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*Frank Campbell
*William "Bill" Gawron Sr.
*Stanley Kokoszka
*Dr. John Misiewicz
*Pauline Mitsok
*Anthony Moderine

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McLaughlin Graduates The Citadel



Stephen McLaughlin (l) received his first salute as a commissioned officer in the US Navy from Brian Noble (r) on Friday May 5, 2023 at The Citadel in Charleston, South Carolina. Stephen, a 2019 graduate of South Amboy High School, graduated from The Citadel, the Military College of South Carolina, on Saturday May 6, 2023 with a bachelor's of science degree in civil and environmental engineering. He was commissioned as an officer into the Navy and was selected to attend naval flight school in Pensacola Florida.

The tradition of the first salute is when new officers commission into the military, they present a silver dollar to the enlisted service member who renders them their first salute as an officer. Brian Noble, a lifelong South Amboy resident, served in the Navy from 1992 to 1996 as a Boatswain's mate. Mr. Noble was stationed on the USS Kitty Hawk, assigned to the deck department. Mr. Noble joined Stephen's family in Charleston South Carolina to render the first salute and witness Stephen's commissioning into the US Navy.

Brian Noble said "It is truly an honor and privilege for me to be involved in such a memorable life event."

Stephen's parents, Brian and Amy are incredibly proud of Stephen for enduring four tough years at The Citadel and following his dream to serve in the US Navy as a naval aviator. See additional photo on page 2. (Photo by Amy McLaughlin)

Buddies Tavern Display To Be Unveiled

The unveiling of the Buddies display at the Sayreville Historical Society Museum on Main Street in Sayreville will take place at 2 pm on June 4th. Karen Bailey-Bebert will be giving out Buddies historic champagne glasses to those who come, while supplies last. The display includes a piece of the original bar, the phone booth and wooden NCR cash register along with other memorabilia.

29th Annual South Amboy Police Memorial Service



The Family of the late John "Jack" O'Leary placed the memorial wreath in front of the Officer Mourning Statue during the ceremony. Also pictured are PBA local #63 President Chris Norek (far left) and Police Chief Darren LaVigne (far right). See additional photos on page 25. (Photo by Jamie Norek)

Riley's Touch-A-Truck



The family of Hugh "Riley" Rone along with friends at the annual Riley's Touch-A-Truck event at the South Amboy Middle High School. It was a beautiful day with a huge turnout for this worthy event. See additional photos on page 23. (Photo by Brian Stratton)



Donald Thomas 65, of Parlin, who served as a South Amboy Councilman for 9 years, passed away on May 5th. "Smiley" as he was affectionately known, was well-liked and respected by all. He will never be forgotten.



2nd Annual Food Truck Festival

On June 10 & 11, 2023 Enterprise Fire Co. Truck 8 will host a food truck festival from 11am to 7pm at 107 George St., South Amboy. The event will include music, vendors, kids events, a beer garden and of course great food! Come on out and support the Enterprise Fire Co.

Flag Day Ceremony

South Amboy Elks #784, will be holding our Flag Day ceremony on June 14th at 7 pm at our lodge. The address is 601 Washington Ave, South Amboy. All are welcome.



Remembering Dr. Misiewicz

Dr. John Misiewicz, 74, of Sayreville died on April 27. He was one of the best chiropractors in NJ for many years. In addition, the good doctor was a feature writer with The SA Times for over 20 years, providing healthful advice through his column "The Spinal Column." Such a wonderful man who touched so many lives in a very positive way. He will be missed but never forgotten.

Dato Receives Award



South Amboy Councilwoman Zusette Dato is pictured addressing the crowd at the Middlesex County Federation of Democratic Women "Hats On Event," where she received the prestigious Blanquita B. Valenti award. The event serves as a powerful demonstration of the many and growing number of elected women in all levels of government throughout Middlesex County! Congratulations Councilwoman Dato for your commitment to our community and genuine passion for helping others! See more photos on page 9. (Photo Submitted)

Blood Drive

The South Amboy/Sayreville Rotary Club is sponsoring a Blood Drive on Thursday May 30 from 1 pm to 6 pm at the Sayreville Senior Center 423 Main St. Sayreville. Please call 1 800 RED CROSS (1 800 733 2767) or visit redcrossblood.org and enter Rotary Club to schedule an appointment.

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The McLaughlin family (l-r) Sarah, Ali, Amy, Stephen, Brian and Brian Noble at Stephen's graduation from The Citadel. (Photo Submitted)

Talk Of The Towns

By Tom Burkard

Sgt. Charmello Retires

South Amboy Police Sergeant James Charmello Jr. recently retired after many years of dedicated service to the City of South Amboy. Congratulations Jim, and best of luck always!

Oshinski Wins Title

Congratulations to Susan Oshinski, who recently won the state title in her age group at the annual New Jersey State Knights of Columbus Council Free Throw Championship. In the championship round, 12 year old Susan sank 21 of 25 free throw attempts. Susan represented South Amboy

McLaughlin Commissioned Officer

Congratulations to Stephen McLaughlin who recently graduated from The Citadel, and was commissioned as an Officer in the U.S. Navy. May you have much continued success in the future!

Diekers Farm Is Back!

There's good news for all locals! Diekers Farm on Bordentown Avenue in South Amboy/Sayreville has reopened for business! Stop in and see Jimmy and his fine staff, and be sure to check out Dieker's monthly ad in The SA Times.

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

Dinner For Dave Fundraiser

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council #426 will present a benefit dinner and musical event, with all benefits going to help offset medical expenses for Dave Pirillo & Family. The date is set for Friday, June 16th at Sacred Heart Memorial Hall, 531 Washington Ave., South Amboy. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$20-adults, and \$10-child. There will be great live music by local musicians, and a full menu including salad, bread, spaghetti, Penne, meatballs, sausage, dessert, coffee, soda, water. RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED. Call Bruce at: 732-586-9779 to reserve your table today.

OLV Seniors Hunterdon Hills Trip

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to Hunterdon Hills to see the Dr. K's Motown Revue on Sunday, June 11, 2023. The cost of the trip is \$125.00 which includes show, meal, tax and gratuity, bus transportation and bus driver gratuity. For further information or to reserve a seat, please contact Carmen at 732-254-9425.

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

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Pleasant Little TRIVIA

By Tom Burkard

1. In 2008, this nightclub was located on Rt. 35 North in South Amboy?
a. Thunderbird Lounge b. Brothers II c. Centro

2. Selected Sayreville Senior Citizen of the Year in 2013?
a. Mary Gilmartin b. Rita Kolodziej c. Frank Gagliano

3. In 1995, this hobby store was located at Tor Plaza 35 in South Amboy?
a. That Hobby Place, Inc. b. Morgan Hobby Shop c. Collectors Den

4. In 2003, where was Gomolka's Auto Body located in Sayreville?
a. Morgan b. Melrose c. President Park

5. In '13, who was the Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in South Amboy?
a. William Gray b. Jeffrey Carney c. Mary Coolidge

6. The OLV Knights of Columbus selected this person as Irishman of the Year in 2013?
a. Kennedy O'Brien b. Rich McCaig c. Joe Campbell

7. Back in '03, where was Bake & More located in South Amboy?
a. Rt. 9 North b. South Broadway c. North Stevens Ave.

8. Sayreville Board of Education President in 1998?
a. Kevin Ciak b. Al Cox Jr. c. Art Rittenhouse

9. This former St. Mary's HS Principal was ordained a priest in '03?
a. Frank Ianniruberto b. Stefan Mikousa c. John Gloss

10. Selected GMC Athletic Director of the year for 2012?
a. Steve Nestinger b. Bill Beattie c. Gil Pritchard

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



South Side 35 Diner lineup features (r-l) Angie, owner Sergio, Peppi, and other members of the superb staff. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

The South Side 35 Diner opened only a year and a half ago, and quickly established itself as one of the top diners in the area. The modern diner is a family-operated business featuring homestyle cooking, and offers different delicious chef specials daily. The staff is experienced, friendly, and helpful, at South Side 35 Diner, which is conveniently located at 1803 Route 35 South, in South Amboy/Sayreville.

