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*Robert "Bob" Smith
*Roger Swanton
*Dorothy Viglionese

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Frank Kurzawa Jr.



William J. More

Frank Kurzawa, And Bill More Will Be Missed

By Tom Burkard

The Borough of Sayreville and City of South Amboy are mourning two of their most prominent business leaders, who recently passed away. Frank Kurzawa Jr. 80, who was the owner/operator of Kurzawa Funeral Home in South Amboy for many years, died on June 25th. William "Bill" More, 80, who was the owner and operator of More's Jewelry in Sayreville for 45 years died on July 14th. Both gentlemen were well-known, highly-respected, and loved throughout the neighboring communities and will sadly be missed for their many commendable contributions to the towns of Sayreville and South Amboy. I was truly honored to get to know these great guys on a business level, as I dealt with them each month for many years, going over their advertisements for The South Amboy-Sayreville Times, and found them to be a pleasure to deal with, business-wise, and more importantly good friends who I will never forget. God Bless Frank and Bill.

*See page 22 for their obituaries.

SA Knights Choose Officers

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 have chosen their slate of officers who will serve for the 2021-22 Columbian year. Grand Knight Gary Lattanzi Deputy Grand Knight Jan Williams Chancellor John Kobiernicki Recorder Kevin Scupp Treasurer Steve Schmid Advocate Peter Luccarelli Warden Ed Vassallo Inside Guard Bruce Grankowski Outside Guard Jim Hoehman First Year Trustee Les Wilson Second Year Trustee Jack Mieczkowski Third year Trustee Ray Suchcicki Chaplain Rev. Stanley Gromadzki Lecturer Jordan Drevelus.



South Amboy Knights of Columbus presented their Brother Knight Father Dennis Weezorak, Pastor of Saint Mary Church with a plaque honoring him for the 35th anniversary of his priestly ordination. Pictured left to right: South Amboy City Council President Mickey Gross, Jim Hoehman, John Kobiernicki, Grand Knight Gary Lattanzi, Bruce Grankowski, Father Dennis, Past Grand Knight Steve Schmid, Jordan Drevelus, Deacon Rich O'Brien. (Photo by Cheryl Schmid)

Father Dennis Celebrates 35 Years As Priest

By Steve Schmid

Saint Mary Pastor Father Dennis Weezorak is observing an important milestone this summer. Father Dennis is celebrating the 35th anniversary of his priestly ordination. He was ordained to the priesthood on May 3, 1986 in the Archdiocese of New York. He served as associate pastor and administrator at several parishes and was Director of Ministry for the separated/divorced within the Ogdensburg Diocese in upstate New York. Father Dennis traveled west and served in the military chaplaincy for the U.S. Air Force in several locations and was a hospital chaplain in San Antonio, Texas. Father Dennis came back east and was incardinated into the

Metuchen Diocese January 10, 1994 and has served as associate pastor in several parishes including Saint Mary where he briefly served as administrator. Father Dennis was installed as pastor of St. Mary on October 28, 1997. Father Dennis frequently tells his parishioners St. Mary is "your church." He tells them to express their faith in different ways. He is always willing to listen to new ideas and the parish has held several novenas, rosary rallies, potluck suppers to help build community spirit, and with anything that expresses faith. Father Dennis has created an atmosphere that is open and welcoming.

Craig Coughlin Named Honorary Chairman of Inaugural South Amboy Irish Festival

The City of South Amboy in partnership with the South Amboy Parade committee will host an Irish Festival on Saturday, September 25th at the Middlesex County Raritan Bay Waterfront Park. (Rain Date: September 26)

The festival, which will begin at 2pm, will include music, food and craft vendors, kid friendly activities, puppet shows, entertainment and will culminate in a fireworks display at dusk. Live entertainment throughout the day includes appearances by renowned Irish Musicians Willie Lynch and Andy Cooney as well as South Amboy's own DB Kelly Pipes and Drums.

Craig Coughlin, a native of South Amboy and Speaker of the New Jersey General Assembly will serve as Honorary Chairman of the event. A representative of the 19th Legislative District, Coughlin received his B. S. degree from St. John's University and a J.D. degree from St. John's University

School of Law. His strong ties to the city include serving on the South Amboy Board of Education from 1983-1987 and in 1987 was elected to the South Amboy City Council until 1993.

The City of South Amboy has hosted an annual Saint Patrick's Parade for many years and the event has grown to one of the largest in New Jersey and while it is true that "Everyone is Irish" on St Patrick's Day we are excited to hold this outdoor family friendly Irish Festival as we begin to emerge from the pandemic and await the parade's return in March 2022.

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

For further event updates and parking directions please visit our web site at www.southamboyparade.com.

St. Mary's Class Of 1971 50th Reunion

The class of '71 will also be having their formal 50th reunion on October 23 at the offshore restaurant in Point Pleasant Beach from 4-8 PM. Tickets are \$50 a person Please

contact Mary Casey Griffin or Patti Mulvey Balon on Facebook messenger if you are interested in going.

Artsfest 2021

South Amboy Arts Alliance and The City of South Amboy present Artsfest 2021, Sunday, September 12th. (Rain date September 19). South Amboy Arts Alliance is looking for individuals who are willing to share, demonstrate or volunteer their time and effort for our SA Festival of the Arts.

Call 732-727-4600 x5971 or Email: southamboyartsalliance@gmail.com. Let us know your interest, name, phone number and email contact information. Indicate the area(s) that best describe your interest:

- Participating Artist for 'Art on Broadway': please request information for your entry or vendor form
- Participating Performer: Individual Name and/or Group Name and Type of Performance.
- Festival Volunteer Areas: Planning Committee, Craft Table Instructor, Set-Up /Clean-Up, Registration Table or Gallery Ambassador
- Other

4th Degree Knights Choose Officers

The Monsignor John F. Brady Assembly 676 of the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus have chosen their new slate of officers for the 2021-22 Columbian year. Faithful Navigator-Christopher Duffett; Faithful Comptroller- Stephen Agnone; Faithful Friar- Rev. Msgr. Andrew Szaroleta; Faithful Captain-Bruce Grankowski; Faithful Admiral-John Kobiernicki; Faithful Purser-Stephen Schmid; Faithful Pilot-Edward Vassala; Faithful Scribe- Scot Pampaloni; Faithful Inner Sentinel-John Anagnostis; Faithful Outer Sentinel- Michael Roemer; Faithful One Year Trustee-Jan Williams; Faithful Two year Trustee-Carl Agneta; Faithful Three Year Trustee- Raymond Suchcicki.

Farewell



Father Wojciech Kusek Parochial Vicar of Sacred Heart Church addresses the crowd at his farewell reception held recently at Memorial Hall. Father Wojciech is the new Administrator at Saint Joseph Parish in North Plainfield (Photo by Steve Schmid)

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The SA Times Poet Laureate Al Gomolka is a man of many collections. He recently sorted out over 65 of his special tee shirts, mostly from the many sports teams he played for through the years, and here are two of his favorites. Pictured (l) was a St. Mary's HS gym shirt from his freshman year 1965-66, which makes this one...56 years old! Wow! Pictured (r) was from the first Mechanicsville Bombers softball team in 1971-50 years old this summer! The Mechanicsville Bombers competed in the South Amboy Men's Senior Slow Pitch Softball League, Men's Senior Basketball League, and South Amboy Touch Football League. The Bombers later became known as Mechanicsville A.C., and everyone that played for the teams through the years had a lot of fun! (Photos/story by Tom Burkard)

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

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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.) -C.P.

July Is Humid Rainy Month

By Steve Schmid

You may have noticed that this July has frequently been a humid soggy mess with bouts of heavy rainfall and hot temperatures. When we walked outside it felt like we donned saturated clothes with beads of sweat on our forehead. The rainy days followed May's dry heat and the days of mid 90s scorchers in June. The first two weeks of July brought a month's worth of rain that is great for flowers and lawns. David Robinson Chief climatologist at Rutgers University said New Jersey imports its weather from elsewhere because of our location in the middle latitudes. This summer the import has been a southerly flow bringing moisture and warmth. He said there has been a conveyor belt of warmth that has pushed up the coast from the South and also guided Tropical Storm Elsa our way causing significant flooding. He hopes August will be more pleasant and drier.

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. -M.M.



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Pleasant little TRIVIA

By Tom Burkard

1. South Amboy Police Chief who retired in 1965?
a. John Gleason b. Edward O'Leary c. Walter Rogers

2. President of the OLV Columbiettes in 2007-08?
a. Joanne Behr b. Kathy Corman c. Patricia Feeney

3. Who was the South Amboy Fire Chief during the St. Mary's HS Fire in May, 1966?
a. Anthony Charmello b. Fritz Lukie c. Chester Meinzer

4. In '65, he became the first Eagle Scout in Boy Scout Troop 66 of Parlin?
a. John Trojanski b. Lawrence McGinn c. Robert Gasparch

5. Captain of South Amboy First Aid & Safety Squad in 2007?
a. Chris Mader b. Steve Babarchik c. Mary Stapleton

6. Chairman of the Sayreville Republican Municipal Committee in 2007?
a. Rosetta Fisher b. Ron Green c. Marylou Koslov



7. Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 95 in 2009?
a. Marty Ruszala b. John Fedorka c. Ed Peterson

8. This Sayreville man won the 2009 Frog Hollow 5K Run?
a. Gene Stephens b. Greg Kuczynski c. Jamal Jonas

9. President of Sacred Heart Grammar School PTA in 1967?
a. Susan Grebetski b. Josephine Liskiewicz c. Theresa Meade

10. What year was the Sayreville Public Safety Complex dedicated?
a. 1976 b. 1980 c. 1986

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



Business Of The Month
John Auto Center



John Auto Center located at 272 North Stevens Ave. South Amboy features an excellent staff of expert mechanics. Pictured (L to R) Alex Shevtsov, Owner Surjit Singh, South Amboy Police Chief Darren LaVigne, and Chris. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

By Steve Schmid

Thirteen and a half years ago, Surjit Singh achieved his dream of opening an auto repair business. He saw an opportunity in South Amboy because there were few auto repair facilities in town. He bought the former Harry's Auto Repair on 272 North Stevens Ave. and opened in January 2008. Sujit quickly established a connection with people and South Amboy Council President Mickey Gross was one of his first customers. His reputation has grown over the years. He is a strong proponent of law enforcement and many South Amboy police officers stop by, including Police Chief Darren LaVigne who calls him "the friendliest mechanic in South Amboy." By the 1990s every car's computers controlled sensors, combustion and electrical systems. Surjit's mechanics know how to deal with computers that monitor engine emissions. They'll inspect your car and fix any emissions problems or other issues so you'll pass inspection. Their work is 100% guaranteed. They are well trained to fix modern and older vehicles and are certified to repair foreign and domestic cars and trucks. No job is too big or too small. They'll fix your lawn mower or snow blower or replace a light bulb, and if necessary replace an engine. When you have a problem, they will thoroughly check your vehicle and bring a diagnosis. They'll inform you what they learned before they

start work, so you'll make an informed decision. Surjit loves working on cars and getting them back on the road. He's worked on them since junior high school when he changed oil, fixed brakes, and replaced lights for his family and friends. His mechanics share this passion for repairing cars and returning them to their customers. Local residents have noticed and provided internet reviews. Victoria G said "I really recommend it!! The owner is awesome and really goes out of his way to make sure my car is fixed as quickly as possible!! Also I was told by others that my car was not fixable but he fixed it in just a day. Also pricing is cheap. I have been going to him for years now and never plan on switching." Ted C added "Just moved to the area and I have to say I will definitely be a repeat customer for all my vehicles. Thought I had issues with my ball joints and turns out I only needed new tires and alignment. Not your typical auto repair shop that will nickel and dime you and are very HONEST. They are very law enforcement supportive." The motto at John Auto Center is "Winter Spring Summer Fall We can basically do it all." They'll be glad to give you an oil change if you need it. They are open Monday to Friday from 8 am to 6 pm. and Saturday from 8 am to 5 pm To make an appointment call 732-727-8500 or stop in and say "Hi" You'll be glad you did.

