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## Remembering Times Feature Writer Elaine Holton-Scott

Tom Burkard

(SA Times Publisher/ First Cousin)

"Elaine Holton-Scott, 74, passed away on May 28. A South Amboy native who also lived in several other places throughout her life including, Parlin, California, Germany, Arkansas, Georgia, and finally back to Whiting, NJ for the last 3 years, prior to her death.



Elaine was a very talented writer/journalist and cook, and authored a cookbook, "You Can Do It" and also co-authored another one "Made In America" with her niece, Andrea Ploskonka. I hardly knew my first-cousin Elaine as a

kid, barely saying hello to her, even though she lived one street over in the Mechanicsville section of South Amboy. I was quite surprised when she started emailing me in 2005 from her home in Georgia, and asking me if she could write a column for my newspaper. Elaine certainly had fine credentials, having written for a local paper while living there, and I told her she was hired immediately. Getting her aboard The SA Times staff turned out to be a real blessing.

Most of her wonderful stories, featuring her vivid and exact memories of growing up in South Amboy in the 1950's and 60's, provided so much joy and happiness to many readers during her 17 years with The SA Times. People looked forward to reading her monthly feature, and going back in time to

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## Groundbreaking at Veterans Plaza



Pictured at the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Veterans Park in South Amboy, which will be located near the Gazebo on Bordentown Ave. are (l-r) Jerry Pizzillo-South Amboy Historical Society, Bob "Zak" Sekerak, American Legion Luke A. Lovely Post & Unit 62 Commander, Charles Kenney-Middlesex County Commissioner, Yvonne Lopez-Assemblywoman, Craig Coughlin-NJ Assembly Speaker, Fred Henry-South Amboy Mayor, Michael "Mickey" Gross-South Amboy City Council President. (Photo by Brian Stratton)



The winners in the South Amboy Democratic Primary Election show their appreciation to the voters for their support. The Democrat candidates for the November election are (l-r) Anthony Conrad, Council President Michael "Mickey" Gross, and Mayor Fred Henry. (Photo by Linda Henry)

## Henry, Gross, Conrad Win In South Amboy

Democratic Mayor Fred A. Henry and his running mates Council President Michael "Mickey" Gross, and Anthony Conrad, captured the Primary Election over Dem mayoral candidate Councilman Brian H. McLaughlin and council candidates Councilwoman Christine Noble and Mary Szaro. Henry defeated McLaughlin 518-363;

Gross was the top vote-getter for the council, netting 498 votes. He was followed by Conrad with 456, Noble 418, and Mary Szaro 353.

Geraldine Bruno, the Republican candidate for mayor, and council candidate, Peter Pedro Pizar, were both uncontested, and will be on the November ballot. \*Vote totals as of June 7, 2022.

## Ferry Terminal Groundbreaking At South Amboy

(Article Submitted)

"Diversifying and expanding our network of transportation infrastructure is crucial to most efficiently getting people to and from places in one of our country's most economically productive regions," said Assembly Speaker Craig J. Coughlin (D-Middlesex). "As we near the start of construction, with funding secured including

from state and federal government, we mark an important milestone in the development of the South Amboy ferry and I applaud efforts at the state, county, and city level that are getting this long-awaited project to the finish line."

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## Elks Donate To YMCA



The South Amboy YMCA's Kids "Safety Around Water" Program, Received a donation of \$3,000 from the South Amboy Elks Lodge #784, National Foundation Grant committee. The South Amboy YMCA was selected for its commitment to our community's children. The SAW program teaches swimming techniques, incorporates activities and educates parents about the importance of water safety. This is the Elks' cause to strengthen our community. "Elks Care / Elks Share". Pictured (l-r) Branch Board Member Mary Taylor, South Amboy YMCA Director of Operations Gerry Gessie, South Amboy Elks National Foundation Chairman Valentine Tarr, YMCA President & CEO Rose Cushing, YMCA Board Member, & South Amboy Branch Board Member Anthon Conrad. (Photo By Brian Stratton)

## Grand Marshal



Veteran Rich Kosmoski was the Grand Marshal at the Sayreville Memorial Day Parade. He represented Sayreville American Legion Post 211. (Photo by Tom Burkard) See more photos on page 16.



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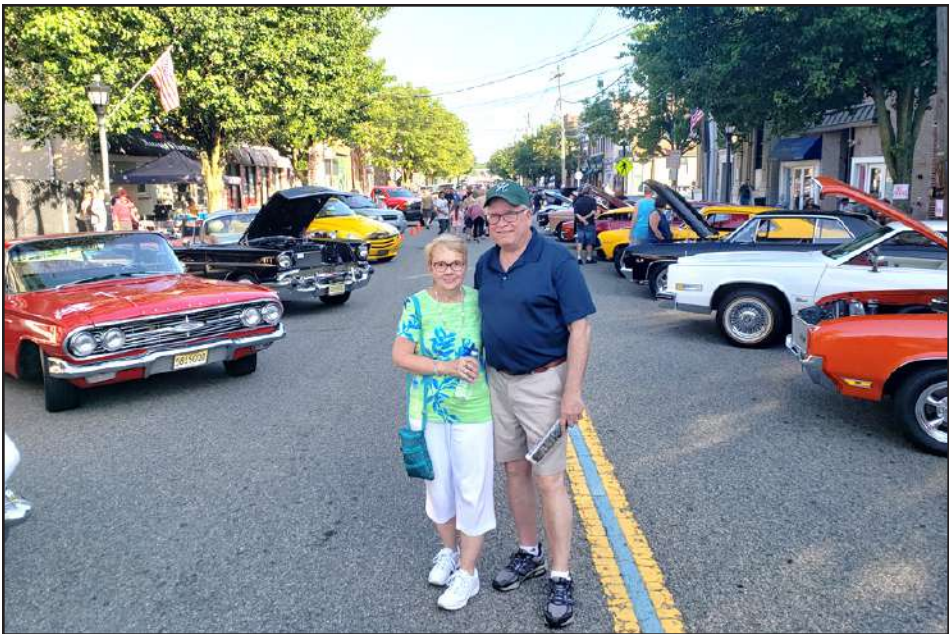
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## Cruise Night On Broadway



South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry and wife Linda enjoyed the recent Cruise Night on Broadway in South Amboy. The Cruise Night schedule for the rest of the year is as follows: July 13, August 10th, September 14th, October 12. Come on out and enjoy the cars! (Photo by Brian Stratton)

## Talk Of The Towns

By Tom Burkard  
Newest Eagle Scout Chosen

Boy Scout Troop 91 of South Amboy has announced that their newest Eagle Scout has been chosen. Congratulations to Nick DiForti on your new rank, and tremendous accomplishment!

**Hayes Makes Dean's List**

Amanda Hayes of South Amboy was named to the Dean's List at Monmouth University for the spring 2022 semester.

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Jim Quinlan of South Amboy is pictured with his buddies during World War 1. (Photo courtesy of Erin Senape Cancel)

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## Pleasant Little TRIVIA

By Tom Burkard

- Sworn in as South Amboy's new Fire Chief on July 1, 2006?  
a. Kevin Zebro b. Mike Gerahtowski c. Tim Walczak
- Grand Marshal of the Sayreville Memorial Day Parade in '06?  
a. Joe Ziembra b. Dan O'Halleran c. Ed Strek
- Principal of St. Mary's Elementary School in 2006?  
a. Sister Kateria b. Donna O'Boyle c. Sister Anastasia
- Name the diner that was located on Rt. 35 South in Morgan back in '06?  
a. Paramount b. Bridge c. Galaxy
- Sayreville's Democratic Party Chairman in 1997?  
a. Renny Travisano b. Alan Haag c. Luke Lenahan
- Back in '95, where was National Plumbing Supply Co. located in Sayreville?  
a. Rt. 35 South b. Bordentown Ave. c. Rt. 35 North
- South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 Grand Knight in 1995-96?  
a. Fred Whiteley b. Ray Suchcicki c. George Kardos
- City of South Amboy Law Director in '95?  
a. James Vail b. John Lanza c. Thomas Downs IV
- King of the Cardinal McCarrick HS Homecoming Dance in 2007?  
a. Rob Geant b. Mika Wilson c. Ed Fulham
- Where is Pride Landscaping Supply located in Sayreville?  
a. Jernee Mill Rd. b. Ernston Rd. c. Pulawski Ave.

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



Main Liquors  
Customer Appreciation Day/BBQ

May 29, 2022  
(Photos/captions by Tom Burkard)



The talented starting lineup for Main Liquors staff is (l-r) Ronak Chaudhari, Owner Hershey Patel, Mittul M. Desai, Tejan Verma.



John Bartlinski is pictured barbequing some tasty chicken, as the other volunteer chefs and workers are kept busy throughout the day. The food was excellent, and The SA Times sends our congratulations to Hershey Patel, his staff, and volunteer chefs and other workers for another outstanding event!



Main Liquors owner Hershey Patel (c) is pictured with South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry (l), and Commander Bob “Zak” Sekerak of the American Legion Luke A. Lovely Post & Unit #62 of South Amboy.



Main Liquors fine staff (l-r) Mittul M. Desai, Ronak Chaudhari, Hershey Patel, Tejan Verma. Hershey, now in his 31st year as owner of Main Liquors & Wines, has always been a huge supporter to our local organizations and communities, and every year offers a terrific barbeque to show his appreciation for his loyal customers. Congratulations on your 31 outstanding years, Hershey, and THANK YOU!

Sayreville Student Receives National Award

On May 20, 2022, Sayreville Middle School 8th grade student, Sofia J. Muller, was awarded a National Junior Honor Society Outstanding Achievement Award. Sofia was chosen as 1 of 500 recipients from across the nation based on her work to support the five pillars of the National Junior Honor Society: Scholarship, Service, Leadership,

Character, and Citizenship. She maintains a cumulative GPA of 98% (out of 100%). She has been a volunteer for the Sayreville School District’s Unified Club and Sports Programs for the past 7 years as well as being an avid tap dancer since she was 3 years old. She is also a volunteer in a number of community-based programs.



Pictured (l-r) Richard Gluchowski, SMS Principal; Barry J. Muller, Father; Sofia J. Muller; Justine L. Muller, Mother; Michele Gentile, NJHS Advisor. ( Photo/Info Submitted)

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## 25 Years Ago!

### Yearbook-South Amboy 1997

The First Graduating Class Of  
South Amboy High School  
By Tom Burkard

South Amboy HS seniors returned for their final school year in September 1996 into a brand new building. "The Macarena" topped the national song charts. Robert Dicker was Superintendent of Schools, and Bill Beattie was the high school principal, while Roberta Rim was vice principal. A few members of the faculty selected randomly were Cindy Falco, Robert Farley, Alice Gallagher, Carol McDonnell, Ray "Butch" Tomaszewski and Carolyn O'Connor. The yearbook editors were Erin Mulligan and Alisa Newcomb. They yearbook was dedicated to Mrs. Zampella and Mrs. LaPoint, with a special tribute to the late Dave Inman who taught at the school for many years...Erin Mulligan was Student Council President... In addition to South Amboy's great athletic programs, the school had many extracurricular activities and events including Spirit Week, the Homecoming at which Mark Finnegan was chosen king and Hanna Glomska queen...Several clubs and groups were kept busy in '97 such as the Debate Club, Quill and Scroll, Chess Club, TIGS, Ecology Club, Peer Leadership, Literary Magazine Staff... Some of the seniors were: Joseph Bajkowski, Felipe Burgos, James Caldwell, Glenn Fallon Jr., Bonnie Furia, Joseph Garguilo, Kevin Izvorski, Walter Kazer, Jonasz Knapik, Philip Kurtz Jr., Holly Maisto, Nicole Margl, Albert Martins, Keith Matthews, Daniel Mercado, Mary O'Connell, Frank Rausch, Brian Sabo, Jennifer Stahl, Marcin Wira, Eddie Zarzeczny, Carlos Rodriguez, Javier Gonzalez, Robert Maher, Richard Sweatt, Neill Yankovich, Gary Magnifico, Mario Athineos, Michael Picarello, Michael Hoeman, Mary Anne Smith, Joann Zajac. On the sports scene, Coach Rich Klein's girls' soccer team was outstanding, finishing with a 13-3 mark, with 2 losses coming from St. Mary's. Tri-captains were Jessica Hulsart, Hanna Glomska and Amy Felice... Linda Lewis coached the girls' basketball team...Nicole Margl was the senior captain of the cheerleaders... The Group I school had many talented athletes including Kristina Babbino, John Brus Jr., Brian Casanova, Robert Connors, Christopher Dingman, Annette Evanski, Amy Felice, Mark Finnegan, Hanna Glomska, Eric Gromadzki, Jessica Hulsart, Regina Kuczbanski, Julianna Lambert, Christopher Manion, Alexis Pesci, Michelle Petras, John Rowley III, Teddy Schmidt, Christopher Smith, Meghan Spangenberg, Jaclyn Tomaszewski, Fred Torino, Ryan Villig, Stephanie Ziemba... On Graduation Day 1997, the song MMMBop by Hanson ruled the airwaves. The South Amboy Class of '97 was a very interesting and talented group of young adults.





