across one. (Photo by Tom Burkard)



This sneaky squirrel hung upside down on a tree branch to steal some sugar-water from a hummingbird’s drinking stop. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

Speaker Coughlin Statement on the Retirement of Senator Ronald Rice

Assembly Speaker Craig J. Coughlin (D-Middlesex) issued the following statement on Senator Ronald Rice’s announced retirement from the State Senate:

“Senator Ronald Rice is a model public servant. As a veteran, a Newark Police Officer, a Newark City Council Member, and a State Senator, he has dedicated his life to public service and worked diligently on behalf of his constituents.

“During his 35 years in the legislature, Senator Rice has tirelessly worked to improve the lives of countless New Jerseyans, helping to uplift our communities and make our state a better place for all.

"Senator Rice was a deft legislator and long-time leader of the Legislative Black Caucus who fought ferociously for the causes he held near and dear to his

heart—economic opportunity, a thorough and efficient education for all students and a criminal justice system that worked for all. Countless young people, many now adults from our urban centers, have much to be thankful for from Senator Rice’s staunch advocacy on their behalf.

"Always resolute in his convictions, Senator Rice was always a gentleman and statesman who respected our governmental institutions and traditions. I know for many legislators he was a mentor and friend.

“I thank Senator Rice for his many years of service and wish him well in retirement. His presence and steadfast commitment to the people of New Jersey will be greatly missed in the State House. On a personal note, I will miss him and fondly remember our spontaneous interactions and conversations.”

Welcome



Father Stanley Gromadzki and the parishioners of Church of the Sacred Heart in SA welcomed Bishop James F. Checchio as he presided over the 4 pm mass on Saturday, August 20th. The Bishop is making his way around to the various churches in his Diocese of Metuchen as part of his pastoral outreach. Joining him in the picture are the Knights of Columbus Council #426 members led by Grand Knight Jordan Drevelus and members of the Msg. John F. Brady Assembly 4th Degree Knights of Columbus. (Photo by Karen Bailey Bebert)

Speaker Coughlin Calls for Hearings to Protect NJ Residents from Price Scalping

Responding to news reports of fans being faced with paying thousands of dollars to see their favorite stars perform in concert, Assembly Speaker Craig J. Coughlin (D-Middlesex) issued the following statement today, calling for an Assembly hearing into the fairness of ticket pricing practices in New Jersey:

“I am extremely troubled by the actions of Ticketmaster and other vendors, whose policies have left so many unsuspecting fans with outrageous ticket prices and fees, making attendance to certain Jersey concerts unaffordable for working folks. It’s highly unfair that only the wealthiest can afford access to a quality show, under these circumstances. We have tremendous venues in New Jersey for sports, concerts, theater

and arts. It’s one of our great attributes. Not being able to afford or be given fair access to see your favorite band or team play is simply unfair.

“Obscene ticket pricing and scalping are, unfortunately, real issues. Working to make our state more affordable for all residents to enjoy, especially as inflation has left people struggling, it’s our responsibility to investigate current pricing practices and the Assembly will conduct a hearing to ensure fairness and affordability in the process. We have strong consumer protection laws in our state. Let’s make sure none are being violated and if we need to update laws regarding tickets and scalping, then let’s do so. Price gouging, particularly in the primary market, cannot and will not be tolerated.”

Speaker Coughlin Statement on Passage of Inflation Reduction Act by Congress

Assembly Speaker Craig J. Coughlin (D-Middlesex) issued the following statement in response to Congress passing the Inflation Reduction Act on Friday, sending the legislation to President Biden’s desk:

“The Inflation Reduction Act will meet the needs of millions of Americans by offering critical economic relief to those who need it most. I applaud the House and Senate for passing this legislation.

“At a time when working and middle-class family budgets are being stretched, reducing the deficit and lowering the cost of necessities like health care and energy

will have a real impact on New Jersey residents. Making clean energy options that power our homes and cars more accessible and affordable, the bill empowers everyday folks and marks the single largest climate investment in our nation’s history.

“I want to thank New Jersey’s Congressional delegation who supported the Inflation Reduction Act. Combined with our efforts in Trenton to make New Jersey a healthier and more affordable place to live, this legislation ensures residents will see much-needed relief.”

We would love to hear from you!



A Magical Day With Thomas



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Sayreville Night Out
(Photos by Tom Burkard)



Borough of Sayreville Recycling members handed out useful items and information for those who attended Sayreville Night Out.



Sayreville Police Chief John Zebrowski (c) is surrounded by members of his outstanding Police Dept.



Sayreville Democratic Councilwoman Mary Novak (l) and Council President/candidate Michele Cassidy Maher are pictured at Sayreville Night Out.



The pony rides were popular for youngsters at the event.



The Sayreville Republican Party was represented by (l-r) Councilwoman/Council Candidate Donna Roberts, Council Candidate Dan Balka, and GOP Chairperson Karen Bailey Bebert.

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 -A.G.

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The Miraculous Prayer

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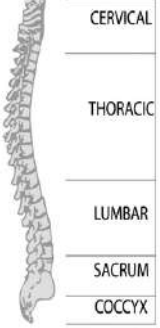
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Spinal
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Traveling With Back Pain

Whether for business or pleasure, traveling is hard on your back. You spend time in uncomfortable seats and unfamiliar beds and carry heavy suitcases through airports and hotel lobbies. It's time to give your back a vacation by learning how to travel with back pain.

1. Lighten your luggage load. Resist the temptation to pack everything in one carry-on suitcase or garment bag. If you want to avoid checking luggage, pack only what you can carry comfortably. If you carry a garment bag or suitcase with straps, remember to balance the load by alternating shoulders. Carrying two suitcases of approximately equal weight is an even better solution.

Be aware of proper body mechanics while carrying your luggage. Imagine an invisible line that starts at your ear and continues past your shoulder to your hip. When the line is straight, your back is in proper balance.

Use luggage carts. Push the cart with both arms and keep your elbows tucked in close to your body to avoid overreaching.

The next time you buy luggage, look for lightweight suitcases with built-in rollers. Make sure the handle allows you to stand up straight while pulling or pushing the suitcases. Rubber wheels are recommended for protection against slips and skids.

