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Irish Festival September 25, 2021

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

There will be live entertainment throughout the event including appearances by renowned Irish Musicians Willie Lynch and Andy Cooney, step dancers from the Lynn Academy of Irish Dance, as well as our very own Colonel DB Kelly Pipes and Drums.

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

The City of South Amboy has hosted an annual Saint Patrick's Parade for many years and the event has grown to one of the largest in New Jersey. Mayor Fred A. Henry said, "I promise you that our dedicated Parade volunteers and our City employees will ensure that this is an event to remember."

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



Brian Van Dongen

Sayreville Gets New Recreation Director

Brian Van Dongen, Sayreville's Recreation Director began his new position on May 3rd. He succeeds the beloved, longtime Director Jerry Ust, who unexpectedly passed away last October. Prior to Van Dongen's selection, the recreation duties were filled by Councilman Damon Enriquez (who is council liaison to the Recreation Advisory Commission), the Recreation Advisory Commission, and Business Administrator Dan Frankel. Best of luck, Brian!

**City of South
Amboy offices and
facilities will
re-open July 15th.**



On Monday May 31st, the South Amboy Fire Dept. assembled in front of City Hall for the annual Memorial Day service, which was run in conjunction with the South Amboy Exempt Firemen's Association. As each name of the deceased members of this past year were read off, a fire engine bell tolled. Taps was played by a local musician. Mayor Fred Henry addressed the audience, and Fire Chaplain Fr. Stanley Gromadzki gave prayers, thanks and remembrance for the fallen members. Pictured is Fr. Stanley Gromadzki, Fire Chief Andrew Bielak, Assistant Chiefs Dave Szatkowski and John Dragotta. (Photo/info submitted)

Car Show-August 1

Independence Engine & Hose Co. #1 will host their 21st Annual Car Show on Sunday, Aug. 1st from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Rain Date: Sunday, Aug. 8th), at 140 North Broadway, South Amboy. Admission is FREE for the general public. Vehicle registration and lineup on Broadway by the Firehouse. Advanced entry fee is \$5 per vehicle/day of

the show entry \$15. Pre-registration deadline is July 31st. The Car Show will feature raffles & 50/50; prizes & giveaways; 50's music by Jukebox Jimmy and Richie the Flash; Sponsor Award trophies, and other trophies. For complete info call Mike at: 908-930-3497 or Email: IndependenceFD@SouthAmboyNJ.gov.

Sayreville Wins GMC Invitational

Coach Mike Novak's Sayreville Bombers pounded Piscataway, 10-4 to capture the GMC Invitational Baseball Tournament. The tourney was for teams that did not qualify for the 16-team GMCT. Winning pitcher Whitford Dennis struck out 8 and

also excelled at bat by hitting a single and adding 4 RBI. Teammate Matt Abreu ripped a 2-run single, as Sayreville exploded for 8 runs in the fourth inning. Congratulations Coach Novak and team!

Thrift Shop Reopens

The Sacred Heart Thrift Shop has reopened after being shut down due to the pandemic. The shop is located at the convent on 226 Walnut Street in South Amboy. Many household items are available at reasonable

prices. The shop is open Thursday and Saturday from 9:30 am to 12 noon. For more information call the Sacred Heart office at 732-721-0040



Jacob Cheeseman, son of Frank and Debbie Cheeseman and grandson of the late Pat and Frank "Trip" Cheeseman of South Amboy, graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in New London, CT on May 19th, 2021. Ensign Cheeseman's commission and diploma were presented by President Joseph R. Biden and RADM Rick Larrabee (ret.) of Holmdel, NJ. Ensign Cheeseman will report to military flight school at Naval Air Station Pensacola after serving as a logistics coordinator at the Coast Guard Academy this Summer. Through the years, Jacob has been a frequent visitor of South Amboy and Sayreville for vacations and special events from his home state of Colorado. (Photo by Paul Duddy)

Four Candidates For Sayreville Council

In the November 2nd election, Sayreville Democratic Incumbents Kevin Dalina and Damon Enriquez will be challenged for two 3-year seats, by Republicans Eunice Dwumfour and Joseph Sarpa. Both parties' candidates were unopposed in the June Primary. Currently, the Dems hold five of the six Borough Council seats, and the Mayor position.



Sayreville Police Chief John Zebrowski
(Photo by Tom Burkard)

Chief Zebrowski Elected President

Sayreville Police Chief John Zebrowski was elected President of the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police (NJSACOP), and will begin his one-year term on July 1st. Zebrowski has been a Sayreville police officer for 32 years since August, 1988, and has served as the Borough of Sayreville's Police Chief for 10 years since 2011.

As President of the (NJSACOP), he said he hopes to give back to the association, recalling that other chiefs were very helpful to him when he became Sayreville's Police Chief. His responsibilities in the post of President will be many, but Chief Zebrowski also plans to focus on three very important areas, especially Mandatory Police Licensure; Put Crime Data In Context; Address Shoplifting.

The SA Times extends congratulations to Chief Zebrowski and best wishes for a highly-successful term as President, and in the future.

City Of South Amboy Cruise Nights

The City of South Amboy will hold Cruise Nights on the third Friday of each month: July 16th, Aug. 20th, Sept. 17th, Oct. 15th, from 5-8:30 p.m. all parking on Broadway. All cars are welcome! Join us for fun, music, prizes, 50/50's, great people and their cars! For more info contact Mike Toth at: MTOTH1@OPTONLINE.NET or 908-930-3497.

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South Amboy Elks announce their Scholarship Winners

The South Amboy Elks Lodge participates in the national "Elks Care Elks Share" program of awarding scholarships to local graduating seniors on their way off to college. The Elks are the second largest donor to high school seniors, after the United States government, in giving away thousands of scholarships every year.

South Amboy Lodge #784 has participated for years in this program and has recently announced it's 2021 winners. Normally (2)-\$1000.00 scholarships are awarded. However this year, due to the strength of the applicants, the South Amboy Lodge has decided to add another scholarship winner for a total of \$3000.00 to be awarded.

Pictured above with Lodge Scholarship chairperson, Tony Gonsalves (r), are the winners of a \$1000.00 scholarship. They are Naiya Newton, Kelly Pierce and Jake Szatkowski. They expressed their gratitude and their desire to begin the next level of their education.

Anyone interested in finding out more about the South Amboy Elks and its activities should visit their website or stop by the lodge.



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Local Graduates From St. Peter's Prep

Anthony Asante-Danso of Sayreville graduated from St. Peter's Preparatory School on May 21 along with 225 other graduates. He will continue his education at Howard University. Congrats and best of luck Anthony!

Deacon Rich Celebrates 20-Year Anniversary

St. Mary's Deacon Richard O'Brien recently celebrated the 20th Anniversary of his ordination as a Deacon. Congrats Deacon Rich on an outstanding job!

Dabrowski An Academic All-Star

Isabella Dabrowski of Sayreville War Memorial HS was selected by Home News Tribune to the Central Jersey Academic All-Stars. Congratulations Isabella on your prestigious honor!

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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Pleasant little TRIVIA

By Tom Burkard

- 1.South Amboy Board of Education President in 1994?
a.Mary Ann Holovacko b.Bob Kelly c.Barbara Rone
- 2.In 2001, she became the Sayreville Fire Dept. first female driver in history?
a.Jennifer Cresmale b.Shondra Califon c.Josie Rambovich
- 3.St. Mary's HS School Librarian in 2000?
a.Celine Diaz b.Amelia Jackson c.Jo Ann Testa
- 4.Sayreville Knights of Columbus OLV Council 2061 Grand Knight in 2001-02?
a.Arthur Treichen b.James Morey c.Kevin Kosobucki
- 5.This South Amboy resident ran for Middlesex County Sheriff in 2016?
a.Pete Pizar b.Art Whitburn c.Carlos Ramirez
- 6.In 2015, the Commander of American Legion Lenape Post #211, Sayreville?
a.Rich Kosmoski b.Ed Strek c.Larry Bishop
- 7.South Amboy's previous Mayor before Fred Henry?
a.John T. O'Leary b.J. Thomas Cross c.Richard Schultz
- 8.President of the Tuesday Sayreville Seniors Club in 2019?
a.Suzanne Piscale b.Judy Gentry c.Patricia Farrell
- 9.South Amboy Knights of Columbus #426 Grand Knight in 2000-2001?
a.Stephen Schmid b.Richard O'Connor c.Marty Lampart
- 10.Commander of Sayreville VFW #4699 in 2014?
a.Mike Bauer b.James McCloone c.Frank Straczynski

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

Business Of The Month
Main Discount Liquors & Wines



Main Discount Liquors & Wines outstanding staff includes (l-r) Ravi Patel, Owner Harshey Patel, Montu Patel, Rocky Patel. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

Main Discount Liquors & Wines located at 533 Main St., South Amboy, is the place to stop when you're planning that special celebration or party, or just to stock up for watching sports or auto racing on TV. Cold ones always taste good, so if you're in the mood for the "coldest beer or wine coolers" in town, stop in and visit owner Harshey Patel and his fine staff. Main Liquors is a modern, state-of-the-art store, which has become one of the finest, complete liquor, beer and wine businesses around. Main Liquors offers discount prices on a huge selection of thirst-quenching foreign and domestic beer, wine, wine coolers, and all types of liquor. (See Main Discount Liquors & Wines ad each month in The SA Times). This store is the place to shop for your best buys! You won't find a cleaner liquor store with such a neat appearance, and the outstanding staff is always congenial and helpful to all. Main Liquors features the finest wine selection in all of Middlesex County, and is proud

of the fact that it offers "the coldest beer in town." Main Liquors & Wine has won several awards for "One of the best liquor stores in Central Jersey," and also for "Best Wine." Patel has owned the store for 31 years, and has been most generous to the City of South Amboy. Harshey is always innovative with his business, and works hard to expand his product line, while offering even more terrific items to his valued customers. Main Liquors has had two Lotto winners of over a million dollars, which just might make this a lucky spot to buy some lottery tickets. Remember, it's summertime, and that means it's time for the Fourth of July, Graduation, parties, celebrations, family gatherings and cheer. So, remember to stock up with all your favorite beer, extended craft beer, wines, wine coolers, liquors and much more at Main Liquors & Wine, 533 Main St., South Amboy. The telephone number is 732-721-1164.