The cuisine is American style with some Mediterranean specialties-Greek and Italian. Breakfast is served all day, Monday-Saturday from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., Sunday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., and the holiday hours run the same as Sunday, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Be sure to check out the excellent lunch specials Monday-Friday 11

a.m. to 3 p.m. Also, don't forget to try their scrumptious Early Bird Specials, Monday-Friday 3-6 p.m. You can also order takeout for pickup by going to their website: <https://www.southsidediner35.com> or calling 732-313-7979. Keep in mind that South Side 35 Diner is now accepting reservations for Father's Day and Graduation Parties, and in honor of Memorial Day will be opened for breakfast and lunch from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

South Side 35 Diner owner Sergio Gatoulis has been working in the restaurant business for over 20 years, and has done an outstanding job in creating such a great, nearby diner for South Amboy and Sayreville residents. In addition, the diner is involved in helping our local communities.

Patriots BBQ August 26

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 are sponsoring an outing Saturday August 26, when the Somerset Patriots host the Hartford Yard Goats in a 7:05 pm game. Cost of \$45 includes a 90 minute all you can eat barbecue consisting of Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Pulled Pork, Macaroni and Cheese, Cole Slaw, and Epic Cookies. Self-Service Fountain Drinks are available for seven innings. After the last out, a dazzling fireworks show begins. To reserve your seat, call Steve at 732-727-1707 or 732-721-2025 and leave a message.

OLV Senior Trip to Tomasello Winery

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to the Tomasello Winery and Smithville Village on Tuesday, August 1, 2023. The cost of the trip is \$140.00 which includes bus transportation, bus driver gratuity, a three course luncheon with wine tasting at the winery and a side trip to Smithville Village. For further information or to reserve a seat, please contact Finita at 732-721-5081.



FROM THE DESK OF TOM REILLY

A vibrant downtown is one of the keys to any city's success. For towns big and small, a thriving downtown is the epicenter of activity, a place to gather with friends, and the heartbeat of the community. In an economic sense, downtowns are responsible for driving tax revenue, increasing business activity, and enticing new visitors.

Perhaps most surprising, and for all their seeming visibility, downtowns contain some of a city's best kept secrets and most pleasant surprises, particularly in small towns like ours. I know most of us drive along Broadway every day, but how many of us actually stop and look at everything it has to offer? Patrons can enjoy pizza, fine dining, Chinese, Mexican, and Japanese cuisine. If it's breakfast, try our bagel shop, coffee shop, or delis. Looking for a photographer, real estate agent, or barbershop/beauty salon? We have them. Broadway is a perfect place to spend time with friends and family any time of day and, as we know, is just a few minutes away from our beautiful waterfront park and just a fifty minute train ride from Manhattan. Even better, the money we spend patronizing our local businesses doesn't go to big corporations, but to our friends and neighbors.



There is even more to find for those who look just a little bit deeper. Did you know that Broadway hosts art exhibits, car shows, and craft fairs? For music lovers, the waterfront park hosts concerts during the summer. This is the perfect time of year to see everything South Amboy has to offer. Try us out. You won't be disappointed.

On a more solemn note, I hope you will join me this Memorial Day in remembering those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. I will leave you with the following words from an anonymous author:

"Our flag does not fly because the wind moves it. It flies with the last breath of each soldier who died protecting it."

Respectfully
Tom Reilly
2nd Ward Councilman
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Yearbook-South Amboy 2003

By Tom Burkard

Christine McAlister was principal and some of her very talented faculty members consisted of John Bernosky, Dennis Bourgeau, Cathy Charmello, Megan Dunlap, Mary Fiedorowicz, Kristin Gallagher, George Gundrum, Sheila Inman, Rich Klein, Phyllis Stratton. The yearbook was dedicated to Lyn Davis. The Student Council consisted of President-Neil Abadie; Vice President-Christopher DeLuca; Treasurer-Meaghan Maliniak; Secretary-Tracie Szatkowski... Some of the amazing Class of '03 selected randomly: David and Neil Abadie, Andrew Bielak, Jon Bouchard, Patrick Buczynski, Erin Campbell, Christopher DeLuca, Jared Gonsalves, Kelly Hathcock, Amy Haug, Shuang He, Debbie Hessner, Robert Hoehman, Brian Idyk, Stephanie Kasics, George Kern IV, Mandie Kotula, Neil Kurtiak, Kristen Lake, Andrea Manion, Georgio Mantoudakis, Lauren McCallister, Kiersten McCarthy, Jamie Murawski, Theresa Niestempski, Kristi Ruskuski, Ashlee Scarfi, William Seres, Nicholas Shaw, Lisa Smith, Jennifer Sturgis, Brandon Tarr, Jessica Vinsko, Stephanie Woods... Activities were plentiful at South Amboy HS. Spirit Week was very cool for the students and teacher as well. Purple & Gold Day; Funny Hat Day; Sports Day; Olympics were all highlights during this most memorable time..."Grease" was a smashing success and packed the auditorium. Other popular activities included Operation Shoebox; Diversity Day; Food Drive; Band & Chorus Winter Concert; Head Start Christmas Party; Community Art Show. In addition there were numerous clubs for the students to join. Purple & Gold athletic highlights for the year included: Nick Shaw scoring a record breaking 73 points in a basketball game, and later joining the elite 1,000 point career scoring club...Pablo Penagos scored 35 goals and was All-Conference and All-State in soccer...Kiersten McCarthy fired in her 1,000th career point for the girls' basketball team...In boys' bowling, Bill Oppenheimer rolled a perfect 300 game...The 2nd doubles team of Lauren McCallister and Debbie Hessner finished with a sparkling (11-5) record...The girls' soccer team finished (7-7), and were led by captains Kiersten McCarthy & Amy Haug...Boys' soccer turned in an (8-8-2) record, as captains Jared Gonsalves, Jon Bouchard and Arvid Agosto had a fine season...Girls' basketball captains were Kiersten McCarthy, Kristi Ruskuski, and Amy Haug. The Lady Guvs were (12-10). The varsity cheerleading captains were Danielle Morales, Stephanie Bellanich, and Amanda Lagriola... South Amboy HS Class of 2003 was an outstanding group of teenagers who certainly made their families proud as well as the City of South Amboy.

Addiction Treatment and the Curse of Fentanyl

Saturday, May 27, from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m.

There is an ongoing addiction crisis in New Jersey and the United States at large. Over the course of six years, from 2015 to 2020, over 15,314 New Jersey residents died due to drug overdoses. This epidemic has been particularly sustained by fentanyl, a synthetic opioid that is 50 to 100 times more potent than morphine. Indeed, fentanyl is now the primary cause of overdose death in New Jersey: in 2015, 26.28% of drug deaths were due to fentanyl; in 2020, that percentage was 81.99%. In 2019, Middlesex County had the third largest number of overdose deaths in the state. In 2021, 249 residents of South Amboy were admitted for substance abuse services and/or treatment. Statistics provided by the New Jersey Reentry Corporation.