## 25th Anniversary

On May 21, 2022, Tom & Deb Richter celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary, along with their children Michael (Stacey), Nikki (Kyle), Jesse (Brandi), & their 8 grandchildren Gabriella, Dakota, Michael, Kane, Kylee, Ian, Harper & Dallas with their 9th due in July!

Tom worked for International Paper in Spotswood for 19 years before retiring last July!

Deb worked as a lunch lady for South Amboy Elementary school for 13 years & the city of South Amboy as a school crossing guard before retiring!

Together they were involved in Scouting for many years, both as leaders for pack 391 then, Tom as Scout Master & Deb as Cub Master for Troop & Pack 91 both in South Amboy!

Formerly of South Amboy, Tom & Deb moved with their family to Kentucky last summer, where they are happily retired & enjoying the country life with their family! (Photo/info submitted)



## American Legion Fundraiser

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

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## 70th Birthday Celebration



St. Mary's HS Class of 1970 celebrated their collective 70th Birthday Saturday, June 11, 2022, at the Friendly Sons of Shillelagh in Belmar, NJ. Many attended and had a wonderful time reminiscing about the "good old days" and catching up on what we've all been up to since graduation. The many members of the class were joined by members of the classes of 67, 68, 69, and 71 in the celebration. (Photo courtesy of Ann Durski U'Halie)

## A Serendipitous Reunion

(Article/Photos Submitted)

The National Senior Olympics (21 sports, biennial, with qualifying state events in one year- Nationals the next), was held in the Greater Ft. Lauderdale area between May 10th to May 23rd this past month. Local resident Frank Norek again represented NJ in multiple swim events, and added the Power Walk track event to become a multi-sport

participant.

But Frank wasn't the only South Amboy born athlete in the house. Frank's bride Laura gets a phone call soon after their arrival, with someone teasing her to look behind the palm tree she was at. No one was there, but he happened to be 2 miles down at the same Ft Lauderdale beachfront- Mark Norek's family were within walking distance!

Mark was representing Colorado as a triathlete, and each of them were unaware the other was there competing. The day of Mark's race in Biscayne Bay, the Norek clan got together for a quick happy reunion, sharing fond stories of South Amboy past. Mark kidded about how well he fared, but his placement didn't matter, as he was having the time of his life, with much of his clan making it to Florida also.

Frank finished on the podium three times (top eight make the podium)- bronze medal in the medley relay, fourth in the free relay, eighth place in the 200 IM; and four other events in the top ten in the country.

In the past, Mark and Frank always talked about doing a running or triathlon race together, maybe in Colorado. Little did they know they would participate in the same National Senior Olympics- pretty good substitute. Good times!!

By the way, Mark was trying to meet up with a pal/classmate (St. Mary's '69) the next day- Jim McCloud was there for basketball. Mark didn't know how Jim fared, but said Jim didn't care, he just loved still playing ball!



Reunion-Cousins Frank Norek (r) and Mark Norek, both originally from South Amboy were reunited, as they competed at the National Senior Olympics.



Mark Norek takes a break during the Olympics.



South Amboy native Frank Norek proudly shows the bronze medal he won while competing in the National Senior Olympics at Florida recently.

## 40th Diocesan Anniversary Trip to Washington D.C. Basilica

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a parish bus trip for the 40th Diocesan Anniversary to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington D.C on Saturday, September 24, 2022. The cost of the trip is \$70.00 which includes light breakfast items, a bagged lunch

which includes a sandwich (there will be three choices) water and a snack. Also included is bus transportation and bus driver gratuity. The bus will leave promptly at 7AM and return about 10PM. For further questions or to book this trip, please call Teri Yetsko at 732-742-1320.



South Amboy Fire Department Memorial



On May 22nd members of the South Amboy Fire Dept. gathered at several local cemeteries and raised the memorial flag and placed it at half staff, and also placed flags on graves of deceased members. Firefighters and First Aiders then proceeded to South Amboy City Hall placing wreaths at the firefighter monument, where names of the recently departed members were read off and the Firemen's Prayer was recited. The Fire Department then went to South Amboy First Aid Squad building to pay respects to SAFA departed members in front of the Squad's monument, where a wreath was placed. (Photos/info submitted)



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**Pictured at the Grand Opening of Las Delicias TexMex & Grill located at 109 N. Broadway, South Amboy are Mayor Fred Henry (l), Owners Adolfo Campos & his wife Celia Memeses (far right) and their good friend Paty Perez who is cutting the ribbon,**

**← (l-r) Mayor Henry, building owners & former owners of Albern's Seafood Ann & Al Sorentino and Adolfo and Celia.**



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## Ferry Terminal Groundbreaking

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The terminal planned for South Amboy is intended to support direct water ferry service for passengers into New York City. The State has cumulatively appropriated approximately \$18 million for dredging and waterside construction including bulkheads, pilings, the floating dock, and more.

“The completion of this facility is the keystone to all that we have built or will build on the waterfront,” said South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry. “It will result in an unprecedented level of transportation alternatives and open up another large segment of our waterfront for public access and enjoyment.”

The city of South Amboy was awarded a \$5.3 million federal grant for the project, distributed through the U.S. Department of Transportation’s Passenger Ferry Grant program. Part of a larger vision to create an intermodal transit village, the ferry service will combine strategically with the local train to improve city and regional mobility.

“I’m proud to join state and local leaders in South Amboy today to mark this important moment in the ferry terminal project,” said Congressman Frank Pallone. “The South Amboy ferry will give residents a new way to commute between Central Jersey and New York City and reduce traffic congestion. The new facility will also bolster economic opportunities in the city and surrounding area. I’m glad the federal funding I helped secure for the project will be put to work soon, and I want to thank everyone who joined us today for their dedication and support of this important project.”

The press conference followed several months of progress in city efforts to secure funds, receive appropriate development permits from the Department of Environmental Protection and U.S Army Corps of Engineers, and begin procurement of contracting bids and solicitation of requests for proposals.

“The ferry service is the lynchpin to the ongoing renaissance taking place in South Amboy, as investors are investing millions of dollars to reshape the waterfront,” said

Senator Joe Vitale (D-Middlesex). “We are consistently learning of new opportunities being created in South Amboy, as developers share their vision for the city’s consideration. It is an exciting time to be part of this community, as we work with local officials to carefully navigate the best path forward for South Amboy. This grant is evidence that federal officials also see the enormous opportunity to create what will certainly become one of the top transit villages in the state. None of this could be achieved without vision and planning for the ferry and I applaud South Amboy for this landmark achievement.”

“South Amboy’s future Ferry service will cement the city’s role as one of Middlesex County’s most important transportation hubs,” said Assemblywoman Yvonne Lopez (D-Middlesex). “Offering direct service to New York City for commuters and visitors alike, the ferry will not only provide an efficient commuting option but will also provide a substantial boost to South Amboy’s local economy. Projects like these have generational impacts and I am proud of South Amboy’s diligence and tenacity towards ensuring this project’s beginning and ultimate completion.”

Altogether, the \$22.3 million will fund every aspect of the project except for the ferry terminal building. An expanded waterfront plaza and walkway are all part of funded project plans.

“A project of this magnitude and impact does not come together overnight; it is the result of hard work, planning, and dedication,” said Middlesex County Commissioner Director Ronald G. Rios. “Today’s groundbreaking is the culmination of years of effort on the part of South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry and the City Council. Of course, this project would not be possible without the critical funding secured by the 19th District Legislative team of Speaker Coughlin, Senator Vitale, and Assemblywoman Lopez.”



NJ Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin (5th from right) along with other city, county and state leaders and dignitaries pictured at the groundbreaking for the South Amboy Ferry Terminal. (Photo Submitted)



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Sayreville Library Events

**Seasonal Salads with Vanessa (Virtual)**  
Thursday, Jun. 30, 6PM. Come join Vanessa, chef and founder of Thirsty Radish, for another fun cooking demonstration. This time, learn about how to make hearty homemade dinner salads, complete with homemade dressings. This is a Virtual Session. Registration is required to get the zoom link/ Register online or call 732-727-0212 Ext 112

**Macrame' Wall Art with Komal (Virtual)**  
Thursday, Jul. 7, 6PM. Join Komal for another fun art session This month: Learn how to make Macrame' wall art. This is a virtual session. Registration is required to get the zoom link. Register online or call 732-727-0212 Ext 112

**Tuesday Movie Matinee**  
Tuesday, Jul. 26, 1PM. Join us for our monthly movie matinee. This month: Nightmare Alley, a noir thriller starring Bradley Cooper and Cate Blanchett Rated-R 150 minutes

**Trivia Night with Dan (In-Person)**  
Monday, Jul. 25, 6:30PM. Think you are good at trivia? Want to try and win some prizes? Then join us for the evening for trivia. Sayreville Library's own Dan Vetrano, adult librarian and long time trivia enthusiast, will be your host for the evening. Prizes will be offered to the winners. Bring your thinking cap and good luck. You can play solo or with a team. Please no more than 4 to a team. Register online or call 732-727-0212 Ext 112.

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## 50th High School Reunion



Saint Mary's High School Class of 1972 at their 50th Anniversary Reunion (Photo by Steve Schmid)

## Class of 1972 Reunites For Their 50th Reunion

By Steve Schmid

On Saturday June 11,1972, a beautiful Sunday afternoon, St. Mary's High School Class of 1972 gathered to receive their high school diplomas. Now 50 years later on that exact same date of their graduation, classmates gathered on late Saturday afternoon at the South Amboy Elks to celebrate their 50th reunion. For many in attendance this reunion was the first time they reconnected with their fellow classmates since graduation day. Attendees traveled from Washington State, Oregon, California, Florida, the Carolinas, Pennsylvania, and New York State, joining classmates who still live in South Amboy and throughout New Jersey. Their classmate, the late John Carroll, made the initial plans for the event. Christine Norman Gendlek stepped in to carry out the details and to reach out to classmates with information on the special event. Those at the reunion couldn't believe 50 years passed by since their graduation, and now they are eagerly anticipating another class gathering- perhaps when the Class of 1972 turns 72.

## Dowdell Library News

### Oceans of Possibilities

Readers of all ages will dive into the ocean depths this summer as The Dowdell Library presents "Oceans of Possibilities. There are activities for everyone!

Adult programs will be held weekly on Wednesdays at 10:30 am and Thursdays at 6:30 pm. Programs include scrapbooking, making glass stem charms, and 3D pens. Tween and teen programs are every Tuesday at 1:00 pm and involve making a reading journal and sea serpent eyes. Children's programs are on Mondays & Wednesdays; times vary. Activities include Storytime, mermaid magnets, starfish crafts, and more! Visit Dowdell.org for information about all of these and other fun summer programs or stop in and pick up your summer calendar!

Registration is now open for the free Introduction to Watercolor Painting class. Local artist and illustrator Cella Mahoney will teach a hands-on class where patrons will learn the basics of watercolor painting. The July class will be held on the 11th, 18th, & 25th from 10:30 am - 12:30 pm. The August class will be held on Monday the 15th, 22nd, and 29th from 6:15 – 8:15 pm. Preference will be given to South Amboy residents. To register, you must be able to attend all three sessions. Call the Library at 732-721-6060 for more information and to register.

If you want to learn more about watercolor painting or our guest artist Cella Mahoney, visit the Library on August 16 from 12:30 – 2:30 pm for the Artist-at-Work program! Cella will be set up inside the front of the library painting. You will have the opportunity to visit and ask her questions while watching her work come to life in real-time! To view Cella's work or learn more about her passion, visit <https://cellabellaiillustration.com> or follow her on Instagram at @cellabella\_illustration.

The Senior Book Club will meet on Tuesday, July 26, at 10:30 am. July's book is The Great Gatsby by Scott Fitzgerald. Looking ahead to August's book is Malibu Rising by Taylor Jenkins Reid. Contact the Library for more information.