CHRISTMAS IN AUGUST-HAM DINNER

South Amboy Elks is hosting "Christmas in August Ham Dinner." Thursday August 26th from 5:30-7:30pm
Dinner includes Roasted Ham, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Green Beans and Dessert. Adult tickets are \$15 in advance (by 8/20) or \$18 at the door. Kids 6-10 \$6, 5yrs. and under are free for the Ham Dinner only. Kids option 2; 3 pc chicken tender with

fries is \$6.00 All children will receive a gift from Santa, bring your camera for photos. This event benefits our Peer Leadership Program. Bring a hygiene or paper product for a door prize ticket. We are located at 601 Washington Ave. For more information call 732-727-7170.
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Those Lazy, Hazy Days Of Summer!



Twins Hunter (l) and Logan (r) take a quick nap in the pool. Both turned one on July 26th. Happy Birthday Boys. (Photos by Phyllis Stratton)

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Yearbook-St. Mary's 1976
By Tom Burkard

Rev. James McConnell was St. Mary's Pastor, and Sister Marianne Mahon was principal. Gary Schreiber was Dean of Discipline. Some of the fine faculty members were Kathleen O'Keefe, Sr. Robertina Bulman, Sr. Nathaniel Kurtz, Susan Russo, William Coyle, Richard Jones, Mary Reilly, Susan Bratton, Andrew Joyce. Co-Editor -In-Chief of the yearbook were Debbie Honkisz and Gail Ksiazek. Editors-in-Chief of the "Crown" newspaper were Michael Cleary, Jean Muchanic, and John Ross. The Christmas program featured the Chorus under the direction of Carol Wilmar. The school play was "The Wizard of Oz." Eileen Collins was chosen "Homecoming Queen." Beautiful memories were made at the Christmas Ball on Dec. 19, 1975 at Diamond Jim's. "The Times of Your Life" was the theme for the prom, which was held at Battleground Country Club in Freehold. Students danced to the music of the band "Colorado." The athletic coaches and their sports were: girls' varsity basketball-Sr. Marianne Chorba; softball-Mary Jo Kuegle; boys tennis-Ted Jensen; girls tennis-Art Dowty; golf-Gene Malhame. SMHS '76 grads randomly selected were: Jim Attardi, Tom Ballance, Donna Bielat, George Cattano, Tom Cosentino, Brian Crowe, Maureen Dohaney, Sue Eaton, Nancy Flannery, Sue Gomolka, Paul Higgins, Carol Kaminski, George Kline, Terri Ann Meade, Larry McMahon, Joanne Norek, Kathy O'Malley, Glenn Quinton, Lorna Rupp, Mark Servis, Robert Stratton, Loretta Toto, Marianne Wooley, Kathy Konando. Some senior athletes included Ray Akerman, John Belmonte, Mike Cleary, Mike Grimley, Matt Kurtz, John Miller, John Minnick, Charles Rhodes, Bob Scupp, Steve Zrebiec. St. Mary's HS Class of 1976 was a group of fine young people with tremendous potential and very bright futures!

Kindergarten & Preschool Registration

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

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

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

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



1970-The All Middlesex County Company featured South Amboy residents Bob Moglia, Dennis Pappa, Bill Forte, Larry Kurzawa, Jim Pavalonnis. The photo was taken in Orlando, Florida RTC New Navy boot camp. Bob Moglia said that, "All the sailors are from Middlesex County. They had a ceremony at the old Perth Amboy Naval Reserve Center with the Governor and other dignitaries to congratulate us. I happened to be the first one that signed up for this Company." The South Amboy sailors are pictured as follows: 1st row 2nd from left-Bill Forte, row 2 second from left- Bob Moglia, 3rd from left-Dennis Pappa, row 6, 2nd from left-Jim Pavlonnis, 3rd from left-Larry Kurzawa, row 5, 3rd from right-Ed Nycz of Sayreville. (Photo/info courtesy of Bob Moglia)



Pictured are some of the 200 plus campers who participated in the Borough of Sayreville Summer Camp program at Burke's Park. Summer Camp Director Linda Zurawski (far right) has been in charge of the excellent program for over 30 years. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

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Trinity United Methodist Church in South Amboy and Sayreville welcomes Pastor YoungHak Lee as its newly appointed lead pastor as of July 1, 2021.

Originally from Seoul, South Korea, YoungHak had the pleasure of living in different countries during his teenage years, such as India, South Korea, the U.S., and the Philippines. Living in the U.S. since he was 13, he has served in various ministries: campus ministry, Army chaplain assistant, and youth and children's ministry. YoungHak completed a

Master of Divinity at Drew Theological School last May and will continue his advanced biblical studies of the New Testament at Yale University Divinity School.

Pastor YoungHak (he/him) has a great passion for spreading the good news of Jesus Christ. He believes that this world can be a better place with the teachings of Jesus Christ because he has seen how the gospel transforms and saves people's lives. As a United Methodist, Pastor YoungHak also



Pastor YoungHak Lee

believes that no child of God is unqualified to receive God's abundant grace and love. Trinity UMC will continue to be a safe and sacred place that opens doors, opens hearts, and opens minds to all people regardless of who they are.

Pastor YoungHak is looking forward to sharing God's grace and love with friends, neighbors, and partners in ministry at Trinity UMC. Trinity UMC is located at 815 Bordentown Ave, South Amboy, NJ 08879, and in-person worship services each Sunday begin

at 9:30 AM, followed by Holy Communion and fellowship hour every first week of the month.

The church is really enjoying 'getting back to normal' with their weekly services and starting Sunday School in September. Our Thrift Shop continues to remain open on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 9 am to 11 am. Our hours changed due to the hot weather. God is good and we are eager to be sharing the news!!!

DeFino Featured In New York Magazine

Sayreville native Jessica DeFino was featured in New York Magazine for her beauty industry newsletter, "The Unpublishable." DeFino is a journalist whose work has appeared in The New York Times, Vogue, Allure, and more. She launched the newsletter in May 2021. "DeFino critically examines the beauty industry's tight grasp on consumers and popular culture, from evolving beauty

standards to the deft marketing tactics used to sell people more products," Terry Nguyen writes of "The Unpublishable" in the July issue of New York Magazine. The article, "23 Newsletter Writers on Their Favorite Newsletters," can be found here. You can subscribe to "The Unpublishable" at jessicadefino.substack.com.

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Dowdell Library Tails & Tales @ Dowdell

The summer fun has begun, and everyone at the Dowdell Library is having a blast! The library is now open for browsing. Make sure to stop by, find a good book, participate in summer activities, use a computer or utilize one of our many online resources! Please see the new extended summer hours below or at Dowdell.org.

Children can visit the library and enjoy weekly crafts and activities! Every Monday and Friday from 2:00-3:00 pm, stop by for fun staff-assisted crafts, and then every Tuesday and Thursday from 12:30 - 3:30 pm, drop in for self-guided activities that will include crafts, puzzles, chalk, bubbles, and more!

Thank you to everyone who has joined us for Celebrity Storytime at the Waterfront Park Gazebo off O'Leary Blvd. The summer's final Storytime will take place on August 10 (rain date August 17) and will feature Suzanne Ryan as Mother Goose. Storytime starts at 11:00 - 12:30. There will be games, music, and PRIZES! Please bring a beach towel to sit on under the gazebo.

Adults and teens can stay busy the rest of the summer, too! Test your knowledge with a trivia contest or participate in Family Tales, where you can discover your genealogy and create your family tree using Heritage Quest. Please pick up your trivia board and

the genealogy worksheet at the library or find it on the website. There are also planned crafts at 2:00 pm every Wednesday in August inside the library. Make a beaded keychain or button canvas art! Check dowdell.org for all the details.

Join us from 6:30 - 8:00 pm on Thursday August 12 in the parking lot of the library for an awesome Drive-in Music Concert! The free concert will feature artist Justin Ryan and guest vocalist Dorothy Dobkowski and include instruments from Hawaii, Europe, and Trinidad. Don't forget to bring your beach chairs!

Prizes and giveaways are still happening! Details and information about each program are posted on our website: Dowdell.org, and shared on our social media pages. You can also sign up for our monthly newsletter on our website and have all the program information sent directly to your email!

Expanded Summer Hours: Monday 10 am - 8 pm, Tuesday & Thursday 12 pm - 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.

CALL FOR ARTWORK

The South Amboy Arts Alliance believes that art has the power to ignite a flame in our hearts, transform our minds and reveal beauty and awe in the world to inspire awareness.

Therefore, at this time, we are calling for original artwork that can help nurture healing and personal growth. Over these past months, artists created their means of surviving the social emotional strain which brought the world horror, pessimism and confusion. The South Amboy Arts Alliance is looking for original artwork created over the past year that shows a sacred place or one that became important or, perhaps, one that showed an act of kindness that brought peace, hope, and a smile to one's face.

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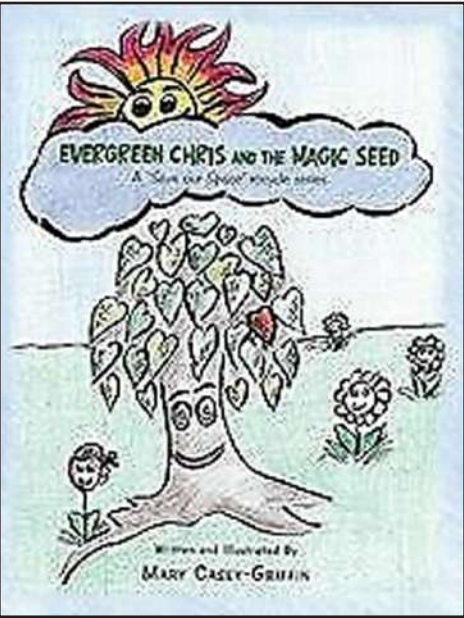
profit group that works with the City of South Amboy located in Middlesex County NJ. We are referred to as 'South Amboy Arts' and we are seeking artwork to begin our next gallery and street art show. This show called 'Art on Broadway' is being made possible by a grant from the Arts Institute of Middlesex County. The original artworks will hang in the SA Gallery on Broadway for our Artsfest 2021 Exhibition. The winning entries will be reproduced on banners to hang throughout our city over the next months. For more information contact the South Amboy Arts Alliance at 732-727-4600 x5971 or SAArts141@gmail.com See us on Facebook [southamboyartsalliance](https://www.facebook.com/southamboyartsalliance)

Mary Casey Griffin Book Signing

Former South Amboy resident/St. Mary's HS graduate Mary Casey Griffin will hold a book signing for her new book, "Evergreen Chris And The Magic Seed" on Sunday, August 8 at the Blue Moon Cafe in South Amboy from 2-4 p.m. Mary's book is part of a series for recycling around the earth. The book signing was originally scheduled for March 21, 2020, but COVID-19 prevented it from happening.

Mary is a retired art teacher whose father was South Amboy's milkman and whose

grandfather was South Amboy's mayor. Another South Amboy native, Dan Toye, a popular local musician, will be playing from 2 - 4pm on Aug. 8th as well. Please come out and support the arts and the Blue Moon.