Given this extent of addiction in our state, it is imperative that efforts to address this crisis are recommitted. The New Jersey Reentry Corporation (NJRC) will hold a two-hour training event here at St. Mary's, on Saturday, May 27, from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m.

This training will discuss the scientific, medical, and behavioral information regarding addiction, statistics of the opioid epidemic in New Jersey, and general best-practices for addiction treatment services.

This event is open to everyone. Register on Eventbrite or email: scastillo@njreentry.org. (Article submitted)

Memorial Day Parade: Honoring the Fallen

Borough of Sayreville.
(Article submitted)

The parade will step off at 10:00 am from Washington Road and Outlook Ave
Parade route: Washington Road to Main Street, ending at Borough Hall
When: May 29th, 10:00 am

The Borough of Sayreville and its residents will unite to honor the fallen for Memorial Day. Sayreville's Memorial Day Parade will host Sayreville Veterans, Military Vehicles, Bands, Community Organizations, and local officials who are expected to march. The Grand Marshals leading the parade are Joseph Albin from VFW Post 4699 and Larry Bishop from American Legion Post 211.

The parade will conclude in front of Borough Hall, where a Memorial Ceremony will be carried out. The Borough looks forward to the community coming together to honor the memory of all who made the ultimate sacrifice to preserve our freedoms.

If God Can Hear

By Al Gomolka Jr.
Times Poet Laureate
C.1999

If God can hear
The breath of a fish
The flutter of butterfly wings
The footsteps of a centipede
A robin swallowing a worm
The rip of raindrops falling in air-
Surely, then, He can hear
The silent prayer of our heart.

OLV Senior June Meeting

The OLV Seniors will hold their June meeting on Friday, June 2nd at 12 noon in Monsignor Dalton Hall. After the business portion of the meeting, we will have our End-of-the-year luncheon.

New trips for 2023 will be announced at this meeting. A \$20.00 non-refundable deposit is required at time of sign-up. There will be a schedule of payment dates for the multi-day trips. Payment for many of the trips has lapsed. Please come prepared to pay for any of the trips in which you are participating.

Food donations for St. Vincent de Paul will continue for the 2022-2023 year. Please bring your canned goods donation to the meeting.

For further questions please contact Teri Yetsko, OLV Senior Group President at 732-727-7639.

South Amboy Elks Pork Loin Dinner/ Father's Day Breakfast

Two Chances to Treat Dad!

The South Amboy Elks will be hosting a pork loin dinner on Thursday June 15th from 5:30 to 7:30pm. The cost is \$15.00 per person. We will be serving roasted pork loin with gravy, mashed potatoes, vegetables, dessert, coffee, and tea.

On Sunday June 18th from 9-11:30am we will be serving Father's Day Breakfast. Come treat Dad to a delicious breakfast offering our made to order omelets, pancakes, French toast, sausage, ham, bacon, hashbrowns and more. All for \$12.00 per person Children 7yrs. and under \$7.00

South Amboy Elks is located at 601 Washington Ave. Reservations for both events can be made by calling 732-727-7170. Please leave a message and we will return your call.

The Smoke Column

By Ex-Chief Richard Kosmoski, B.A., M.S.

Most families attend amusement parks for the excitement and thrill of the amusements, rides, and attractions. That is the reason they were designed. It is presumed that these parks are made safe by routine safety inspections. We rarely think about a fire occurring at an amusement park and rarely do they occur. But that is exactly what happened on Friday evening, May 11th, 1984, at the Six Flags Great Adventure Amusement Park in Jackson, NJ. It wasn't a fire on the spinning, twisting, or turning mechanical rides that was the cause of a deadly fire. No, the fire occurred in a walk-thru attraction called the Haunted Castle. At the time of this incident there were no regulations in effect as to the inspection for fire safety violations. This incident was the third mass casualty fire to occur within a four-year period and finally brought about the creation of the Division of Fire Safety in the state of New Jersey. (See previous Smoke Column on boarding home fires and the DFS).

The original Haunted Castle was built prior to the 1978 season and was meant to boost attendance. It was only to be a "test" building for a larger structure to be built for the following season. The Haunted Castle was originally to open only at night but due to its popularity, it was opened at the beginning of the day and kept open until the park closed. The deadly attraction was constructed using 17 aluminum semi-trailers that were interconnected with eight to a side mirroring each other and with a common connecting trailer between them. The trailers were linked by plywood partitions to create a maze. The interior was built with plywood walls and ceilings held in place with wooden studs. The materials used on the walls included foam rubber, fabric materials, plastics, plywood, and tar paper

. Each one of these items, when burning, can create a highly toxic environment. Wax mannequins were used as props. It wasn't long before the haunted castle became the

park's largest single-show attraction. The deadly fire started at 6:35pm and was fanned throughout the structure by outside air-conditioners that rapidly pushed fresh air mixed with toxic smoke throughout the trailers. There were 29 people inside the Castle at the time of the fire and 14 of them escaped unharmed. Seven were treated for smoke inhalation. The remaining 8, from a school group of 9, were trapped and killed by asphyxiation. During the investigation into the cause of the fire, it was determined that a fourteen-year-old youth had used a cigarette lighter to find his way down a long corridor that was dark due to a malfunctioning strobe light. He eventually bumped into and ignited a highly flammable foam-rubber wall pad. It didn't take long for the fire to erupt into a raging inferno. The occupant originally thought that the light smoke and small flames were part of the attraction. As the smoke and flames intensified, someone yelled "FIRE" and people attempted to run back to the entrance. Those that died became disoriented and lost, overtaken by the toxic smoke. Firefighters from 11 surrounding communities responded to the fire which was declared under control at 7:45pm, only 70 minutes after it was reported. No one realized that lives were lost inside the building until later that night. Firefighters searching the trailers discovered the bodies of eight deceased teenagers, their bodies burned beyond recognition and at first thought to be mannequins.

This fire, combined with the boarding home fires in Keansburg and Bradley Beach in previous years, contributed to the creation of the Division of Fire Safety. Rules, regulations, laws, and inspections are now in place to eliminate fire violations in all places of assembly in the state of NJ. It is reasonably safe to say that these fire safety inspections have greatly reduced the rate of fire deaths and injuries from fires occurring throughout the state.



The following members of the American Legion Sayreville Lenape Post 211 were installed at their May 5th meeting by the Leading Candidate for Department Commander Larry Bishop. From left to right - Val Leitner Sgt-At-Arms, Larry Doyle Adjutant Officer, Joe Castellano Service Officer, Jesse Nebus 1st Vice Commander, Mike O'Hara 3rd Vice Commander, Carmen Delikat 2nd Vice Commander, Larry Bishop leading candidate for Department Commander, Joe Myers Chaplin, Joel Bloom Commander, Ed Strek Historian, Rich Kosmoski Judge Advocate (filling in for Rich is Frank Sullivan). (Photo/info submitted)



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A South Amboy Hero, John M Barrett USMC

By John “Flip” Phillips USMC

On a bloody battlefield in Korea on June 10, 1951, a South Amboy Marine gave his life for our country. He led his rifle squad to continue the fight against the enemy again and again although critically and then mortally wounded. His actions on that day earned him the Navy Cross, posthumously. The Navy Cross is the second highest award our country gives for courage and devotion above and beyond the call of duty in time of war. Here is the citation:

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the Navy Cross to John M Barrett (323621), Corporal, U.S. Marine Corps, for extraordinary heroism while serving with military operations against an armed enemy of the United Nations while serving as leader of a Rifle Squad in Company F, Second Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division in action against enemy aggressor forces in the Republic of Korea. Painfully wounded by hostile grenade fire while leading his men in an attack against a strong enemy hill position, Corporal Barrett courageously refused medical attention and, pressing forward through intense hostile fire, continued the attack. Although wounded a second time, he paused only long enough to receive first aid and again charged forward across the fire-swept ground, inspiring his men to follow him in the final assault of the position. While engaged in overrunning the emplacement and routing the enemy, he was struck by hostile small-arms fire and fell, mortally wounded. By his valiant leadership, indomitable fighting spirit and unwavering devotion to duty in the face of heavy odds, Corporal Barrett aided immeasurably in the successful seizure of the strategic terrain and thereby upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country. (Authority: Board Serial 154 (March 22, 1952)

Born: Newport Rhode Island
Hometown: South Amboy New Jersey
Who was John Barrett and what were some of his South Amboy connections? After his mother died, John, his sister Mary Margaret, brother Philip and his father Michael moved to South Amboy sometime in the 1930’s. John graduated from Saint

Mary’s HS in 1940, his sister graduated in 1942. They lived at 110 South Broadway. He enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1941, and saw combat across the Pacific during WW2 as an infantry Marine. The family must have been known and liked because when the father died in 1942 the pallbearers were classmates of Mary Margaret. They included some who would go on to be well known and respected citizens of South Amboy including: John Norek, Charles Dooling and Francis Cheeseman. I am sure John enjoyed growing up and his high school years in the “Pleasant Little City,” because he always considered South Amboy his hometown. This story would not have been told if it were not for the efforts and patience of the late Lt. Col. Jerry Connors, a retired Marine and Saint Mary’s graduate. Jerry kept at the search until he found out John was buried in the National Cemetery in Florence South Carolina. Why there and not New Jersey, remains a mystery. John’s grave marker reads: John M Barrett New Jersey CPL USMC WW11, Korea Nov 6, 1920, June 10, 1951, Navy Cross, Purple Heart and Marine Corps and Navy Medal. **God bless you John...Rest in peace.**



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Bob “Zak” Sekerak Past Commander of American Legion Luke A. Lovely Post #62 of South Amboy places the first of many American flags that would be put at the headstones/graves in local cemeteries, in memory of veterans who have passed away.



American Legion Luke A. Lovely Post #62 members gathered at St. Mary’s Cemetery to place American flags on the headstones/graves of veterans who have passed away. Pictured (l-r) Past Commander Bob “Zak” Sekerak, Jan Williams, Phyllis Letteriello, Tom Noble, Gary Poland, Joe Crowe, Bob Moglia.

Dowdell Library News

Kickoff the summer with our adult summer opening **Flower Power Party** on Monday June 19 from 6:30-8 pm. Dress in your best 60s/70s themed outfits, listen to music, and grab a refreshment all while taking part in our fun activities. Just stop by and also enter into our raffle to win various prizes!

Kids and Teens! Want to make your Father’s Day presents? Stop by for our **Father’s Day Craft** on Friday, June 16 from 2:30-4:30 pm.

Adults and Teens grab your knitting needles and crochet hooks! Join us for our **Crocheting and Knitting Circle** on Mondays from 3:30-5 pm and 6:30-8 pm.

Parents with toddlers! Join Ms. Maryanne for **Reading Rascals** storytime on Monday, June 12 and June 19 from 1-2 pm for an afternoon of fun stories, games, activities, and crafts.

The **Senior Book Club** will meet on Monday, June 26 from 10:30 am – 11:30 am. Stop by the Library to pick up this month's book. Want to join? Just contact the library at 732-721-6060.

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

Kids, stop by every Wednesday from 3:30-4:30 pm for the **After School Fun Club**. Drop in for board games, bingo, LEGO mania, and spaceman/wordman fun.

Become part of a new story and adventure in our **Dungeons & Dragons Gaming Club** on Tuesday June 6 and June 20 at 3:30- 4:30 pm for ages 6 and up. Existing Players don’t think you will miss out drop in Thursday, June

8th and June 29 from 6-7:30 pm the adventure continues for our reoccurring D&D Club.

Teens! Are you looking to start your weekend early? Stop by the **Teen Hangout** on Friday, June 9 from 2:30-3:30 pm. Play video games, do crafts, and hang out with friends.

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Christ Church Gives Out Prom Dresses

Several area young women recently went home happy from Christ Episcopal Church in South Amboy.

They left with semi-formal and formal wear which included prom dresses, shoes, and jewelry. The South Amboy business community contributed in organizing this effort. Event chairwoman Donna Higgins said over 400 dresses were available for distribution.

She said the closure of a Montclair boutique resulted in more than 300 items

that were made available. She added fellow committee member and parishioner Linda O'Brien thought of this project. The goal was to help young women obtain formal wear for prom season they might not otherwise afford. Christ Church Pastor Mother Ann Urinoski said she was thrilled to see young women in the community get prom dresses so they could enjoy the spring prom season. She's grateful to the South Amboy business community for their help in making this event a success.

Television Memories

As a member of the Historical Society one of our duties is to collect and preserve pieces of history, not only physical items but memories of things from the past. One of my personal memories is of the invention of America's favorite pastime watching television. As a youngster growing up in the late 50's and early 60's television was one of the most important things in our lives. Daydreaming in class about what to watch when I get home from school. Will it be Superman, Abbott and Costello or the Three Stooges. As in most households, from this time there was only one television in the house so when it went on the fritz you were in big trouble. There was nothing more heartbreaking when you turned on the TV and nothing, no sound, no picture, nothing but heartache. Step One, Mom, the TV's not working. Mom's response, maybe it has to warm up, no, it's not working, OK tell you father when he gets home from work. Step Two, Dad, the TV's not working. Dad, OK, let's have a look at it. The TV enclosed in it's cabinet is pulled from the wall, the back panel is removed to expose the inner working of this modern intervention, glass tubes which should be glowing in a dim light, some are, and some are not. Several of the glass tubes are plucked from their proper place to be transported to Channel Lumber in Sayre Woods Shopping Center for a check to see if this is the problem. Step Three, get to Channel Lumber to check the tubes on the TV test tube machine. Once at Channel a line formed at the machine from other dad's

checking their tubes for similar problems. And of course, while waiting online you run into several classmates as Sayrewoods was the center of social gatherings including the cute girl in your class that you have a crush on but are embarrassed as you are in your play clothes and not your school clothes. Once the bad tube has been identified, dad would get the number of the tube, go to the bottom of the machine where the good tubes are stored, and would you believe that the tube you need to get your life back in order is OUT OF STOCK. Oh no, no TV for several days. Heading back home thinking what I am going to do without TV, dad intervenes and states he will call the TV repairman to fix the problem. After speaking to the repairman, it's going to be several days before he can make a house call to check the TV, more down time with no TV, and the worst-case scenario is then he gets there, he determines the problem then he states what no kids want to hear, have to take her to shop for repair, more days without TV. When the TV is back and in proper working order it's like Christmas morning all over again. Back to watching our favorite shows, cartoons on Saturday morning, Wonderama with Sony Fox, the Sandy Becker Show and of course Terrytoon Circus with Claude Kirchner. How did we survive?

My next dilemma for another article is the proper way to replace the dreaded TV antenna or aerial on the roof, that's another nightmare to ponder. Happy TV.



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Christ Church Community Scholarship Award is presented to Isabella Vargas by Inell Jemmott.

Christ Church South Amboy Awards Scholarship

Christ Church South Amboy recently awarded a Community Service Scholarship to Isabella Vargas, a senior at South Amboy High School.

The scholarship was awarded by the Christ Church Women With Purpose organization. Each spring, the group awards a scholarship to a graduating high school senior who, via essay, best expresses their involvement in community service.