The Food Explorers Club is a new summer program for ages 5-14. Children

will explore the art of cooking while making fun & easy recipes. Join us Friday, July 15 at 1:00 pm and make an English Muffin Pizza. Patrons must register in advance by calling 732-721-6060.

Test your knowledge about all things ocean at Trivia Night (ages 18+) on Thursday, July 28 at 6:00 pm. You can also guess the name of the fish swimming on the Circulation Desk starting July 1 through August 24. Win prizes for both!

Dowdell Library is excited to share online virtual health programs in collaboration with Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital and RWJ Barnabas Health. Some courses offered in July include Stress Reduction through Imagery and Stretch It! Chair exercising, stretching, and flexibility workshop. If you are interested in these online events, please register by emailing Kathleen Johnson [kathleen.johnson@rwjbh.org](mailto:kathleen.johnson@rwjbh.org).

The Library will be closed Monday, July 4. We hope everyone has a safe and fun Holiday!

Looking ahead: Join us for What's It Worth? Antique Roadshow with Mike Ivankovich August 4 at 6:30. Then, don't miss the Outdoor Music concert featuring New Jersey's Premier Rock Band, The Paul Nagy Project. Tuesday, August 9, 6:30 - 8:30 pm. Rain date on August 23. Bring your beach chairs and enjoy the summer air and good music!

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

Comments, queries, compliments? Please visit [www.dowdell.org](http://www.dowdell.org), or contact the Library at 732-721-6060 or [comments@dowdell.org](mailto:comments@dowdell.org). The library is located off John O'Leary Blvd, adjacent to South Amboy Middle High School. The Dowdell Library hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 10am to 8pm; and Wednesday and Friday from 10am to 5pm.

We would love to hear from you!

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## The Smoke Column

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

This month in fire history we reflect on one of the most disastrous passenger ship fires in our country's history aboard the Passenger Ship (PS) General Slocum, a sidewheel steamboat, built in Brooklyn, New York in 1891. This ship had a history of mishaps from its beginning which included multiple groundings and collisions. The steamboat was named for Civil War General Henry Warner Slocum. The ship operated in the harbors of New York as an excursion steamer throughout its short life. This was anything but a small ship because in 1894, while returning from an excursion, it ran aground on a sandbar with 4700 passengers on board. The groundings and collisions were minor in comparison to the disaster that occurred aboard the ship on Wednesday, June 15th, 1904. On this date, the St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church located in Manhattan, had chartered the PS General Slocum for a price of \$350.00. The ship was to take the passengers up the East River and then eastward across the Long Island Sound to Locust Grove which was a picnic site on Long Island. The excursion was an annual rite for the German church group, having done this trip for seventeen consecutive years. There were 1400 passengers on board at the time, mostly women and children. The ship had gotten underway at approximately 9:30am from the Third Street pier. As it passed East 90th Street, a fire started in a forward cabin, the third compartment aft of the bow of the ship and just under the main deck. The cause of the fire was most likely due to a discarded cigarette or match. The fire intensified quickly due to the accumulation of straw, oily rags, and lamp oil located around the room, a disaster waiting to happen. The fire was first noticed at 10:00am with eyewitnesses reporting fire in various locations? Could this fire have been intentionally set? Passengers were aware of the fire below decks. When the ship's Captain Van Schaick was made aware of the fire, he ordered the ship to proceed full speed ahead and to beach the ship on North Brother Island. The crew attempted

to suppress the fire but to no avail due to the "cheap unlined linen" hose that was rotten and burst when filled with water. The crew had never practiced firefighting drills in the past. The Captain sailed into the headwinds which only fanned and intensified the fire. He then ordered the ship to stay on course and not run the ship aground at that time. These actions had a direct result on the lives lost. Within ten minutes of the ship finally being beached, the fire engulfed the entire vessel which was only twenty minutes after the fire was first reported. When the ship beached, the bow section rested in shallow waters but the aft section was in very deep water. The heavy fire caused the starboard section hurricane deck to collapse causing the deaths of up to five hundred passengers. An estimated 400-600 people drowned as they jumped from the aft section into the deep water. Those that jumped from the bow section landed in shallow water and most survived. The final death toll of this incident was 950 people and another 175 injured. The General Slocum was salvaged and converted into a 625-gross barge and renamed Maryland. Unfortunately, this vessel continued to be cursed as it sank in 1909, refloated and then again sank in the Atlantic Ocean off the New Jersey coast near Sea Isle City on December 4th, 1911, during a storm while carrying a cargo of coal.

This is the 100th "Smoke Column" written for The SA TIMES. When writing my first article, there was a doubt in my mind of what type of material or information that I needed to provide my readers. After the first few articles it became easier and easier to gather the information and facts for each article and make them interesting and informative to you. Encouragement from my fellow staff writers helped immensely. My goal, in writing these articles, is to keep our firefighters safe in everything they do and to return home after every fire. I also want to keep the community informed on how to prevent fires but what to do if one does occur. Looking forward to the next 100 "Smoke Columns".

## SAAA NEEDS YOUR HELP!

The South Amboy Arts Alliance and The City of South Amboy is beginning to plan for Artsfest 2022 Sunday, September 11th (Rain date September 18)

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## Vets Attend Groundbreaking



At the recent groundbreaking for the Veterans Plaza in South Amboy all who served our country were called up for this photo. We are hoping to bring them all back for the Veterans Day memorial in November. (Photo by Brian Stratton)

## St. Stan's School

Photos/Info Submitted



St. Stanislaus Kostka School's Class of 2022 gather for a group picture. Also pictured are Rev. Kenneth Murphy, pastor, Mrs. Irene Foret (left), eighth grade teacher, and Mrs. Lori Hodder (right), principal.



Second grade students participate in the bucket and sponge race during their annual Field Day.



Seventh grade student, Sofia Pedroso, wins first place in St. Stan's Middle School Science Fair.



Students in grades one through seven perform in St. Stan's School Annual End of Year Instrumental Performance.



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## LETTERS

Hi Tom,  
That gadget in the pic is an oil spout. When quart oil cans didn't have openings, this spout allowed you to create your own by pushing it down into the top or bottom and pour. I worked at Chicken Delight in the late sixties part-time to pay for college commute. George was the boss, and he ran a good shop while doing all the cooking and cleaning inside. He hired several workers like me to deliver chicken, pizza, soda, etc. with a fleet of white Dodge Darts that had big, colorful plastic chickens on the roof that were illuminated!  
John Arden, Daytona Beach, FL



Dear Editor,  
In the late seventies, my fiance Patti, and I used to dine at HoJo's occasionally. One evening while dining there, Patti and I noticed someone in a booth across the aisle that looked like Bucky Dent, but we both agreed, nah, this guy's too big. Bucky is a short guy who scrambles around fast. Well, we asked the waitress, and sure enough, it was Bucky! He just looked a lot smaller on TV.  
Dan Tengelics



Hi Mary Lou  
It's been a long, long time since our St. Mary's days. Yes, I remember you. I am sure like me you often think of those days and the friends we had and wonder how it all turned out for them. Your letter to the editor last month re my articles about growing up in the Pleasant Little City made me smile, thank you!  
Back in our high school days very few knew that I was more than a basketball player. I was also a musician; I played the accordion. When I retired I got myself a top-of-the-line keyboard and began playing and singing at parties on LBI where Iris and I retired to. Then here at Sea Oaks, a senior community in Little Egg Harbor.  
To keep me "busy" I have a small music room where I record my music. I also have a YouTube account with over 100 of my songs both instrumentals and vocals primarily from our ERA. There are about 200 worldwide subscribers and almost 12,000 hits. If you want to take a stroll back to "our time and music" here is how to do it: Via the Internet: www.youtube.com/philliik/userClick on John Flip Phillips YouTube...once you have access to my account: Click on Videos.....then scroll to the song with images and pictures related to the song you'd like to listen to, including the original Make-Believe Ballroom theme.  
John "Flip" Phillips





Can you identify the two men on the left? The bar is currently known as Bello's. Send your answers to satimes@aol.com by July 18th.

### Who is it?

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton

Last month the two men in the photo were Gary U.S. Bonds (1) and SouthSide Johnny Lyon. The following knew who they were: Winners-Charles Borzellierim (1 pt), Pete McIntyre (2 pts), Mary A. Snover (2 pts), Bruce Grankowski (2 pts), Laurie Loftus (2 pts).



Gary U.S. Bonds (l) and SouthSide Johnny Lyon

## The Vintage Car Contest

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton



Look familiar? We are looking for the Make, Model and Year. Send your answer to satimes@aol.com by July 18th.

Last month the correct answer was a French, Ginny Severino, Thomas Harrigan, Bruce Grankowski, Ken Sumski, Betty Leveille, Laurie & Gary Loftus, Mike Walter, Stephen Laskiewicz, Pat Scully, Mark Moniello, Steve Villig, Gary Feret, Edna Mazur Pilch.

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### Flag Retirement Service

(Photos by Tom Burkard)  
June 14, 2022



Members of American Legion Luke A. Lovely Post & Unit 62, South Amboy are pictured near the huge pile of worn and damaged American flags prior to the Retirement Service.



Members and leaders of the local Scouts participated in the Flag Retirement Service.



This large flag is getting placed on the pile with many others prior to the service.



Worn and damaged American flags are retired during the ceremony at the South Amboy Beach.

### Community Service Project



The National Junior Honor Society gardeners of SAMHS planted flowers donated by Dieker's Farm for its 6th Annual Flowers Day Community Service Project. The NJHS practice strengthening relationships with their school community, supporting small businesses, elevating the school's commitment to the values of scholarship, service, leadership, character, and citizenship. (Photo/info submitted)

### Enterprise Fire Company Truck 8

First Annual Food Truck Festival  
June 18, 2022  
(Photos by Brian Stratton)



Members of Enterprise Fire Co. pose in front of Truck 8. They did an outstanding job on their first ever Food Truck Festival!



Cousins Maine Lobster was one of many Food Trucks that provided a variety of food that was enjoyed by all.



The band "She Said No" rocked the festival with songs from Led Zeppelin, Kiss, Twisted Sister and More..



Part of the huge crowd at the festival.



Ron Randazo was one of the volunteers that braved The dunk tank.



Games and Crafts for the kids!



Local Wildlife

(Photos by Tom Burkard)



A young goose gosling having a snack at a local park.



This beautiful blue butterfly was spotted in the area recently. Extremely rare in New Jersey, it looks almost identical to a Blue Morpho, but they are mainly found in South America and Brazil. Can anyone identify this butterfly?

South Amboy Memorial Day Services

May 29, 2022

(Photos by Tom Burkard)



Mayor Fred Henry tosses Memorial Day wreath into the Raritan Bay to remember and honor military men and women who died while serving in the armed forces.



Veteran Bob Moglia (l) and Commander Bob "Zak" Sekerak (r) of American Legion Luke A. Lovely Post & Unit 62 of South Amboy are pictured prior to placing the beautiful Memorial Day wreath near the Veterans statue in front of South Amboy City Hall.



Mayor Fred Henry (c) addresses the crowd in front of City Hall, as veterans Bob Moglia (l) and Commander Bob "Zak" Sekerak (r) of American Legion Luke A. Lovely Post & Unit 62 look on.



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## Sayreville Memorial Day Parade

May 30, 2022  
(Photos by Tom Burkard)



Grand Marshal Stanley Przybylowski, who represented VFW Post #4699, rides in style.



The Sayreville Fire Dept. looked sharp as they marched down Washington Rd.



Cub Scout Pack 796 of Sayreville had a great time marching through town.



Perfect sounds and songs could be heard from the Sayreville War Memorial HS Marching Band.



Check this beautiful GTO out...and the passenger flashes the peace sign for all to see...



The horses are always an eye-catcher at the parade.

## Cousin Brucie Live At PNC Arts Center

June 9, 2020  
Photos By Tom Burkard



The great Tommy James & The Shondells were the closing act and put on an outstanding show.



Cousin Brucie (l) talks with Curtis Sliwa, founder of the world renowned Guardian Angels of New York City. Sliwa was recently a mayoral candidate in the City.



The great Little Anthony waves to the crowd after finishing his legendary hit "Goin' Out Of My Head."



The 1910 Fruitgum Co. played their biggest hit "Simon Says," along with guest performer Cousin Brucie (2nd from right) on the tambourine.

## Parade Day At The Brick House

(Photos by Tom Burkard)



Corrie Penland was the surprise bartender at the Brick House in Sayreville for the Memorial Day Parade.