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The Smoke Column

By Ex-Chief Richard Kosmoski, MS

One of a firefighter's worst nightmares is responding to an unknown hoarder's house fire. In the first place, we do not always know which house is a hoarder's home and then the unknown which and how much is being hoarded inside the structure. There have been many cases where firefighters have been trapped inside a hoarder's home and died because of the situation. A famous hoarder's house made news in 1947 when two brothers, Homer Lusk Collyer and Langley Wakeman Collyer, were found dead in their home in March 1947. Both men were in their 60's and were well educated. Inside their home, their bodies were surrounded by over 140 tons of collected items that they had amassed over several decades. One of the brothers used his engineering skills to construct booby traps and tunnels among the trash that filled the house. The house soon became a maze of boxes, complicated tunnel systems consisting of junk and trash rigged with trip wires. These men lived in "nests" that were created amongst the debris that was piled from floor to ceiling.

Now think to yourself of a situation like that occurring in your neighbor's home. Most times you have no idea what is inside their home. The social climate in today's neighborhoods is much different than it was in the 1950's. Today you may not see your neighbor for weeks let alone not knowing what is inside their house or how they live. This can be a disaster in waiting for an unsuspecting firefighter responding to a fire in the structure. Firefighters are trained to conduct a primary search of a structure that is on fire looking for any survivable occupants. They are trained to enter the structure, crawling on the floor, down below the fire heated temperatures at the ceiling level. This search is usually conducted with limited or no visibility due to the smoky conditions from the fire. As the firefighter's crawl through the structure, it is almost impossible to identify the furniture or other items strewn throughout the rooms. It would

be so easy for a firefighter to become trapped or entangled amongst the debris. Firefighters may become complacent and not think that the occupants of the fire building are hoarders. If the debris falls on the firefighter, he may become trapped under this debris and his fellow firefighters may not be aware of his situation. His air supply is limited so he must be found and rescued quickly. This may all be happening under heavy fire conditions, limited visibility, and with the potential of a structural collapse. Unfortunately, the fire service does not usually have the information on a hoarder's residence. At which time does a home constitute a hoarder's home? A home with much accumulated "stuff" must build up inside before it is classified as a hoarder's home? Their collection of "stuff" is their goldmine but to us it may all be junk and of little value. There are no cut and dry answers to these questions. Firefighters are taught in their basic training to be always aware of their surroundings and this we call "situational awareness." Before entering a structure on fire, we must size-up the situation from the outside before entering. This may or may not give us some indication of what to expect once we enter the structure. We must always remember to "expect the unexpected." This thought alone may be the difference in a life-or-death situation and hopefully help us determine our strategy and tactics to use to suppress the fire.

When all else fails, revert to the basics of firefighting!

SHS Class Of 1960 Reunion

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My Little Town

By Elaine Holton Scott

Leaving the house through the back door, the house which my great grandparents had built and where I had called home, I'd often see Mrs. Julie Croddick hanging out a big load of wash in her backyard. "Hello, Mrs. Croddick!" I'd call out to her, waiting for her to wave to me. In the window of the house behind our backyard, I'd see Mrs. Marie Newcomb standing looking out while she worked at her sink. She was easy to see as Wilmont Street is quite a bit higher than Conover which was "my street." "Hello, Marie!" I'd yell to her and see her wave through the screen. Getting to the front of the house, it was common to see Emma Lonseth beating a carpet with a rug beater and her daughter, Evelyn Burkard, sweeping their already spotless front porch. Heading down the street, I'd pass the Kurtz house, always a place of "movement" all day long. Walking fast, I'd meet my friend, Nancy Newcomb at the corner of Alpine, and we'd walk down Conover, always respectfully saying hello to all the adults we passed. If we weren't "respectful," we'd surely hear about it later. Onward we walked, crossing Ridgeway Avenue, then into the hole-in-the-wall which effectively divided Mechanicsville and our Sayreville next door neighbor, Melrose, from the heart of South Amboy. That's where the "action" was to those of us on the other side of the infamous hole-in-the-wall.

Summer in the City of South Amboy wasn't much different than it was in the winter, spring and fall but it was our very own little corner of the world. Downtown, at least, had Broadway filled with little shops, bakeries, Mom & Pop groceries, O'Connor's Soda Shop, Safeway and A&P, not much bigger than the Mom & Pop stores, Oppenheimer's 5 and 10 cent store, banks, Greco' Barbershop, and, the Library with Sadie Dowdell at the helm. For us kids from "the other side," we had to first walk the lonely road to get to Main Street, with Ogen's Tavern on one side of the street and Kurzawa's Funeral Home on the side we walked. We had no choice as there was no sidewalk on the other side of the street. Crossing Main Street we'd always make a stop at Prasnal's, the new owners of Astarita's store. Heading to the comic books section, I'd check to see if a new Little Lottie hit the stands. To me, that was the only comic

book worth the ten cents it cost. Although school was out for the summer, there would still be "Sisters of Mercy" walking to and from their convent located on the corner of Augusta and Stevens Avenue. Sisters of Mercy...an oxymoron to many of us who knew better. At that time though none of us had heard of the word oxymoron much less its definition. If you ever watched the movie, The Blues Brothers, you'd know what I mean. To see a priest, you'd have to go inside St. Mary's Church to attend Mass or go to Confession. At that time when female heads had to be covered inside a church, during the summer no tissue or handkerchief to pin to your head meant going to Confession was out. Why boys didn't have to cover their heads entering a church always seemed unfair but that was the way it was until Pope John the XXIII took Latin from the Mass while also making the desperate use of tissues pinned to girls' heads instant history. Cops were always around, especially by Prasnal's store. Augie Charmello, was a favorite because he was so friendly, always with a big smile on his face. Police cars had been called "Black and Whites" back then, and license plates, called "tags" in the South, were made by prisoners, or so it had been said. Once we reached the intersection of Stevens Avenue and Augusta Street, we'd turn left and continue down Augusta Street to Broadway. Oppenheimer's or the Library were our usual destinations, often both. In Oppenheimer's store, while the old ceiling fan clicked its way slowly in a circle and with the bells hanging on the entrance door announcing our entry, Nancy would go one way while I went straight to the ribbons where I'd buy one foot of either blue or pink. Digging the 3 pennies from my pocket to pay the woman who may have owned the store, Nance and I would leave the way we had come carrying our newly borrowed Nancy Drew books from the Library and our "purchases" from Oppenheimer's to start the long way home in the hot summer heat.

"In my little town...I grew up believing God keeps his eye on us all...and he used to lean upon me as I pledged allegiance to the wall. Lord, I recall my little town..." Yes, I surely do.

SA Town Wide Yard Sale



This yard sale on Pine Ave never disappoints, there is something for everyone. (Photo by Brian Stratton)



You never know what you will find at a flea market. This vendor at the Elk's flea market had a vintage issue of the SA Times from 1997. (Photo by Brian Stratton)



St. Mary's HS Class Of 1971

Kick Off 50th Reunion Events

(Photos/Info submitted)





Old friends enjoyed reminiscing, and chatting at the barbecue, which was the first of several events planned to celebrate the 50th reunion.



Two great musicians from St. Mary's Class of '71, Kevin O'Connor (l) and Dan Toye (r) entertained classmates who attended the 50th year reunion/picnic hosted by O'Connor.



Happy classmates rekindled great memories of the St. Mary's HS Class of '71.

Turn Back The Clock

10 Years Ago

2011-Rose Pawlik of South Amboy was honored to be the first female President of the Morgan Lions Club...Former South Amboy resident, Flossie O’Leary was elected President of the Lions Club of Denver, Colorado. She was also the first woman in history to hold the prestigious position... Cardinal McCarrick/St. Mary’s High School named Dr. Karen Juliano as its new Principal.

20 Years Ago

2001-St. Mary’s High School alumni and supporters opposed the school name change to Cardinal McCarrick HS, and held peaceful demonstrations carrying signs around the school and town, with no violence or destruction reported. Supporters also

wrote hundreds of letters to local and daily newspapers, in addition to being interviewed on radio stations...Perth Amboy Elks Club #784 merged with South Amboy Elks Club #255...Jennifer Crismale became the first female driver for the Sayreville Fire Dept.

25 Years Ago

The Borough of Sayreville purchased two new state-of-the-art garbage trucks for \$140,000 each, and saved the Borough lots of money in addition to providing more efficient garbage collection.

75 Years Ago

The City of South Amboy held a huge 3-day Welcome Celebration to honor the South Amboy veterans of World War II.



Pictured is one of the two side-by-side volleyball areas recently installed at Kennedy Park by the Borough of Sayreville. The idea appears to be an early success, as many residents have been enjoying this great recreational activity. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

LETTERS



Flip,
I enjoyed reading your article in the latest South Amboy-Sayreville Times. There was a lot of good information there. Beer is my adult beverage of choice. I've attached a photo of 4 cans of beer that I own. They are unopened and still have beer in them! I think my dad bought them back in the 60's. Maybe someday, if I ever get desperate I'll crack one open. Do you think it'll be skunky?
Mike Gressman

Pests!



This Red Lantern Fly was sighted in South Amboy. This insect is a pest, especially to farmers and their crops. The one above was the first found or reported in South Amboy, and a family on Deerfield Rd. in Sayreville found a large amount of this trouble-some insect in their swimming pool. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

Congratulations!



Edward Thomas Fulham, son of Michael and Barbara Fulham of Morgan was promoted to Captain of the Newark Fire Department in a Ceremony at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church on July 6, 2021. Congratulations and continued success! (Photo/info submitted)

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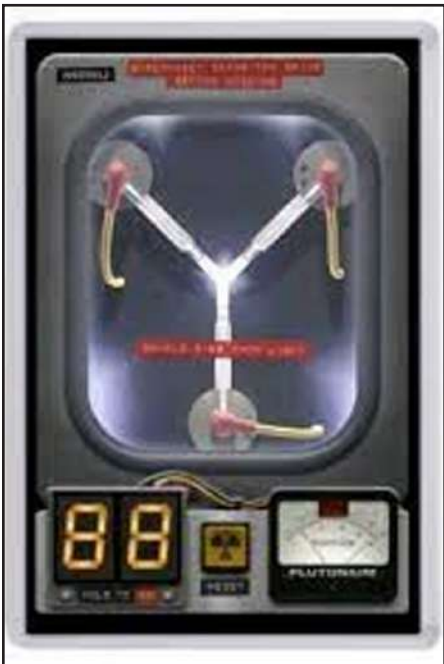
WHAT IS IT?????

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton



Does this item look familiar? Send your answer to satimes@aol.com by August 16th. Please note if you are sending in answers to our contests you can send them all in one email to satimes@aol.com Thanks.

The June What is it was a Flux Capacitor used in the movie Back To The Future. The capacitor paired with the Delorean would send you time traveling once the car hit 88 miles per hour!! Those who correctly identified it were: Pat & Bill Scully, Jack Piskorski, Keith Piskorski & Lorraine Krauss, Pete McIntyre, Mark Moniello, Marie English and Ed English, Edna Pilch, Betty Leveille, Eileen and Len Truchan, Laurie & Gary Loftus, Carol Ochat, Steve Laskiewicz, Ray Andrejewski, John & JoAnn French, Dan Hanstein, John Gelsinon, Karen Kieselowsky, Michael & Irene Kilcomons, Gary Feret, Eleanore Westerholm, Craig Yetsko, John Meleskim, Dane Colburn, Steve Villig. Congratulations!



June What Is It?
Flux Capacitor
from the movie
Back To The Future.

The Vintage Car Contest

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton



Can you identify this car? Send your answer to satimes@aol.com by August 16th. Please note if you are sending in answers to our contests you can send them all in one email to satimes@aol.com Thanks.