Essays were accepted from seniors from South Amboy and Sayreville.

Vargas authored a compelling essay about community involvement and how she hopes her volunteerism makes an impact.

Women With Purpose president Donna Higgins said, "This year we received a class of essays highlighting the community service efforts of each applicant that was extremely impressive, making our decision-making process more difficult than it has ever been."

Vargas was presented with a check in the amount of \$600 at the organization's Tea Party, held at Christ Church Memorial Hall on Saturday, April 29. Vargas and her parents were invited as special guests to the group's annual event.

For more information on Christ Church Women with Purpose, email Christchurchsawwp@gmail.com. Or visit our website: www.ChristChurchSouthAmboy.org

OLV Seniors Trip to Under the Boardwalk

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to Ligrécis in Staten Island to see Happy Dyas Under the Rock &Roll Boardwalk on July 12, 2023. The cost of the trip is \$125.00 which includes the show, meal, bus transportation, and bus driver gratuity. For further information or to reserve a seat, please contact Carmen at 732-254-9425.

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Dato Receives Award-continued from page 1



Pictured recently at the Middlesex County Federation of Democratic Women “Hats On” event (l-r) NJ Senator Patrick Diegnan, Assemblyman Robert Karabinchak, Senator Linda Greenstein, South Amboy Councilwoman Zusette Dato,(who received the Blanquita B. Valenti award), Assemblywoman Yvonne Lopez, Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin, and Senator Joe Vitale. Other dignitaries present but not in photo: County Freeholder Director Ronald Rios, and Commissioners Charles Kenney, Leslie Koppel, Claribel Azcona-Barber, and Chanelle Scott-McCullum. (Photos/info submitted)



Zusette Dato and her proud husband Bob Dato at the event.

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Photographer Paul During's Opening Exhibition: Great Beds Lighthouse

Great Beds Lighthouse Photos/Display

(Photo/article submitted)

The SA Arts Alliance will be displaying some relatively recent photographs of the Great Beds Lighthouse. The collection of photos were taken over the past three to four years by Paul During of Morgan, NJ. – Some varied additional photos (old and new) will be mixed in with the assortment.

Most of the lighthouse photos were taken during pre-dawn hours when the sky exhibits its most vibrant colors of red, orange, yellow, and pink. – The older photos were taken with a Nikon FM manual film camera. – The majority of the recent photos were taken with a Nikon P900 DSLR camera.

Per Paul, “I prefer to shoot using manual settings without filters or accessories. After downloading the photos, they’ll sometimes require a slight enhancement; darker, lighter, cropped, etc. With today’s technology, you can attain some amazing special effects which could be something that I might delve into in the near future. As for now, as a hobbyist, I prefer to just shoot and process what I see through the raw lens.”

Paul maintains, “Living near the bluff that overlooks the Raritan Bay, the 60 foot lighthouse has surely been stirring my interest for the past six decades. The exulting structure surely emanates an undeniable mystique—I see it as a deluge of nostalgic history; some of it being factual and some just fictional lore. Regardless, the clearly recognizable 143 year old silhouette will always look magnificent against the rising sun. No doubt, I’ll continue to enjoy shooting the iconic structure which is just shy of a mile off the South Amboy shoreline.”

Car Blessing June 6

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 are sponsoring a blessing of the cars Tuesday June 6 from 6:30 to 7 PM at Saint Mary parking lot. Everyone is invited to bring their vehicle to be blessed for the summer driving season.

Third Annual Irish Festival Date Announced

The City of South Amboy, in conjunction with the South Amboy Saint Patrick’s Day Parade Committee, recently announced the date of their upcoming Third Annual Irish Festival. The festival will be held on Saturday, September 9 from 1-8 pm at Waterfront Park, South Amboy which overlooks Raritan Bay.

This year’s event will feature both food and craft vendors, food trucks as well as food and clothing items for sale by local non-profit organizations. A free Kid’s Zone complete with games, mechanical rides, a rock wall, face painting, jugglers and puppet shows will be offered throughout the day.

The festival also includes scheduled performances by The Willie Lynch Band, The Snakes Irish Rock Band, The Bantry Boys Irish Folk Band, Collegium Musicum, The D.B. Kelly Pipes and Drums, as well as performances by the students of two Irish

Schools of Dance.

Multiple parking areas will be available throughout the city with free bus transportation from these parking sites to and from the festival. Please check the New Jersey Transit train schedules for routes to and from the South Amboy Train Station.

Those wishing to become a vendor at the festival are asked to contact Mr. Jay Elliot at Elliotj@southamboynj.gov for information regarding vendor registration and additional vendor information related to the September 9th Irish Festival.

Additional information will be available regarding the upcoming September 9, 2023 Irish Festival and past events/parades coordinated through the South Amboy Saint Patrick’s Day Committee at their website www.southamboyparade.com.

May Crowning



Marge Gallagher crowns the Blessed Mary statue assisted by Patricia Mancini. The annual May crowning was held at Msgr. Dalton Hall and was sponsored by the Our Lady Of Victories Senior Club. (Photo/Info by Steve Schmid)

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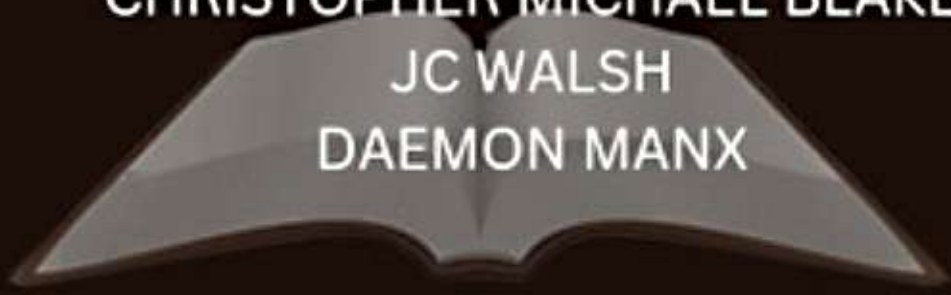


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Spring Showcase

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One Hit Wonders-55 Years Ago

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Rumbles from the Rock and Roll Reunion

By Clem Skarzynski

Hey Rock n' Rollers, hoping all is well with everyone. Many thanks to all for your prayers for my wife Kathy, who is now in remission with her recurrence of breast cancer. Prayers are always answered! I've been assisting a fellow musician, formerly from Morgan, N.J., now in Midland, Texas, Mr. Darryl James, guitarist, one of the "Godsons of Local Rock and Roll," who way back in 1957, along with fellow Morgan musician/drummer, Bobby Spencer, and tenor saxman, Frank Joisne, joined their talents with the "Godfather of local Rock and Roll" and founding leader/member of "The Hepcats" Roger Johnson. The name was given to a reporter by drummer Bobby Spencer, but by mistake, the editor/publisher of the area daily newspaper, put the name of "THE HUBCAPS"..Well, that name stuck and became synonymous with the birth of "Roger Johnson and the Hubcaps" as the areas 1st Local "Garage Band," based out of Morgan ,N.J.[note]..Tommy Lucas and the Houndogs, were the 1st local "Garage Band" from the Perth Amboy area. The original lineup was Roger Johnson-guitar, Darryl James-guitar, Bobby Spencer-drums, and Frank Joisne-tenor sax. Darryl's new book.."The Hubcaps" Out of the Garage Jersey's Iconic "Garage Band," is the outcome of Darryl's tireless months of research, of which I was "honored"to be a part of with pictures and history to add to his book. It's available on Amazon.com in hard and soft cover, and Kindle. You rockers from that era AND all the rest of you who followed us "old guys" as "weekend warriors" playing our generation's "Rock and Roll, NEED to get this book, and see how all of us "musicians"are a "special breed," and pretty much, experienced the same insane years of playing music with each other.It's and incredible journey that took "The Hubcaps" and in fact, all of us thru the ups and downs of "kids wanting to be rock stars."A MUST read for all. Again,Amazon. com, get it, NOW! "Clem and Friends" has added a new member to its growing family of outstanding musicians..South Amboy's own Tim Kelly, as the drummer for the group. He'll be filling in for Pat Marra, till his return..Thank You Tim,for your help!