Mary Ann Spisso, owner of the Brick House in Sayreville, shows some of the tasty food, coffee and tea that she gave out at her complimentary breakfast, for her regular patrons who attended the Memorial Day Parade.





# Tommy James, Little Anthony, Star At PNC Center

By Tom Burkard

On June 9th, The Garden State Arts Foundation presented a fantastic show with Cousin Brucie Live starring Tommy James & The Shondells, Little Anthony, and also The 1910 Fruitgum Company.

The great night of entertainment got underway with Vinnie Medugno, a highly-talented singer, who was discovered by Cousin Brucie, and the crowd really appreciated his fine performance. His most amazing song was “Cara Mia” which he dedicated to the late Jay Black, leader of Jay & The Americans, who was known for his powerful-operatic voice, especially holding a really long note on this song. Vinnie made his friends and family from Staten Island, NY proud, and held the same note for almost as long as Black did many times throughout his career. Medugno has a really bright future in the music business.

The second act of the evening was a late 1960’s group, The 1910 Fruitgum Co., remember them? The Bubblegum group from N.J. had 5 Top 40 hits, with “Simon Says” going to #4 in Feb. ‘68, and 6 months later, “1,2,3, Red Light” shot to #5. This group still featured most of their original members, and also added a couple of younger musicians to the mix. In addition, Cousin Brucie played tambourine on their biggest hit, “Simon Says.”

Little Anthony then stepped to the center

## Acoustic Friday July 22

The South Amboy Arts Alliance will welcome Crown Acoustic and John Siehl to its Acoustic Friday program on July 22, 2022.

Crown Acoustic is a Princeton-based duo or trio in the Americana tradition. The group includes lead singer and rhythm guitar player Paul Bejgrowicz, lead guitarist and backing vocalist Barry Schoendorf. Cecilia Hetzer provides additional vocals when Crown Acoustic appears as a trio.

John Siehl is a skilled guitarist, mandolin player, and vocalist. He’s been performing in local venues since the mid-1970s. John’s sets include music in the Americana, folk, country

stage, and brought back many memories for the audience with his renditions of 7 Top 40 hits that he had during his career with Little Anthony & The Imperials. The Imperials were no longer with Anthony, as he now has embarked on a solo career at 81 years old. His young backup group for the evening, and fine orchestra featuring a horn section were outstanding. His first big hit came in 1958, “Tears On My Pillow,” which reached #4 on the Top 40, and in ‘64, “Goin’ Out Of My Head” peaked at #6. Little Anthony was inducted into the Rock ‘N’ Roll Hall of Fame in 2009.

Tommy James & The Shondells were the closing act, and rightly so, as they put on an incredible show. Tommy, who just turned 75 years old in April, is still a tremendous rock and roller, and his current musicians in the Shondells are all top-of-the-line, ultimate professionals/ entertainers. In his career, Tommy James has charted an amazing 17 Top 40 hits, with the biggest being “Hanky Panky” hitting #1 in 1966, “Crimson And Clover” also topped the list in ‘68, and a #2 song in ‘69 was “Crystal Blue Persuasion. The always popular song, “Mony Mony,” a #3 hit in ‘68, is still popular and played today at many events. Tommy James is a wonderful guy to meet in person, very religious, and at the end of each show, says “Jesus is coming.”

and rock traditions. A diverse musician, he also performs what he describes as “a small arsenal of original tunes.”

SA Arts is at 141 N. Broadway, South Amboy, N.J. Doors open at 6:30 pm, and the show runs from 7 to 9 pm. Admission is \$5.00, and light refreshments will be available.

The Alliance seeks interested acoustic-oriented performers of any genre for future shows. For additional information, contact SA Arts at 732-727-4600, extension 5971, or by email at SAarts141@gmail.com. Watch for updates on the South Amboy Arts Alliance Facebook page.

# From The Band Archives



The talented and popular “Kindred,” pictured in 1994 are front row (l-r) Tom Knable and Ray Ruiz. Back (l-r) Joe Bartlinski, Bob Albert, Charlie Moschitta.

## Rumbles from the Rock n Roll Reunion

By Clem Skarzynski

Hey, hey, Summer Season is kicking off on July 2nd with some real good “Live” Rock ‘n’ Roll Music. The City of South Amboy will host its Annual Independence Day Celebration at The Raritan Bay Waterfront Park on Saturday July 2nd, with festivities to begin around 4 pm in the park. Through the efforts of Mayor Fred Henry, Council President Mickey Gross, Business Administrator Glenn Skarzynski, and Jay Elliot, Rock ‘n’ Roll music will be on tap with 2, yes 2 local bands. Around 5 pm or so, Sayreville’s own, “Clem and Friends” will be onstage with 2 hours of “Classic Rock” from the 50’s thru the 80’s, with a touch of the “Do-Wops” from the 50’s too! Consisting of the “best of the best” of Classic Rocker Musicians, Fran Fee on guitar and vocals, brother Tim Fee on the drum kit, Scott Lee Bishop on keys and vocals, Matt D’esposito on the bass, Jim Heuer guitar and vocals, Mr. Craig Hoek, the Master of the Tenor Sax, and yours truly, still trying to play that guitar and sing. I’ll get it yet!

With expert Soundman from “Basement Audio,” Emerson Jones, along with wife Amy, doing the sound and providing music throughout the night. “Carson Drive” will take over the stage around 7:30 or so, to continue to rock the crowd, with pop hits from the 80’s with Mark Lesniak on keys, guitar, and bass, and added vocals, Rick Hanley on the drums, Jerry Daley on the guitar and bass and vocals, Tony Virelli doing his vocals and bass work, and rounding out the awesome lineup is Helen Radtke, with her backup vocal work, acoustic guitar and fiddle duties. Formed in 2019, they’ve been busy with charity events for veterans, local bars and festivals, and have a wide range of styles of music. They’ll close out the show around 9:15, to make way for the awesome Fireworks Display. So, mark that calendar... Saturday July 2nd..with a rain date of Sunday, Jul3rd—Food, Fireworks, Friends Fun, and endless Rock ‘N’ roll music! Hoping to see all our friends and followers there. Till Then...Rock on!

## Free Summer Concerts Return

By Steve Schmid

For all of you who enjoy free live concerts under the stars, the Middlesex County Commissioners have some good news. The Music In The Park Series will return to Raritan Bay Waterfront Park for Wednesday night concerts. The shows will run from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. and begin July .6 with Danny V’s 52nd Street Band- A Tribute to Billy Joel. The July 13 performance features Zydeco-A-Go-Go with New Orleans style Rhythm and Blues. On July 20, Sounds of the Street will perform, Golden Oldies at its Best. The July 27 performance of Scarborough Fair, is -A Tribute to Simon

& Garfunkel. The August 3 show of Ring of Fire,- A Tribute to the Man in Black Johnny Cash. August 10 features Parkway Soul -A Variety of Motown Classics. On August 17 Underwater Airlines will hit the stage as a Classic Rockin’ Band. The final show of the season will be August 24 when The Perry Brothers perform Irish favorites and more. Just bring hour lawn to enjoy the shows. In case of rain, the concerts will be canceled and rescheduled based on band availability. The concerts will not be held indoors as done in previous years.

## #1 Pop Hits-June 25

- 2017-Despacito-Luis Fonsi/Daddy Yankee
- 2007-Umbrella-Rihanna
- 1999-If You Had My Love-Jennifer Lopez
- 1986-On My Own -Patti LaBelle/Michael McDonald
- 1977-Got To Give It Up-Marvin Gaye
- 1969-Love Theme From Romeo & Juliet -Henry Mancini
- 1959-The Battle of New Orleans -Johnny Horton

## #1 Country Hits June 25

- 2013-Cruise-Florida-Georgia Line
- 2001-I’m Already There-Lonestar
- 1994-Wink-Neal McCoy
- 1983-Fool For Your Love-Mickey Gilley
- 1979-Amanda-Waylon Jennings
- 1966-Take Good Care Of Her-Sonny James

## One Hit Wonders

1980-Romeo’s Tune-Steve Forbert; Pilot Of The Airwaves-Charlie Dore; Funkytown-Lipps, Inc.; Cars-Gary Numan; Tired Of Toein’ The Line-Rocky Burnette; Into The

Night-Benny Mardones; One In A Million You-Larry Graham; Lookin’ For Love-Johnny Lee; Whip It-Devo; Without Your Love-Roger Daltrey.

## Hoffman H.S. Class of ‘72 50th Class Reunion

(Article submitted)

Planning our 50th Reunion and trying to find classmates. Let anyone know who graduated with us, the more the merrier. When: Sunday October 2, 2022 Where: Camillo’s Restaurant 31 MacArthur Ave. Sayreville. Cost: \$45 per person. Payment is needed by July 31, 2022. Please call Nancy

Pavich 609-488-1475, and Patty Januszewski 732-721-2573. A great time is planned with appetizers, pasta, entrée, desserts and coffee, tea or soda included. Cash bar will be available. Let’s celebrate these 50 years since graduation together! Love to see you all!

## Original Bon Jovi Bassist Passes Away

By Steve Schmid

Members of the Jon Bon Jovi band are mourning the recent death of original bass guitarist Alec John Such, formerly of Perth Amboy. The band announced he died at the age of 70. He joined the Bon Jovi band as a founding member in 1983. Bon Jovi wrote the band is heartbroken over the passing of Alec John Such, who was integral to the formation of the group. Bon Jovi said he was a childhood friend of Tico Torres and brought in Richie Sambora to see the band perform. Such was joined in the new band by drummer Tico Torres and guitarist Richie Sambora, who had played with Such in other bands. Such played on Bon Jovi’s first 5 albums, Bon Jovi, 7800 degrees Fahrenheit, Slippery When Wet, New Jersey, and Keep The Faith. He was let go in 1995 before the sixth album,

These Days, was released. After he left Bon Jovi, he opened a motorcycle shop in New York. He briefly returned to the band in 2001 when he joined Bon Jovi onstage at Giants Stadium, playing bass on Wanted Dead Or Alive. In 2018 all 5 members of the original band, including guitarist Richie Sambora, who left the group in 2013, returned onstage for the Bon Jovi Rock And Roll Hall Of Fame induction ceremony. They performed Livin’ On A Prayer, You Give Love A Bad name, It’s My Life, and When We Were Us. At the ceremony, Such said he realized Jon Bon Jovi had a vision of what the band should be, and he was happy to be part of that vision. He added these guys are the best and they had many great times together.



By Tom Burkard

### Hot/Cool

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2.Three Cool Cats

3.Hot Stuff

4.Long Cool Woman In A Black Dress

5.Hot Legs

6.Cool Night

7.Hot N Cold

8.Cool As Ice

9.Hot Child In The City

10.When You’re Hot You’re Hot



Answers

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



# Bench Dedicated In Memory Of Bob Masterson



On Saturday June 4th The Col. D. B. Kelly Pipes and Drum Band of South Amboy dedicated a bench to Pipe Member Bob Masterson. His wife Gloria (seated) is accompanied by members of The Ancient Order of Hibernians, Col. D. B. Kelly Division Middlesex 1 to which Bob was a long time member. (Photos/Info Submitted)

# OLV Seniors Trip to Pigeon Forge

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip entitled Elegance of the Gilded Age in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee from September 10 -16 2023. The cost of the trip is \$1275.00. The price includes 4 nights stay in Pigeon Forge plus two in-route stays. There are 6 breakfasts, 2 lunches – one at Stable Café at the Biltmore and one on the train ride. There are three dinners including the Applewood Restaurant, the Titanic Secret dining Room and the Dolly Parton Stampede Feast. Also included is the Great Smoky Mountain Railroad ride, visit to the Biltmore Estate and Gardens, Troubadour Tour of the Smoky Mountains, Moonshine Distillery Tour and tasting, Titanic Museum and Gatlinburg free time. Luggage, taxes and meal gratuities and bus driver gratuity included. For further information or to reserve a space, please contact Teri at 732-727-7639.

# Thanksgiving In July Dinner Fundraiser

South Amboy Elks is hosting a Thanksgiving in July Dinner. The date is Thursday July 28th, 5:30-7pm. Tickets are \$18.00 in advance and \$20.00 at the door. Children under 8 yrs. are \$6. Dinner includes fresh roasted turkey breast, from scratch sausage stuffing, freshly mashed potatoes, homemade gravy, vegetables, cranberry sauce, and desert. This one sells out fast! For ticket information please call 732-727-7170. Leave your name and phone number, and state that you would like information or tickets for the turkey dinner.

South Amboy Elks is located at 601 Washington Ave. South Amboy.