2. Beat back pain. Airline seats are not designed for comfort. From first class to economy, all passengers have the same complaints. Fortunately, you can make a few simple adjustments to protect your back. For lumbar support, place an airline pillow or a folded blanket in the small of your back. Be conscious of your posture, especially if you want to nap. Use a pillow or folded blanket to support your neck.

Gentle stretching exercises can help relieve the stress of a long trip. Try to stand in the aisle and walk a little at least once every hour.

3. Making your back count. Learn to make choices that will protect your back from stress and strain. Leave a little extra time to get to the airport. Let the redcap handle your luggage.

By including these choices in your travel plans, you'll have a more relaxing and pain free trip!

An Attendant

By Al Gomolka Jr.
Times Poet Laureate
c.2002

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WHAT IS IT?????

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton



Any idea what this is? Send your answer to satimes@aol.com by September 13th.

July What Is It? Oil Can Wrench

The July what is it was a Cork Screw used to open wine bottles. This particular one had the safety cover on the tip. The following got it right: Edna Mazur Pilch, Joe tortora, Chuck Pickard, Prudence Zalewski, Lynn Loy, Walter Starzec Jr, Eleanore Westerholm, John French, Leon

Credico, Donna Lukas, Dermot Scales, Bruce Grankowski, Dane Colburn, Pat Scully, Mark Moniello, Laurie & Gary Loftus, Gary Feret.
**Last month we missed Vincent Farina who had the correct answer.*



Cork Screw

Where in NJ?

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton



Do you know where this is located in NJ? Send your answer to satimes@aol.com by September 13th.

Last month the secret location was Grounds for Sculpture, located in Trenton, Hamilton Township, NJ. The Grounds were established in 1992 and covers 42 acres. It was originally part of the New Jersey State Fairgrounds. The sculptures aren't the only attraction as its gardens are beautifully manicured gardens contain over 2,000 rose bushes, 1,000 trees, and other flower beds and shrubbery. There

are also exhibition halls and six indoor galleries. It is a beautiful place and well worth the trip..
The following knew where they were going: Edna Mazur Pilch, Betty Leveille, Jim Malkiewicz, Peter McIntyre, Thomas Harrigan, John French, Dermot Scales, Vincent Farina, Dane Colburn, Pat Scully, Mark Moniello, Michael Deitche, Gary Feret.



Grounds For Sculpture - 18 Fairgrounds Road
Hamilton Township, New Jersey, 08619



What Exit?

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton

July What Exit:

Last month's answer was NJ Turnpike exit 7A. This exit will take you to Where In NJ from last month.
The following got it right: Edna Mazur Pilch, Betty Leveille, Jim Malkiewicz, Thomas Harrigan, John French, Dermot Scales, Dane Colburn, Pat Scully, Mark Moniello, Gary Feret.



What Exit?

This month we are looking for the NJ Turnpike exit that will take you to the August Where IN NJ.

WWW.?



This business is located in either South Amboy or Sayreville. Do you know what it is? Send your answer into satimes@aol.com by September 13th. Good luck! (Photo by Tom Burkard)

WWW.?

By Tom Burkard

Last month the WWW.? was the Dad's Royal Bakery. The following knew the answer: Edna Mazur Pilch, Dennis Quinlan, Patti Tengelic, Marlene Letwenski, Chuck Pickard, Betty Leveille, Lynn Loy, Barb Bockus, Walter Starzec Jr, Nanci Deverin, Jim Malkiewicz, Eleanore

Westerholm, John French, Leon Credico, T.J. Albanese, Kevin Fay, Joan Fulham, Raymond Tyska, Nicholas Tierney, Steve Villig, Dermot Scales, Lisa Grankowski, Dane Colburn, Mary Agnes Morris, Pat Scully, Mark Moniello, Laurie & Gary Loftus, Gary Feret.

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Salt Water

Fluke fishing coastwise is pretty much the same. A good number of shorts and a decent number of keepers which you must fish hard for. Our local beaches are a slow pick of small Bluefish. Smooth Dogfish, a.k.a, Sand Sharks are in the back bay areas. I saw one caught at Cliffwood Beach and another off of the Perth Amboy fishing pier. Party boats that fish for Bluefish are doing well with fish up to 9 pounds. Some mornings are better than others. Bottom fishing is good for your limit of 2 Seabass, plus Ling and some Porgies. Barnegat Bay has plenty of Bluefish. You can catch these at the inlet and off of various local docks. The LBI surf has some Bluefish, Fluke and Kingfish. The Kingfish can be tricky to find, however. There are some Weakfish being caught in these areas too. The usual junk fish like Skates and Dogfish are finding their way into the mix. Chub Mackerel and a few Bonito are showing up a few miles offshore.

Fresh Water

The hot weather has taken its toll. It is slow all over. Panfish such as Sunfish and Crappies are still being caught regularly in statewide lakes and ponds. Trout fishing is very slow. If you want Carp, lakes and rivers that have them will produce good fishing with corn and doughballs baits. Fresh water Bass fishing is an early morning and late evening deal.



Katey, who is 15 years old and from Maine, holds up a Dog Salmon she just hauled in on a trip to Alaska. Katey loves fishing, and has lots of relatives in New Jersey, especially in our local area. Great catch, Katey! (Photo/info submitted)



Rick Shingola, formerly of South Amboy holds up a nice keeper fluke he caught while fishing at Chincoteague Island, in Virginia. (Photo/info submitted)

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From The TIMES Archives
Retro Rockin' Thru The Years

By Clem Skarzynski



1974-The group now became "Play House." Pictured (l-r) "Iron Mike" Pitowski, Skip Heinze, Phil Heinze, Karen Cinkay, Tony Thomas, Greg Origo.

Hey rockers! Just connected with good friend and drummer Mr. Greg Origo, who when I the writer was a mere 15 years old, (A veteran guitar player of 2 years) asked me to join him, guitarist Darryl James, and bassist Glenn Giles as a member of "The Crescents," an off-shoot of "The Hubcaps." This was my introduction to the club circuit (Hey, no more school dances, block dances). Wow, this was "the big time." With no ABC card, I had to spend our breaks in the liquor room of the illustrious Pink Elephant Lounge in Perth Amboy, which is where and when I began my relationship with Four Roses. That's another story...