Our Sayreville Boro Shows have had date changes. Saturday September 23rd,5 to 8pm,"Blast from the Past"Car Show,"and Sunday Sept.24th,"Sayreville Day,"2 to 4pm. Rain Dates are the following Saturday, Sept.30th and Sunday Oct.1st...More info as we get closer! The South Amboy Knights of Columbus is Sponsoring,"Dinner for Dave," a benefit dinner and musical event, on Friday June 16,th,at the Sacred Heart Memorial Hall, 531 Washington Ave. So.Amboy. Doors open at 6:30 pm..\$20 per adult/\$10 per child..The Menu includes Spaghetti, Penne, meatballs, sausage, salad, bread, coffee, soda, water, and dessert. Reservations REQUIRED. Call Bruce @732-586-9779. "Live Music" will be on the menu, with local musicians providing the entertainment. All proceeds will help offset medical expenses for Dave Pirillo and Family. Till next time. Be well and safe.



By Tom Burkard

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3.1999
4.25 Or 6 To 4
5.Eight Days A Week
6.Christine Sixteen
7.8675309
8.Eight Miles High
9.50 Ways To Leave Your Lover
10.18 And Life
11.Three Times A Lady

Numbers

a.Paul Simon
b.Three Dog Night
c.Kiss
d.The Beatles
e.Skid Row
f.The Byrds
g.Prince
h.Lionel Richie
i.The Marvelettes
j.Tommy Tutone
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Acoustic Friday, June 23

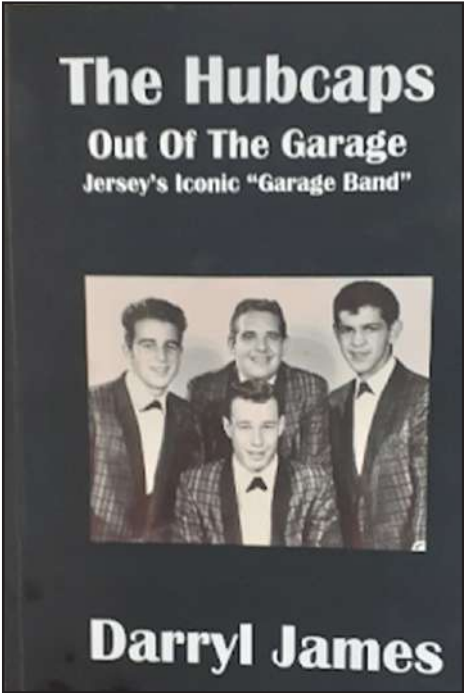
South Amboy Arts Alliance welcomes Barbara Paskin and the musical duo This & That to its Acoustic Friday showcase on June 23, 2023.

In a return visit to the gallery, Barbara Paskins will again bring her strong finger-picking style to the songs she so beautifully covers, including the music of Patsy Cline, Bonnie Raitt, Mary Chapin Carpenter, Kate Wolf, and many more. Barbara is also a veteran of the annual Artsfest Festival. This & That consists of Tom Lucas and Linda Eckman. The duo derives their name from a free-ranging playlist, which touches on a variety of genres, including soft rock, country, blues and love songs—a little this and a little of that. With Tom on guitar, vocals and harmonica and Linda on guitar and vocals, This & That will bring their musical magic to the SA Arts stage next month.

There will be no May show, but the fun continues on June 23. SA Arts is located at 141 N. Broadway, South Amboy, NJ. Doors open at 6:30 pm, and the show runs from 7 to 9 pm. Admission is \$5.00, and complementary light refreshments will be offered. The Alliance seeks interested acoustic-oriented performers of any genre for future shows. If you've contacted SA Arts about playing and haven't heard back, you will. 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.

- #1 Pop Hits**
May 27
- 2003-Get Busy-Sean Paul
 - 1998-My All-Mariah Carey
 - 1985-Everything She Wants-Wham!
 - 1975-Shining Star-Earth, Wind, & Fire
 - 1961-Mother-In-Law-Ernie K-Doe

- #1 Country Hits**
May 27
- 2001-Ain't Nothing 'Bout You -Brooks & Dunn
 - 1994-Your Love Amazes Me-John Berry
 - 1980-Starting Over Again-Dolly Parton
 - 1978-Do You Know Your Are My Sunshine -The Statler Bros.
 - 1964-Distant Drums-Jim Reeves



This is the cover of the great new book, The Hubcaps Out Of The Garage Jersey's Iconic "Garage Band," which was written by former Morgan resident Darryl James. The Hubcaps are pictured (l-r) Darryl James, George Nicolidas, and Frank Joisne. Below center is Roger Johnson.. available on Amazon.com.

Top 20 Song Shootout

The Top 20 Songs for most Youtube.com views on our Facebook page for May. 1-Abraham, Martin, & John-Dion; 2-Unchained Melody-The Righteous Brothers; 3-Whiter Shade Of Pale-Procol Harum; 4-Time In A Bottle-Jim Croce; 5-Look What You're Doing To Me-Boz Scaggs; 6-Heard It In A Love Song-Marshall Tucker Band; 7-Brown Eyed Girl-Van Morrison; 8-Annie's Song-John Denver; 9-Tears In Heaven-Eric Clapton; 10-I'll

Never Find Another You-The Seekers; 11-Let's Hang On-The Four Seasons; 12-Peaceful Easy Feeling-The Eagles; 13-Baby I Love Your Way-Peter Frampton; 14-Runaround Sue-Dion; 15-Only The Lonely-Roy Orbison; 16-The Gypsy Cried-Lou Christie; 17-War-Bruce Springsteen; 18-Have I Told You Lately-Rod Stewart; 19-Precious And Few-Climax; 20-Going Up The Country-Canned Heat.



WWW.?



Can you identify this building? Send your answer to satimes@aol.com by June 17th. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

Last month's answer was Amboy Bank South Amboy (originally First National Bank of South Amboy)/
Winners: Mary Agnes Morris, Joan Fulham, Bruce Grankowski, Marlene Lerwenski, Dennis Quinlan, Joan Gorczyca, Don Zrebiec, John Gelsinon, Edna Pilch, Nanci Deverin, Lisa Grankowski, Mary Lou LoVecchio, Ed Nycz, John and Joann French, Betty Leveille, Barb Bockus, Stephen Laskiewicz, Laurie Loftus, Lynn Loy, Eleanore Westerholm, Dane Colburn, Chelle Martin, Walter Starzec Jr, Mark Moniello, Peter McIntyre, Thomas Harrigan, Gary Feret, Pat Scully.



April WWW.?
Amboy Bank- Broadway, South Amboy

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



The Kindergarten class proudly hosted May's First Friday Mass.



Fun in the sun was had by all as the students, faculty, and parents of St. Stan's participated in various Field Day activities!



On May 6th, the Second Graders became participating members of the Mass as they received their Sacrament of Holy Communion.

What Exit?



This month we are looking for another GPS exit to get to the where in NJ. Send your answer to satimes@aol.com by June 17th.



What Exit?