# Hoffman High School Multi-Year Reunion is Back!

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

The cost is \$65 per person, which includes a delicious buffet, beer and wine. Questions? Contact Helenmae Stader Bilder (hbilder1@gmail.com) or stop one of our committee members, Edward Szatkowski, Kathy Koerner O'Leary, or Grace Hoffman Spencer. Please send your check payable to either Bill Croddick, 130 So. Stevens Ave, So. Amboy or Jill Pappa Heckmann, 364 Conover St. So. Amboy. The deadline to purchase tickets is Sept. 15th, so don't miss out on a chance to see old friends and make new ones!

# How To Achieve Success

By Al Gomolka Jr.  
Times Poet Laureate  
c. 1994

Begin with  
a dream  
Maintain a  
positive attitude  
Hard work, hard work,  
work hard  
Steadfast in the  
face of  
setback and adversity  
Make failures  
just steps  
towards the goal  
Realize and never  
forget that  
God is  
Part of your  
support team.

# WWW.?



Does this structure look familiar to you? It's located at either Sayreville or South Amboy. If you know, send your answer to: thesatimes@aol.com by July 18th. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

# WWW.?

By Brian Stratton

Last month we were looking for the business and location of the above building. We gave you the when it was 1968 and the hint was that it was a popular hobby. That place was Hurricane Raceway (located on the corner of Bayview and South Pine Ave and is the current home of B&G Auto Body) it was home to two great 1/24th scale slot car tracks. It was run by Mr. and Mrs.

J and their son Gary and was a great place to spend time for both young and old. Today these types of tracks are few and far between. Quite a few readers knew the location and current business there they earned one point those that got both received two points.:Michael & Irene Kilcomons (2 pts), Jesse Lopez (1 pt), Chuck Picard (1 pt), Marlene Letwenski (2 pts), Pete McIntyre (2

pts), Leon Credico (1 Pt), Dennis Quinlan (2 pts), Lynn Loy (2 pts), Joan Gorczyca (1 pt) Betty Leveille (2 pts), Mary Agnes Morris (1 pt.), Darryl Spiecker (2 pts), Stepher Laskiewicz (2 PTS), Pat Scully, (Pat Scully (2 pts), Steve Villig (2 pts), Gary Feret (2 prs), Laurie & Gary Loftus (2 pts).



Hurricane Raceway



This is a typical case that would hold your slot cars and other equipment. I still have mine.

# WWW Letter

\*"The building is the Hurricane Raceway. Does anyone remember the Love American Style hotrod parked there?"  
Darryl Spiecker

Darryl, is this the hotrod you saw there?



One of the more popular slot cars of the time the COX LaCucaracha.



Love American Style Hotrod



## 39th Law Enforcement Torch Run for the Special Olympics



On June 10, 2022 members of the Sayreville and South Amboy Police Departments ran in the 39th Law Enforcement Torch Run for the Special Olympics. The torch traveled up Rt. 35, starting in Seaside Park. Sayreville officers received the torch from Old Bridge officers at the Morgan Bridge. They continued up Rt. 35 then onto So. Pine Ave. where the torch was passed to South Amboy officers at Portia St. Both departments continued through the heart of the city, then reaching the top of the Victory Bridge, passing the torch to awaiting Perth Amboy officers. The annual Law Enforcement Torch Run is held to raise money and awareness of the Special Olympics with opening ceremonies on June 10th. ( Photo/Story by Jamie Norek)

## Joint Memorial Day Service



American Legion Lenape Post 211 and the Sayreville Veterans of Foreign Wars Post attended a joint Memorial Day service at the Messiah Lutheran Church on Bordentown Avenue in Parlin on Sunday, May 29th. (Photo/info by Rich Kosmoski)



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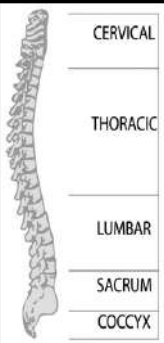
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*The Spinal Column*

By  
**Dr. John Misiewicz**

**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 on 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.

**Mets Trip July 23**

For all of you baseball fans, the South Amboy Knights of Columbus are running their annual trip to beautiful Citi Field to see the National League contending Mets host the San Diego Padres. Game time is 7:10 PM and the cost of \$150 includes round trip motor coach transportation, game tickets, refreshments, and \$24 of Mets Money that can be utilized anywhere in the ballpark. For reservations call Steve at 732-727-1707.

**OLV Seniors Meet and Greet**

The OLV Senior Group will hold two Meet and Greet sessions in Our Lady of Victories Church lower church. The dates for the Meet and Greets are Wednesday, July 6th and Wednesday, August 3rd from 10 AM to 12 noon. Anyone interested in joining our group is welcome to these meetings to learn more about our Senior Group. For further information please contact Teri at 732-727-7639.

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.) -L.E.

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# WHAT IS IT?????

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton



This month the what is it goes hand in hand with last month's answer. Send your answer to satimes@aol.com by July 18th.

## May What Is It? Oil Can Spout

Last month the correct answer was an oil can spout. The following got it right: Chuck Pickard, Patti Tengelics, Eszter Klemens, John Jarosz, Ms Lee Szatkowski, Michael & Irene Kilcomons, John Arden, Joe Tortora, David Krempecki, Prudence Zalewski, Kathie Brown, John Madura, Paul DuChemin, Pete McIntyre, Eleanore Westerholmm, Gary Winant, Jeff Fuller, Laura Onifer, Matt Fitzgerald, Dermot Scales, John & JoAnn French, Leon Credico, Don Baranowski, Thomas

Harrigan, Anne and Bruno Szatkowski, Andy Quinones, Lynn Loy, Bruce Grankowski, Ken Sumski, Betty Leveille, Laurie & Gary Loftus, Mike Walter, Stephen Laskiewicz, Pat Scully, Mark Moniello, Steve Villig, Gary Feret, Edna Mazur Pilch.

\*Last month we missed Chuck Pickard, and Stephen Laskiewicz who had the correct answer.



Oil Can Spout

# Where in NJ?

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton



Look familiar? This stadium hosted a Super Bowl! Send your answer to satimes@aol.com by July 18th. Good Luck.

Last month's here in NJ was the Ben Franklin Bridge. The following correctly identified it: Patti Tengelics, Michael & Irene Kilcomons, Eleanore Westerholm, Pete McIntyre, Dermot Scales, John & JoAnn French, Leon Credico, Eleanore

Westerholm, Thomas Harrigan, Anne and Bruno Szatkowski, Bruce Grankowski, Betty Leveille, Laurie & Gary Loftus, Pat Scully, Mark Moniello, Steve Villig, Gary Feret, Edna Mazur Pilch.



Ben Franklin Bridge



# What Exit?

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton

## May What Exit:

Last month the exit we were looking for was NJ Turnpike exit 4 (although exit 3 will also get you there) The following got it right: Winners-Michael & Irene Kilcomons, Pete McIntyre, Dermot Scales, John & JoAnn French, Eleanore Westerholm, Thomas Harrigan, Betty Leveille, Laurie & Gary Loftus, Pat Scully, Gary Feret.



# What Exit?

These NJ Turnpike exits will take you to the Where in NJ. We are looking for two answers, one point for each correct answer. Hint one is if heading North the other if heading South. Send your answers to satimes@aol.com by July 18th.

# Columbiettes Vendor and Music Fair



Members of Cellar Dwellers and Friends perform at the outdoor Vendor and Music Fair sponsored by the South Amboy Columbiettes and held in the parking lot of the South Amboy Knights of Columbus (Photo by Steve Schmid)

## A PRAYER FOR HEALING

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

# Congratulations!



Old Bridge Mayor Owen Henry (r) presents Msgr. Andrew L. Szaroleta with a proclamation on his 45th Anniversary of Ordination at a surprise celebration on Sunday, May 22nd. St. Bernadette Pastor James W. Hagerman announced his invitation to the party following the 11:30 a.m. Mass. Almost 200 people attended to show their gratitude and love for Msgr. Szaroleta, the Senior Priest at St. Bernadette. (Photo/story submitted)

# Food Drive

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 will hold a summer food drive Saturday July 9 from 9 am to 1 pm. Please bring non-perishable food to the K of C at 308 Fourth St. South Amboy. Food will go to the First Presbyterian Church of South Amboy food bank for distribution to families.



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## TO ST. JUDE

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

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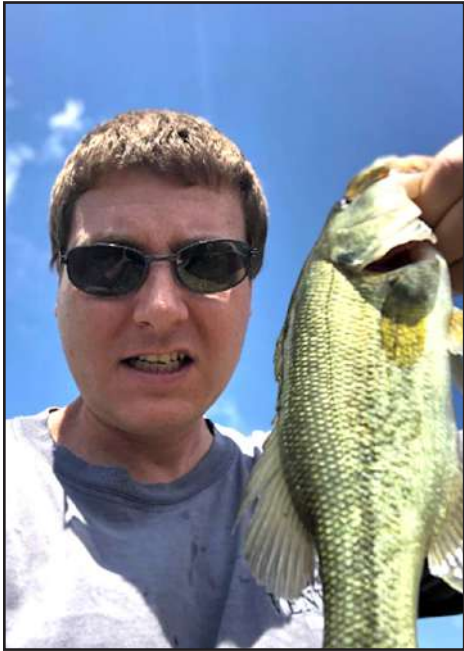
## Fishing Flashes

By Teo "Weebles" Weber

**Salt Water**  
Striped Bass fishing is starting to slow up in the Raritan Bay as the water is warming up. I saw the first Bluefish caught at Cliffwood Beach. I am sure more will follow. There are quite a few Fluke in the bay but most are shorts. There are a few big ones but you have to go through the small ones to get yourself a keeper. Bluefish are in the surf along with some Striped Bass. Further south at LBI, some nice Stripers were being caught with a few at the 38 inch mark that had to be released. King fish and a few Black Drum are biting if you fish with clam baits. Big Fluke have been caught in the Channels in back of Barnegat Light and a few Weakfish are here too. The Barnegat Inlet Jetty is producing Blackfish of keeper size along with some Sheepshead. Party boats are doing well with many boat limits of nice keeper Seabass. Jigs work well and many Seabass are over the 13 inch size limit. The 10 fish limit will be cut back to two fish later on. No date available yet.

**Fresh Water**  
Several weeks of rain has kept the rivers high. Near the end of May it let off and my wife and I tried our hand and went up to the lower Pequest and found good fishing conditions. She limited out with 6 and I had 4 Trout. We had a lot of bites and misses. There was another couple there and they also had some nice Trout. More rain is expected so that should keep all the rivers in fine shape for a few more weeks. Statewide, Bass, Pickerel, Pan Fish and Catfish along with Carp, will provide good fishing.

## Gone Fishin'



Dennis Poulson of South Amboy recently hauled in this large-mouth bass while fishing at an area lake. (Photo submitted)

## A Simple Man

By Robert W. Eginton

A simple man of simple taste  
Wil never want nor never waste,  
Accept each task  
with which he's faced,  
And complete each job  
with pride not haste.

He builds his home with simple tools,  
Educates himself in simple schools,  
Adorns himself with simple jewels,  
And lives his life by simple rules.  
He'll always have a hand to lend,  
Never turn his back on a friend,  
And on his you can depend

Where others break,  
he'll only bend.  
At each days end  
With sins confessed  
With work day done,  
he gets undressed  
Then lays his simple soul to rest,  
And prays to God  
it will be blessed.

*\*This poem was written and dedicated  
by Robert W. Eginton to his father.*



St Mary Music Director’s Farewell



Amid two standing ovations & thunderous applause, Chris Diebert St. Mary Director of Sacred Music, for the last 23 years, plays the organ for the final time before moving on to his new position as Director of Diocesan Liturgical Music for the Diocese of Metuchen. South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry presented Chris with a proclamation honoring him for his service and accomplishments at a reception held at St. Patrick’s Hall. (Photo/Info by Steve Schmid)



St. Mary Director of Sacred Music Chris Diebert poses with members of the St. Mary choir after he played his final Mass at St. Mary. on June 19. (Photo by Steve Schmid)



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Patriots BBQ & Fireworks August 6

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 sponsor an outing Saturday August 6 to see the Yankees Double A farm team Somerset Patriots host the Mets Double A farm team Binghamton Rumble Ponies in a 7:05 PM game. Cost of \$40 includes game ticket, all you can eat barbeque for three

innings with hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hot dogs, pulled pork, veggie burgers, macaroni & cheese, potato chips, cole slaw, David's ,fresh baked cookies, assorted self service fountain soda, and condiments. Post game fireworks will be displayed after the final out. For reservations call Steve at 732-727-1707.