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**FIFTH GRADE-HONOR ROLL WITH
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Mackenzie Conroy and Mila Rodriguez. HONOR ROLL: Gaetano Calisi, Adam Chihab, Kariana Conde, Christopher Dejesus, Daria Dobrin, Hadiya Farooq, Gary Gragg, Gabriel Kisiel, Hailey McCloud, Lia McNulty, Maximus Ortiz, Julia Pawloski, Aidan Pieklo, Kayla Radich, Jayden Raymond, Regan Restiano, Romeo Roman, Alfredo Sanchez Campos, Nasir Sirmans, William Vasquez-Diaz, Alexander Sempertegui and Kyra Zeleniak.



American Legion Luke A. Lovely Post #62 of South Amboy held a Memorial Day Service on Bordentown Ave. Pictured in the photo (l-r) Councilman Brian McLaughlin, Luke A. Lovely Ladies Auxiliary President Maureen Sekerak, Mayor Fred Henry, Senator Joseph Vitale, NJ State Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin, Brian McQuade, Ed Peterson, Commander Bob "Zak" Sekerak, Ryan Wilde, Bob Moglia. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

A PRAYER FOR HEALING

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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.

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Yearbook-South Amboy 2001

By Tom Burkard

Robert Bloodgood was the Superintendent of Schools. William Beattie was the principal. Some of the fine faculty included: Tom Magielnicki (who retired at the end of the school year), Mrs. Lewis, Mr. Kuhn, Mrs. Dunlap, Mr. Larkin, Mr. Fugiere, Mrs. Gagnor. The yearbook, titled, "Uniquely Different" was dedicated to Richard Malik and a special page in remembrance of Katrina Suhan was also included. Valerie Kijowski and Dorothy Kelleman were co-editors of the yearbook. Kijowski was also president of the National Honor Society, while Kelleman was editor of the literary magazine. Jamie Maliniak was Student Council president. Lisa McCarthy was president of the Junior/Senior Class. The King and Queen of "Homecoming" were Hector Pena and Magdalena Popiel. SA High School featured many extracurricular activities and events including: Walk America, Open House, the grand opening of Lighthouse, a branch of Raritan Bay Federal Credit Union, Peer Leadership, Winter Concert 2000, "The Sound of Music" was the school play, Spirit Week, and the Spring Dance.

Seniors in the great class of 2001 were: James Abbatiello, Nicole Barlics, Kristi Buckalew, Robert Brzezinski, Adam DeHanes, Amy Disbrow, Mike Dula, Vivian Girges, Kelly Hoehman, Jennifer James, Rosanne Lada, Crystal Leff, Rafael Moura, Rebecca Newcomb, Scott O'Neill, Joel Picone, Sandra Richards, Robyn Rios, Candace Russell, Katherine Skrzyniarz, Stanley Szeszko, Marcelo Torino, Jennifer Vecchione, Christine Westfall, Krzysztof Wojda, Lukasz Zaluwski, Jaroslaw Zwiercan. The talented senior athletes included: Melissa Bartlinski, Dan Beam, Craig Colfer, Greg Fay, Tom Gorecki, Lisa McCarthy, Jennifer Nadratowski, Kristal Nemeth, Magdalena Popiel, James Riehl, Jennifer Richmond, Jennifer Rios, Cynthia Sartain, Christine Urynowicz, Angelica Vargas, Katherine Wira.

Summer Concerts at St. Bernadette's

The Garden State Jazz Orchestra is planning summer concerts at St. Bernadette's, Parlin in the gym at Lourdes Center. The dates are Fridays: July 16 and August 13. Doors open at 6:00 pm with the Concert starting at 7:00 pm. They are planning to play a varied mix of music for your enjoyment. Admission will be \$20.00 per-person with children under 12 free. Bring your food, drinks and friends to enjoy a magical night of song and music. Tables seat 8 people comfortably but can hold 10 people. For reservations please call the parish office at 732-721-2772. Lourdes Center is located on Villanova & Princeton Rds., Parlin



Food Drive July 31

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 is holding a summer food drive Saturday July 31 from 10 am to 1 pm at the Council Home 308 Fourth St. South Amboy. Please drop off non-perishable food items to the volunteers who will take your donations to the Saint Mary food pantry in South Amboy. For more information call 732-721-2025 and leave a message.

South Amboy First Aid and Safety Squad held their annual Memorial Day service on Monday May 31st in remembrance of deceased members. This year family members of long time Life Member Jack Mulvey placed the memorial wreath at the monument in honor of Jack who passed away earlier this year. Pictured with Mrs. Ann Mulvey is her son Tom Mulvey (l), and her daughter Susan Heimall (r). (Photo/info submitted)

Torch Run for Special Olympics

Members of the Sayreville (SPD) and South Amboy (SAPD) police departments participated in the 38th annual New Jersey Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics. Sayreville officers started on Rt. 35 at the Morgan Bridge after Old Bridge police passed the torch then continued onto South Amboy where the torch was passed. Officers from both departments continued through South Amboy and then passed the torch to Perth Amboy officers on the top of the Rt 35 Victory Bridge.



The Sayreville Police Dept. passes the torch to the South Amboy Police Dept. (Photos/story submitted)

The South Amboy Police Dept. is pictured on top of the Victory Bridge.

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Dowdell Library News

Summer is here, and so are the Summer Programs at the Dowdell Library! Tails & Tales officially kicks off on July 1. There are programs and activities for all ages.

Read Squared is back this year! Read Squared is a website where you can efficiently track and log your reading. You can find all the details about how to make your account on our website.

Each month we will feature two animal themes. July opens with Bookish Beasts for the first two weeks, and then Under the Sea is Home for Me for the final two. At the beginning of August, we will focus on Endangered Animals and then wrap up the month by taking a walk on the Wild Side. Each week we will have new programs for all age groups! Children can visit the library and enjoy weekly crafts and activities every Monday and Friday from 2:00-3:00 pm. Stop by the library every Tuesday and Thursday from 12:30 - 3:30 for drop-in activities. These activities are self-guided and will include writing prompts, puzzles, chalk, bubbles, and more!

We are also hosting Celebrity Storytime at the Waterfront Gazebo! Zusette Dato will

be the celebrity guest on June 22 (rain date June 29), Glenn Skarzynski will host the Storytime on July 13 (rain date July 20), and Suzanne Ryan will join us on August 10 (rain date August 17). This fun event will run from 11-12:30 pm. There will be games, music, crafts, and PRIZES! Please bring a beach towel to sit on under the gazebo.

Adults and teens can keep busy all summer with fun activities too! There will be trivia contests, crafts, and smoothie tastings. Participate in Family Tales, where you can discover your genealogy and create your family tree using Heritage Quest.

Have you ever dreamed of owning a sailboat? If so, you won't want to miss the Sail Away on Raritan Bay program. The video will be available on YouTube and will feature Captain Elaine!

Prizes and giveaways will happen all summer long for all ages! Details and information about each program will be posted at Dowdell.org, and shared on the library's social media pages. You can also sign up for the monthly newsletter on the library's website and have all the program information sent directly to your email!

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.



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South Amboy Arts Alliance News

Mark Your Calendar for September 12th for ARTS FEST 2021!
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South Amboy Arts Alliance is planning a day for you to enjoy the community and all that it holds for you! It will be a day filled with art, music, dancing, and performances. A day to create and explore the arts.

This day will mark the opening of 'Art on Broadway,' a special exhibition of original artwork that was created over the past year by artists who found a means of surviving the social emotional strain which brought the world horror, pessimism and confusion. Their original artwork will hang in the South Amboy Arts Gallery and printed banners of their work will hang on the lamp posts along Broadway. Come join the festivities! Meet us at the SA arts Gallery 141 Broadway.

CALL FOR PUBLIC ART

Professional or Non-Professional Artists
South Amboy Arts Alliance is looking for artists who want to show off their art!

We know artist thoughts are shown through their art, and we seek your message that needs to be said. We are looking for work that helps nurture healing and personal growth. Over these past months, artists created their means of surviving the social emotional strain of horror, pessimism and confusion. SAAA 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 or a smile to one's face.

We want to share your message through your art's image on a banner on Broadway and display your original work in our gallery. For an entry form and gallery show information, please contact us at southamboyartsalliance@gmail.com or call 732-727-4600 x5971.

DO YOU LIKE TO CREATE, SING, DANCE, PERFORM AND SHOW OFF YOUR SKILLS? SAAA needs YOU!

Our last Artsfest we had two stages on the street, so are you ready? We are looking for individuals who want to show off their talents with our community. It's time to get out and showcase you! Make your art, sing your song, dance your dance and perform as you wish!

And if you want to be a part of the magic in helping with planning and helping that day of the Artsfest we are in need of your help to bring as much as we can to our community!

Please contact South Amboy Arts Alliance at southamboyartsalliance@gmail.com or call 732-727-4600 x5971.

South Amboy Man Remembers Camp Columbus

By Steve Schmid

The Knights of Columbus was founded in 1882 and is known for providing benefits to its members and making charitable donations around the world. You may not know this but the New Jersey Knights of Columbus financially contributed to the operations of summer camps in North and South Jersey. They were both known as Camp Columbus. The North Jersey location was in Frankford Township at the southern end of Culver Lake in Sussex County. The South Jersey Camp Columbus was in Lacey Township in Bamber Lake in Ocean County. John Erbetta of South Amboy attended Camp Columbus in Bamber Lake for several summers. He lived in the St. Michael's Orphanage and

Industrial School in Hopewell which was operated by the Catholic Diocese of Trenton. John said he looked forward to the two week summer vacation at the camp where he enjoyed fresh air and outdoor activities like swimming, hiking, fishing, and boating. He remembers winning a prize for catching the biggest trout in the lake at a fishing contest. He won a tackle box and a fishing pole and reel. Today John says he felt destined to be a Knight of Columbus after enjoying their summer camp. He is a Past Faithful Navigator with the Monsignor John F. Brady Assembly 4th Degree of the Knights of Columbus. He also belongs to the St. Bernadette Knights of Columbus Council 8478.