The June vintage car was a Delorean DMC, made famous in the movie Back To The Future. A very short lived car prized by collectors today. The following correctly identified it: Pat & Bill Scully, Jack Piskorski, Keith Piskorski & Lorraine Krauss, Pete McIntyre, Marl Moniello, Marie English and Ed English, Don Munn, Edna Pilch, Bruce Grankowski,

Betty Leveille, Eileen and Len Truchan, Laurie & Gary Loftus, Carol Ochat, Steve Laskiewicz, Ray Andrejewski, John & JoAnn French, Karen Kieselowsky, Vince Farina, Jan Williams, Michael & Irene Kilcomons, T.J. Albanese, Eleanore Westerholm, Craig Yetsko, John Meleskim, Anthony Carlo, Dane Colburn, Steve Villig, Thomas Harrigan.

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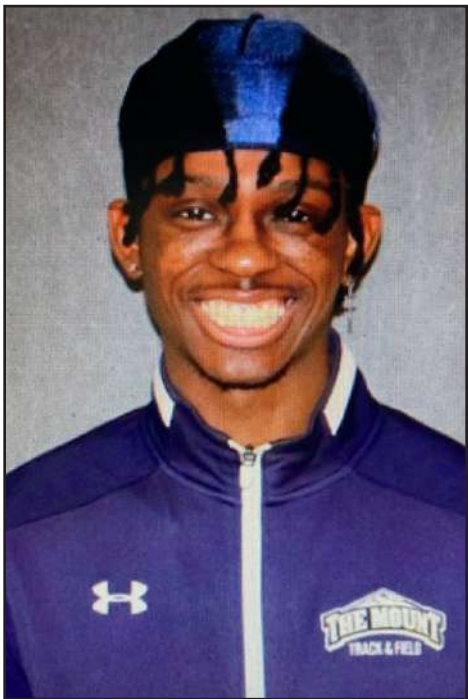
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School Sports

By Tom Burkard



Michael Sauls

College Notebook

Kevin Mulvey (Sayreville/Bishop Ahr) in his 4th year as head coach of the Villanova University (21-14) baseball team, did an excellent job leading the team back to national recognition...Senior Kathryn Harrigan, a fine outfielder, turned in a fine year for College of St. Elizabeth (10-11). In 14 games, she drilled 17 hits including 3 doubles and 9 rbi, while stinging the ball for a .378 batting avg... Junior Kayla Stvan (Sayreville), caught in 12 games for Springfield College (9-5), and batted .240 with 6 hits, a double and 4 rbi... Michael Sauls (South Amboy) has been a key member of the Mount St. Mary's Track/Field team, competing in Sprints...

Middlesex College Creates New Men's Volleyball Team

Middlesex College has received a \$10,000 grant from the NJCAA Foundation and First Point Volleyball Foundation to start a new men's volleyball program beginning in Spring 2022. The college was among 15 two-year institutions chosen for the grant by the NJCAA Foundation and First Point Volleyball Foundation.

Middlesex College currently has 14 Division III (non-scholarship) varsity athletics teams, including the women's volleyball team.

In May, the NJCAA in collaboration with First Point Volleyball Foundation, announced a \$200,000 grant to support the growth of men's volleyball as an emerging sport within the association. The NJCAA Foundation awarded grants to 15 member colleges, including Middlesex College, to support the initiative towards men's volleyball becoming a full NJCAA championship sport.

According to Assistant Athletic Director Carey Monkowski at Middlesex College, the new sports opportunity is a direct response to the broad popularity of the sport and its appeal to current and prospective students.

Local Athletes Update At Rider U.

(Article submitted)

The following locals have been doing very well at Rider University.

Samantha Kamara (Sayreville High) threw the shot put and hammer throw this past spring. Placed 8th in the MAAC conference championships in the hammer... Abraham Ohiokai Benson (Sayreville) threw all four outdoor events, shot put, discus, hammer and javelin this past spring. He placed 7th in the discus in the MAAC championships... Dylan Rodriguez (Sayreville) competed in cross country as well as distance events from 1500-10,000 meters during the spring... Kyle Poetsch (Cardinal McCarrick/Mater Dei) competed in the hammer throw and finished 3rd at the Philly Mets championships and in 2nd at the MAAC championships. Also qualified for the Ic4a championships. Finished his career as the school record holder in the weight throw and in 2nd place all time in the hammer.

Locals Selected To All-GMC Baseball Team

The 2021 Home News Tribune All-GMC Baseball team honored several Sayreville and South Amboy players. Sayreville's Mike Colonnello was selected to the 3rd Team as a Utility Player. Bombers who received Honorable Mention were Matt Abreu and Hunter Almeida. South Amboy players who attained Honorable Mention were Andrew Juhass and Anthony Vella. Congrats to all!

Big League Report



Sayreville's Brandon Bielak has seen plenty of action this season as a reliever for the first place Houston Astros. He has appeared in 20 games, pitched in 32.2 innings, with 28 strikeouts, a 5.51 ERA, and a (2-3) record.

Champions!

The Bulldogs Soccer Club 2006 Boys Team finished the spring season in victory. They played for the MOSA Curci Cup on June 19, 2021 against the Staten Island Gunners. Jonathan Reguinga scored the first goal for the Bulldogs, as they quickly became tied 1-1. Ryan Skokowski scored twice before half time, giving the Bulldogs a 3-1 lead.

Jake Pinho did an amazing job stopping shots, with a final score of 3-2. All the kids played an incredible game, especially the 2007 boys who contributed so much to the team's success. Congratulations to Coach Marku and Coach Gallegos and the Bulldogs, 15UB MOSA Curci Cup Champions!



The Champions with their medals and cup! Kneeling L-R: Mihir Dave, Sujal Dhoka, Joseph Fernandes, Filip Luczynski, Tiago Capela, Ryan Skokowski, Andre Graca and Jayden Gallegos. Standing L-R: Coach Jimmy Marku, Nick Darocha, Dev Shah, Eric Avallone, Daniel Kovalev, Benjamin Marku, Christian Wozny, Peter Kotowski, Adrian Merchan, Jake Pinho, Daniel Johnson, Jeremy Wawa, Johnathan Reguinga and Coach Gallegos. (Photo/Info Submitted)

USABL 2021 Shore Division Spring Champions



The South Amboy 12U Orange Hurricanes Travel baseball team recently won 1st place for the USABL 2021 Shore Division Spring season. This team also won the USABL Father's Day Showdown Tournament in Colts Neck, NJ. (Photo/Info Submitted)

All-Area Softball Selections

Locals selected to Home News Tribune's 2021 All-Area softball Honorable Mention were: Sayreville-Madison Szatkowski, Caydence Barton, Destiny Gonzalez, Jessica Wasko. Jada Berry of South Amboy was also an Honorable Mention. Congrats on your great accomplishment!

All-Star Game Representatives

Sayreville Bombers Matt Abreu and South Amboy Governors Andrew Juhass were selected and played in the GMCT Senior All-Star Baseball Game. In the underclass All-Star contest, South Amboy junior Anthony Vella saw action.

We would love to hear from you!



or



or



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



St. Stan's Middle School Language Arts teacher, Mrs. Danielle Zygmund, enjoys the carnival with her daughters Vanessa and Isabella.



St. Stan's School and parish families donated to the Blessing Bag Brigade NJ donation drive. Lisa Grover, teacher and parent, and Kerry Lang, (pictured), represented the school at the packing event on June 26. They were able to help this organization along with other supporters to make 710 bags for the homeless.



Lisa Grover, teacher at St. Stan's School, drops off pop tabs at the Ronald McDonald House in New Brunswick. Tabs are collected from the school, parish, and from friends. Money received from recycling the tabs is used to assist the House with operational expenses and to waive room fees for the families whose children require care at an area hospital.



Nick Mellos cooks burgers for the St. Stan's Carnival.



Two carnival goers sign up for St. Stan's Super 50/50 which was worth \$25,665 to the winner!



From left to right, Kenneth Ortiz, director of human services and recreation for the City of Perth Amboy; Dianne Roman, deputy municipal department head for Perth Amboy; Helmin Caba, mayor of Perth Amboy; Isamar Peyano, confidential aide to the mayor; and Angelo Abreu, director of the Middlesex College Perth Amboy Center.

Middlesex College Success Bound Program
Wins State Award

The Middlesex College Success Bound program was selected as the winner of the Excellence in Educational & Interpretive Programming Award by the New Jersey Recreation and Park Association.

The award was presented in May at a ceremony at the Summit Family Aquatic Center in Summit, NJ.

“The goal of the awards program is to focus state attention on the achievement of parks and recreation agencies, to recognize the continuing efforts of staff and volunteers, and to acknowledge support extended by member agencies,” said Karen Zimmerman, co-chair of the awards committee.

Success Bound is a five-week summer program for students from Perth Amboy High School and the Academy for Urban Leadership. The program combines classroom work – for which the students receive college credit – with career exploration and an internship at a local nonprofit or government agency.

“This idea was conceived out of an inspiring conversation between Ken Ortiz, director of human services for the City of Perth Amboy and Yamillet Febo-Gomez, director of grants at Middlesex College, at the table in the Recreation Department,” said Helmin Caba, mayor of Perth Amboy. “Since then, the program grew to exceed expectations and became the archetype for youth development in career readiness in our city. I want to thank the visionaries of Success

Bound, Ken, Yamillet, and José Laureano, executive dean for student and enrollment services, for their collaboration in making our scholars rise.”

After completing the program, students are eligible to enroll free of charge in an introductory course at Middlesex College for Fall or Spring.

“Success Bound aims to equip our scholars with the support they will need to be a successful student prepared for college by learning time management, how to work in groups, goal setting, the College and financial aid application process, and career exploration,” said Angelo Abreu, director of Middlesex College’s Perth Amboy Center. “Our scholars experienced a jam-packed session of college readiness workshops, and they engaged with professionals in a multitude of industries. Success Bound was able to fulfill the mission of the program in the virtual arena and managed to have our students feel connected and engaged while remote.”

Each afternoon, students would participate in a paid internship. These included the YMCA, the Business Improvement District, Puerto Rican Association for Human Development, as well as the City’s Census, Office of Social Services and Housing, and the Recreation Department.

“The goal of Success Bound is to make sure our scholars know that college is a real option for them,” Abreu said.

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What Exit?

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton

The answer to our what exit was, exit 0, 10a or 11 for Cape May. Those who answered correctly were: Mary Ann Matarangolo, Pat & Bill Scully, Eleanore Westerholm, Jack Piskorski, Keith Piskorski & Lorraine Krauss, Marie English and Ed English, Betty Leveille, Chuck Pickard, Laurie & Gary Loftus, John Gelsinon, Karen Kieselowsky, Vince Farina, Leon Credico, Dennis Quinlan, Matt Wiater, Craig Yetsko, Dane Colburn, Steve Villig.

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By Al Gomolka Jr.
Times Poet Laureate
c. 1983

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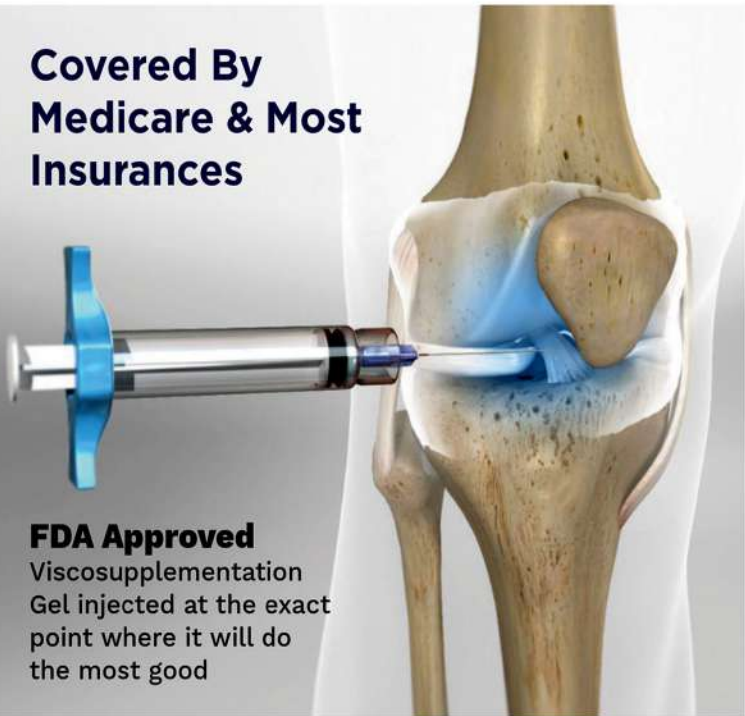
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Congratulations!