It's amazing how all of us local musicians "hooked up" thru our early years of playing Rock 'N' Roll. Other local talent that was a part of this era was guitarists Rick Donnelly and Ken Wojcik, bassist Bob Wickley and keyboardist Bruce Karr.

The first Hubcaps off-shoot consisted of Greg Origo, drums; Darryl James, guitar; Ray "Red" LaBranch, bass and vocals, and featuring Miss Toni Lynn on vocals. This band did the circuit from 1963-67. Now, thru that period (63-67), the previously mentioned "Crescents" were born, and filled

in the gaps when "Toni Lynn and The Hubcaps" couldn't. The Crescents were around using the aforementioned local musicians as needed from '64 to '66. I've gotta tell you, being 15 at the time, that was like "playing with the Stones" now...

1966 brought about The Hubcaps without Toni Lynn, with Greg Origo, Darryl James, Ray LaBranch, myself (the writer), and either Glenn Giles or Bob Wickley on bass. This combo lasted thru '67. As the years went by, we all went our separate ways with numerous groups, as did Greg. In 1974, he hooked up with "Iron Mike" Pitowski, Skip and Phil Heinze, Tony Thomas, and Karen Cinkay to form "Play House," doin' the disco thing and Top 40 chart. Check out the leisure suits. SWEET! This band rocked until 1982. Then Greg added Joe Cleveland to the lineup and "The Rogues" were born.

Greg's been one of the "local rockers" to get in a studio and cut a record, two 45's in fact. That story will follow.

My thanks to Greg Origo and company for giving me the "shot to rock with the big boys years ago, and for the photos and their history.



1982-The Rogues Karen Cinkay (sitting). Others (l-r) Joe Cleveland, Skip Heinze, Tony Thomas, Phil Heinze, Greg Origo. (All photos courtesy of Greg Origo)



1963-This is the first off-shoot band of "The Hubcaps," and it was called "Toni Lynn & The Hubcaps." Pictured (l-r) Greg Origo, Ray LaBranch, Toni Lynn, Darryl James.



1966-The Hubcaps (l-r) ?, Darryl James, Ray LaBranch, Greg Origo.

Laurence Harbor
Salt Water Day
(Photos by Brian Stratton)

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Pro Baseball Report

Sayreville’s Brandon Bielak is currently pitching for the Houston Astros top minor league team, the Sugar Land Space Cowboys in the Pacific Coast League, which is a AAA affiliate of Houston. His stats for the year: Games-16; Games Started-10; Innings pitched-62; strikeouts-58; ERA-3.05; Won-3 Lost-4.



Champions!



Congratulations to the South Amboy Sure-Hit Home Improvements boys team on winning the Spring 10u Little League championship. South Amboy went up against an undefeated Sayreville AA team in an epic battle to win 4-2 and capture the crown. The game was played on June 16th in South Amboy. The champs are pictured as follows: Top row (l-r) Coaching staff-Dan Astarita, Bill Hauser, Matt Ryan, Al Quintana. Bottom row (l-r) Chase Vaccaro, Daniel Astarita, Patrick Russer, Colin Clark, Matthew Serrano, Braden Dittmar, William Hauser, Nathan Novak,, Matthew Ryan, Alijah Quintana. (Photo/info submitted)



Congratulations to the Sure-Hit Home Improvements men’s softball team from South Amboy for winning the Greater Middlesex County Spring/Summer Weekday championship. This Sure-Hit team won the best of 3 series to capture the title. The games were played at the Warren Park complex in Woodbridge on July 26th. The champs are pictured as follows: Top row (l-r) Matt Ryan with son Matthew, Tom Crohan, Jake Fasano, Ryan Shereyka, Bob McCall, Jared Mundy, Dave Masi, Mike Andersen. Bottom row (l-r) Joel Rodriguez, Joe Sepelyak, Christian Geant, Brian DeJoy, Dave Matthews. (Photo/info submitted)

FROG HOLLOW SWIM & DIVE TEAM SUMMER 2022 IN THE BOOKS
(Article submitted)

The Frog Hollow Swim and Dive Team celebrated the end of another memorable summer swim season at its annual awards banquet that was held under the pavilion at Frog Hollow on Friday, August 5.

Dozens of medals were distributed to swimmers who competed in the NJ Swimming and Diving Conference A-League Championships that were held July 29-30 at The Cedar Hill Club in Somerset. Frog Hollow placed sixth overall out of 12 highly competitive teams.

Several swimmers also qualified to compete in the League Championship Conferences held August 2-3 at Middlesex Community Pool. Conferences bring together the best of the league in two days of stiff competition in a Preliminaries/Finals format where only the top 6 swimmers in each event advance.

Congratulations to the following medal winners:

Erin Noble (Girls 13-14) – 5th place: 100 yard breaststroke.

Katherine Kennedy (Girls 13-14) – 1st place: 100 yard freestyle, 100 yard butterfly, 100 yard Individual Medley

Kaileigh Kennedy (Girls 13-14) – 1st place:

100 yard backstroke; 3rd place: 100 yard freestyle, 4th place: 100 yard Individual Medley.

Oliver Gurdak (Boys 8 & Under) – 4th place: 25 freestyle; 5th place: 25 breaststroke

Justin Freyer (Boys 9-10) – 3rd place: 50 breaststroke; 4th place: 50 yard freestyle

Nathan Oliver (Boys 11-12) – 4th place: 50 yard freestyle; 6th place 50 yard backstroke

Christopher Rodriguez (Boys 13-14) – 2nd place: 100 yard butterfly; 5th place: 100 yard freestyle

Eryk Gurdak (Boys 13-14) – 1st place: 50 yard freestyle, 100 yard freestyle, 100 yard backstroke

Henry Lynch (Boys 15-18) – 4th place: 50 yard Free; 5th place: 100 yard butterfly

2nd Place: Girls 13-18 200 Yard Freestyle Relay: Sophia Fishman, Erin Noble, Kaileigh Kennedy, Katherine Kennedy..

3rd Place: Boys 9-12 200 Yard Freestyle Relay: Tyler Borusewicz, Justin Freyer, Damien Oliver, Nathan Oliver

4th Place: Boys 13-18 200 Yard Freestyle Relay: Robert Noble, Christopher Rodriguez, Eryk Gurdak, Henry Lynch.