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton

April What Exit:

To get to last month's where in NJ - GSP 135 (Clark) is the quickest way to get there. The following got it right: Edna Pilch, Betty Leveille, Walter Starzec Jr, Thomas Harrigan, Gary Feret, Pat Scully.

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 -ML..

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One-on-one LinkedIn
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Monday, Jun. 5, @6PM

Come get some in depth one-on-one training and learn the ins and outs of LinkedIn and get your professional development and networking set and ready to go.
Registration Required
Register online or call 732-727-0212 Ext 112

Guardianship, Conservatorship, and
Medical Directives with Tina James.
Tuesday, June 13 @6PM

Join Tina M. James, local attorney, for this informative seminar about guardianships. Learn about the different types of guardianships and how the courts manage these different types.
Refreshments will be served
Registration Required
Register online or call 732-727-0212 Ext 112

Movie Matinee
Tuesday, June 20 @1PM

Join us for our monthly movie matinee. This month: Mrs. Harris Goes to Paris, a lighthearted comedy starring Lesley Manville, Jason Issacs, and Isabelle Huppert
Rated PG-1 hr 55 mins
Registration required.
Register online or call 732-727-0212 Ext 112

Meet Your Neighbors
At Your Library Presents:
The Culture of Bangladesh
Saturday, Jun. 24, 1:30 pm-4:00 pm

The "Meet your neighbors at the Library" series returns with another installment in our cultural series.
This time: Come meet your neighbors from Bangladesh.
There will be music, dancing, fashion, arts, and much much more.
This event will be held at the Sayreville Senior Center at 423 Main Street.
Register online or call 732-727-0212 Ext 112.



Spring Creek Health Care Center did a Hands Only Compression in conjunction with the City of South Amboy on April 27, 2023 at the South Amboy High School auditorium. Dr. Gonzalez Gomez of Mid Jersey Medical Supplies and Director of Spanish Program at Spring Creek answered many questions to attendees that taught essentially how to save a life. Several children joined the adults to become better prepared to help someone who has a sudden cardiac arrest. (Photos/story submitted)



Catholic War
Veterans, Sacred
Heart Memorial Post
578, South Amboy

Monday, May 29th, Memorial Day,
8:00 AM Mass, Church of the Sacred Heart,
Washington Avenue, South Amboy, NJ. All
Catholic Veterans are invited to attend.
Monday, May 29th, 9:00 AM, Memorial
Day Service, Church of the Sacred Heart
Cemetery, Johnson Lane, Parlin. The public
is invited to attend.



LETTERS

Letter to Editor:

On Sunday evening, April 23, 2023, a fierce fire occurred at our site of business. We are truly grateful for the quick, heroic intervention by the Sayreville Volunteer Fire Department and Sayreville Police Department - the backbone of our community. Thanks to their competence, the damage was contained to one piece of equipment and thus further damage to the rest of our property was avoided. We also sincerely thank our Fire Marshall Andrew, all volunteer firemen and policemen for their professionalism and kind, reassuring words. Thank you so very much.

Andy and Debbie Wallentine
SAYREVILLE LAWN & GARDEN

What is Memorial Day

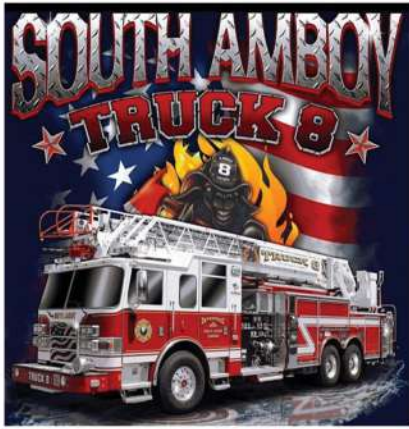
Memorial Day, which was originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance in honor of America's war dead. Decoration Day was officially proclaimed on May 5, 1866 by General John Logan, National Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic. It was first observed on May 30, 1868. May 30th was chosen specifically because it was not on the anniversary of a major battle. Federal law recognized the holiday as "Memorial Day" in 1967. In 1971, a law was passed moving the date from May 30 to the last Monday in May.

Memorial Day SERVICES - May 28th

Meeting at 9 A.M. at Christ Church Cemetery and
continuing to local cemeteries and ending at
Veterans Plaza on Bordentown Ave. at 12 noon
with placing of the Memorial Wreath.

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The Vintage Car Contest

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton



Can you identify this little car? Send your answer to satimes@aol.com by June 17th.

April Vintage Car

Last month’s vintage car was a Columbia Electric from the Electric Vehicle Company in Hartford Connecticut. The following were able to identify it: Edna Pilch, John and Joann French, Betty Leveille, Dane Colburn, Walter Starzec Jr, Mark Moniello, Thomas Harrigan, Gary Feret, Pat Scully.



Columbia Electric

Who is it?

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton



Can you identify this band? Think of a famous NJ inventor and Rosemary! Send your answer to satimes@aol.com by June 17th.

March Who is it?

Dr. Ianniruberto (Former principal of St. Mary’s/Cardinal McCarrick HS), and Dave Winfield (Hall of Fame baseball player). April Winners: Rob Geant (2 points), Dan Volosin (1 point), John and Joann French (1 point), Betty Leveille (1 point), Laurie Loftus (1 point), Dane Colburn (1point), Walter Starzec Jr (1 point), Peter McIntyre (1 point), Gary Feret (1 point),

Incorrect Answer: Winfield and George Steinbrenner, Winfield and Tom Kelly.



Dr. Ianniruberto and Dave Winfield

Plays-in-the-Park Returns to Middlesex County Season starts on June 14 with Rock of Ages

Middlesex County’s Plays-in-the-Park is returning to the stage this summer, with performances of Rock of Ages, Ain’t Misbehavin’, and Cinderella at the Stephen J. Capestro Theatre in Edison, part of Plays-in-the-Park’s 61st season.

“The arts scene in Middlesex County is more robust than ever, and a big reason for this is our acclaimed summer shows at Plays-in-the-Park, which is now in its 61st Season,” said Director of the Board of County Commissioners Ronald G. Rios. “This year, we’re thrilled to have three spectacular Broadway-caliber shows in the works, including household titles like Rock of Ages, Ain’t Misbehavin’, and Cinderella. On behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, I would like to encourage all County residents to partake in this season's diverse and entertaining live performances, sure to delight audiences of all ages.”

“For over six decades, Plays-in-the-Park has enchanted audiences with its breathtaking productions, staged in the picturesque Roosevelt Park in Edison. As one of Middlesex County's most treasured cultural institutions, Plays-in-the-Park has earned a reputation for its unwavering commitment to excellence and universal appeal,” said County Commissioner Charles E. Tomaro, chair of Infrastructure Management Committee. “I wish to extend my gratitude to the talented casts, crews, and production teams for their immeasurable dedication to the arts. In addition to enjoying the many productions planned, we encourage everyone attending these events to bring a non-perishable food item as a donation for REPLENISH, making this experience not just entertaining, but also meaningful and impactful.”

“As the Artistic Director, it is my pleasure to invite you to be a part of this exceptional theatrical journey at the Roosevelt Park in Edison. Our talented casts and crews have been hard at work, bringing to life theatrical performances that are guaranteed to captivate and enthrall. Whether you are a seasoned theater-goer or a first-time attendee, I guarantee that this season of Plays-in-the-Park will leave you spellbound,” said Plays-in-the-Park Artistic Director, Margaret Davis “On behalf of everyone who has worked tirelessly to make this season our best one yet, thank you for your continued support, we look forward to seeing you this summer at Plays-in-the-Park!”