Amiya Chambers, a student at SA Middle School, recently won the competitive dance title "Miss True Talent 2021". Congratulations!!! (Photo/info submitted)



Tree cutting artist Josh Miller of Delaware is pictured standing proudly by his masterpiece at a home in Sayreville.

Home Is Where the Heart Is: Sayreville Homeowner Transforms Old Oak Tree into Art

By Megan Amato
(Photos Submitted)

Confronted with a diseased, deteriorating and insect ridden tree on the front yard of her property, Sayreville homeowner, Mary Ann Spisso chose to think of solutions expressed in color, where most would see only black and white. Mary Ann, or as I call her, “Aunt Mare,” has been metamorphosing items once considered used, broken, and rendered useless, into repurposed, quirky, new treasures for as long as I can remember. Spray a fresh coat of paint on a pair of old stained shoes or place an aged kitchen sink in a garden and plant a bed of flowers inside. Things of this nature are not beyond the everyday for my ever remarkable and unique Aunt Mare. So, I dare not be surprised to walk past her house one afternoon to find what was once an old rotting tree, now a majestic, inspired work of art.

After 70 some years casting a cooling pool of shade over the wide stretch of her front yard, Mary Ann’s oak tree was now readying to be grinded down by the local cutting service. She found herself asking, “What could one do with a tree stump?” With a surge of inspiration, she began searching the internet, uncovering what is referred to as Chainsaw Art; trees turned into sculptures through freehand custom carvings. Eventually she fell upon the image that spoke to her; a heart. Seeing the possibilities portrayed on screen and then in her mind’s eye she knew then that is what her old tree would become.

Mary Ann made some phone calls and got a recommendation to Delaware tree cutting artist Josh Miller. With the date set, Josh drove down early Wednesday May 19th ready to begin work. Now, the shape of the tree will dictate what the carving will ultimately become. I should mention the tree is not a single tree, but in truth, two trees that grew together as one. Speaking to the poetry in this one might conclude that a heart and the ultimate design which resulted is possibly what was meant to stand there all along.

With a black can of spray paint in hand for outlining, Josh considered the shape of his subject and envisioned the heart he saw within. “Is it alright if I make it a whimsical piece,” he asked? “Do whatever comes easy,” Mare answered. At this point my aunt was surely stirring in quiet anticipation, for if ever there is a word to describe her style, “whimsical,” triumphs all. Josh was motivated by the concept, explaining it is not often he has the prospect to create pieces so abstract and free flowing. He worked intensely, only taking a few breaks from 9am to 5pm. By day's end, Josh’s vision now stood complete: Two large hearts magnetize



Josh Miller is shown before he began his creative magic on two large tree stumps, and turned them into a work of beauty.



Mary Ann’s nephew Bobby sits on top of the beautifully finished heart.

back-to-back where the two trees collided, and an outright facing heart that seemingly manifests from within and rises to greet you at the front. Cascading vertical lines are engraved in the base of the statue giving it a surreal and illusory quality. Josh used various sized chainsaws for both the large and detailed cuts, a torch for color and depth, and finished the process with a natural oil stain. If sealed once a year it will preserve in this form for another decade.

As statues are often commissioned pieces to symbolize a movement, I see this statue similarly as an inspired sign of the times. During the past 18 months we have endured a trying season. We faced disease and our sense of safety was threatened. We experienced devastation in the face of uncharted territories and were forced to new constructs of existence. The statue, likewise, draws its parallels that uplift and inspire. It has created beauty within its own disease and perceived destruction, it spotlights a theme of conformity with the unusual and perhaps the most apparent of all, it symbolizes growth, opportunity, and prosperity through adversity. I feel it urges us to continue to make room for love, possibility and beautiful feelings in our own hearts and lives, no matter the circumstance, for there is a higher outcome to be imagined.

Hearts, polka dots and cheerful things of similar spirit have long held a place in Aunt Mares décor. I believe this choice and reoccurring form of self-expression for her is more an extension of self than she realizes. To me, it symbolizes the love and joy she is both creating within and has always so willingly given to others. She fills her life up with such heart that it cannot help but pour over onto those around her. A perfect addition to her home and Enchanted Garden, this tree too, will give unto others, as it exudes a beacon of love, light and hope of new life onto the streets of our hometown.



Hangin’ With The Stars



Walter met renowned Rock’n Roll photographer/author Mark Weiss (l) at the celebration of his new book release “The Decade That Rocked,” at Middletown Arts Center. Appice and Thal were also special guests at the event.



Ron “Bumblefoot” Thal (r) was a lead guitarist in Guns ‘N Roses, and also Asia.



Walter Krzyzkowski (r), formerly of Parlin, meets lots of stars and celebrities, mostly in the music genre. Here he is pictured with Carmine Appice, Hall of Fame drummer who has played with Vanilla Fudge, Whitesnake, Rod Stewart, Thin Lizzy and others.

- ### #1 Pop Hits-July 31

 - 2003-Crazy In Love-Beyonce/Jay-Z
 - 1991-(Everything I Do) I Do For You-Bryan Adams
 - 1981-The One That You Love-Air Supply
 - 1974-Annie’s Song-John Denver
 - 1966-Wild Thing-The Troggs
 - 1955-Rock Around The Clock-Bill Haley/The Comets
- ### #1 Country Hits July 31

 - 2005-As Good As I Once Was-Toby Keith
 - 1997-Carrying Your Love With Me-George Strait
 - 1982-I Don’t Care-Ricky Skaggs
 - 1971-I’m Just Me-Charley Pride
 - 1963-Ring Of Fire-Johnny Cash
 - 1958-Alone With You-Faron Young
 - 1948-Texarkana Baby-Eddy Arnold

One Hit Wonders 30 Years Ago

1991-Get Here-Oleta Adams; Wicked Game-Chris Isaak; With You-Tony Terry; Save Some Love-Keedy; You Don’t Have To Go Home Tonight-The Triplets; Silent Lucidity-Queensryche; Written All Over Your Face-The Rude Boys; Walking In Memphis-Marc Cohn; How Can I Ease The Pain-Lisa Fischer; Lily Was Here-David A. Stewart, Introducing Candy Dulfer; Temptation-Corina; It Ain’t Over ‘Til It’s Over-Lenny Kravitz; The One And Only-Chesney Hawkes; I Wonder Why-Curtis Stigers.

Song Shootout

Songs with most views on my Facebook page from June 22-July 12

- 1-God Bless The U.S.A.-Lee Greenwood 49;
- 2-Leader of the Pack-The Shangrai-Las 47;
- 3-Cats In The Cradle-Harry Chapin 27;
- 4-Turn Down Day-The Cyrkle 19;
- 5-I’ll Never Find Another You-The Seekers 17;
- 6-Midnight Confessions-The Grass Roots 15;
- 7-The Weight-The Band 12;
- 8-Fire & Rain-James Taylor 11;
- 9-Thankful-Choir/Orchestra of St. Lillian 11;
- 10-A Place In The Sun-The Young Rascals 10;
- 11-Up On Cripple Creek 10.

MUSIC TRIVIA

By Tom Burkard



- 1.In The Summertime
- 2.Summer Wind
- 3.Summer Of ‘69
- 4.Cruel Summer
- 5.Summer Rain
- 6.Suddenly Last Summer
- 7.Here Comes Summer
- 8.Boys Of Summer
- 9.All Summer Long
- 10.Summer In The City
- 11.Summertime
- 12.Wonderful Summer

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

Summer

- a.The Beach Boys
- b.Mungo Jerry
- c.Billy Stewart
- d.Bryan Adams
- e.The Motels
- f.Robin Ward
- g.Johnny Rivers
- h.Frank Sinatra
- i.Bananarama
- j.Don Henley
- k.Jerry Keller
- l.The Lovin’ Spoonful

The Local Sports Memory Machine

By Tom Burkard

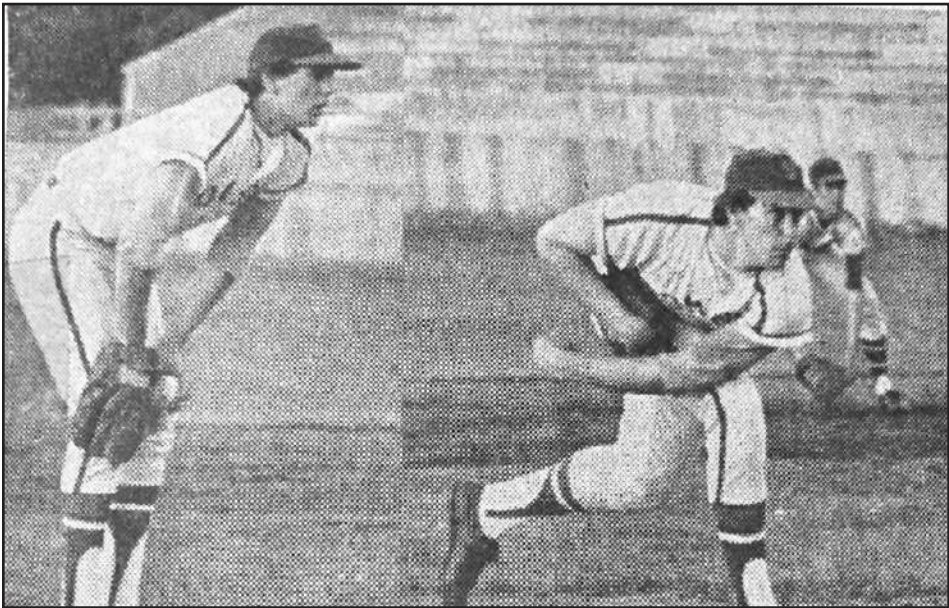
From The Sports Archives



1960-The talented St. Mary's Eagles varsity baseball team listens intently to legendary Coach Bill "Smokey" Ryan, as he gives his charges a pre-game pep talk. Pictured top row (l-r) Al Ust, Walt Lange, Jim Heffernan, Ed Conroy, John Daniewicz, Bill Tibbit, Joe Pohl, Art O'Donnell Jr., Frank Ruzsala, Bob Graber. Bottom row (l-r) Bob Sullivan, Henry "Henny The D.J.) Conroy, Pat Marotta, Tom Jancola, Tom Fitzmorris, Jack Seaman, Charlie Schachel, Joe Jankowski, Lou Nanna. Top right hand corner-managers Rich Egan, Ed Downs. Far right (wearing Notre Dame jacket) Coach Bill "Smokey" Ryan.

25 Years Ago...

1996-Hoffman destroyed Dunellen, 15-2 in softball action. April Elyea blasted a single and solo home run to drive in 4 runs and lead the way for the Purple & Gold. Sue Rowley added a 2-run triple to support winning pitcher Lyli Munoz.



Sayreville's ace pitcher on the '71 county champs, Greg Lyon was drafted by the San Francisco Giants Major League Baseball team.