The 2022 season saw some fast swims with the following team members setting new

team records:

Katherine Kennedy: Girls 13-14 100 yard individual medley, 100 yard freestyle, 100 yard butterfly, 100 breaststroke, 50 freestyle.

Eryk Gurdak: Boys 13-14 50 yard freestyle, 100 backstroke.

Coach Tice, Coach Maureen, Coach Ava and Coach Jess recognized the 2022 season’s top point earners and special award recipients:

Most Outstanding Female Swimmer: Madelyn Keegan, Most Outstanding Male Swimmer: Oliver Gurdak

Note: The Most Outstanding Swimmers and Divers earned the highest number of points overall for the team at meets throughout the season.

8&Under MVS: Delilah Covington, Rocco Bellardino, 9-10 MVS: Emma Kelly, Justin Freyer, 11-12 MVS: Maisie Moran, Nathan Oliver, 13-14 MVS: Erin Noble, Eryk Gurdak, 15-18 MVS: Sophia Fishman, Henry Lynch.

Note: Most Valuable Swimmers earned the highest points in age group girl/boy.

Coaches Awards: Brielle Perry, Brandon Leonard, Charlie Walsh. Most Improved Awards: Rachel Nagy

Coach Sonny and Coach Sarah then

recognized the season’s stand-out divers:

Most Outstanding Female Diver: Maddie Kehoe.

Most Outstanding Male Diver: Danny Kasof.

Mr. Mal Award: Madison Oliver.

Coaches Awards: Jaden Chanley, Julia Rebak.

Most Improved Awards: Nick Szatkowski, Autumn Bellardino.

Iron Diver: Molly Crilley.

Following the awards ceremony graduating senior Henry Lynch shared his most memorable moments from his Frog Hollow career. He thanked his parents, sister, coaches and friends and imparted some words of wisdom to the younger swimmers. Henry will be swimming as a Rowan University Prof in the fall. We wish Henry all the best in college and beyond. Once a Frog, always a Frog!

All members of the Frog Hollow Swim and Dive Team, parents and fellow coaches would like to congratulate Coach Tice on her retirement from the South Amboy School District.

Many thanks to the Frog Hollow coaching staff for a fun, successful season!

Remembering Greg Havlusch
By Tom Burkard

Former South Amboy resident Greg Havlusch 72, died on July 24. I never really knew Greg well, but always appreciated his tremendous athletic ability, especially on the basketball court and the couple of years he played in the South Amboy Men’s Senior Slow Pitch Softball League.

Greg was a talented starting center for the Hoffman Governors outstanding basketball team, for 3 seasons from 1965-68 his senior year, and if rebounding records were kept at the John St. school, he probably would have had over 1,000 in his career. Havlusch played a huge role in the success of the Ray “Butch” Tomaszewski coached ballclubs, not only under the boards, but at 6-foot 5-inches, he could also provide scoring when needed if opposing teams cracked down on the Guvs

top scorers, Curt Wood, Billy Clayton and Bob Keegan.

In ‘67, the day before Hoffman trekked to Atlantic City’s Convention Hall in state tourney play, Greg’s mother died unexpectedly. Grege was overcome with grief, and area newspapers wondered if he would be able to play in Hoffman’s big game. The brave high school junior managed to fight back his sadness and tears, and went out to play an outstanding game, despite his team losing a heartbreaker.

Greg later went on to play college ball at Biscayne University in Florida along with St. Mary’s greats Jim McCloud and Mark Bratus. He also started his own team that competed in local senior leagues and called it Far Out Trucking. Havlusch was a standout

on this team as well, and was selected to the premier South Amboy All-City League 1st Team, which picked the top players, and was chosen by coaches and referees.

Coach Ray “Butch” Tomaszewski remembered Greg Havlusch, saying “He was an all-around ballplayer. He was tough and one of the best. Greg was a great rebounder, and a good guy.”

MIRACULOUS INVOCATION TO ST. THERESA
O Glorious St. Theresa, whom Almighty God has raised up to aid and counsel mankind, I invite your miraculous intercession. So powerful are you in obtaining every need of body and soul, our Holy Mother Church proclaims you a “prodigy of miracles, the greatest Saint of modern times.” Now I fervently beseech you to answer my petition (mention here) and carry out your promise of doing good upon earth of letting fall from heaven a shower of roses, henceforth, Dear Little Flower, I will fulfill your plea to be made known everywhere and I will never cease to lead others to Jesus through you. Amen. L.F, M.L, L.E, C.E.

Sayreville Football
In Newly Named
Division
By Steve Schmid

The Sayreville Bomber football team will compete this year in the National Silver division of the Big Central Conference. The league announced a list of names for its divisions after calling them numbers and letters before the 2020 season. Last year the Bombers competed in what was the 5D division. Sayreville opens the 2022 season Friday night September 2 when the Phillipsburg Stateliners with their strong defense. come to town. The Bombers division opponents this year are New Brunswick, Edison, North Brunswick, and Franklin (Somerset County).

The Local Sports Memory Machine

By Tom Burkard

From The Youth League Archives



1965- The South Amboy Knights of Columbus Little Fellas League champions are a happy team after defeating Rotary for the title. Pictured kneeling (l-r) Batgirl Kathy O'Connor, Regis Bulman, Frank Trpisovsky, Leroy Kurtz, Dave Keenan, John Musoff, Jim Lenahan, Lee Mataranglo, Mike Kusic, Wayne Kryoler. Top (l-r) Coach Charles Steuber, Ron Croddick, Charles Steuber, Don Volosin, Kevin Bergin, George Morgan, Neil O'Connor, Jim Croddick, Joe Wallis, Jim Fitzmorris, Marty Bergin, Manager Jerry O'Connor. Missing from photo: Brian Flannery, Scott Davies. (Photo courtesy of Ron Croddick)

75 Years Ago Allie Clark's Major League Debut

August 5, 1947-South Amboy's Allie Clark made his big-league debut for the New York Yankees against the Philadelphia A's at Shibe Park in Philadelphia. He batted cleanup in a lineup that included Hall-of-famers Phil Rizzuto and Yogi Berra. The great Joe DiMaggio was injured, and Johnny Lindell,

the regular left fielder, took Joe D's spot in center field, and Allie played left. Clark went 1-for-4 with an RBI, as the Yankees scored 4 runs in the 9th inning to win it, 8-5. Allie Clark was the last NY Yankee to wear uniform number 3 in a World Series, which he did in '47 against the Brooklyn Dodgers.