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Church Installs a Blessing Box in Parlin

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Messiah has been running a Community Food Pantry for 40 years through the generosity of its members and others from the neighboring area. No one is turned away; no church affiliation or ID required. The church will continue to run its indoor Food Pantry, which is open on the 2nd Tuesday of

the month from 6:00-8:00 P.M. as well as the 3rd Saturday from 12:00 noon to 2:00 P.M.

The outdoor box is open 24 hours, 7 days a week. All that is asked of you is that you ensure that the box is closed and latched after use.

In order to keep both the indoor pantry and the Blessing Box full, a monthly food drive will be held the last Saturday of each month, in front of the church, from noon until 2:00 P.M. We accept non-perishable items (please, nothing expired or used) or monetary donations. Anyone wishing to give outside of those hours may do so during indoor pantry hours. There will also be a donation bin next to the outdoor Blessing Box for dropped-off items. Please direct any questions to the church office, 732-721-8493. May God bless our generous community!

LOW COUNTRY SHRIMP BOIL FUNDRAISER

South Amboy Elks, 601 Washington Ave is hosting a Low Country Shrimp Boil. The date for this event is Thursday July 1st from 5:30 – 7:30 You have the option of driving through pick up, dining inside or outside on our patio. Shrimp Boil includes

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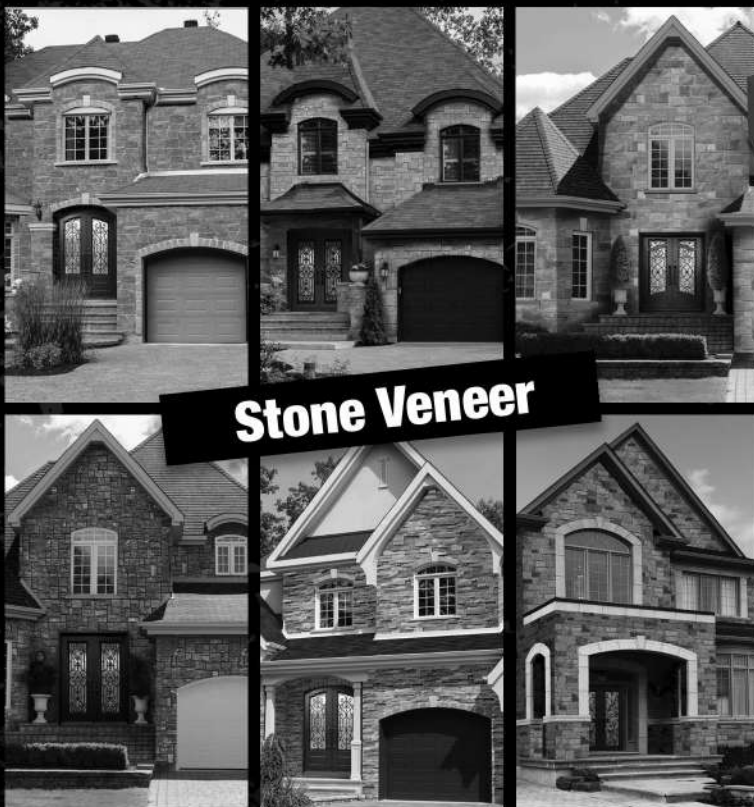
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Beer in New Jersey and South Amboy

By John “Flip” Phillips

In my day beer was part of South Amboy’s DNA. I remember up to 25 taverns back then-2 below the tracks, 3 through the “Hole in the Wall,” and 20 spread out around town. There were 7 on Broadway alone! And South Amboy was only one mile square! It was a hard-working blue-collar town, and beer was a relaxing beverage of choice. Each generation carried on the tradition, mine included.

New Jersey

The first brewery in New Jersey was said to be built in Hoboken around 1641. The brewer’s name was Aert Tewnissen van Patten. He made beer for the local settlers from a recipe he brought with him from Holland. Other immigrants brought their beer making skills with them, and beer gardens started to spring up wherever they settled. By 1879 there were 58 commercial breweries in the state from Paterson up north to Atlantic City. In 1840 Ballantine opened a brewery in Newark. In 1858 Krueger’s, a popular beer until the 50s also opened a brewery in Newark. When Prohibition became law in 1920 many of the local breweries went out of business. However, both Ballantine and Krueger’s survived and in 1933 came back when Prohibition was repealed. In 1935 Krueger’s was the first brewery in New Jersey to package beer in cans. However, they continued to lose market share over the years and went out of business in 1961. In 1972 after 132 years in Newark, Ballantine, once the third largest brewer in the country, was purchased by the Falstaff Brewing Company. It closed the brewery and moved out of state. In 1985 Ballantine was then sold to the Pabst Brewing Corporation, a giant beer holding company. Pabst Blue Ribbon beer was also brewed in Newark, but like Ballantine it closed the plant and moved out of state in 1986. The Pabst Brewing Corporation owns and controls: Schaefer, Ballantine, Schlitz, Pabst Blue Ribbon and other beer companies across the country. Today the beer industry is largely controlled by a few giant national and international corporations. A lot of beer companies don’t even brew the beer they sell under their label. Budweiser, The King of Beers, is owned by a Belgium and Brazilian International Brewing Group. Its Newark brewery opened in 1951 is the only large brewery still in operation in New Jersey. And the Pabst Brewing Company is now owned by a Russian company. An extremely complicated industry.

South Amboy

If you are from my era (the 50s & 60s), and born and raised in South Amboy, I am sure you will remember these “beverages.” Schaefer was served on draft in most of the taverns in town with this logo and Jingle: Our hand Has Never Lost its Skill, and Schaefer is The One Beer to Have When You’re Having More Than one. It sponsored the Brooklyn Dodgers. The announcers I remember were Red Barber and Vin Scully. After the 1953 season Red switched from the Dodgers to the Yankees. From Schaefer beer to Ballantine beer.

Rheingold The Jingle: My beer is Rheingold

the Dry Beer. Think of Rheingold whenever you buy beer, it’s not bitter, not sweet, extra dry can’t be beat, won’t you try extra dry Rheingold beer? It also had a contest every year to pick the girl, who would be Miss Rheingold for the next year. The contest was in the Fall and you could vote at your liquor store. It sponsored the New York Mets in 1962 when National League baseball returned to New York City. The announcers were Linsey Nelson, Bob Murphy and Ralph Kiner. **Piels-** This beer had 2 funny guys doing the TV commercials (one chubby the other thin) named Bert & Harry. The selling point was that the beer was light, dry and you could put the amount of sugar it had on the point of a pin. It was popular in town in the 50s. **Ballantine** had a cowboy named Three Ring Pete doing commercials on TV during baseball games. Its Logo was a pretzel: Purity, Body and Flavor. Baseball and Ballantine. It sponsored the New York Yankees (who can forget Mel Allen’s home run call: going, going gone, a Ballantine blast and How about that!) **Budweiser** The King of Beers. The jingles in the 50s, Where there’s life there’s Bud. Also, Pick a pair of Budweiser and buy Bud. Budweiser had several TV commercials, but the one I remember featured a team of Clydesdale horses pulling a beer wagon. At Christmas time the commercial had the horses pulling the wagon through snow while a jingle played “Here Comes the King”.

There were other beers in the taverns and liquor stores around town including: Pabst Blue Ribbon, Miller High Life (The Girl on the Moon logo). Schlitz, (The Beer that made Milwaukee famous), Blatz, Rolling Rock, Ruppert Knickerbocker (sponsored New York Giants baseball in the 1950s) and a lot more! The town never went thirsty for lack of beer. A couple I remember from my early, early days in the late 1940s were Trommer’s and R&H. They had their day in the 1930s, 1940s and early 50s but slowly faded into history. Schaefer, Rheingold, Ballantine, Piels and Budweiser were the ones I remember the most. My favorite? Schaefer hands down! Today signs, beer coasters and trays for the once popular beers in South Amboy are collectors’ items. Budweiser is still the “King of Beers,” but not American owned!

Things continue to change. Today local craft beer brewing is growing. Microbrewing is an up-and-coming business. As of 2019 there were up to 114 Micro Breweries and 18 Brewpubs in New Jersey and growing. There is even one about 1 mile from where I live. Think about it....local brewing was how beer was made by the immigrants when they came to America, and brought their beer making skills with them.

Interesting! Back to the future?



A few of the many Alumni of Sacred Heart Grammar School Class of '65 recently gathered at Bello's Sports Bar in Parlin to celebrate their milestone 70th birthdays this year. Pictured (left front to back)-Frank Starosciak, Tom Nizolek, Len Ambroziak, Jim Christie, M. Jane Kukulski. Pictured (right front to back)-John Madura, Patty Lagoda, Eugene Cross, Rita Chlebcki, Ken Revolinsky. A fine time was had by all sharing old school stories and fond memories. (Photo/names/info courtesy of Len Ambroziak)

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The Smoke Column

By Ex-Chief Richard Kosmoski, MS

In some of the future “Smoke Column” articles I am going to include historic fires that have occurred. Some of you may have heard of them or may be familiar with their names. In just about every case, the fire service has learned something from these fires. Many have become historical because of the damages they cause of the loss of life that was taken. Hopefully, those of you in the fire service and all history buffs will find these articles interesting.

For this month’s article, I am going back into the archives for a very serious and tragic incident. This particular incident was never well publicized in the history books or fire service publications and many people have never heard of it. Yet still today, over 150 years after it occurred, it is still the most tragic maritime disaster in United States history.

During World War II there were millions of service men and women serving overseas. It took many, many months for this military build-up to occur. When the war came to an end, the massive transportation issue of returning these war veterans home to their families quickly became a major problem. The most expedient way to get these heroes home was to use all types of shipping. Unfortunately, this was a long, drawn out process because there was only a limited amount of space aboard these vessels and the government was looking at transporting millions of wartime veterans. After being overseas and fighting in a war, these veterans wanted to be back with their families as quickly as possible.