35 Years Ago...

Sayreville Won CJ Group IV Title

1986-Coach Steve Gozora's Sayreville Bombers captured the CJ Group IV championship by pounding Piscataway, 5-1. Winning pitcher Chuck Frobosilo spun a beautiful 7-hitter and fanned 4, while teammate John Gluchowski drove in 3 runs.

Glory Days In Local Sports

1951-Hoffman pounded Freehold, 11-6 in baseball, behind winning pitcher Bill Bouchard, who blasted 2 home runs and a double...1967-Sayreville annihilated Madison Twp., 10-0, behind winning pitcher Rich More. Jamie Van Dyke went 2-for-2 with 2 RBI. Coach John Wortley used 22 players in this contest...1967-Sayreville halted Highland Park, 8-2 behind winning pitcher Reggie Carney. Ed Jenkins blasted a double and triple, while Fred Poli went 2-for-2...1975-In the 2nd round of the MCCBT, Henry "Hank" Zaleski fired a brilliant 1-hit, shutout to lead the Bombers to a thrilling 1-0 victory over Edison. Tim Brand ripped an rbi double... 1987-Hoffman shocked St. Pius, 6-1, as Dave Gumprecht fired a nifty 3-hitter. Bill Moskal unloaded a 2-run homer. Steve Chrzaszcz lined an rbi

75 Years Ago...

1946-Hoffman tied Keyport 4-4 in a rare baseball standoff. Governors ace pitcher Jim Croddick Sr. struck out 7. Shortstop Ray Wisniewski drilled 2 hits.

Sad Day For The Eagles

1930-St. Mary's Eagles pitcher, Bill Shafnacker died suddenly during the season. The talented young athlete was buried on the day of the South River game, which was postponed, according to local newspaper articles from 1930.

single...1998-St. Mary's hammered Highland Park, 10-6. Danny Arocho blasted a 2-run homer, winning pitcher John Florentino drilled a 2-run single, and Gary Kaylor went 3-for-4 with 2 rbi...2003-Sayreville girls softball nipped Colonia, 2-1 as Julia Switzer and Danielle Martin each stroked an rbi single, with Theresa Holon picking up the win...2009-East Brunswick Tech slipped by Cardinal McCarrick, 12-11 in baseball action. Soph Ryan Smith and Francisco Cedeno blasted homers, and Joe D'Archi blasted a 3-run double for the locals. Tech's South Amboy connection of junior Matt Heimall and senior catcher Matt Wanko, had a big offensive outing. Heimall unloaded a 2-run homer and double to drive in 3, and Wanko knocked in 3 runs for the winners.

85 Years Ago...

1936-Hoffman nipped Keyport, 5-4 in baseball play. Winning pitcher Henry Conroy Sr. fired a 7-hitter and struck out 17. Pete Pavich, Ed Lagoda, and Harris had an rbi single apiece, while Jensen laced 2 hits.

NOTE: Henry Conroy Sr., pitched 9 games for the '36 Governors, and racked up an amazing 126 strikeouts, an off-the-charts average of 14 K's per outing! Incredible!



1971-The talented Sayreville Bombers baseball team captured the Middlesex County baseball championship. Members of the team pictured bottom row (l-r) Bill Campion, Greg Lyon, Al Pasztornyicky, Ed Jarusiewicz, Dan Hockenjos, Mike Kosmoski. 2nd row (l-r) Tony Mancini, Jerry Ust, Bill D'Amico, Mark Campion, Jim Dunn, Jim Buehler. 3rd row (l-r) Kevin Corrigan, Steve Gorrie, Bruce Buckiewicz, Walt Rondesko, Jake Krolik. Top row (l-r) Trainer Vito Recine, Coach Norbert Smith, Manager Gary Pavo, Assistant Coach-Tony Malara.

50 Years Ago: Sayreville Won County Championship

By Tom Burkard

1971-The Sayreville Bombers baseball team of '71 had a tough act to follow from the previous season. Their powerhouse predecessors compiled a superb (22-4-1) mark, while winning the Central Jersey (CJ) Group IV Sectional title, and gaining lots of respect as one of the top clubs in the county and state.

What made the '71 season more unique and challenging was the fact that this was the first time in many years the Bombers baseball program would have a new varsity head coach, Norbert "Norbie" Smith, who succeeded the great legendary mentor John Wortley Sr. Wortley, who served the dual roles as longtime Athletic Director (AD) and head varsity baseball coach for 13 years, was affected by a new N.J.S.I.A.A. ruling that prohibited an AD from holding two positions at the same time, so he chose to continue as Athletic Director and relinquish the coaching position he loved so much. Coach Wortley's career mark was a phenomenal (201-82-2).

The 1971 roster featured many new faces who filled the 11 spots vacated by the '70 graduates. By all accounts, it looked like it was going to be a real rebuilding task for rookie Coach Smith and the Bombers, but there was plenty of talent, and it provided Sayreville with a very rewarding and successful season.

Led by ace lefty pitcher Greg Lyon, and a host of other standout baseball players, Sayreville, hooked up with a powerful Piscataway club for the Middlesex County

Coaches Baseball Association Tournament (MCCBAT) county championship, in one of the most exciting games in school history. There were 500 plus fans at the contest which was played under the lights at Memorial Stadium in New Brunswick, and they were treated to a really excellent evening of baseball action. The score was tied 5-5, sending the game into extra innings, and Lyon was relieved by Kevin Corrigan in the 7th.

In the 8th inning, catcher Mark Campion, who was having a rough season, came through big-time with a line drive single to score pinch-runner Mike Kosmoski with the game-winner. Campion, who entered the game with a .164 batting avg. had a perfect 4-for-4 game and drove in 4 of Sayreville's 6 runs, as the Bombers captured the crown, 6-5, with Corrigan getting the win in relief. Corrigan and Lyon allowed only 3 hits between them.

The Sayreville lineup for this memorable championship game was; Dan Hockenjos ss Al Pasztornyicky 2b Steve Gorrie 1b Tony Mancini rf Bill Campion lf Jerry Ust 3b Mark Campion c Bruce Buckiewicz cf Greg Lyon p. Reserves-Kevin Corrigan p Mike Kosmoski rf.

Championship Notebook:

Sayreville also captured the CJ Group IV crown, but bowed out to Ewing in the State Group IV semis, and finished the 1971 season with an outstanding (19-10-1) mark...Lyon was an All-County 1st Team selection, and was drafted by the San Francisco Giants MLB team... There were

only 3 sophomores on the Sayreville roster, including Bill D'Amico, Walt Rondesko and Mike Kosmoski. Rondesko, who had a fine season with a (4-2) record, shared a few memories of the '71 team and also the title game. He recalled that "The seniors were the glue to the team. They treated the underclassmen like you were their peers. Our team got hot at tourney time." Walt also remembered how excited he got when he was told to warm up in the bullpen before Lyon was leaving the game, but "Kevin Corrigan was called in to relieve."

The Walt Rondesko File

Walt Rondesko was one of the greatest Sayreville Bombers pitchers in history. During the two-championship season of '71, he was (4-2). Rondesko had an excellent high school pitching career going (6-2) as a senior in 1973, to up his record to a final overall mark of (14-7). Walt was also a standout hitter, and in '73, he blasted a game-winning homer off of Edison ace Bill Lehman, for the Bombers only hit, as they defeated the future major leaguer, 1-0... Rondesko also excelled in football, and was a Home News 1st Team All-County selection as a kicker in 1972. During the season, he unloaded an unbelievable 72-yard punt, (during a rainy game), and was also a consistent field goal, and extra point kicker...Today Walt still enjoys playing softball as a middle-infielder for the Prime Time Bombers in the Over-60 League at Old Bridge. He said that "I started playing again in 2018, which was the

first time in 31 years. It's a great feeling to reconnect with old teammates from 50 years ago. Our team has lots of injuries, but we're competitive, and made the playoff finals."

Bill D'Amico Remembers '71 Bombers

Bill D'Amico was also one of Sayreville's all-time great pitchers. He was (3-2) in 1971, and as a senior in '73, a superb (7-1), finishing his brilliant career with a (15-4) record. He along with Walt Rondesko and Mike Kosmoski were the only sophs on the great '71 team. Bill was happy to share some very interesting memories with me. He also praised their upper class teammates, saying "The seniors, especially Kevin Corrigan and Bruce Buckiewicz took us under their wings. Bruce carried the team early in the season, and Kevin and Dan Hockenjos got hot during tourney time. Corrigan had the number of one of the top teams in the county that year, Piscataway, and they couldn't hit him. It was one of the reasons we won both the county championship and also the CJ Group IV title.

For Walt, Mike Kosmoski and me, Coach Smith was our freshman team coach, so we were familiar with his style. That was a great year for us sophs. Those seniors made the adjustment for us easy, and they were great examples for us to emulate that bode us well for the rest of our high school career. As a soph, I was in awe of watching Greg Lyon pitch. We were both lefties, and I tried to be the pitcher he was that year. I was lucky to be able to watch and observe such a talented hurler as a sophomore."






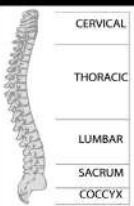
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The
Spinal
Column
By
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**Safety Rules for
Summertime Pool
Fun**

More and more homes now have swimming pools. Even those people who don't have pools, at least have access to good places for their families to swim. With classes from the American Red Cross, schools, community programs and other sources, all children should be taught the fun of swimming – and swimming safely. Besides learning to swim, there are some basic rules for both swimmers and home pool owners. Here are a few of them:

- DO NOT allow “clowning around” in or near the pool.
- Teach children water games for friendly competitions to avoid poolside behavior such as pushing, running, dunking or performing stunts.
- Teach children to be especially careful on water slides.
- Be sure an adult is present any time children are swimming.
- Know for sure that the water is deep enough before diving in.
- Flotation devices are fine, but do not depend on them absolutely.
- Keep electrically operated radios, tape players or other equipment away from the pool.
- Serve cold drinks in plastic or disposable, unbreakable containers.
- Keep rescue equipment close to the pool and in good condition.
- Make sure your pool is fenced on all sides.
- Don't stay in the water too long. Keep in mind that the glare/reflection of the sun on the water can produce a severe burn even after a very short time.
- Always be alert. Don't overestimate your abilities or those of children in your care. Play it safe.

Have fun in your pool or other swimming areas. Make sure each family member learns the rules so that they become second nature. Then, relax and enjoy swimming, one of the best and most popular summertime activities.

Fishing Flashes
By Teo “Weebles” Weber



Salt Water
Aside from the usual summer storms, summer fishing has entered a normal pattern. Beach fishing in Raritan Bay remains a pick on Bluefish. Fluke fishing in the bay is still more shorts which now means you have to fish hard to get keepers. Another big 8 Pound Fluke was caught in the bay. A friend in a private boat told me they fished in the Shrewsbury River and had only one keeper. Some Triggerfish have been caught in Shark River Inlet. More Kingfish have been caught in the surf in Monmouth County, but LBI Surf remains the best spot for these fish. Bluefish, Shark and Rays can be found there too. Party Boat fishing for Blues has been good, mostly caught on jigs with bigger fish going up to 10 pounds. The first Bonito have been caught, otherwise boats that go bottom fishing are bringing in Ling and no one will have difficulty catching their limit of 2 Seabass. Barnegat Bay still offers Fluke with more keeper fish, plus Weakfish and a few Striped Bass and Blowfish. The Spanish Mackerel are also making an appearance as well.

Fresh Water
Statewide, the recent heat and rains have slowed things up a bit. Largemouth Bass and Panfish are being caught at various lakes across the state. Trout fishing is poor due to the hot weather. Spruce Run Reservoir has hybrid Bass as does Lake Hopatcong. Pike are in the Passaic River and can be caught when conditions permit. Carp and Catfish are all over, especially in the Delaware River.