20 Years Ago -Rone's Uniform Number Retired By SA High School

By Tom Burkard

2002-Regan Rone, one of South Amboy High School's most talented athletes in history, had her soccer uniform number 17 retired at the school's sports banquet. She became the third female athlete in Hoffman/SA High School history to be honored, and joins the elite company of Lynn Ust (basketball), and Tricia Popowski (softball). Back in '02, Regan said. "It feels good to be honored like this. Now there's one for each sport." Rone, who excelled in soccer and basketball went to Jacksonville University on a soccer scholarship. She literally rewrote the South Amboy and Middlesex County record books. Regan captured the soccer scoring title and topped the county in goals scored for three of her four varsity seasons.

She would have won all four years, losing by only one goal, and the player who won played in more games. Rone's says her greatest memory of high school sports was "Breaking the record for Middlesex County by scoring 155 career goals." In basketball, the speedy guard notched over 1,000 points in her superstar career. She said St. Mary's/ Cardinal McCarrick, and Highland Park were the Lady Guvs biggest rivals. "We never beat St. Mary's in my 4 years, but came close this year. I always guarded Kaitlyn Katko. It was fun. We grew up together," she said. At the time, Regan reflected, saying "I'll miss the high school sports, but look forward to playing soccer in college."

Yogi-Isms

The following are more Yogi-isms that have recently been uncovered:

"I never said most of the things I said."

"If you don't know where you're going, you might wind up someplace else."

"It ain't the heat, it's the humility."

"I'm not going to buy my kids an encyclopedia. let them walk to school like I did."

"I made a wrong mistake."

"I didn't know much about golf growing up."



1967 Bowling News

Michael McCormack of South Amboy, who graduated from St. Mary's HS in '67, captured the NJ Bowling Proprietors Association All-American Youth Bowling state championship. Michael represented Hill Lanes of Madison Twp...

Joe Beninato of Morgan was awarded a \$4,000 prize and diamond ring, for winning the 11th Annual Individual Bowling Tournament at Edison Lanes.

Glory Days In Local Sports

1966-Bill Bulman lined a 9th inning game-winning single to lead St. Mary's baseball team to a thrilling 3-2 victory over St. Peter's. Winning pitcher Bill Beyer drilled a double...1979-Hoffman ripped Ranney Prep, 22-4 in baseball action. Winning pitcher Mark Wahler had 2 RBI, Steve Szatkowski smashed a double and drove in 3 runs, Gerard Marrone, Jim Bright, and Brian Septor added 2 RBI apiece...1985-Winning pitcher Shelly Mayernick unloaded a solo homer, as Sayreville girls softball topped Perth Amboy, 8-5. Terry Lockwood had 4 RBI including a 3-run double, and Vanessa Carney belted a single, double and home run...1995-St. Mary's softball club walloped Woodbridge

T.H.E. Game

Year-2013

Sport-Girls Softball

Teams-Cardinal McCarrick vs. South Amboy in City Series action.

Recap-Sophomore sensation Jackie Riley set a school record by striking out 21 South Amboy batters, as the Lady Eagles triumphed over the Lady Guvs, 8-2. Riley allowed only 3 hits, and also blasted a triple to help her own cause.

Player-of-the-Game-Jackie Riley, Cardinal McCarrick.

Vin Scully Dies

Vin Scully, "The Voice of the Dodgers" died on August 2nd at 94 years old. He was one of the most popular sportscasters in baseball history, and is enshrined in the Hall of Fame at Cooperstown. A man of many good quotes, two of his best were:

"A man really determines himself by what he does."

"Don't let the winds blow your dreams away...or steal your faith in God."

Local Pro Baseball Players 70 Years Ago

By Tom Burkard

1952-Many local baseball greats were active in professional baseball. Leading the way was South Amboy's Allie Clark, who belted 7 home runs and drove in 29 with a solid .274 batting average in only 71 games, while playing for the Philadelphia Athletics in the American League... Sayreville's Eddie "Buddy" Popowski was coaching at AAA Louisville, a Boston Red Sox farm club in the American Association. Jack McKeon was the catcher for Hutchinson, and batted .218 with 4 home runs and 40 rbi's. Switch-hitting Walt Rogers, also of South Amboy, was starring for Birmingham in the Southern Association. He had career-highs with 11 home runs, and 162 hits. Walt knocked in 57 runs. Sayreville's Eddie Wayne (Wlodarczyk) had a superb year while playing for Austin in the Big State League. He hammered the ball for a .338 clip, and scored 85 runs, a career high, and also ripped 181 hits, 32 doubles, and had 88 rbi's. '52 was a year to remember for South Amboy rookie sensation, John Kovaleski, who tore up the Georgia-Florida League by batting .296 with 136 hits and 19 stolen bases for the Brunswick, Georgia club. It was Kovaleski's only full season in pro ball, and an outstanding one at that. Another South Amboy pro rookie was catcher. Bill "Biff" McKeon, who turned in a superb year for the Welch team in the Appalachian League. He batted a sizzling .307, with 87 hits, including 21 doubles and 6 homers.

60 Years Ago

1962-St. Mary's junior ace pitcher Joe Pohl fired a 7-inning no-hitter and struck out 15, and added 2 base hits of his own, as St. Mary's trounced Perth Amboy St. Mary's, 11-0. Catcher Lou Nanna blasted a 3-run homer for the Eagles.

50 Years Ago

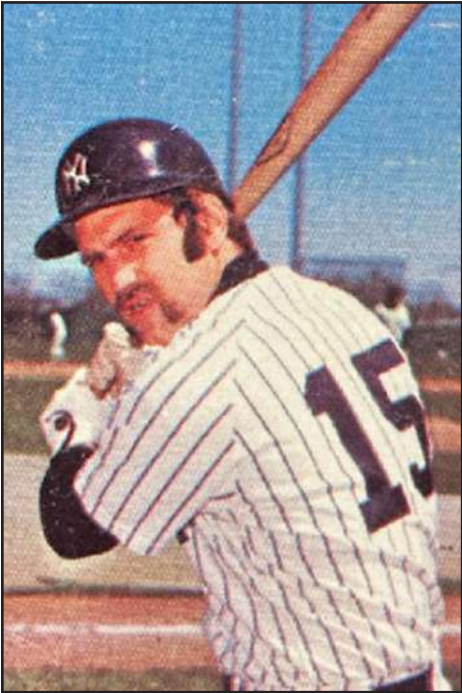
1972-Sayreville's legendary all-around athletic superstar, Steve Makwinski won his first varsity game, firing a beautiful 2-hit shutout and striking out 8, as the Bombers beat New Brunswick, 4-0. Jake Krolik and Ken Moore provided key hits for the winners.