A similar scenario unfolded 80 years before this one as the Civil War came to an end. The following article is about the tragic events aboard the Mississippi River side-wheel steamboat SULTANA. On April 15, 1865, the SULTANA left St. Louis bound for New Orleans. While enroute, she made a stopover in Vicksburg, Mississippi. It was here that her captain was approached by the chief quartermaster in Vicksburg with an offer he could not refuse. Thousands of recently released prisoners of the Civil War that had been held in Confederate prisons in Alabama

and Georgia were brought to a parole camp in Vicksburg to await release to the North. The United States Government would pay \$2.75 per enlisted man and \$8.00 per officer to any steamboat captain who would take these released prisoners North. Knowing that the SULTANA Captain Mason was in need of money, the government official in charge of transportation, Quartermaster Hatch suggested that if he could guarantee Captain Mason a full load of about 1400 prisoners, Mason would have to guarantee to give a “kickback” to Hatch. Captain Mason quickly agreed to this scheme and accepted Hatch’s offer, including to pay the “kickback.” The “SULTANA” was originally designed to hold 376 passengers. She was powered by four steam boilers that had recently been repaired. The greedy Captain Mason took on more than 2,000 recently released Union prisoners, both enlisted men and their officers and offered to transport them North. The steamboat now carried five times what it had been designed for. As the boat steamed north up the Mississippi River, the severe overcrowding and the faster river currents caused by the spring thaw placed increased pressure on the recently patched-up and repaired steam boilers. Shortly after leaving the port of Memphis on April 27th, the overstrained boilers exploded, blowing apart the center of the boat and starting uncontrollable fires. Many of the Union soldiers who were not immediately killed by the explosion and fire drowned as they attempted to swim to shore while fighting the extreme currents of the Mississippi. The official record indicates that over 1,800 soldiers died in this tragic fire/explosion making it the most devastating maritime fire/disaster in United States history. It is important to share this story of how the Union and Confederate soldiers fought each other for three years and survived those bloody battles only to die at the hands of a greedy Captain on board a severely overcrowded boat! This is why there are limits on the amount of passengers that can be safely transported on sea going vessels.

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1961-Angel Baby-Rosie & The Originals; There's A Moon Out Tonight-The Capris; Apache-Jorgen Ingmann & His Guitar; Baby Blue-The Echoes; Mother-In-Law-Ernie K-Doe; Daddy's Home-Shep & The Limelites; Hello Walls-Faron Young; Heart And Soul-The Cleftones; Peanut Butter-The Marathons; Those Oldies But

Goodies (Remind Me Of You)-Little Caesar & The Romans; I Like It Like That-Part 1-Chris Kenner; Pretty Little Angel Eyes-Curtis Lee; Last Night-The Mar-Keys; I Just Don't Understand-Ann-Margaret; When We Get Married-The Dreamlovers; A Little Bit Of Soap-The Jarmels; Who Put The Bomp (In The Bomp, Bomp, Bomp)-Barry Mann.

Billboard's Top 10 Hits
50-Years Ago

Week of June 26, 1971

1-It's Too Late-Carole King; 2-Rainy Days and Mondays-The Carpenters; 3-Want Ads-Honey Cone; 4-Indian Reservation-Paul Revere & The Raiders; 5-Treat Her Like A Lady-The Cornelius Brothers & Sister Rose; 6-Brown Sugar-The Rolling Stones;

7-It Don't Come Easy-Ringo Starr; 8-Don't Pull Your Love-Hamilton, Joe Frank & Reynolds; 9-When You're Hot, You're Hot-Jerry Reed; 10-Sweet and Innocent-Donny Osmond of The Osmonds.

Sayreville Board of Education

80 Years Ago-1941

The members of the Sayreville Board of Education were: Christie Dufford-President; Stephen Malik-Vice-President;

Ralph Merritt-Clerk; Arthur Burkhart; Milton Davis; Robert McCutcheon; William Rackenback; Adolph Schmidt; James Yeager.

Free Concert Series Return

By Steve Schmid

As we return to normal after pandemic restrictions are lifted, Middlesex County has some good news for music fans. The county has announced the return of the free Music in the Park Series. All you have to do is to bring your favorite lawn chair and your love of music. This year's summer concerts will be held Wednesday evenings at Raritan Bay Waterfront Park at the South Amboy/Sayreville Beach Front, rom 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Many people like to sit where they can get a good look at Raritan Bay and watch the sailboats, as they race from area yacht clubs. For this year in the case of bad weather, concerts will be cancelled and rescheduled based on band availability. Concerts will not move to South Amboy High School as done previously. The concerts kick off July 7 with Danny V's 52nd Street Band - A tribute to Billy Joel. On July 14 its Scarborough

Fair - A tribute to Simon and Garfunkel; July 21- Underwater Airlines - A Classic Rockin' Band; July 28- Sounds of the Street - Golden Oldies at it's Best; August 4- Parkway Soul - A Variety of Motown Classics; August 11- Zydeco-A-Go-Go - New Orleans style Rhythm and Blues 40s Jazz & Swing; August 18- Green River - A tribute to Creedence Clearwater Revival. The season ends August 25 with the Perry Brothers - Irish Favorites and More. Let's hope the weather is good on these Wednesday nights, so we enjoy some fine music as the sun goes down.

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

#1 Pop Hits-June
26th

2005-We Belong Together-Mariah Carey
1993-That's The Way Love Goes -Janet Jackson
1987-Head To Toe-Lisa Lisa & Cult Jam
1971-It's Too Late-Carole King
1962-I Can't Stop Loving You-Ray Charles
1959-The Battle Of New Orleans -Johnny Horton

#1 Country Hits-June
26th

2004-Redneck Woman-Gretchen Wilson
1998-I Just Want To Dance With You -George Strait
1989-I Don't Want To Spoil The Party -Rosanne Cash
1977-Luckenbach, Texas-Waylon Jennings
1960-Please Help Me, I'm Falling -Hank Locklin
1956-Crazy Arms-Ray Price
1945-At Mail Call Today-Gene Autry



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By Tom Burkard

Man/Woman

- 1.I'm A Man
- 2.She's A Woman
- 3.When A Man Loves A Woman
- 4.I Am Woman
- 5.It's A Man's Man's Man's World
- 6.Woman
- 7.A Well Respected Man
- 8.Pretty Woman
- 9.Lucky Man
- 10.Woman, Woman

- a.Emerson, Lake & Palmer
- b.James Brown
- c.Helen Reddy
- d.The Kinks
- e.The Beatles
- f.The Spencer Davis Group
- g.Percy Sledge
- h.John Lennon
- i.Gary Puckett/The Union Gap
- j.Roy Orbison

Answers

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WHAT IS IT?????

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton



The what is it for May was a Turnacator, car turn signal, specifically called a Semaphore that would have been used on the VW Split Window Beetle (the May vintage car). The following correctly identified it. John & JoAnn French, Pete McIntyre, Raymond Andrejewski, Keith Braun, Dennis Quinlan, Michael & Irene Kilcomons, Laurie & Gary Loftus, Kevin Kania and Dawn Roberts, Marie English and Ed English, Steve Laskiewicz, Bruce Grankowski, Lorraine Kost, Anita Quigley, Chuck Pickard, Eleanore Westerholm, Jack & Keith Piskorski & Lorraine Krauss, Pat & Bill Scully, Mark Moniello, Betty Leveille, Lynn Loy, Leon Credico, Joan Fulham, T.J. Albanese, Mary Ages Morris, Karen Kieselowsky, Steve Villig, Anthony Carlo, Dane Colburn, Gary Feret.

An Incorrect answer was a door handle.

Can you identify this object? It can be very useful for time travel. Send your answers to satimes#@aol.com by July 19th.

May What Is It?
Turnacator - Semaphore



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also looking for youth cheerleading assistant coaches who have a desire to give back to the sport of cheerleading!

The last day to register your child/children for the program is July 23rd, 2021. Any registrations after that date and within the first two weeks of practice-late fees will apply. For more information, please visit: <http://bit.ly/Info2021>.



St. Mary Church Pastor Dennis Wezorak blesses a car at the recent car blessing held at the Saint Mary parking lot, sponsored by the South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426. (Photo by Steve Schmid)

Honor Society Active In Community

(Article submitted)

The National Junior Honor Society planted beautiful flowers donated by Diekers Farm for its 5th Annual Beautifying the School Community Service Project. Over 30 members participated in planting the flowers

in both the front of the school and the back. Another set of students also picked up debris around campus. The NJHS supports small businesses and takes pride in showcasing the hardworking people of South Amboy.



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The Vintage Car Contest

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton



Does this car look familiar? Send your answer to satimes@aol.com by July 19th.

Last month's vintage car was a split-window Volkswagen Beetle. The split window was offered from 1939 until 1952. Interestingly, some of the most valuable Beetles are the last years of the split window. These were the most modern Beetles of the time, but still retained the split window. Beginning in 1953 Volkswagen replaced the split window with an oval window to improve rear viability. Oval window VW's are also fairly collectible as they feature a redesigned dashboard.

Those who correctly identified the car were: Edna Mazur Pilch, John &

JoAnn French, Pete McIntyre, Raymond Andrejewski, Vince Farina, Joyce Medvar, Michael & Irene Kilcomons, Laurie & Gary Loftus, Ginny Severino, Marie English and Ed English, Eleanore Westerholm, Steve Laskiewicz, Bruce Grankowski, Lorraine Kost, Jack & Keith Piskorski & Lorraine Krauss, Pat & Bill Scully, Mark Moniello, Betty Leveille, Thomas Harrigan, T.J. Albanese, Karen Kieselowsky, Steve Villig, Anthony Carlo, Dane Colburn.

We inadvertently missed Steve Laskiewicz, for April's Vintage Car.

May Vintage Car



1952 Split-Window Volkswagen Beetle

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



St. Stan's School Class of 2021 - Mrs. Lori Hodder, principal, Rev. Kenneth Murphy, pastor, and Mrs. Irene Foret, 8th grade teacher.