Vacation Bible School

The First Presbyterian Church of Sayreville would like to invite children ages 3 to entering the 6th grade to participate in our Vacation Bible School. The theme this year is “Food Truck Party: On A roll With God!” It will run August 15-19, 2022 from

6:30-8:30pm. We are located at 172 Main Street, Sayreville, 08872, directly across from the Borough Hall. The cost is \$25.00 per child or \$40.00 per family. Contact Mary Beckhusen 732-651-5952 for registration or more information.



South Amboy Schools Staff Honored



At a recent BOE meeting, South Amboy Education Association members were honored. Pictured (l-r) are: Dr. Frederick Williams incoming Superintendent, Nancy Kovacs Middle/High School Teacher of the Year, Cathy Housman Middle/High School Educational Support Professional of the Year, Dr. Patrick McCabe Middle/High School Principal, Anthony Conrad BOE Vice President, Kristen LaMagna Elementary School Teacher of the Year, Lauren Stumwasser Elementary School Educational Support Professional of the Year, Michelle Buchanan Elementary School Vice Principal and Dr. Martin Gurczeski interim Superintendent. Congratulations! (Photo by Brian Stratton)

SMHS 55th Reunion



Members of the St. Mary's class of 1967 gathering for fun & good times. From left to right - Patty Bonk, Suzanne Fuller, Linda Martin, Monica Hrankowski, Kevin Conochan, Sylvia Rosinski, Eddie Pomaski, Prudy Zalewski, Rick Harrigan, Jonathan Chionchio, Cathy Harrigan, Fred "Rick" Fedkenheuer, Don Kugelman. (Photo/Info Submitted)

A Chat With The Chief



South Amboy Police Chief Darren LaVigne (l) and Lt. Dan Holovacko were at the corner of David St. and Broadway near the Amboy Bank for “A Chat With The Chief” which was held to build a better relationship with the community, and to answer any questions people may have had. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

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

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

A PRAYER FOR HEALING  
Lord, you invited all who are burdened to come to You. Allow your healing hand to heal me. I invite your miraculous intercession. So powerful are you in obtaining every need of body and soul, our Holy Mother Church proclaims you a “prodigy of miracles, the greatest Saint of modern times.” Now I fervently beseech you to answer my petition (mention here) and carry out your promise of doing good upon earth of letting fall from heaven a shower of roses, henceforth, Dear Little Flower, I will fulfill your plea to be made known everywhere and I will never cease to lead others to Jesus through you. Amen. L.F, M.L, L.E, C.E.

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





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### Bombers Blast Governors

In the GMC Invitational, Sayreville blasted South Amboy, 17-0 in 5 innings. Three Bomber pitchers combined to no-hit the Guvs. Aayush Mehta started the first 2 innings, struck out 4, followed by Whitford Dennis the next 2 innings and struck out 3, and Ryan Anthony closed out by striking out the side of Purple and Gold players. Dennis was awarded the victory. Michael Colonnello ripped a single and 2 doubles to drive in 2, Jake Romanello had a double and knocked in 3 runs, Mehta belted a single and double good for 2 RBI, and A.J. Zapoticzny drove in 2 runs.

### Guvs Selected To All-Gold Division

The South Amboy Governors, winners of the GMC Gold Division championship, have placed 5 of their talented players on the All-Gold Division team. Players selected were: Gabriel Albarron, Anthony Vella, Benjamin Hernandez, Steven Evanski, Matt Stempinski. Coach Dan Poulsen was also chosen "Coach of the Year" for the Gold Division. Congratulations Coach Poulsen and all the Guvs on their great accomplishments.

### Sayreville Wins Season Finale

Coach Mike Novak's Sayreville Bombers baseball club ended their season on a positive note, as they downed Edison, 3-1, as Ryan Anthony notched the pitching victory, and Matt Corby belted an RBI double.

### Lady Guvs Bow In Semis

The South Amboy Lady Guvs fell to North Brunswick, 7-0 in the GMCT semifinals. Our locals managed only a double by Brianna Sweatt and a single from Evalise Perez.

## School Sports

By Tom Burkard

**Baseball**  
**South Amboy (13-6)**, (11-1-Gold Division Champions) Coach Dan Poulsen  
**2022 Final Team Leaders**  
Runs-Anthony Vella 26, Gabriel Albarron 24, Steven Evanski 23; Hits-Albarron 29, Benjamin Hernandez 24, Vella 24; Doubles-Evanski 5, Albarron 4, Benjamin Smith 4; Triples-Vella 4, Evanski 3; RBI-Evanski 25, Nigel Johnson 19, Hernandez 16; Home Runs-Evanski, Hernandez, and Jeremy Vasquez 1 apiece; Stolen Bases-Angel Barillas 15, Hernandez 7; Batting Avg.-Albarron .475, Vella .444, Hernandez .414, Benjamin Smith .380, Evanski .375, Vasquez .372, Matt Stempinski .351, Angel Barilla .333; Innings Pitched-Evanski 33.1, Stempinski 27.1, Brandon Gasiewski 22.1; Strikeouts-Evanski 46, Gasiewski 34, Stempinski 33; ERA (20 or More Innings)-Stempinski 2.05, Evanski 3.78; Wins-Stempinski (4-0), Evanski (4-2), Christian Smith (2-0).  
**Sayreville (8-16)** Coach Mike Novak  
**2022 Final Team Leaders**  
Runs-Michael Colonnello 17, Aayush Mehta 14, Jake Romanello 13; Hits-Colonnello 24, Michael Novak 22, Romanello 18; Doubles-Colonnello 7, Hunter Almeida 4, Romanello 3; Triples-Colonnello 2; RBI-Novak 13, Romanello 13, Colonnello 12, A.J. Zapoticzny 12; Home Runs-Colonnello 2 Romanello 1; Stolen Bases-Colonnello 10, Novak 5, A.J. Zapoticzny 4; Batting Avg.-Colonnello .369, Novak .324, Matt Corby .304; Innings Pitched-Ryan Anthony 44.2, Dennis

### Shore Beats South Amboy

South Amboy fell to Shore 6-0 in the CJ Group I quarterfinals. The Governors got only 3 hits from Jeremy Vasquez, Benjamin Hernandez, and Gabriel Albarron. Brandon Gasiewski absorbed the setback, but struck out 6 in 5 innings.

Whitford 36.2, Romanello 20; Strikeouts-Whitford 45, Anthony 39, Mehta 22; ERA (20 or More Innings)-Anthony 2.35, Romanello 3.85, Whitford 4.77; Wins-Anthony (3-4), Whitford (3-5), Mehta (1-1), Chris Bethavas (1-1).  
**Softball**  
**South Amboy (15-7, 12-4 Gold Division)** Coach Lindsay Durant  
**2022 Final Team Leaders**  
Runs-Evalise Perez 37, Jada Berry 32, Brianna Sweatt 28; Hits-Emma Kalantis 28, Sweatt 26, Iyanni Twigg 23; Doubles-Kalantis 8, Sweatt 4, Perez 4; Triples-Perez 4, Sweatt 3, Kalantis 3; RBI-Sweatt 30, Kalantis 23, Perez 23; Home Runs-Perez 2; Stolen Bases-Berry 28, Perez 20, Twigg 19; Batting Avg.-Kalantis .500, Twigg .383, Sweatt .366, Perez .364, Berry .351, Maggie Whiteley .342; Innings Pitched-Perez 87.1, Sweatt 37; Strikeouts-Perez 130, Sweatt 45; ERA-Sweatt 3.22, Perez 5.45.  
**Sayreville (7-13)** Coach Amanda Moken  
**2022 Final Team Leaders**  
Runs-Caydence Barton 19, Megan McKay 13, Jessica Wasko 12; Hits-Madison Szatkowski 26, Barton 25, Wasko 18, Hailey Kilpatrick 18; Doubles-Szatkowski 7, Barton 5, Rose Joseph 5; Triples-Szatkowski, Joseph 1 each; RBI-Szatkowski 19, Wasko 15; Home Runs-Szatkowski 3, Wasko 1; Batting Avg.-Szatkowski .426, Joseph .378, Barton .362; Innings Pitched-Barton 61, Wasko 46.1; Strikeouts-Barton 72, Wasko 23; ERA-Barton 4.25.

### Bielak Returns To Majors

Sayreville's Brandon Bielak was recalled to the Houston Astros Major League Baseball Club on April 7th, from the AAA Sugar Land team. Bielak was with the minor league squad since opening day, and has impressed Astros officials enough to be recalled to the Big Time. He has pitched in 1 game so far with the big club, going 3 innings in relief and struck out 1. His ERA is 3.00. Best of luck Brandon!

## College Notebook

Kayla Stvan, (Sayreville) a senior catcher for Springfield College (26-14) softball squad had a productive season by playing in 24 games, batting .302, with 6 runs, 9 RBI, 19 hits including 4 doubles, and had a big 3-RBI game vs. Westfield State...Katie Eicher (Bishop Ahr), and a Sayreville resident, pitched 8 games in relief for Rollins College in Florida. She was (2-0) in 11.2 innings, struck out 4, had a 4.20 ERA. The soph went 1-for-3 at the plate... Zachary Honimar (South Amboy) pitched in 6 games for Middlesex College (37-20) and was (1-1) with 14 strikeouts in 16.1 innings pitched, and had an 8.82 ERA...Destiny Gonzalez (Sayreville) played in 31 games for Middlesex College (23-10) softball squad, and batted .305 with 11 RBI, 20 runs, and 9 stolen bases. Her teammate Olivia Vranica saw limited action in 9 games and batted .222. She also is a Sayreville grad...



Katie Eicher

Dylan Rodriguez competed this past year running cross country and ran different distance events from 1500 to 10,000 meters during both the Indoor and Outdoor seasons. Abraham Ohiokhai-Benson threw the shot put and weight during the indoor season. He finished 5th at the MAAC conference championships in the weight throw. During the outdoor season he threw the shot, discus and hammer. He finished 4th in the MAAC Conference championships in the discus. Samantha Kamara competed in the shot put and weight throw during the indoor season. She finished 8th in the shot put at the MAAC Conference championships. During the outdoor season she threw the shot put and hammer. She had a breakout season in the hammer as she earned the bronze medal at the MAAC Conference championships. Her top throw for the season was 161'1" which was good for 7th place in Rider track and field history.



Kayla Stvan



# The Local Sports Memory Machine

By Tom Burkard

## From The Sports Archives



1998-South Amboy High's Gold Division softball champs: Top (l-r) Assistant Coach Jessica English, Sue Ann Rowley, Kelly Colfer, Elena Bajkowski, Kim Peterson, Jessica Bartlinski, Gina Rae Miller, Coach Fred Henry. Bottom (left to right) Karen Felice, Rachel Ludlow, Alyson Britt, Kristen English, Erin Henry. Missing from photo - Nicole Magnifico. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

## Diamond Dust

### 1964-Mid-County Baseball League

South Amboy 6 Milltown 1-Jim Carney fired a no-hitter and struck out 12. Billy Clayton was 4-for-4 with a triple and 3 runs scored. Pete Waters had a fine 3-for-3 game, and Jim Wallis drilled 2 doubles.

### 1964-South Amboy Little Fellas Baseball League

Rotary 17 Jo-Tom's 1-Winning pitcher, Charlie Lange made his first start a memorable one by firing a nifty 1-hitter and striking out 11. Marty Muchanic drilled 4 hits, Doug Buckalew 3, Gary Lange 3 for the winners.

### 1970's-South Amboy Girls Softball League

Pirates 6 Yanks 5-Norine Croddick blasted a home run and single, to drive in 3 runs, and Judy Sobush hit a 2-run homer.

### 1973-Sayreville Babe Ruth League

Peter Pank Diner 14 Italian-American Club 3-Joe Murowski hammered 4 hits for the Pank. 1973-Morgan Babe Ruth League Fred's Sunoco 9 Harbor Chevron 2-Winning pitcher Ross Buckalew fired a 2-hitter and struck out 14.

### 1973 Morgan Girls Softball League

Red Devils edged Canaries (No score available)-Debbie Richel was the winning pitcher.

### 1974 South Amboy Girls Softball

Giants 18 Yankees 2-Winning pitcher Sharon Pawlowski had a perfect 4-for-4 game.

### 1977-South Amboy Little Fellas

Progressive 12 Lions 10-Billy Bright ripped 2 singles and a triple for the victors.