Tech, 20-3. Winning pitcher Lynette Aucone went 3-for-3 with 2 RBI, while Shannon Kemble and Tracy McCurdy blasted 2-run homers...2005-South Amboy girls softball squad hammered Highland Park, 18-0. Nicole Scarillo blasted a 2-run homer, Sarah O'Connor was a perfect 3-for-3, and Kayla Laratta stroked 2 hits. Amanda Parsons was the winning pitcher...2013-Myles Hartsfield and Colin Winslow both won silver medals for the Sayreville track & field team in the NJSIAA Group IV championships. Hartsfield finished 2nd in the long jump with a leap of 23-2.5, and Winslow was 2nd in the 200 with a time of 21.87.

Hall of Famer



Gil Hodges was finally selected posthumously to the National Baseball Hall of Fame at Cooperstown. Hodges had an outstanding MLB playing career mostly with the Dodgers, and also went on to manage the "Miracle New York Mets" to the World Series title in '69. His career playing stats: .273 batting avg, with 370 homers, and 1,274 RBI. He also won 3 Golden Glove awards for his strong defense on first base. Gil was on the Hall of Fame ballot for 34 years before being selected.



Thurman Munson played only 10 years (1970-79) with the NY Yankees, before being killed in a tragic plane crash in '79. During this short time, the Captain put up some impressive career stats including a .292 batting avg., with 113 home runs and 701 RBI. He is also #1 All-Time with the highest postseason batting avg. (with at least 129 at bats) .357. Munson was on the Hall of Fame ballot for 15 years, but never elected. Do you think he should make it? Let us know.

50 Years Ago

1972 - St. Mary's tennis team under Coach Mike Fabiszewski featured some very talented performers. John Wortley and Bruce Malinowski were elected co-captains. Wortley's resume was quite impressive: three times Boys Singles champion at Frog Hollow Swim & Tennis Club in South Amboy; 1971 Middlesex County Boys Champion; 1971 Trenton Parks & Recreation Champion; Middlesex County Boys Doubles champion for 2 years along with Bob Moskwa. Bruce Malinowski also won the Frog Hollow Boys singles title.

PRAYER TO ST. JUDE

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

Diamond Dust-55 Years Ago

1967-South Amboy ripped Perth Amboy, 10-4 in the Babe Ruth Area 3 District 11 Tournament at Waters Stadium. Nick Charmello blasted a single and home run, while Brian Kreiger, Ken Blaha and winning pitcher Bill Champion drilled 2 hits apiece.

The lineup for Manager Joe McCarthy’s South Amboy All-Stars was Larry Kurzawa rf, Nick Charmello ss, Brian Kreiger 3b, Jim Champion 1b, John Clark lf, Doug Sprague cf, Joe Kelly 2b, Ken Blaha c, Bill Champion p, Tom Ruzsala res. rf.



The South Amboy First Aid Little Fellas baseball team was managed by the late William “Jim” Gray, who was assisted by Frank Grimley. The talented roster consisted of Glen Gerding, Jim Keegan, Mike Grimley, Mike Downs, Tom Diem, Bob Stillwagon, Ron Stillwagon, Brian O’Connor, Gene Berardo, Fran Norek, Mike Marrone, John Coleman, Ken Kubinak, Steve Gray, Jim Caracappa.



South Amboy Little Fellas Scoreboard-1967

Progressive 5 Lions 4- Winning pitcher Larry Fratto stroked 3 hits, and Mark Abbatiello went 2-for-2. Bob “Ozzie” Levins blasted a home run for the Lions.
Rotary 5 First Aid 3- Winning pitcher Gary Lange ripped a single and double. His brother Charlie Lange went 2-for-2 with a single and triple. Jim Keegan had a perfect 3-for-3 with a homer for First Aid.

15 Years Ago
Seres, Scarillo Batting Champs

By Tom Burkard

South Amboy High School’s superstars in baseball, Brian Seres, and softball, Nicole Scarillo have repeated as Middlesex County batting average champions. Actually, Scarillo, captured her third and unprecedented, successive batting championship. Seres turned in a typical “monster” year, by ripping the cover off the ball for a .608 batting average, while ripping 42 hits #2 in the county, 12 doubles, 4 homers, 26 RBI, and 42 runs #2 in the county. He also dominated on the pitcher’s mound with “The best curveball in Middlesex County” according to most baseball experts. He had an awesome (7-1) record, with 106 strikeouts #2 in the county, in only 46 innings, while posting a 1.52 ERA, to win the Middlesex County ERA title. Brian was a 1st Team All-State Group I selection, and 3rd Team All-State, All Groups pick. In addition, he was a 1st Team choice for Home News Tribune’s All-Area team. Seres also set the All-Time victories record

K of C 3 Enterprise 1- Wayne Kreiger was the winning pitcher, and Kevin Nemeth blasted a triple for Enterprise.



In Carleton League baseball action, South Amboy, under manager Dan Lewis, ripped the St. Bernadette Twins, 10-3 to improve their record to (6-1). Joe Jaskowiak and Dan Hansell paced the offensive attack blasting a double and home run apiece to support winning pitcher Bob Keegan (4-0). South Amboy went on to win the ‘67 Carleton League championship.