St. Stan's Kindergarten graduates - Mrs. Catherine Mundy, Kindergarten teacher, and Mrs. Paula Giannace , Kindergarten aide.



St. Stan's Pre-Kindergarten - Mrs. Lori Hodder, principal, Mrs. Shannon Santiago and Mrs. Aileen Vanore, class aides, and Mrs. Andrea Smith, Pre-K teacher.



Mrs. Natasha Graca, 5th Grade teacher, and Officer Charlie Teator and Sergeant Angela Moat, Sayreville Police Department's L.E.A.D. instructors.



During the Sayreville Police Department's LEAD Assembly, Lieutenant James Novak allows 4th grade student, Martin Lang, to say, "Pull over!" on the public address microphone of the motorcycle.

“Ever Eat a Pine Tree?”

By Elaine Holton Scott

Times are hard....so hard, I heard Juan Valdez and his faithful mule, Conchita, have been seen picking coffee beans on the mountainside in Columbia. Juan had been enjoying retirement with Conchita, both of them kicking back and resting after having carefully picked the finest ripened beans for many decades to make Colombian coffee one of the best tasting coffees in the world. Now, though, Juan is back at work, holding onto his cane as he slowly picks the beans one by one. Right behind him stands Conchita able now to only hold a pound or two of the beans because of her aching back and her arthritic legs. Luckily, Juan and Conchita adopted a strong young mule who is proud to be able to help carry the load, not a big load because Juan can't pick beans fast anymore. If this bit of news is true, like the rest of us, Juan and Conchita have had to adapt and adjust to this strange new world since the Pandemic began.

In the mid-1970's, ladies magazines often had articles about elderly people (at that time anyone over the age of 30) eating canned cat food. Why? Because they couldn't afford the inflated prices of the time. Women (yes, grocery shopping was mostly a woman's job until men retired then it became an outing for two) saw their cash register receipts soar from around 20 bucks a week to an outrageous \$25...even 30 dollars sometimes. Too much canned cat food costing about 10 cents a can vs a can of StarKist tuna at 29 cents a can was an affordable alternative. With prices rising so fast it had made all of our heads spin. I can recall an elderly woman, at least 50 years old, making news by submitting to a ladies magazine how she saved the small, cheap plastic toys (junk) inside cereal boxes to give them as gifts to her grandchildren for Christmas. She should have given them the cereal instead but that's just my opinion.

Try to compare what a buck could get you during 1976 when the novel idea of coupons couldn't make a dent in the rising costs of all food items compared to the unthinkable, outrageous prices we must deal with today. Just keep in mind, the average yearly income in 1976 was approximately \$10,671.00 or \$195 per week BEFORE taxes. No wonder

Garage Sale signs were prolific and backyard gardens the rage. Gasoline cost 59 cents a gallon, a postage stamp 13 cents. In 2020, the average yearly gross income was calculated to be \$94,700, with the lowest being \$24,000.

In 1976, Chicken breasts cost approximately 89 cents a pound, a gallon of milk \$1.62, a new car around \$4,000, coffee a little more than \$1.50 for a pound before the standard 16 ounces of coffee turned into 11 ounces, and three loaves of cheap white bread could be bought for a dollar, sugar 39 cents for a 5 lb bag, 10 ears of Jersey corn for 79 cents, tomatoes 99 cents for 4 lbs. In 1976, though, most of us were still looking for the tomato and corn stands along the ever-widening Route 9 before those stands became a memory only the Silent Generation and Baby Boomers like myself can remember. About 15 years before that Bicentennial year of 1976, fresh produce and fruit had been brought straight to housewives by Joe (Buty) Jaskowiak in his green painted, converted school bus. “Buty” like Red the Bus Driver on his Marathon Bus had been an integral part of our growing up years, as it's almost impossible to reminisce about those days without remembering the two of them.

Check out prices for everything now, especially food. Prices aren't just rising; they are exploding. Our National Debt is also exploding. As I write this article in Mid-May, it's almost 30 trillion dollars....\$30,000,000,000,000 and rising every second. That debt unfortunately will fall mostly upon the backs of our children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.


Instead of canned cat food, there had been someone in the '70's who advocated a healthy alternative. His name was Euell Gibbons, a proponent of eating from nature and also a spokesperson for Post Grape-Nuts cereal, which contained neither grapes nor nuts. “Ever eat a pine tree?” He asked in a commercial. “Many parts are edible.” Unfortunately, Gibbons liked to add saturated fats when cooking his healthy diet and died at the age of 64. May there be pine trees in Heaven.

THANKSGIVING IN JULY DINNER

South Amboy Elks Lodge 784 located at 601 Washington Ave, South Amboy is having Thanksgiving In July Dinner on Thursday July 22, from 5:30-7:30pm. The cost is \$15.00 in advance or \$18.00 at the door. Kids under 8 yrs. are \$6.00. The menu includes Fresh Roasted Turkey Breast, Freshly made Sausage Stuffing, Mashed Potato with

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By Tom Burkard

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| 3. White Room | c. Paul Mauriat |
| 4. Love Is Blue | d. Mitch Ryder & The Detroit Wheels |
| 5. Roses Are Red (My Love) | e. Cream |
| 6. White Wedding | f. Bobby Vinton |
| 7. Devil With A Blue Dress On | g. Billy Idol |
| 8. Little Red Corvette | h. The Cyrkle |
| 9. Nights In White Satin | i. The Jefferson Airplane |
| 10. White Rabbit | j. The Moody Blues |



Answers

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

On A Sunday Afternoon

By Al Gomolka jr.
Times Poet Laureate
c.1994

There are moments
when our lives seem so hectic
Never enough time
for work or play
Some others may feel sad,
bored or lonely
We beckon for a brighter,
better day
Rest or fun and peace
come none too soon
It seems on a Sunday afternoon
To the bakery for
jelly buns and rolls
After church and Sunday
papers set the stage
With loved ones or alone
and anything goes
A day to release
from week's cage
Rest or fun and peace
come none too soon
It seems on a Sunday afternoon
A stroll thru the park
or a country car ride
Beach, bowling, baseball,
brunch along the way
Couch potato, gardening,
barbecue
But taking it easy
on the Lord's Day
Rest or fun and peace
come none too soon
It seems on a
Sunday afternoon.

Elvis Rocks
The Brick House
(Photos by Tom Burkard)



Elvis Tribute Artist (ETA) Richie Santa (l) is pictured with Maryanne Spisso, owner of the Brick House in Sayreville, following another outstanding show.



Richie Santa, one of the top (ETA) artists in the United States, turned in a tremendous performance before a sold out crowd at the Brick House on June 5.

Congratulations
South Amboy Class of 2021 Graduates!



After a very challenging year, the South Amboy High School class of 2021 graduated on June 18th. (Photo submitted)



South Amboy High School class of 2021 class Salutatorian (l) Jessica Henry and Valedictorian (r) Jacey Bucek. Congratulations! (Photo Submitted)

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School Sports

By Tom Burkard

Team Leaders

Baseball

South Amboy (10-9)

Batting

Runs-Andrew Juhass 21 Gabriel Albarron 19 Benjamin Hernandez 18; Hits-Anthony Vella 26 Juhass 22 Hernandez 18; Doubles-Vella 6 Juhass 5 Hernandez 4; Triples-Albarron 2 Christian Smith 1; RBI-Vella 14 Juhass 13 Shane Murphy 11; Home Runs-Albarron, Juhass, Hernandez (1 each); Stolen Bases-Albarron 14 Angel Barillas 8 Vella 7; Batting Avg.-Vella .490 Juhass .407 Hernandez .353 Barillas .319 Hunter Brown .294.

Pitching

Innings Pitched-Matthew Stempinski 33.6 Juhass 18.2; Strikeouts-Stempinski 28 Juhass 19. (Won-Lost, ERA records not available).

Sayreville (9-11)

Batting

Runs-Michael Novak 21 Michael Colonnello 20; Hits-Colonnello 23 Evan Drepaul 23 Matt Abreu 21; Doubles-Abreu 7 Colonnello 6; Triples-Novak 1 Colonnello 1; RBI-Colonnello 25 Hunter Almeida 15 Drepaul 14; Home Runs-Anthony Donofrio 3 Colonnello 2 Joe Haytas 2 Tim Mayer 2; Stolen Bases-Diego Rodriguez 11 Novak 8 Haytas 8; Batting Avg.-Drepaul .371 Colonnello .365 Abreu .356 Almeida .314.

Pitching

Innings Pitched-Whitford Dennis 25.3 Brian Zapoticzny 21.7 Ryan Anthony 21.1; Strikeouts-Dennis 34 Zapoticzny 18 Stephen Farley 18 Anthony 17. (Won-Lost, ERA records not available).

Softball

Sayreville (7-12)

Batting

Runs-Caydence Barton 19; Hits-Madison Szatkowski 26; Doubles-Destiny Gonzalez 8 Jessica Wasko 7 Szatkowski 6; Triples-Many tied with 1; RBI-Szatkowski 19; Home Runs-Jordan Wehrle 1; Stolen Bases-Barton 7 Wasko 5; Batting Avg.-Wasko .428 Barton .425 Szatkowski .413 Gonzalez .407 Wehrle .322.

Pitching

Innings Pitched-Wasko 66.3 Barton 37.4; Strikeouts-Wasko 53 Barton 47. (Won-Lost, ERA records not available)

South Amboy (5-12)

Batting

Runs-Jada Berry 31 Faith Nemeth 17 Evalise Perez 11; Hits-Berry 24 Nala Gawroriski 19 Soraya Pina 17; Doubles-Gawroriski 3 Berry 2 Pina 2; Triples-Berry 3 Gawroriski 1; RBI-Berry 15 Pina 15 Nemeth 13 Perez 12; Home Runs-Berry 1; Batting Avg.-Berry .631 Gawroriski .404 Pina .395.

Pitching

Innings Pitched-Perez 53 Gawroriski 24; Strikeouts-Perez 54 Gawroriski 25. (Won-Lost, ERA records not available).