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St. Stan's Carnival
(Photos by Tom Burkard)



Dr. John Misiewicz volunteered his excellent cooking talents for this community event.



Carmen Spezzi (l) and Clem Skarzynski (r) were busy dishing out Carmen's delicious ribs.



Ted Tympanick did a great job at the money wheel, which was a lot of fun for many who attended the carnival.

T.H.E. Game

Year-1970
Sport-Baseball
Teams-Hoffman (2-2) vs. St. Mary's (2-1)
in City Series action.
The Lineups

Hoffman
Mark Abbatiello cf Ron Croddick 2b Dennis Yanoski rf Joe Smith ss Larry Kurzawa p Jim Croddick Jr. lf Jim Keegan 3b Gary Lange 1b Danny Paone c. Reserves-Jerry Prusakowski c Doug Buckalew 3b.

St. Mary's
Joe Wallis 2b John Ammon ss Bob Miller 1b Nick Charmello 3b Joe Kelly cf Dan Weinman lf Bernie Mackiel rf Doug Sprague Jr. c Jim Shannon p. Reserves-John Carroll 2b Dave Wisniewski ss Dan MacKay 3b John Kibbler rf Charlie Steuber rf Wayne Vanderhoof lf Mike Luczkow p.

Recap-Hoffman trailed 5-4 going into the bottom of the 7th when Lange ripped a single to score Kurzawa with the tying run. Prusakowski singled and Lange went to second. Abbatiello walked to load the bases, and Lange scored the winning run on a passed ball. Winning pitcher Larry Kurzawa struck out 4. Yanoski and Kurzawa led the Guvs hitting attack with 2 singles each, while Wallis, Miller, and Mackiel stroked 2 hits apiece for the Saints.

Player of the Game-Larry Kurzawa, Hoffman Governors.



Former South Amboy resident and Major League Baseball star, John O'Brien, proudly shows the gift he received from his daughters for Father's Day. The story, "John O'Brien Recalls Amazing Career," which appeared in the April 30, 2021 issue, page 15, of The SA Times, was enlarged and framed by the ladies for their dad. John really loved the article, and said he was going to "hang it in the living room of his home" in Seattle, Washington. (Photo submitted)

Diamond Dust

1972
South Amboy Little Fellas League
Progressive 11 First Aid 3-The winning pitcher was 10-year old Randy Neumann. Modern Trans 7 Progressive 5-Winning pitcher John Pyontek struck out 10. English Chevron 9 K of C 8-Jeff Wilusz was the winning pitcher, while Tim Walczak blasted 2 doubles.

Daylight Bakery 8 Protection 1-Winning pitcher Bob Kenny fired a 2-hitter and struck out 10. John McNamara hammered a single and triple for the victors.

South Amboy Babe Ruth League
Komar's 3 South Amboy Trust 0-Winning

pitcher Mike Klimchak tossed a 2-hitter and struck out 12.

Mechanicsville 6 Sacred Heart 0-Kevin Homan fired a 2-hitter and was the winning pitcher.

Independence 12 Komar's 1-George Hubbs led the way with 3 hits.

1970
Morgan Midget League
Matty's Auto Parts 2 Morgan Lions 0-Winning pitcher Don Montemurro Jr. combined with Teddy Picchini to spin a brilliant shutout for the talented team under Coach Don Montemurro Sr.

Future NFL Players Blast 2 HR'S Against Hoffman

1967-South River's top two athletes, Joe Theismann and Drew Pearson led the Rams to a 9-2 romp over Hoffman HS and ace pitcher Curt Wood. Theismann blasted a 2-run homer, and Pearson added a 3-run round-tripper for the winners. The

Guvs managed to get only one hit by Billy Clayton. Pearson would later go on to an outstanding Hall of Fame career in the NFL, and Theismann also had a tremendous NFL career, just falling short of the Hall.

Gone Fishin'



Matthew Fell, formerly of South Amboy, recently caught this nice Largemouth Bass at Kennedy Park in Sayreville.
← (Photo by Tom Burkard)



Reggie Carney, formerly of Sayreville, and considered by most as the greatest girls high school basketball coach in New Jersey history, caught this beautiful Trout while on a day trip fishing the Yellowstone River in Montana. Reggie also caught many other Trout and threw them all back including this beauty.



(Photo courtesy of Linda Rudge-Carney)



14-year old Katie R., who has many relatives in South Amboy and Sayreville caught this giant Halibut while on vacation in Alaska. (Photo submitted)

Where In NJ?



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Our Special Where In NJ last month was the dog park located in Wildwood, NJ. The large 25 foot fire hydrant was constructed from wrecked amusement rides and opened in 2014. Congratulations to Pat & Bill Scully, Jack Piskorski, Keith Piskorski & Lorraine Krauss Marie English and Ed English, Betty Leveille, Chuck Pickard, Laurie & Gary Loftus, Steve Laskiewicz, Eleanore Westerholm, Karen Kieselowsky, Leon Credico, Dennis Quinlan, Gary Feret, Craig Yetsko, Dane Colburn, Steve Villig.



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Sr. Diane Szubrowski



Sister Diane Szubrowski, 83, former president of the New Jersey Regional Community of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas died peacefully on July 7, 2021 at McAuley Hall Health Care Center, Watchung, after a brief illness.

The only child of Joseph and Helen Szubrowski, Sister Diane was a native of Trenton, NJ. She graduated from Cathedral High School, Trenton, in 1955 and entered the Sisters of Mercy upon graduation. She spent her early years teaching in St. Francis School, Metuchen; St. Mary Elementary School, South Amboy; and St. Elizabeth School, Bernardsville. She returned as principal of St. Francis School before her appointment in 1974 as Personnel Director for the Sisters of Mercy. In this capacity, she earned the love and respect of the sisters whom she served. In 1978, Sister Diane was elected Councilor for the Sisters of Mercy of New Jersey, serving for eight years as an advocate for peace and justice. As founder and director of Mercy Peace Center in Watchung, she lectured, traveled, and hosted events to bring the message of peace to others. Recognized for her leadership skills and compassionate care for the sisters, in 1994 she was elected President of the New Jersey Regional Community of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas, a position she held for 13 years.

Sister Diane earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Georgian Court College (now University), and a master's degree in education as well as a master's degree in social work from Rutgers University. She served as a family therapist at Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Metuchen from 1988 to 1994.

In 2005 on the occasion of her Golden Jubilee in the Sisters of Mercy, the sisters honored her at their annual Benefit Dinner Dance. In the introduction that evening, it was noted that her compassionate interest in others led her to become involved for more than thirty years in issues relating to drug and alcohol abuse. In 2007 Catholic Charities named her the honoree for their annual Flame of Charity Dinner, giving testimony to her years of dedication and her living out the Mercy core values of service, compassion, justice, respect, and integrity. In 2008 Sister Diane began a new phase of ministry at Georgian Court University, where she served on the administrative staff in the Office for Institutional Advancement and later as a volunteer for donor relations until 2019.

Sister Carol Henry, Executive Director of Mercy Center said, "Her dedication and hard work has helped to guarantee that our students can have the kind of academically challenging and spiritually enriching education that they need and deserve."

Sister Diane is survived by loving cousins and members of the Sisters of Mercy who will miss her deeply.

Memorial donations may be made to Sisters of Mercy of the Americas, 1645 US Hwy. 22 West, Watchung, NJ.

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

Mary Jane Dibling

Mary Jane Dibling (Nee: Baczenski) entered eternal rest on July 12th, the very same day she entered this world, 96 years later. Our family, and the city of South Amboy lost a devoted wife, sister, mother, grandmother, great grandmother and teacher. Many people in town experienced the love and commitment that Mary demonstrated in the classroom for 30 plus years.

Mary was born in Sayreville, NJ to John and Victoria Baczenski. She attended Sacred Heart Elementary School and St. Mary's High School. It was there that she met the love of her life, Herbert L. Dibling. They married in 1947 and built their home and family in South Amboy. Mary resided there until 2016 when she moved to North Brunswick.

A graduate of Kean University, Mary devoted her life to teaching at both Sacred Heart and South Amboy Elementary Schools. Mary was bilingual and could often be found tutoring Polish speaking children in her home. Teaching was the cornerstone of her life. She also enjoyed cooking, baking, tinkering in her rose garden and photography. If you knew Mary, you must have posed for a photo at some point. Mary and Herb took great pride and joy in sharing their captioned photo albums.

Mary was predeceased by her husband Herbert and her son, Larry, both in 2014. She was also predeceased by her sisters Helen Seaman and Cecilia Fabiszewski.

She is survived by her daughter and son in law, Denise and Paul Kusic, and her son and daughter in law, John and Janice



Dibling. Her grandchildren include Kristen Posner (Leo), Jessica Posner (Christopher), Paul B. Kusic, Jonathan Dibling and Jade Dibling. Her legacy also lives on in her great grandchildren Baylen, Olivia, Mason, Landon and Evelynnn Posner. In addition she is survived by her brother and sister in law, Carl and Doris Dibling as well as many nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews.

Our family would like to express our sincere gratitude to Nino Jankhoteli for her loving care of Mary during her final years. Her kindness and unwavering loyalty will never be forgotten.

Funeral services were held by Kurzawa Funeral Home, 338 Main Street, South Amboy, NJ 08879. A funeral mass was at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, in South Amboy, and she will was laid to rest at Sacred Heart Cemetery, Parlin. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to your favorite charity. Please visit www.KurzawaFH.com to send condolences or a tribute to the family.

Dorothy Agnes Viglionese

Dorothy Agnes Viglionese (Nee: Zellner) 95, on Saturday, July 10, 2021 entered into eternal rest in San Ramon, CA.

Dorothy was born in West Hazelton, PA the daughter of Susie Samek and Albert Zellner. Dorothy attended McAdoo high school, McAdoo, PA and during the war worked at the Tungsten factory. In 1948 she got married and moved to the Morgan Section of Sayreville, NJ where she lived for over 70 years until moving to live with her daughter in San Ramon, CA. She was a homemaker and worked in the cafeteria in the Sayreville school system and was a communicant of Saint Mary Roman Catholic Church, South Amboy.

Dorothy is predeceased by her husband Charles brothers Frank, Albert and Joseph Zellner and sisters Frances Stasek and Louise Zellner.

She is survived by her children, Antoinette Potthoff and her husband Sam, Ida Snyder and her husband Douglas, and Maria Viglionese Matheny and her husband Brent. Her Grandchildren Charles Potthoff and his fiancée Montse Cortes, Ann Snyder and her husband Richard Torres, Macy and Morgan Matheny. Great grandchildren Jason Torres, Jazlene Borke, Richard Torres and Raul Torres. Also survived by her sisters-in-law Mary Pane and Ida Stefanovich, nephew Andy Stasek and his wife Patricia, niece Mary Susan Zellner, many other nieces, nephews and friends.

Funeral services were held by Kurzawa Funeral Home, 338 Main Street, South Amboy, NJ 08879. A funeral mass was at Saint Mary Roman Catholic Church, in South Amboy and she was laid to rest at Saint Mary Mausoleum Cemetery, South Amboy. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to Saint Mary Roman Catholic Church 256 Augusta Street, South Amboy, NJ 08879 or Hospice of East Bay 3470 Buskirk Avenue, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523 in memory of Dorothy Viglionese. Please visit www.KurzawaFH.com to send condolences or a tribute to the family.



Local Artifact



If you were around South Amboy back in the '60's, you probably stopped at The Gay 90's Bar on First Street, and had a beer and pizza. The ownership changed through the years, and in the mid-1980's, the name was Chet's Gay 90's, where you could get really delicious thin-crust pizza pie. The owners were the Wortley brothers, Tom and Chet, and a lot of good memories were made at this local establishment.