1967 Babe Ruth Draft

The following players were selected by teams in the South Amboy Babe Ruth League: Sacred Heart C.Y.O.-Manager-Joe Mauro; Players-Jim Hicks, Dave Wisniewski, Al Braun, Don Gendlek, John Tarallo, Jim Devino. C. Komar & Sons-Manager-Mike Charmello; Players-Ron Croddick, Gary Novak, Charlie Steuber, DanToye, Bernie Tabasko, Doug Buckalew, Britt Mason. Mechanicsville Fire Co.-Manager-Joe McCarthy; Players-Doug Sprague, Dan Jones, Alan Haag, Paul Zulin, Frank Jonason, Ed Aviles. Raritan River Railroad-Manager-Ray Stockton; Players-Mike Tingle, Mike Colucci, Marty Muchanic. Independence Fire Co.-Manager-Harold Dennen Sr.; Players-Pete Kenny, Joe Graber, Ken Stockton, Lenny Lutz, Dave St. Amour, Dan Prasnal.

for Hoffman/South Amboy by finishing the greatest baseball career in Governors’ history with 25 wins, to break the previous mark of 24 set by John “Skeets” Skarzynski in 1984. Although the research hasn’t been done, it is believed that Seres has re-written the school’s baseball record book, breaking the marks in most offensive and pitching categories, both for one season and a career. Scarillo was simply amazing throughout her high school career. She won the county batting title this year with a career-high of an unbelievable .673, and also was one of the area’s most feared powerhitters, blasting (7) home runs #2 in the county, in only 55 at-bats. The multi-talented catcher put up some mind-boggling numbers for the ’07 season: slugging percentage (1.218), OPS (1.961), On base percentage (.743). Nicole was a 3rd Team All State Associated Press selection, and 1st Team All-Area in Home News Tribune.



Nicole Scarillo



Brian Seres

ICYMI: Booker, Coughlin Host NJ Listening Session Ahead of White House Conference on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health

(U.S. Senator Cory Booker (D-NJ) and New Jersey General Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin hosted a listening session with New Jersey anti-hunger advocates, state officials, and agricultural stakeholders in advance of the White House Conference on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health scheduled for next month.

The roundtable discussion highlighted food insecurity and hunger in New Jersey, the need to reform our nation’s food system, and the rising incidence of diet-related diseases. A recent report found that one in 12 New Jersey households experienced food insecurity from 2018 to 2020 and that chronic health conditions resulting from food insecurity cost New Jersey about \$1.3 billion each year. Nationally, the number of people under the age of 20 living with Type-II diabetes grew by 95% from 2001 to 2017, with the greatest increases seen in Black and Hispanic youth.

Earlier this year, Booker successfully fought to secure funding for a second White House Conference on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health. The first such conference was held more than 50 years ago in 1969, culminating in the creation and expansion of programs such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), and the National School Breakfast and Lunch Program. The purpose of the second conference is to take a whole-of-government approach to ending hunger and combatting nutrition insecurity, featuring diverse stakeholders such as independent family farmers and ranchers, health care professionals, and anti-hunger advocates.

“The second White House Conference on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health provides us with the opportunity to create a roadmap to reform America’s failed food policies that have left Americans without access to affordable, nutritious foods and have caused an explosion of diet-related diseases,” said Sen. Booker. “To achieve success, it’s incredibly important that we bring together stakeholders of different backgrounds who are on the frontlines of the dual hunger and nutrition crises that are impacting millions of Americans. I am grateful for the government leaders, anti-hunger activists, and medical professionals who shared their perspectives at today’s listening session. Their experiences are vital ahead of next month’s White House Conference, and I look forward to incorporating them as I work with President Biden and the White House

to develop comprehensive solutions so that all people have equitable access to healthy food options.”

“Right now, far too many in our country and across the great state of New Jersey grapple with food insecurity. More than a governmental obligation, we have a moral obligation to make sure people are able to access healthy and nutritious foods which in turn empowers them to lead successful and fulfilling lives,” said New Jersey Assembly Speaker Craig J. Coughlin. “Addressing the challenges of food access caused by food deserts, strengthening critical federal food aid programs like school meals, and supporting emergency feeding organizations and food banks in their work to sustain communities are just some of the comprehensive and multidimensional strategies we have employed as a state to ensure people’s most basic food needs are met. There is more work to do and, by sharing New Jersey’s perspective and successes in this area, it is my hope we help ignite the conversation at the national level to produce a blueprint for meaningful change and action toward food security.”

“I am proud to take part in the listening session today on hunger with Speaker Coughlin and Senator Cory Booker,” said Assemblyman Roy Freiman. “Hunger has long been a growing crisis in our State affecting many New Jersey families and seniors in every community. Today with experts, advocates, and lawmakers together at a table, we worked to uncover the next actionable step we can take toward ending hunger in New Jersey.”

“Rutgers is happy to welcome our state and federal partners in the effort to address food and nutrition issues,” said Jonathan Holloway, President of Rutgers University. “The leadership of Sen Booker and Speaker Coughlin on these issues is as important as it is impressive. These are critical issues as we all work to make New Jersey one of the best places to live, work and learn.”

Last month, Booker invited New Jerseyans to share feedback for the upcoming White House conference. More than 60 New Jersey anti-hunger advocates, state and local officials, medical professionals, direct service providers, family farmers, agricultural stakeholders, and people who have personally experienced the impact of hunger, food insecurity, or diet-related illness submitted comments shared with the White House.

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

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

PRAYER TO ST. JUDE

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TO ST. JUDE

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

Marie C. “Red” Colucci Kusic

Marie C. “Red” Colucci Kusic, 99, of South Amboy died on Thursday August 11, 2022 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy. Born in South Amboy she lived there all her life. She was previously employed by E.I. DuPont and Macy’s. A member of St. Mary’s R. C. Church, South Amboy she was a collection counter and a member of both Helping Hands and the Food Pantry. A member of the South Amboy and St. Mary’s Senior Citizens she enjoyed Friday night card games with friends and family. Marie loved family and get-togethers. She was always available to watch her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Every son and daughter-in-law had a special birthday meal on their day. Daughter of the late Rocco and

Elizabeth Vaglio Colucci she is also predeceased by her husband of 66 years Stanley J. “Buff” Kusic in 2012 and her siblings Gertrude, William, Michael, Pasquale and Joseph. She is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law Paul and Denise Kusic, Greg and Elaine Kusic, Stanley Rocco and Susan Kusic and Jeffrey and Laura Kusic; 7 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held from The Gundrum Service “Home For Funerals” 237 Bordentown Avenue, South Amboy, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Mary’s Church. Interment was at Sacred Heart Cemetery, Parlin. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to St. Mary’s Food Pantry, 256 Augusta Street, South Amboy.