Sayreville Girls Fall In GMCT

The Sayreville girls softball squad dropped an 8-1 opening round contest to South Brunswick in the GMCT. Madison Szatkowski drilled 2 singles for the Bombers.

South Amboy Girls Bow In CJ Group I

The Lady Guvs of South Amboy HS (5-10) were soundly defeated by Spotswood (15-6) in the 1st round of CJ Group I softball play, 16-0, on a 4-inning mercy rule game that featured a no-hitter.

Vella, Abreu Chosen All-Division

South Amboy HS baseball standout Anthony Vella, was selected to the All-Gold Division team, and Sayreville War Memorial HS slugger, Matt Abreu, was chosen to the All-White Division squad recently. Congratulations Anthony and Matt on your great season, and may you have continued success!

College Notebook

Kathryn Harrigan (Sayreville) and Morgan Wehrle (Sayreville) both saw plenty of action on the College of St. Elizabeth (10-11) softball squad. Harrigan, a senior, ripped 17 hits including 3 doubles, and drove in 9 runs while batting a fine .378. Wehrle, a soph, had 10 hits with 2 doubles, a triple, 6 rbi, and a .263 avg...Kelly Duffy (Sayreville) had a good year with Rowan University (27-7). She had 20 hits with 4 doubles, 2 homers and 10 rbi, and a .278 batting avg. Duffy was also (1-0) on the pitcher’s mound...Ryane Brush (Sayreville) playing for the College of St. Rose, NY (6-19), had a rough season getting 10 hits with a triple and 3 rbi...Sayreville resident Katie Eicher (Bishop Ahr) saw very limited action with Rollins College (21-4), and had 1 hit in 2 at bats...Pete Soporowski (Sayreville), a grad student at Rider University (23-18), was #1 on the team with 6 victories (6-3), an ERA of 3.86 in 60.2 innings pitched, while striking out 59, and holding opposing batters to a .248 avg...Connor Johnson (Sayreville) pitched for East Stroudsburg University (15-15-1). He finished (3-1) with a 3.41 ERA, and struck out 29 in 31.2 innings, while the opposition hit only .231 against him...Kayla Stvan (Sayreville) had 6 hits with a double and 4 rbi while hitting .240 for Springfield College (9-5)...

Guvs Win/Lose In CJ Group I

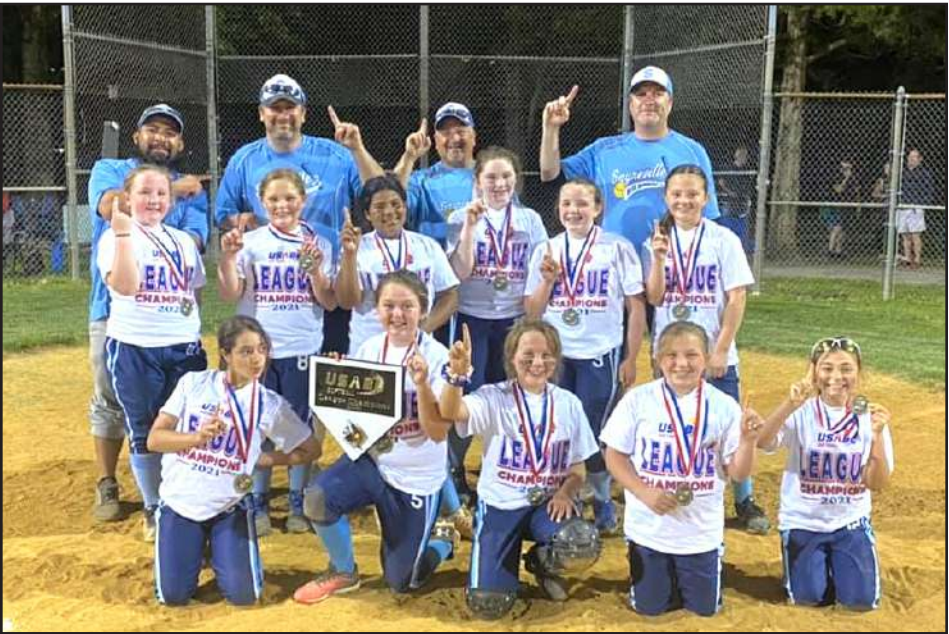
The South Amboy Guvs baseball team, sporting an (8-8) record nipped Bound Brook (4-15), by a score of 6-5, in CJ Group I State Tournament 1st round play. Shane Murphy led the hitting attack with 2 singles and 2 rbi, while Benjamin Hernandez drilled a single and double. Matt Stempinski was the winning pitcher.

The Purple & Gold fell in the quarterfinals to Florence, 7-4. Hunter Brown scored 2 runs for South Amboy.

Bombers Bow In CJ Group 4

The Sayreville Bombers boys baseball team was eliminated by Manalapan, 11-1 in the opening round of CJ Group 4 tourney action. Joe Haytas stroked the only hit for Sayreville.

Champions!



Bottom Row: Left to Right: Ashlynn Bellido, Sabrina Niederholtmeyer, Morgan Brooks, Meaghan Taylor, Scarlett Stiso. Middle Row: Kasey Koczon, Emma Cavallaro, Isabella Bernal, Leah Steiner, Marissa Shipman, Riley Swanton. Top Row: Coaches: Miguel Bernal, Chris Higgins, Erik Swanton, Mark Stolte. (Photo/story submitted)

Blue Bombers Win USABL Title

Sayreville 10u Blue Bombers Girls Softball capped off their 2021 USABL Spring Travel season in championship fashion. Sayreville topped Monmouth Magic by a score of 4-3 to win the USABL 10U Travel Softball Championship. The game was a hard fought battle with timely hitting and great pitching. Riley Swanton was the winning pitcher for The Blue Bombers, going 6 strong innings, and striking out 12 batters along the way. Sayreville was backed by the hitting of Isabella Bernal going 2-for-

2 with a 2B, 3 RBI's, a walk, and 2 runs scored. Marissa Shipman also paced The Blue Bombers batting 2-for-2, 1 RBI, and a walk. Swanton was supported with great defense up the middle with Scarlett Stiso making key plays at shortstop, as well as Sabrina Niederholtmeyer at second base. The win capped off a 12-1 USABL season for The Blue Bombers, defeating teams along the way, from Central and South Jersey, as far south as Atlantic City.

Go Team!



Congratulations to the South Amboy High School track team on qualifying for the NJSIAA Group Championships. Guinevere Kennedy placed 15th in the 3200 meter run, Joe Jamolawicz placed 15th in the 3200 meter run, and Neftali Rodriguez placed 16th in the 800 meter run. Pictured (l-r) Guinevere Kennedy, Coach Anthony Mecca, Joe Jamolawicz and Neftali Rodriguez (Photo/ Info Submitted)



Sayreville War Memorial HS alumnus Kelly Duffy had a fine season for the Rowan University softball team, blasting 2 home runs, and batting .278 for the year. (Photo courtesy of Rowan University)



The John Bulls of Radford's Ferry are pictured before the start of their Vintage Baseball Game, which was played by the rules of 1864. The locals lost a close game to the Hoboken Baseball Club, but everyone had a great time. The event was sponsored by The Historical Society of South Amboy in collaboration with the City of South Amboy. (Photo by Tom Durski)

The Local Sports Memory Machine

By Tom Burkard

From The Youth League Archives



1953 or 1954-Some of the members of the Protection Little League team in South Amboy are pictured top row (l-r) Ron Jurski, Phil Purcell, George Smith, Bill Horan, Bob Sullivan. Bottom row (l-r) Joe Coughlin, Rich Dooling, Ed Conroy, Dennis Quinlan, Buddy Flanagan, Joe Jankowski.

Glory Days In Local Sports

1953-Hoffman nipped Atlantic Highlands, 4-3 behind winning pitcher Jim Inman, who struck out 7 and fired a 3-hitter. Bob Munck blasted a 2-run homer to lead the way...1964-St. Mary's nipped Madison Twp., 2-1 in baseball action, as winning pitcher Dave "Dee" Kelly struck out 3. Ray Selover blasted a home run, and Vince Wisniewski drilled 2 hits...1975-Sayreville girls softball team hammered Immaculata, 6-1 in state tourney play. Lou Ann Ferenci went a perfect 4-for-4, and Karen Nelson belted a 2-run double to support winning pitcher Karen DeSiena...1988-The Bombers baseball squad topped East Brunswick, 8-4 in

55 Years Ago...

1966-The Hoffman Governors (8-8) baseball team under Coach John Zdanewicz were stopped in their bid for the CJ Group I championship by Pt. Pleasant Boro (13-3), by a score of 4-2. In the bottom of the second, John Ewtushek led off with a single and scored on Frank Chonsky's long triple to left. Bob Keegan singled in Chonsky for the Purple & Gold's final run in the contest. Curt Wood, the Guvs soph pitching ace, absorbed the tough defeat, allowing only 5 hits and striking out 10.

35 Years Ago...

1986-The Bombers of Sayreville captured their first CJ Group IV championship since 1974, as they belted Piscataway, 5-1 behind Rich Gluchowski's 2 singles and 3 RBI, as Chuck Frobosilo excelled on the mound to notch the big victory.

8 innings. Neal Golub ripped a 2-run single to break a 4-4 tie, and Rich Gluchowski belted a 2-run double. Bill Hughes added 2 RBI, as pitcher Jim Kelly notched the victory...1996-St. Mary's girls softball contingent pounded East Brunswick Tech, 12-2 behind Molly McCreary, who belted a homer and drove in 2 runs. Alyson Baumgartner contributed 3 rbi...2004-South Amboy's ace pitcher Keryn Rosenberger fired her 3rd no-hitter of the season and fanned 11, as the Lady Guvs destroyed Woodbridge, 10-0 in 6 innings. Jen Riehl ripped 2 hits, and Sarah O'Connor blasted a triple.