## Local Pro Players Career Batting Records

South Amboy and Sayreville had lots of outstanding baseball players, who were blessed to play pro ball in the minor leagues, and several of them made it to the Major Leagues. The following is a list of the players, town, or local school they played at, and their career batting records including RBI, HR, and Batting Avg.

\*NR-indicates no record available.

### Minor League Records

Tom Cannon (Sayreville) RBI-8 Home Runs (HR)-0 Batting Avg. (BA)-.196; Allie Clark (South Amboy) RBI-553 HR-144 BA0.314; Stan Jastrebski (Sayreville) RBI-NR HR-0 BA-.257; Andy Kane (South Amboy or Sayeville ?) RBI-NR HR-8 BA-.266; Leo Kedzierski (South Amboy) RBI-NR HR-5 BA-.246; Tom Kelly (South Amboy/Sayreville) RBI-423 HR-116 BA-.271; John Kovaleski (South Amboy) RBI-NR HR-0 BA-.290; Jack McKeon (South Amboy) RBI-NR HR-25 BA-.210; Bill McKeon (South Amboy) RBI-NR HR-14 BA-.289; Eddie O'Brien (South Amboy) RBI-31 HR-3 BA-.260; Johnny O'Brien (South Amboy) RBI-46

HR-8 BA-.294; Pete Pavich (South Amboy) RBI-NR HR-22 BA-.275; Eddie Popowski (Sayreville) RBI-NR HR-6 BA-.258; Walt Rogers Jr. (South Amboy) RBI-NR HR-39 BA-.282; Walt Shinn (Sayreville) RBI-NR HR-44 BA-.294; Ed Zebro (South Amboy) RBI-NR HR-5 BA-.292; Frank Zebro (South Amboy) RBI-NR HR-1 BA-.232; Eddie (Wayne) Wlodarczyk (Sayreville) RBI-NR HR-34 BA-.309; Jack Zawacki (South Amboy) RBI-NR HR-0 BA-.000; Jeff Toth (Sayreville) RBI-11 HR-1 BA-.222; Chuck Doraman (South Amboy) RBI-NR HR-0 BA-.114; John Skarzynski (South Amboy) RBI-NR HR-3 BA-.158; Walter Suchowiecki (Sayreville) No records available; Mike Cannon (Sayreville) No records available.

### Major League Records

Allie Clark (South Amboy) RBI-149 HR-32 BA-.262; Johnny O'Brien (South Amboy) RBI-59 HR-4 BA-.250; Eddie O'Brien (South Amboy) RBI-25 HR-0 BA-.236; Tom Kelly (South Amboy/Sayreville) RBI-11 HR-1 BA-.181.

## YMCA Announces New Board Leadership

The YMCA of Metuchen, Edison, Woodbridge & South Amboy is pleased to announce that its Board of Directors recently elected a new Chairman of the Board, John P. Dowd. Dowd's nomination was passed unanimously by the Board of Directors at their April meeting.

"It's an opportune time for John to be stepping in as Board Chair", said Rose Cushing, President & CEO of the YMCA of MEWSA. "The Board is energized by the organization's momentum and growth trajectory as we emerge from the pandemic and is excited about the future."

John has a long-standing history with volunteerism at the YMCA of MEWSA. Prior to this appointment, John served as a Board member since 2011, and served as the Chair of the Finance Committee since 2018 and Chair of the Investment Committee since 2015. "As is true of any team, getting the right talent to lead our Board is absolutely fundamental to the

## Glory Days In Local Sports

1962-Joe Pohl fired a no-hitter and struck out 15 to lead the South Saints to an 11-0 romp over the Lions of Perth Amboy St. Mary's. Catcher Lou Nanna orbited a 3-run homer...1974-Ray Poulson fired a 4-hit shutout as the Hoffman Guvs downed Dunellen, 2-0. Bob Stillwagon stroked 2 hits and drove in a run...1984-Rookie varsity baseball Coach George Krzyzanowski guided the Hoffman Governors to the school's first and only Group 1 baseball state championship... 1994-The Sayreville girls softball squad upset state ranked Edison, 6-3 in the GMCT quarterfinals. Tracey Thomsen was the winning pitcher, while Amy Kukulya

belted a bases-loaded triple...2005-South Amboy ace pitcher Joe Bartlinski fired a no-hitter and struck out 13 to lead South Amboy to a 10-0 romp over Somerset Tech. He also had a perfect 3-for-3 game with 2 doubles, 3 RBI, and 3 runs scored. Brian Seres also went 3-for-3 with 2 doubles, 2 RBI, 3 runs, and a stolen base...2013-Sayreville standout Christian Campbell set the career record for victories, as he notched his 23rd to lead the Bombers to a 7-0 triumph over Linden. Campbell broke the record set by Chuck Frobosilo who won his 22nd and final high school game in '86.

## Remembering Fran

By Tom Burkard

1965-Fran Fitzmorris of St. Mary's drives in for a basket flying over a St. Rose player. He played only 1 year of varsity basketball and also baseball, and was one of the top players in both sports. The baseball team finished (8-11), and Fran was the pitching ace with a (5-2) record. He later excelled in the South Amboy Men's Senior Slow Pitch Softball League, and also Men's Basketball. In 1972-73, he was a huge factor in leading his English Chevron basketball team to an undefeated (12-0) mark and their 6th consecutive title. He finished #3 in the league in scoring with an 18.3 avg., and was a 1st Team All-City League selection. Fran, who wrote for this publication for several years, was a terrific person, and a historian, who did excellent research on South Amboy, especially sports from long ago. We will miss Fran, but never forget him! God Bless, Fran.



## Turn The Clock Back To...

1963-Zagata's Welding captured the Sayreville Little League baseball championship under the guidance of Manager Mr. Switzer, and Coach Mr. DeLuca. The players on this powerhouse squad were Joe Gabel, Frank Sadowski, Bob Rodziewicz, Gary George, Jack Trenta, Billy Switzer, Joey DeLuca, Stan Strazynski, Paul Kutne, Eddie Thompson, Bob McFadden, Clint Farfel.

1954-South Amboy Little League had two All-Star teams playing games against Perth Amboy's best players. The American League team was managed by Bob Munck, and the coaches were Charlie Reilly, and Bill Boyce. The roster: Jim Gent, Joe Minnick,

Tom Wojciechowski, Rich McCloud, Jim Gominger, Rich Christina, Bill Torok, Bill Hogan, John McCue, Jim Zdanewicz, Jim Ferguson, Allan Berry, Al Marotta, John Keller.

The National League was managed by Frank Mussolino and coached by Ed Spratford and Henry Chlebowski. The players: Ed Conroy, Dave Inman, Tom Adams, Bernie Chlebowski, Tom Leonard, Tom Jancola, George Reick, Henry (Henny The DJ), Conroy, Ray Zera, Jack Seaman, Bob Sullivan, Charlie Stock, Bob Graber, Bob Martin, Rich Seagrave.

## 25 Years Ago... Sayreville Wins CJ Group III Title

1997-The Sayreville boys baseball team (17-3) defeated Hamilton West (19-8), by a 5-2 count to capture the CJ Group III championship. Catcher Mike Popowski had a huge game driving in 3 runs with a single, triple and home run over the left-centerfield fence that traveled over 375 feet. Winning pitcher Nick Spiewak was excellent, as he fired a 4-hitter and struck out 5. Ken Hay added an RBI triple, and Jim Osmond an RBI single for the Bombers.

## T.H.E. Game

Sport-Girls Softball  
Year-1994

Teams-Sayreville vs. Marlboro (1st round of CJ Group IV Tournament)

Recap-The Bombers junior ace pitcher Tracey Thomsen fired a beautiful 5-inning no-hitter, and also ripped a triple to lead Sayreville to an 11-0 romp over Marlboro. Tracy Lasko blasted a 3-run homer, Stephanie Allocco went 2-for-2, Dana Feltz hit a single and triple, and Vicky Deuel belted a triple for the locals.

Player-of-the-Game-Pitcher Tracey Thomsen.

## 50 Years Ago...

1972-St. Mary's standout Frank Minnick was selected to the All-Sentinel 1st team in baseball. He turned in an excellent season, batting .365 with 3 home runs, 3 triples and 6 doubles.



John P. Dowd



# Remembering Elaine Holton-Scott

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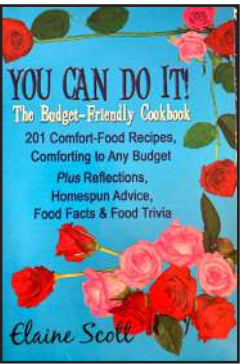
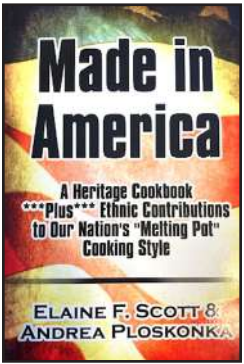
how things used to be many years ago. Elaine probably had the most photographic/detailed memory of anyone I have ever known. For example, she would tell you the exact outfit she wore—color, size, brand, etc. on her first day of school nearly 70 years ago. All of her stories were very interesting, and some of the fan favorites included her trips to Perth Amboy with her girlfriends, riding on the Marathon bus with the famous bus driver Red Wilson at the wheel. Her Christmas stories through the years were also outstanding, as were her timely articles with her special memories of all the other major holidays.

I was very humbled when she asked me for help and guidance when she undertook the project of writing her first cookbook, “You Can Do It,” and so very proud of her when it was actually published and became a reality and was sold on Amazon Books.com.

In Elaine’s final article, “Remembering 1982,” which appeared in the May issue, she ironically ended the story by quoting a hit song from the 1960’s, saying “Those were the days my friends, we thought they’d never end...but they did.”

Elaine Holton-Scott was a very special cousin, friend, outstanding writer, and if you really got to know her, a generous and kind-hearted, caring lady, who will be truly missed by so many. God Bless Elaine, and thank you for all your good works on earth.”

**Andrea Ploskonka (Niece/Godchild)**  
“She was unique and loved, a generous giver, kind and usually donated to many animal rescuers, and used to walk the rescues when she lived in Georgia...She loved reading horror books, and really enjoyed performing random acts of kindness all her life...Always on the move and only recently



learned to slow down...Recently painted her office and did some flower work detail...She baked all of my birthday cakes when I was a child...A huge animal lover and advocate... She loved to “doll-up” and was a proud woman...She was talkative as an open book, and left an impression...I expected her to live into her 90’s...She was a child at heart...

She was one of the strongest women I know. I am proud of her strength, and hope I have the same.”

**Brian Stratton (SA Times Associate Publisher)**  
“I will miss Elaine’s stories as I know our readers will. I always enjoyed the comments that she would send to us after she read the latest issue. Also, I liked her guesses to our games, Where in NJ? and WWW?”

**Phyllis Stratton (SA Times Layout Design)**  
“I will miss her smile, sense of humor and her amazing stories of South Amboy. She always seemed to be having a great time no matter where she was. She had a wealth of knowledge about this town’s past and the wonderful ability to tell a story that everyone wanted to hear. She will be greatly missed.”  
**Al Gomolka (SA Times Poet Laureate)**  
“How I truly enjoyed my fellow SA Times staff mate Elaine’s writings and stories of old-time South Amboy. One could tell that her heart was still connected to her old hometown. I will miss her.”

**Steve Schmid (SA Times Feature Writer)**  
“I’m sorry she’s gone. She was a lovely lady, and a pleasure to be with. Elaine was the life of the party.”

**Rich Kosmoski (SA Times Feature Writer)**  
“Elaine was one of my best critics, and always complimented me on my stories and writing material. Her words of encouragement always made my articles better.”

**John Phillips (SA Times Feature Writer)**  
“I will miss Elaine! Over the last several years we became “Internet” friends when she lived in Georgia. We shared our ideas for articles we planned to write for the paper. A couple of my “Growing Up In South Amboy” articles came about, based on our discussions. She was so happy to return to New Jersey after all the years living away from the state she was born in. God Bless you Elaine... God Bless you.”

## Speaker Coughlin Bipartisan Bill to Improve Real-Time Vote Count Reporting in NJ Elections Clears Assembly Measure Also to Address Ballot Pick-Up and Voter Disenfranchisement, and Advances Alongside Election Transparency Package

As New Jersey has expanded ways to cast your ballot, people are more empowered than ever to exercise their right to vote. To continue shaping the state’s pro-democracy election infrastructure, the full Assembly voted 78-0-2 passing legislation (A-3822) on Thursday as part of a larger bipartisan election reform push aiming to boost voting transparency, security, and participation.