A PRAYER FOR HEALING

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

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Obituaries

Berkley, Clifford K., 72, of South Amboy died on July 21.

Blount, Gail, 65, of Parlin died on July 28.

Carroll, Michael, 69, of Sayreville died on July 30.

Collins, Michael, 67, of Sayreville died on Aug. 12.

Dancsecs, Richard, 70, of South Amboy died on June 16, 2017.

Havlusch, Gregory W., 72, formerly of South Amboy died on July 24.

Januszewski, Lorraine H., 91, of South Amboy died on Aug. 3.

Kelly, Brian, 75, of South Amboy died on July 9.

Kusic, Marie C. "Red" Colucci, 99, of South Amboy died on Aug. 11.

Neminski, Carolyn, 78, of Parlin died on July 29.

Newton, Donald, 82, of Sayreville died on July 24.

Olenczak, Angelina, 92, formerly of South Amboy died on July 15.

Pijanowski, Karen E. Chrzan, 71, of Sayreville died on Aug. 9.

Steiner, Brian M., 49, of Sayreville died on July 29.

Szumowski, Theresa M., 79, of Sayreville died on July 24.

Weissman, William II, 68, formerly of South Amboy died on July 26.

Zagata, Theresa, 96, of Sayreville died on Aug. 5.

Zihala, David A., 62, of Parlin died on Aug. 5.

In Memoriam

We just found out that Richard "Richie" Dancsecs, 70, of South Amboy died on June 16, 2017. Richie was a St. Mary's graduate in the 1960's, worked for many years at the New Brunswick Post Office, loved strumming his guitar and collecting baseball cards at his home in the Mechanicsville section of South Amboy. Donald Newton, 82, of Sayreville died on July 24. He dedicated his life to his family and community, serving Sayreville in many ways including:



Gregory W. Havlusch & Kathryn J. Nitto

Together until the end. Gregory W. Havlusch, 72, and Kathryn J. Nitto, 72, of West Allenhurst passed away peacefully on July 24th & July 25th, 2022 just a few hours apart. Greg was formerly from South Amboy, and graduated from Hoffman HS in '68, and later attended Hill Junior College on a basketball scholarship, and also played for Biscayne University in Florida. He moved to the iconic Jersey Shore in the 1970s and immediately fell in love with the ocean.



Kathryn, as she was known to so many, was creative in so many aspects of her life, from the way she dressed in the hippie days wearing her berets adorned with pins and mini-shorts to her high boots in later years. She started as a fabulous painter with her artwork gracing the walls of The Inkwell. Kathryn then launched her career as a make-up artist to models and celebrities including Martina Navratilova, using these talents to create unique hair color formulations. The outcome was always amazing!

An artist in every sense of the word,

Nancy Newcomb Schade

Nancy Newcomb Schade, age 75 of Sea Girt passed away on August 14, 2022 at Jersey Shore University Medical Center, Neptune. Nancy was born and raised in South Amboy among her large loving family, including many aunts, uncles, and cousins. She moved to Sea Girt in 1983, where she raised her three children. She received her bachelor's in education degree from Kean College and taught at St Benedict's school in Holmdel and St Ambrose in Old Bridge NJ. During the early years of her marriage, Nancy taught English to French students while her husband Charles attended medical school in Paris. Nancy enjoyed traveling, crossword puzzles, and was a master of Sudoku. She volunteered her time to several organizations in her life, most notably as a member of the Women's Guild of Point Pleasant Hospital. Nancy was also the family matriarch, hosting most holidays for her large extended family. She is predeceased by her parents Russell and Marie Newcomb and sister Melanie Newcomb. Surviving is her



husband Charles Schade, son, Corey Schade and wife Kathleen, daughters; Amy Abella and husband John, Melissa Walker and husband Michael, and Stepdaughter, Linda Schade. She is also survived by her brother Drew Newcomb and wife Mary, sisters; Maribeth Newcomb and partner William McDonald, Jane Prusakowski and husband Joe; and six beloved grandchildren (Caroline, Charlie, Robbie, Addie, Jude, and Teddy). She will be greatly missed by all. A viewing was held at O'Brien Funeral Home in Wall, NJ. A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated at St. Mark's RC Church, Sea Girt. Burial followed at St. Catharine's Cemetery, Sea Girt. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation (<https://themmrf.org>) and the Mercy Center in Asbury Park, NJ (<https://mercycenternj.org>). Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.obrienfuneralhome.com.



A PRAYER FOR HEALING

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

There is truly only one thing that can be done once.....your loved one deserves the best!



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RE-ELECT MAYOR FRED HENRY

Mayor Fred Henry is a **lifelong resident of South Amboy** and a retired educator. He began his career as a Social Studies teacher at St. Mary’s Elementary School and retired as the **South Amboy Board of Education Dean of Students** in 2015. Mayor Fred Henry has served on the South Amboy City Council since 1992 and was elected Mayor in 2010.



- ✓ Led efforts to pass a budget with **no municipal tax increases** with full support from all council members
- ✓ **Increased the size of our police force** to keep our community safe
- ✓ Secured a **\$1 million grant to revitalize the city’s waterfront walkway**
- ✓ Invested \$300,000 in redevelopment funds to **secure modern technology for South Amboy students**

MICHAEL “MICKEY” GROSS & ANTHONY CONRAD: FOR COUNCIL AT-LARGE



RE-ELECT COUNCIL PRESIDENT MICKEY GROSS

- ✓ Has **served on the South Amboy City Council for more than ten years** and as the City Council President since 2015
- ✓ **Deeply involved in the South Amboy community**, including serving as the chairman of the South Amboy St. Patrick’s Day Parade and acting as a licensed NJ Health officer



ELECT ANTHONY CONRAD

- ✓ Currently serves on the **South Amboy School Board** and as Commissioner on the **South Amboy Redevelopment Agency**
- ✓ Running for City Council to ensure city government is **making responsible investments in our community**

VOTE Column B in November!

VOTE BY MAIL! BALLOTS WILL BE MAILED STARTING SEPTEMBER 24TH
EARLY VOTE: OCTOBER 29TH - NOVEMBER 6TH OR ELECTION DAY: NOVEMBER 8TH

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