T.H.E. Game

Year-1964

Sport-Baseball

Teams-Sayreville (6-3-1) vs. Hoffman (4-11) Recap-The Bombers pulverized the Guvs for the second time in 2 days, 10-4, following an easy romp of 12-3 the previous day. Winning pitcher Bill Trzaska struck out 12, while John Karlowitz had 2 hits including a 3-run homer to lead the way. Hoffman's Gary Mihok cleared the bases with a 3-run double in the first inning.

Co-Players of the Game-Bill Trzaska and John Karlowitz.

40 Years Ago...

1981-Winning pitcher Ed English fired a 5-hitter and struck out 9 to lead Sayreville to a 10-2 romp over Cedar Ridge. Dan Osborne ripped 2 singles and a triple to knock in 3 runs, and Tom Cannon singled in 2 runs for the Bombers.

Sayreville Great Joe Gabel Dies

By Tom Burkard

Joe Gabel, 68, one of Sayreville's greatest All-Time baseball players, died on June 10th after a long and courageous battle with cancer. He was an excellent athlete in high school, also playing 3 other sports including football, basketball and soccer, but really made his mark on the baseball diamond.

In 1969, the Bombers under legendary Head Coach John Wortley, captured the Middlesex County Coaches Baseball Tournament (MCCBT). Gabel hit a scorching .615, with 8 hits in 13 at bats, plus 6 rbi, to easily win the M.V.P. Award for the tourney. Only a junior in '69, he led Sayreville with a .387 batting avg., and 21 rbi for the season.

As a senior in 1970, he helped the Bombers capture the state championship game, 4-0 over Union. In the final, Joe blasted a 2-run triple off of Union's ace pitcher Neil Gold, and also stole home.

He had tremendous power, and hit 10 home runs in his Sayreville HS career, and back then, there were no aluminum bats! Just think how many he would have hit with aluminum!

I only got to meet Joe Gabel in person once when he was in New Jersey back in 2019, and found him to be a really interesting and sincere guy during my interview with him. He told me back then that his doctors told him he only had a few days to live, but from

all accounts, he was a courageous fighter and battled it up until his recent passing. May God Bless Joe Gabel.

*To see the complete interview, titled "Where Have You Gone, Joe Gabel?" go to our website at: www.thesatimes.com, and you can find it in our June 29, 2019 issue.



The late Joe Gabel pictured 2 years ago in Florida.



1969-Joe's junior year when he was selected M.V.P. of the Middlesex County Coaches Baseball Tournament (MCCBT).



A hustling Joe Gabel goes airborne over Scotch Plains catcher at a CJ Group 4 state tourney game in '69.

Diamond Dust

Protection 4 Weiss 1-Fred Beaudry fired a 2-hitter and struck out 12. Ray Akerman walloped 2 doubles.

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South Amboy Men's Senior Slow Pitch Softball League

Bottle Stop 11 Roddy's Tavern 8-Winning pitcher Jack Gallagher got 4 hits, and Brian Flanagan contributed a homer.

1976 South Amboy Little Fellas League Protection 19 Rotary 6-Daryl Munck belted 4 doubles, and John Mulligan 3 hits for the winners. Tom Lewandoski stroked 3 hits for Rotary.

Enterprise 11 Jo-Tom's 3-Tony Camporeale was the winning pitcher. Mike Carney got 3 hits for Jo-Tom's.

Modern Trans 6 Parkway Fabricators 1-Winning pitcher Ron Richards spun a 3-hitter and struck out 13.

50 Years Ago...

1971-St. Mary's boys varsity tennis team featured #1 singles player, sophomore John Wortley Jr., #2 singles-Bruce Malinowski, #3 singles-Greg Sciora; 1st doubles-Rick Sciora/Terry Geant; 2nd doubles-Steve Tranotti/Bruce Rose...In the City Series contest against crosstown rivals Hoffman, the Saints prevailed, 4-1, as Wortley, Malinowski, and G. Sciora brought home victories as did the doubles team of Terry Geant/R. Sciora... During his high school career, John Wortley Jr. was one of the top players in the county...

St. Mary's girls tennis club was led by #1 singles player Capt. Donna Zientek, who was the 1970 Middlesex County Freeholders 18 & Under Champion. Cathy Polinski was #2 singles, and Deidre Houlihan #3. The #1 doubles team was Bridget Houlihan/Debbie Menichini, and #2 doubles-Floretta Brown/Diane Gorman...In a memorable contest against Perth Amboy St. Mary's, the Blue & Gold prevailed, 5-0, as all of the starters were victorious.

South Amboy Student/ Staff Softball Game



On June 10th the Girls Middle School and High School Softball Teams challenged the staff in a softball game. A great time was had by all. Even though the staff won, this was a win for Purple and Gold and the SA Governors! (Photo by Melainie Sweatt)





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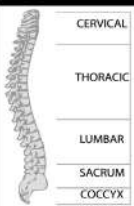
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The Spinal Column

By
Dr. John Misiewicz

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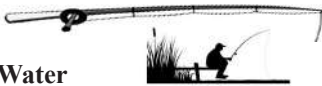
Gone Fishin'



Limiting Out-Karen Weber, wife of SA Times feature fishing writer, Teo "Weebles" Weber, is pictured with a limit of Rainbow Trout, which she caught in May from the lower Pequest River. The two largest Trout were over 18 inches. (Photo/info by Teo "Weebles" Weber)

Fishing Flashes

By Teo "Weebles" Weber



Salt Water

Fluke fishing has opened with some decent catches. As usual, more shorts are being caught than keepers. An eight pound Fluke was caught in Sandy Hook Channel. Back bay areas in Barnegat Bay are producing decent numbers of keeper Fluke. The surf at Island Beach and LBI is giving up good numbers of Bluefish with Kingfish and some Striped Bass mixed in. In Raritan Bay it is a different story. Striped Bass have been caught but the numbers are down. There is a pick of Bluefish. I saw one or two Bluefish caught at Cliffwood but most of the time it's slow. It's hit and miss at different times. Party boat fishing is good for Bluefish and Sea Bass. Now that the season is open most people have no trouble catching their limit of 10 Sea Bass. Later on, the limit drops to two fish for most of the summer. Some Ling are mixed in as well. Blowfish are moving into Barnegat Bay and Fluke are being caught in most coastal rivers.

Fresh Water

The Division of Fish and Game concluded its stocking of Trout for the spring. There are holdover Trout available, but the heat wave has slowed up fishing. The Shad run has finished in the Delaware River. Statewide fishing for Catfish, Carp and various Panfish is now the norm. Pickerel will be available in most bodies of water. The Passaic River has Pike. Try the areas above Route 46 near Fairfield.

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Joanie Coffaro, a workforce development expert who has spent 10 years creating and administering noncredit programs at Raritan Valley Community College, has been named executive director of workforce development and lifelong learning at Middlesex College.

"My focus is on creating industry-credentialed programs that will lead to great careers," she said. "It starts with the employer. We sit down with them and learn what their needs are, and what programs we can create to meet those needs. We want to ensure that our workers have those skills, but then can move up and advance in the company."

Ms. Coffaro is also a proponent of apprenticeships, again with guidance from employers.

"When you do apprenticeships right, it can be very successful for the employer and employee," she said. "I find if you work with the companies from day one, they have a vested interest in helping us match our curriculum with their needs so the workers who we graduate have the appropriate skills."

Before joining Middlesex College, Coffaro was director of the Workforce Training Center at Raritan Valley Community College, where she worked for 10 years. She directed the team that created the first Department of Labor-registered apprenticeship program in advanced manufacturing in New Jersey, and was instrumental in the creation of the Workforce Training Center at Raritan, which houses all the College's workforce training programs, including automotive technology, advanced manufacturing, cosmetology and esthetics, environmental control technology/HVAC and commercial energy management.

Coffaro also worked in sales and marketing. She is a graduate of the New Jersey Chair Academy, a leadership program for those in higher education, and Leadership Hunterdon. She holds a Bachelor's Degree and a Master's of Business Administration from Rutgers University. She is a board member of the National Council for Workforce Education and the Flemington Food Pantry.

"We have a terrific team at Middlesex College," she said. "I'm eager to help move students into good jobs and help businesses thrive."

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By Brian and Phyllis Stratton

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This run/walk is held each year in memory of Janice Garbolino, the former Health and Wellness Director of the Metuchen Branch YMCA, who lost her battle with breast cancer in 2002. This event supports the YMCA of Metuchen, Edison, Woodbridge & South Amboy in providing a free exercise program for cancer survivors called LIVESTRONG® at the YMCA.

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In Memoriam

Marie Samuelson, 88, of Sayreville died on May 22. A very kind lady, she was a bus driver for the South Amboy Senior Citizens for many years, and also worked previously at Charles Komar & Sons in South Amboy. Lois Morriss, 95, of South Amboy died on May 30. Before retiring, she was Vice-President and Branch Manager of First Fidelity Bank in South Amboy, and also an active member and longtime Treasurer of the South Amboy-Sayreville Rotary Club. She always said that someday, when she passed away, "Please mention that I loved all people." And, this charming and happy lady was also loved and respected by so many.

Margaret "Peggy" Yuhas, 83, of Parlin died on May 30. She retired from the Sayreville Medical Group, where she worked as a receptionist. "Peggy" was an avid reader of The SA Times for many years, and especially enjoyed entering our monthly WWW? Mystery Photo Contest, in which she was consistently one of our best contestants. Pasquale "Patrick" Forte, 78, formerly of Sayreville died on May 31. He worked 36 years as Registrar/Adjunct Instructor at St. Peter's College and Registrar at the University of Medicine & Dentistry, which later became part of Rutgers U. Glenda "Kay" Osmond, 68, of Sayreville died on June 4. She was a cafeteria worker in the Sayreville school system for 27 years, and also a member of the Sayreville Lady Dems. Claire Salamon, 78, of Sayreville died on June 8. She was a very kind-hearted lady who really cared for others, and bravely-battled Parkinson's Disease for many years. Theresa Semasko, 88, of Parlin died on June 9. She retired as a secretary for Sayreville HS and Sayreville Middle School. Judith Anghelone, 68, of Sayreville died on June 14. Prior to her retirement, she worked as a crossing guard at Wilson School. Barbara Frobisilo, 74, formerly of Sayreville died on June 15. Before retiring, she owned Speedy Bee Printing in the Melrose section of Sayreville.