“At a critical and harshly partisan time in our country, as others have moved to make it harder not easier to vote and the federal government has often been unable to act decisively, I think we can be exceptionally proud to boast that New Jersey is bucking the trend,” said Assembly Speaker Craig J. Coughlin (D-Middlesex).

The bipartisan legislation sponsored by Coughlin and Assembly members John DiMaio, Sterley Stanley, Aura Dunn, and Joe Danielsen would require county Board of Elections websites to uniformly report unofficial results on election night. Voters would be able to see the number of votes cast, counted, and remaining to be counted broken down by how a ballot was cast whether by machine during early voting or on Election Day, by mail, or provisionally.

“Here’s the message we are sending to New Jerseyans: Your elections are fair, your elections are open, and both parties are still able to work together to protect the right to vote,” said Coughlin addressing the Assembly chambers in advance of a floor vote on his legislation and other election reform measures.

The bill would also enable mail-in ballots to be processed, but not counted, beginning five days before an election in order for the unofficial results of both in-person and by-mail votes to be reported together as soon after the close of polls as possible. Processing ballots involves the verifying voter signatures and the physical opening and preparation of ballots for tabulation.

“At the heart of our bipartisan bill package, we are working to maintain citizens’ trust and confidence in our election outcomes. My bill specifically looks to do that by catching up the way we process, count, and report ballots, which in turn ensures the public are seeing real-time results reflective of all votes cast whether early, by mail, or at the polls on Election Day,” said Coughlin.

Currently, election officials must retrieve ballots from drop boxes every day, which in some communities is unnecessary and puts a strain on limited resources. To resolve this time-consuming and potentially costly requirement, the bill would additionally enable county elections officials to establish a pickup schedule to which officials from both parties agree.

Finally, addressing an issue arising from a processing glitch that unintentionally disenfranchised tens of thousands of voters in primaries, the bill would remove the ability to change your party affiliation at the Motor Vehicle Commission.

The bill now awaits introduction and action in the Senate.

## In Memoriam

Luke Sciallo, a 1969 graduate of St. Mary’s HS, who worked for Jersey Central Power & Light Co. as a lineman from 1969-2006 died on June 11, 2020. Luke was a good guy and classmate, and it was just brought to our attention about his passing away when he was 68 years old. Chester Dubil, 63, formerly of Sayreville/South Amboy died on May 18. He was a Sayreville Police Officer from 1986 until his retirement in 2008. Bonnie Rosenberger, 62, of South Amboy died on May 30. She was a well-respected South Amboy School Crossing Guard, usually on the corner of John St. and South Broadway. Theoniki Seitis, 86, of Parlin died on May

31. She worked for Charles Komar & Sons in South Amboy. Mary Kate Geraltowski, 58, of South Amboy died on June 7. She was employed by Amboy Realty Management and very active in the community. Mary Kate was a Eucharistic Minister at Sacred Heart Church; a member of the Mechanicsville Hose Co. Women’s Auxiliary; member of the Melrose Blackhawks Drum & Bugle Corps; an Honorary member of South Amboy First Aid. She was a wonderful lady who will be sadly missed. Meredith Marcinczyk, 77, of Sayreville died on June 13. She was a former Special Education Aide in Sayreville schools.

## Donald M. Rzepka

Donald M. Rzepka, age 78, passed away at Bayshore Medical Center, surrounded by his loving family on Saturday May 28, 2022. Born in South Amboy, he had resided in the city his entire life. Don was the proud owner and operator of Al’s Auto Body and Towing Service for over 50 years. He was involved in his community as an honorary member of the South Amboy, Sayreville and Morgan First Aid Squads as well as the Morgan Fire Company. Don donated much of his time and resources to both the South Amboy and Sayreville PBAs. He earned the coveted Silver Shield lifetime member award



from the Sayreville PBA for his community service and dedication. Don also proudly served his country as a veteran in the United States Army.

He is predeceased by his wife Gladys Rzepka and brother Charles Rzepka. Surviving are his daughters, Janet Rzepka and Jill and her husband George Forrer, his beloved granddaughter Jenna Napolitani and many loving cousins and friends. Funeral services took place at the Carmen F. Spezzi Funeral Home, and the funeral mass was at St Stanislaus Kostka R.C. Church in Sayreville, followed by a burial at St Stan’s Cemetery.

## James Tedesco

James Tedesco, 97, of South Amboy died on Monday June 13, 2022 at the Venetian Care & Rehabilitation Center, South Amboy. Born in South Amboy he lived there all his life. A U.S. Navy veteran, he served as a Captain for the South Amboy Police Department until retiring. An avid boater, he was a member of the North Palm Beach Power Squadron as well as South Amboy PBA Local 63. He also served as head of Middlesex County Traffic Bureau. He was the top photographer in South Amboy for many, many years (Prior to digital/cell phones), and his outstanding works still appear in the area. Son of the late Louis J. and Erminia Federici Tedesco he is also predeceased by his wife Janice Meyer Tedesco in 2021; his sister Rita Hurst and his former spouse

Dolores Geant Tedesco. He is survived by his sons and daughters-in-law Michael and Susan Tedesco and Keith and Michele Tedesco; his grandchildren Christopher and his wife Amelia, Amy and her partner Kim, Thomas and his wife Amy and Bryan and his wife Alana; his stepdaughter Nancy Sikora and her husband George; his step-grandson Thomas Szot; his brother-in-law Fred Hurst and his great-grandchildren Christopher, Cassandra, Caleigh, Kellan, Hunter, Fletcher and Kade. Funeral services were held from The Gundrum Service “Home For Funerals” 237 Bordentown Avenue, South Amboy followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Mary’s Church. Interment was in St. Mary’s Cemetery. Donations may be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.



## JoAnn H. Donnelly

JoAnn H. Donnelly of Colts Neck died Wednesday May 25th at Centre State Hospital in Freehold following a lengthy illness. JoAnn was born June 24, 1951 in Long Branch NJ to Charles and Marion Herriger. JoAnn is a 1969 Graduate of Mater Dei High School and obtained her Teaching Degree from Trenton State College in 1973, and she also acquired a Masters Degree from Rutgers University in 1985. JoAnn was a teacher for the Matawan/Aberdeen School District, a career that spanned four decades. During JoAnn’s time as a teacher, she established a reputation as a dedicated educator, who was able to instill in her students a lifelong love of learning. Upon her retirement, she volunteered her time

and services freely, to organizations such as the Saint Vincent DePaul Society, as well as the Local Reading Buddies Program. During her leisure time, JoAnn enjoyed reading, attending Broadway plays, and spending her summers on Squam Lake in New Hampshire. JoAnn is predeceased by her parents Charles and Marion Herriger of Keyport. JoAnn is survived by her husband of 45 years, Joseph of Colts Neck, a brother Thomas Herriger and his wife Candy of Howell, two nieces Kim Croson of Howell, Holly Herriger of Beach Haven and a nephew Doug Herriger of Brick. A funeral Mass was held at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Keyport, NJ. Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery in Keyport, NJ.

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

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Obituaries

Anicito, Maryann J. Petner, 75, of Sayreville died on May 21.

Burdak, Robert “Bob,” 75, of Sayreville died on May 29.

Cruz, Clara G., 77, of Parlin died on May 30.

DePuy, Denise, 76, of Parlin died on June 5.

Donnelly, JoAnn H., 70, of Colts Necks formerly of South Amboy died on May 25.

Dubil, Chester M., 63, formerly of Sayreville/South Amboy died on May 18.

Fitzmorris, Francis “Fran,” 74, formerly of South Amboy died on June 10.

Geralowski, Mary Kate, 58, of South Amboy died on June 7.

Hendrick, Juan, 72, of Parlin died on May 26.

Kachurick, Joseph, 85, of Sayreville died on June 6.

Marcinczyk, Meredith L., 77, of Sayreville died on June 13.

Martinez, Ruben Sr., 63, of South Amboy died on May 23.

McCormick, Charlene M. French, 63, formerly of Sayreville died on May 22.

Musto, Annamarie, 68, of South Amboy died on May 29.

Pallister, Julie DeMaio, 59, of South Amboy died on May 23.

Peterson, Barbara T. Tischler, 87, formerly of Sayreville died on May 18.

Rosenberger, Bonnie L., 62, of South Amboy died on May 30.

Rzepka, Donald, 78, of South Amboy died on May 28.

Schwankert, Ferdinand, 94, of Parlin died on June 3.

Sciallo, Luke, 68, formerly of South Amboy died on June 11, 2020.

Scott, Elaine Holton, 74, formerly of South Amboy/Parlin died on May 28.

Seitis, Theoniki, 86, of Parlin died on May 31.

Tumminello, Rose R., 82, of Sayreville died on June 13.

Wingerter, Florence, 74, of Sayreville died on May 24.

Zyskowski, Judith L., 75, of Sayreville died on June 9.

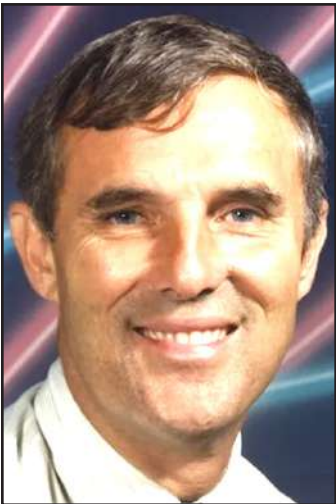
Francis "Fran" Fitzmorris

Francis "Fran" Fitzmorris, 74, of Edison, passed away peacefully on June 10, 2022, at the Center For Hope Hospice in Scotch Plains.

Fran was born on January 18, 1948 in South Amboy and had resided in Edison for the last 44 years.

He received his BA degree from Belmont Abbey College in Belmont NC. and taught Social Studies at St. Thomas the Apostle School in Old Bridge for 39 years before his retirement in 2010. Fran was also proud of being a high school sports official for over 35 years and was a member and past president of both the NJSFUSEC and the RVSOA in addition to being a member of IAABO, Board #33. In addition, Fran wrote a feature column for The SA Times for many years, recalling the good old days in South Amboy sports. He also was a member of The Historical Society of South Amboy.

Fran was a communicant of St. Matthew RC Church in Edison.



He was predeceased by his parents, Thomas and Catherine (Bader) Fitzmorris. He leaves behind his beloved wife of 48 years, Elaine (Holup) Fitzmorris, two daughters, Shannon Marie Tremel and her husband, Brian of Hamilton, and Kerri Ann Fitzmorris and her husband, Jason Richards of Edison. Fran is also survived by his two cherished grandchildren, Lila Jane Tremel and Kai Theodore Richards, his brother, Thomas Fitzmorris and his wife Laurie of Bayville, as well as two nephews and a niece.

The greatest joys of Fran's life were his family, traveling every summer for over 40 years with his family, by car, to all 48 states and after retirement to Alaska and Hawaii to complete all 50 and, last but not least, his avid following of the Notre Dame football team.

Contributions may be made in Fran's memory to St. Jude Children's Hospital at Stjude.org.

Mary Kate Geralowski

Mary Kate Geralowski, age 58 of South Amboy passed away peacefully on Tuesday, June 7, 2022 at Raritan Bay Medical Center in Perth Amboy. Born in Jersey City she had resided in South Amboy for many years. She was a graduate of MaryMount College with a degree in Interior Design. She was recently employed by South Amboy Realty Management. She was a communicant of Sacred Heart RC Church in South Amboy where she was also a Eucharistic Minister. Mary Kate was a member of the Mechanicsville Hose Company Women's Auxiliary, the Melrose Blackhawks Drum and Bugle Corp, and an honorary member of the South Amboy First Aid Squad.

She is predeceased by her father Robert Rockis. Surviving are her husband of 30 years, Michael, her mother Lucille Rockis, her sisters and their spouses Ceci and Scott Peterson and Denise and Dezso Benyo, her nieces Kendall and her husband John, Stephanie and her husband Matt, and Trisha Peterson, her nephews Josef Benyo and his wife Lexi and Brannndon Winters, her sister-in-law Gail Winters and her husband Greg and she was the mother of her beloved 3 furry children.

Funeral services were from the Carmen F. Spezzi Funeral Home, 15 Cherry Lane, Parlin with a Mass at Sacred Heart RC Church in South Amboy. A private cremation followed. Memorial donations may be made in Mary Kate's name to Sacred Heart Church in South Amboy or to St Hubert's Animal Welfare Center in Madison, NJ. Letters of condolence, directions and completed arrangements can be found at [www.spezzifuneralhome.com](http://www.spezzifuneralhome.com).



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