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By Tom Burkard



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WWW.? Winners June

The correct answer for the Mystery Photo was Mattsson's Auto Tech, which was previously Scarpa's Automotive Service, owned by Tony Scarpa.

The business was correctly identified by: Chuck Pickard, Pat & Bill Scully, Mary Agnes Morris, Jack Piskorski, Keith Piskorski & Lorraine Krauss, Lynn Loy, Mark Moniello, Laurie & Gary Loftus, Marie English and Ed English,

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And make no outward show.
For what it meant to lose you,
Only those who love you know.

Remembering you is easy,
We do it every day.
It's the heartache of losing you,
That will never go away.

In Loving Memory of My Brother,
My Son and Our Uncle
Robert G. Matthews Jr.
9/28-1976-8/16/2020
(Bobby)
Love, Mommy, Dawn, Goose,
KJ and Kevin

Frank Kurzawa, Jr.

Frank Kurzawa, Jr., 80, of Holmdel passed away early Friday morning surrounded by his family.

Frank was born and raised in South Amboy and graduated from Oratory Prep High School in Summit, NJ. He then went on to Fordham University, eventually transferring to Johns Hopkins University. He graduated from the American Academy McAllister Institute for Funeral Service and joined his father, Frank Sr., in their family business, Kurzawa Funeral Home. In addition to operating the original Kurzawa Funeral Home in South Amboy, he expanded the business, adding another location in Sayreville, NJ. He would work for 50 years as a funeral director before his retirement 5 years ago.

Frank took great pride and joy in serving on the Board of Directors for Amboy National Bank and serving as President of the Board of Governors at South Amboy Memorial Hospital. In 1994, he was named Business Leader of the Year for South Amboy by the Old Bridge, Sayreville and South Amboy Chamber of Commerce.

Unquestionably, Frank's greatest joy was his family. He treasured spending time with them on vacations to Bermuda and at his summer home in Sea Bright. He took great pride in seeing them all graduate from college and graduate school. In his spare time, he enjoyed golfing, gardening and working on home repair projects in his basement workshop.

Frank is survived by his loving wife Dolores of Holmdel; his children Mark Kurzawa of Marlton, Matthew Kurzawa and his wife Jennifer of Freehold and Luke Kurzawa and his wife Jaelyn of Tinton Falls; his sisters Carole Kurtz and Colette Kurzawa; and his beloved grandchildren Tyler, Cole, Kate, Bradley, Paige, Grace and Abigail.

To leave a message of condolence or to share a favorite memory please visit Frank's page at: www.holmdelfuneralhome.com.

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., E.P.)

In Memoriam

Michael P. Coman
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First Anniversary in Heaven

A year ago you left us to a place called heaven. It broke our hearts and still to this day hurts us more than ever. We cherish all the memories you gave us and continue on in your legacy wiping away the tears one at a time while looking for your signs from above. We love you and miss you everyday.

Keep putting out those fires in heaven.

Love,
Amy, Michael J. and Tommy

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.

William J. More

William J. More, age 80 of Parlin, passed away peacefully at his home, surrounded by his loving family. Born in Newark, he had lived in New Jersey his entire life. Bill was the proud owner and operator of More's Jewelry in Sayreville for 45 years. He was an US Army Veteran of the Vietnam War and a communicant of Our Lady of Victories RC Church in Sayreville.

He is predeceased by his parents William and Grace More.

Surviving are his loving wife Annette Bongiovanni, his daughter Elizabeth More Graff, his son William More, his granddaughter Norea Graff, his sister Grace More Mathis and her husband Mike, his mother-in-law Antoinette Bongiovanni, his in-laws Charlie and Sandy Bongiovanni, Marge and Rick Zinna, Louise and John Quinto, Jo-Ann and Marty Durski, his step-sister Kathleen and Tom Sokolowsky and many nieces, nephews and friends who will miss him dearly.

Funeral services were held from the Maliszewski Memorial Home 121 Main Street Sayreville, and a funeral Mass was at Our Lady of Victories. Letters of condolence, directions and completed arrangements can be found at: www.maliszewskimemorialhome.com.

Prayer to St. Therese

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

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. Say prayer every day for 9 days. By the 4th day ask for a sign, if prayer is to be answered between 4th and 9th day you will see a rose in a magazine, tv, picture or receive roses. Must promise publication. M.L., LF

Patrick Joseph Sullivan

Patrick Joseph Sullivan was named for his grandfather, an Irishman. Patrick loved everything Irish and was blessed with the quick tongue and wit of his heritage. He was a master storyteller. He was born January 31, 1943 to his loving parents, Margret Farrell and Edwin Patrick Sullivan to whom he remained devoted throughout their lives. In addition to his parents, he was sadly preceded in death by his sister, Louise Sullivan Miller. He is survived by and is forever remembered by his dedicated caregiver who was a son to him, Neil Amog, Sisters, Susan and Denise and Brother Richard, nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews, cousins and friends. Pat Sullivan was one of a kind. He was an active union organizer and supporter of Democratic candidates. From childhood, he was never without a companion dog. His best days were spent down the shore. Patrick was cherished and will be sorely missed by all who had the joy of knowing him. He passed away on July 2nd 2021 from complications of a long-term illness. Pursuant to his wishes, a private service will be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico where he attended college. May God hold him in the hollow of his hand.

In Memoriam

Lillian Wisniewski, 95, formerly of Sayreville died on June 13. She worked for the Sayreville Board of Education for 25 years as cafeteria manager. Fred Strawhand, 65, of Sayreville died on June 19. He was the owner/operator of Miklos Florist in Sayreville for the past 16 years. Dorothy Szczecina, 89, of South Amboy died on June 29. She was a cafeteria worker for the Sayreville Board of Education for 30 years until retiring. Robert Halmi, 56, formerly of South Amboy/Sayreville died on July 18. He was a member of; South Amboy First Aid and also an Exempt member of Melrose Hose Co., Sayreville Fire Dept. Halmi was also a Police Officer with the Colts Neck Police Dept. until his retirement in 2011. Helen Kuc, 91, of South Amboy died on July 20. A kind-hearted lady, she was employed as a Seamstress at Charles Komar & Sons in South Amboy until her retirement.

Maureen (Jones) O'Connor



Maureen A. Jones O'Connor, 87, of South Amboy died Friday June 25, 2021 at the Venetian Care and Rehab Center, South Amboy. Born and raised in Perth Amboy she moved to South Amboy when she married her husband Alfie. She was a member of St. Mary's Church, South Amboy, and a choir member many years ago. Before retiring she was employed by St. Mary's High school, where she worked for over 30 years.

Daughter of the late Edward and Madeline Luke Jones she is predeceased by her husband, Alfred "Alfie" O'Connor and her brothers Tom and Kevin Jones. She is survived by her children and their spouses, Maureen Collick, Nora and James Kinsella, Edward and Anna Mae O'Connor, Thomas and Lori Kay O'Connor, Sean and Anne O'Connor; her brother and sister-in-law, Edward and Julie Jones; her sister-in-law, Nancy Jones; 11 grandchildren (her "sugar"), Brendan Collick and his wife Colleen, Charlie Collick and his wife Aubrey, Katie Petry and her husband Frank, Lauren Rametta and her husband John, Ian O'Connor, Dan O'Connor, Luke O'Connor and his wife Christine, Jack O'Connor, Sarah O'Connor, Mary O'Connor and her partner John Lim, and Aidan Wilson; and 7 great grandchildren (her "extra sugar"), Brady McNeany, Madison, Maddox, Mallory and Charlie O. Collick, Quinn Lim and Vera Rametta.

Funeral Services were held on Thursday July 1, 2021 at The Gundrum Service. Donations may be made to the Alfred O'Connor Memorial Scholarship, 395 Division Street, South Amboy, NJ 08879 or the South Amboy First Aid Squad, PO Box 328, South Amboy, NJ 08879

Obituaries

Carney, John R., 71, of Sayreville died on June 30.
Devish, Degna "Tina," 58, formerly of Parlin died on July 14.
Dibling, Mary J., 96, formerly of South Amboy died on July 12.
Ervin, Ralph H., 95, formerly of South Amboy died on June 28.
Geletei, Catherine, 86, of Parlin died on July 8.
Gerula, Beverly, 62, of Melrose died on July 5.
Glenn, Irene, of Parlin died on June 20.
Gray, Kathleen, 65, formerly of Sayreville died on May 13.
Halmi, Robert G., 56, formerly of South Amboy/Sayreville died on July 18.
Kasper, Thomas R., 46,, of South Amboy died on June 18.
Kuc, Helen, 91, of South Amboy died on July 20.
Kurzawa, Frank Jr., 80, formerly of South Amboy died on June 25.
McCarthy, Mary Kennedy, 73, formerly of South Amboy died on May 26.
Michalowski, Anna, 100, formerly of Sayreville died on July 6.
More, William J. "Bill," 80, of Parlin died on July 14.
O'Connor, Maureen A. Jones, 87, of South Amboy died on June 25.
Perez, Luis J., 74, of Sayreville died on June 28.
Perry, Heidi L. Swider, 42, formerly of Sayreville died on June 22.
Smith, Robert J. "Bob" IV, 69, of South Amboy died on June 22.
Strawhand, Fred, 65, of Sayreville died on June 19.
Sullivan, Patrick J., 78, formerly of South Amboy died on July 2.
Swanton, Roger H., 72, formerly of South Amboy died on Oct. 4, 2020.
Szczecina, Dorothy, 89, of South Amboy died on June 29.
Szubrowski, Sister Diane, 83, formerly of South Amboy died on July 8.
Viglione, Dorothy A., 95, formerly of Morgan died on July 10.
Vincler, Ida A., 95, of Parlin died on June 28.
Wisniewski, Lillian T., 95, formerly of Sayreville died on June 13.

Roger H. Swanton



Roger H. Swanton, 72, of Picayune, MS, and formerly of South Amboy, died on October 4, 2020. A 1966 graduate of Hoffman HS, he went on to serve 24 years in the U.S. Navy as a Cryptologic Technician, and retired with honorable service as Chief Petty Officer. He later worked for 15 years, and retired as a Civilian Contractor for the U.S. Naval Research Lab at John C. Stennis Space Center. Roger lived in the Mechanicsville section of South Amboy until the 1970's, and was a terrific friend and neighbor.

Robert J. "Bob" Smith IV

Retired South Amboy Police Officer "Bob" Smith passed away on June 22nd at the age of 69. He grew up in Sayreville and was a graduate of Sayreville War Memorial HS and also Monmouth College. Following college graduation, he became a member of the NJ State Police Dept., working in the Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Enforcement Bureau. He then transferred to the South Amboy Police

Dept. as an officer, where he retired after 20 years of service. Bob was a dedicated member of Christ Episcopal Church in South Amboy, where he served many years on the vestry. He was an avid hunter, Mets fan, a dedicated Little League Coach, and loving family man. Bob was a great guy who touched many lives in a positive way, and will always be remembered.

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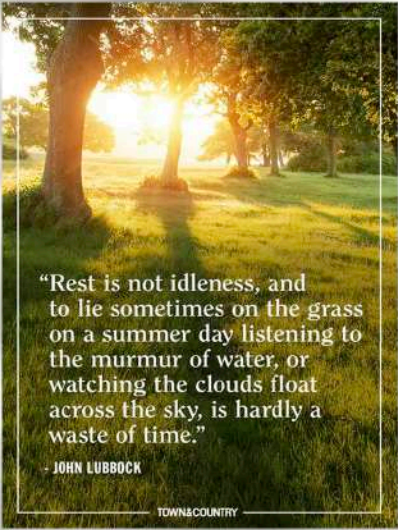


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