Helena Pipala

Mrs. Helena Pipala (Nee: Szymanski) 84, of South Amboy, New Jersey entered into eternal rest on Sunday, May 30, 2021.

Helena was the daughter of the late Antoni Szymanski and the late Zofia Rakowska. She was born in Zagoty, Poland and came to the United States to live with her father in 1958. Helena lived in Perth Amboy for two years before she married and settled in South Amboy in 1960. Upon her arrival to the United States, Helena was a lifelong communicant of the Sacred Heart Church in South Amboy. She lived her life "praying it forward" through her involvement in the Sacred Heart Rosary Committee. She will always be remembered for her loving, giving nature towards others and also known for her talent in cooking golabki, pierogi and chrusciki. Helena worked at the leather factory, Schott Brothers, Inc. in Perth Amboy for a few years, leaving there to purchase a working farm in Monroe Twp., where she and her husband enjoyed many years entertaining friends and raising their children, making many fond memories.

Helena is survived by her beloved husband of 60 years, Joseph Pipala. Loving children John Pipala and his wife Mary Anne, Andrew Pipala, Joseph Pipala and his wife Jennifer, Diane Pipala, Ann Marie Falzarano and her husband Louis. Cherished grandchildren Hunter, Briona, Ashley, Phillip, Alexa, Joey, Nicholas, and Zachary.

All arrangements were handled by the Kurzawa Funeral Home, 338 Main St., South Amboy. A funeral Mass was offered at Sacred Heart Church, South Amboy, and prayers of committal and the burial was at Sacred Heart Cemetery, Parlin.



John Edward Andrejewski

John Edward Andrejewski, 101, of the Melrose Section of Sayreville, peacefully entered eternal rest from his home on May 22, 2021 after a brief illness. He was the son of the late John J. Andrejewski and Rose R. (Chismar) Andrejewski.

John was born on March 10, 1920 in Melrose and lived there all of his life. He was employed by NL Industries for 42 years before his retirement in 1982. John served in the US Army Air Corps during World War II, from early 1942 until late 1945 as an airplane mechanic, working most notably on the P-40 Flying Tigers. In 1948 he and his wife Lillian started a small lingerie and jewelry business which would become Lillian's Gift Shoppe and was in business until 2015. In 1956 he and Lillian built their dream home where he lived independently until his death.

He was predeceased by his wife Lillian A. (Juhrden) Andrejewski and his brother Harold J. Andrejewski.

He is survived by his daughter Diana Haywood of Kingwood NJ and his son Donald J. Andrejewski and wife Dee of Freehold, NJ, grandchildren Dennis Andrejewski and wife Amy of Warrenton, VA. Robert Andrejewski and wife Jennie of Richmond, VA, Elizabeth (Beth) Andrejewski of Freehold, NJ and Dolores (Lori) Carrigan and husband Sean of Manasquan, NJ, and 10 great grandchildren.

All arrangements were handled by the Kurzawa Funeral Home, 338 Main Street, South Amboy, NJ 08879. A funeral Mass was offered at Sacred Heart Church, South Amboy. In lieu of flowers, please honor John with a donation to the Morgan First Aid Squad.



Timothy Reardon
"We Will Miss Him Forever"
1958-2021
By Pat Douglas

Sayreville lost one of her favorite sons on June 5th 2021. Timothy Sean Patrick Reardon passed peacefully into eternal life after a 6 month battle with an aggressive cancer. He was surrounded by his adoring family. His loving wife Kathy said "we crammed a lifetime of memories into 9 short years and I will always be grateful".

Tim was a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in South Amboy, The Knights Of Columbus in Parlin, and Sayreville Engine Company #1. All those organizations honored him at his wake at Spezzi's Funeral home, where hundreds came to celebrate his amazing life including so many of his softball teammates and karaoke friends. Also honoring Tim was famous irish tenor Andy Cooney whom Tim and Kathy met when he appeared with his band in the Catskills. They immediately became good friends and Andy looked in on Tim often during his illness. He sang all the hymns during his Mass at Our Lady Of Victory Church.

Though his family and friends grieve his passing, they will always remember his infectious smile, his fabulous sense of humor and his passion for life. "Tim never met a stranger" was the common theme of his celebration and it was all so true. He loved people and he talked to everyone who would listen and he was never satisfied until he made them laugh! And there wasn't a person in his life whom he wouldn't help out if they needed him, which he proved time and again.

He was a very giving man. We will miss Tim for as long as we live. Now Tim belongs to all those loved ones and friends that passed on before him. He waits for us to join him one day. What a happy day that will be! Love you, Brother!

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

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

Lois Neill Morriss

Lois Neill Morriss, 95, of South Amboy was called home to the Lord on Sunday May 30, 2021 at the Venetian Care & Rehabilitation Center, South Amboy. Born in South Amboy she lived there all her life. She was employed by South Amboy Trust Company before retiring as Vice President and Branch Manager of First Fidelity, South Amboy. A member of the First Baptist Church of Matawan she was a lover of animals and enjoyed trips to Atlantic City with her friend Ann Henry. She was a member and longtime treasurer of the Rotary Club of South Amboy/Sayreville.

Daughter of the late Hallack and Leila Neill she is also predeceased by her husband of 47 years Robert F. Morriss in 2004; her son Hallack Joshua Morriss and her sister Jean Neill. She is survived by her nephew Richard Dobrzynski and his wife Joan of Sayreville, a host of nieces and nephews and her dearest friends the Henry children, Fred, Sister Carol Ann, RSM, Lynn and Bill.



Funeral services were held on Saturday June 5, 2021 at The Gundrum Service "Home For Funerals" 237 Bordentown Avenue, South Amboy followed by interment in Christ Church Cemetery, South Amboy.

Obituaries

- Andrejewski, John E., 101, of Melrose died on May 22.
- Anghelone, Judith, 68, of Sayreville died on June 14.
- Bailey, Roger G., 86, formerly of Sayreville died on May 22.
- Bello, Armando, 61, of South Amboy died on May 25.
- Cafarella, John J., 66, of the Parlin section of Old Bridge died on May 27.
- Callahan, James E. "Jim," 73, of South Amboy died on May 19.
- Dalton, John J. Sr., 72, of Parlin died on June 6.
- Fico, Virginia M., 94, of South Amboy died on June 14.
- Forte, Pasquale "Patrick," 78, formerly of Sayreville died on May 31.
- Frobosilo, Barbara, 74, formerly of Sayreville died on June 15.
- Gabel, Joseph, 68, formerly of Sayreville died on June 10.
- Gordon, Patricia, 75, of South Amboy died on May 19.
- Handy, George M., 78, of South Amboy died on May 11.
- Higgins, Thomas P., 81, of South Amboy died on June 8.
- Hughes, Roseann, 82, of Parlin died on June 3.
- Jordan, Roy, 60, of Sayreville died on May 18.
- McGuire, Mary, 96, of Parlin died on June 1.
- Montalvo, Carmen, 94, of Sayreville died on June 18.
- Morriss, Lois Neill, 95, of South Amboy died on May 30.
- Osmond, Glenda "Kay," 68, of Sayreville died on June 4.
- Pipala, Helena, 84, of South Amboy died on May 30.
- Reardon, Timothy S.P., 63, formerly of Sayreville died on June 5.
- Salamon, Claire M., 78, of Sayreville died on June 8.
- Samuelson, Marie H., 88, of Sayreville died on May 22.
- Semasko, Theresa Festner, 88, of Parlin died on June 9.
- Specce, Thomas, 67, of Parlin died on May 31.
- Switzer, Robert, 67, formerly of South Amboy died on June 12.
- Ueland, Thomas A. Jr., 35, of Sayreville died on May 28.
- Vincent, Donald, 67, of Parlin died on May 26.
- Yuhass, Margaret "Peggy," 83, of Parlin died on May 30.
- Zagata, Julia V., 99, of Parlin died on May 31.
- Zilberfarb, , Kerianne, 50, formerly of Sayreville died on June 2.

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.

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



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Flag Day 2021

Flag Retirement Service At South Amboy

(Photos by Tom Burkard)



American Legion Luke A. Lovely Post #62, South Amboy members are pictured prior to retirement service. In the photo (l-r) Bill Borbely, Bill Garnett, Brian McQuade, Bob Moglia, Ed Peterson, Ryan Wilde, Commander Bob “Zak” Sekerak.



Old, worn, retired flags are tossed into the fire during the ceremony.



A South Amboy Firefighter keeps the fire under control.



Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts played an active part in honoring our country by participating in the Flag Retirement Service.



Officers of the South Amboy Elks along with Members and the Boy Scouts from Troop 91, honored our Flag during the Elks Annual Flag Ceremony. (Photos/info submitted)



At the 4th Degree Assembly 670 annual Flag Day ceremony, the Sayreville Fire Department proudly hoisted our country's flag.



Michael Yetko, Faithful Navigator of 4th Degree Assembly 670 of the Knights of Columbus, Father Kenneth Murphy, Pastor of St. Stanislaus Kostka Church, and Andy Gnapp Past Faithful Navigator of the Assembly, are pictured after conducting the annual Flag Day ceremony held June 12 at the church parking lot honoring the American flag and our veterans. (Photos/Info by Steve Schmid)

Flag Retirement Service At Sayreville

(Photos/Story by Rich Kosmoski)



American Legion Lenape Post 211 Commander Joel Bloom prepares to retire thousands of American Flags that had served our community.



“The flags have flown faithfully over our schools, municipal buildings, businesses, and our homes. They are now tattered and worn and will be replaced with new bright and shiny flags.”



The Catholic War Veterans replaced worn American flags with brand new ones at Sacred Heart Cemetery on May 28th. Pictured (l-r) Post 578 Commander Frank Sullivan, Past Commander Frank Kowalski, and Jan Williams. (Photo/info by Donna Williams)