In partnership with REPLENISH, Plays-in-the-Park will also be collecting nutritious food for residents in need throughout the season. If you would like to help, please bring

a non-perishable food item when attending performances.

PLAYS-IN-THE-PARK 2023 SCHEDULE:
Stephen J. Capestro Theater
Roosevelt Park in Edison
1 Pine Dr, Edison, NJ 08837

Rock of Ages (June 14-24) – takes you back to late 1980’s Hollywood when big bands, big guitars and even bigger hair ruled the day! Come watch aspiring rock star (and resident toilet cleaner) Drew battle the big developers who want to turn everyone’s favorite Sunset Strip venue into a strip mall. Can Drew, Sherri and the gang save the fabled Sunset Strip before it’s too late? You’ll have to journey back to the ‘80’s to find out! This Tony Award nominated Broadway musical features the hits of bands including Styx, REO Speedwagon, Pat Benetar, Twisted Sister and more!

Ain’t Misbehavin’ (July 5-15) – is a sassy, sultry musical celebration of the legendary jazz great, Fats Waller. One of the most popular revues of all time, this 1978 Tony Award Winning Best Musical evokes the delightful humor and infectious energy of this American talent with a versatile cast who struts, strums and sings the songs he made famous in a career that ranged from uptown clubs to downtown Tin Pan Alley, over to Hollywood and concert stages across US, Canada and Europe.

Cinderella (July 26 – August 5) – reminds us all that dreams really do come true! In this contemporary Broadway adaptation, Rodgers and Hammerstein’s lush score soars with our favorite songs including, “In My Own Little Corner”, “Ten Minutes Ago”, “Impossible/It’s Possible” and more – all alongside a hilarious and romantic libretto retelling the familiar story of the little girl of the cinders who transforms into the most enchanting princess in the land and captures the heart of the handsome prince, while her evil stepmother wreaks havoc every step of the way!

TICKET SALE PROTOCOLS:

The Box Office opens at 5:30 pm and patrons are admitted to the seating area immediately after purchasing tickets. All shows start at 8 pm. The box office closes at 8:30 pm each show night. All you need to bring is your favorite lawn chair.

Ticket price is \$8.00 per adult; \$5.00 per senior citizen 60 and over, children twelve (12) and under enter for free. In the case of inclement weather, save your ticket stub as it will allow you to see another performance this season.

Classic Car



1950’s-Pictured on the hood of this classic car is Angela Charmello holding her little brother Nick Charmello. Does anyone know what the year/make of the car was? (Photo/info submitted)



WHAT IS IT?????

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton



Any idea what this is? Send your answer to satimes@aol.com by June 17th.

April What Is It? Hasbro's Cootie Game.



The above picture is the original game of "Cootie" developed and created by William Schaper in 1948 and based on the traditional dice game Beetle. The object is to build a bug like object called a cootie. The game was launched in 1949 and was commercially successful, with copies totalling more than one million in the first few years. In 1973, Cootie was acquired by Tyco Toys, and, in 1986, by Hasbro subsidiary Milton Bradley. The game was given a new look and continued to enjoy commercial succes.. In 2003, Cootie was named to the Toy Industry Association's "Century of Toys List".



Where in NJ? By Brian and Phyllis Stratton



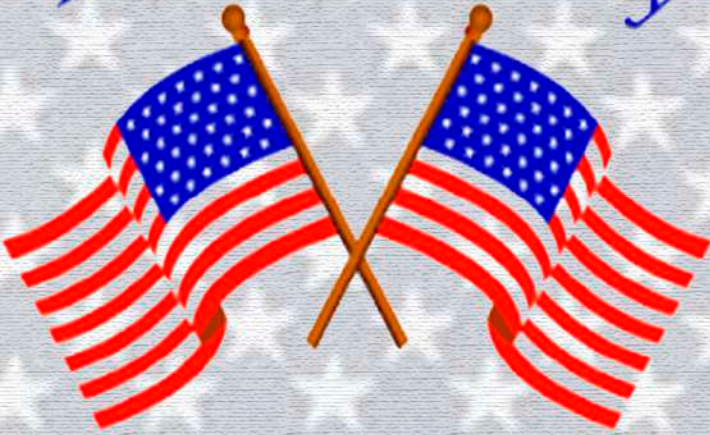
Can you identify this place? Send your answer to satimes@aol.com by June 17th.

Last month's answer was White Diamond Restaurant located in Clark, NJ. A quaint breakfast and burger joint. The following must have eaten there: Ray Megill, Craig Keller, Harry Krapsho, Edna Pilch, Betty Leveille, Walter Starzec Jr, Mark Moniello, Thomas Harrigan, Gary Feret.



April Where in NJ?
White Diamond Restaurant, Clark NJ.

Memorial Day



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Borough of Sayreville Wins Highest Honor

The Academy of Interactive and Visual Arts has officially announced the winners of the 29th Annual Communicator Awards. With around 3,000 entries received from across the US and worldwide, the Communicator Awards is the most extensive and competitive awards program honoring creative excellence for communications professionals. Winners who received the competition's highest honor, the Award of Excellence or Distinction, include Bank of America, Groove Jones, PBS, Hearts & Science, Pepsico, George Mason University, AARP, and for the second time, the Borough of Sayreville and its communications team. "The submissions for the 29th season of The Communicator Awards' were some of the most diverse and powerful yet", said AIVA managing director Lauren Angeloni. "I am truly blown away by the quality of the work."

In 2021 the Borough of Sayreville received a Communicators Award for the viral Social Campaign #ISTAYHOMEFOR SAYREVILLE garnered national media coverage with its simple message about social distancing and staying home to help prevent the spread of Covid-19. This year, the Borough is being lauded in the Content Marketing and Community Engagement category because of its popular Facebook Page and Borough Blast as part of its integrated communication and community outreach strategy.

The Borough's communication team is overseen by the Business Administrator Glenn Skarzynski, who is no stranger to creating a viral and frequently visited Facebook page



for the Sayreville Police Department " "We are incredibly proud that our efforts have been recognized. The hard work of our Communications and Media Liaison, Julie Veloz, and our IT Manager, Tom Bracken, has enhanced our ability to open new dialogues with the people we serve. We will continue enhancing our digital footprint thanks to their creativity and technical expertise synergy."

The Borough will continue to expand its Community Outreach through the launch of the new Borough Website, SayTV, and other integrated online portals to make life easier for its residents.

Bombers Beyond Café

The South Amboy Knights of Columbus, Council 426 were happy to make a donation to the Brew Crew at the Bombers Beyond Café. Located at 132 Main St. in Sayreville, the innovative program transitions 18-21 year old students to help bridge the gap between

school and adulthood. It's a great program run by Sayreville Schools. The café is open Monday through Thursday from 8 am until noon, and offers a delicious selection of coffee and cakes plus a welcome atmosphere. Great Job by the Brew Crew!



Pictured (l-r), South Amboy Knights of Columbus, GK Jordan Drevelus, Ed Vassallo, Jan Williams, Bruce Grankowski, and George Giovenco present a donation to the Brew Crew, Sam, Mikey, Emme, and Gabe at the Bombers Beyond Café. The donation was from a recent "Sock Hop" fundraiser held at the Knights. (Photo by Eileen Giovenco)

Congratulations



Congratulations to Rich McCutcheon, who was the owner of Monaghan House for 37 years, and recently sold the business. The above photo was taken in 2014 when Rich was selected Irish Person of the Year by the South Amboy Irish-American Association. Best of luck to you in the future Rich, and thanks for the great memories at your popular bar.

Sayreville Middle School Career Club



Sayreville Middle School Career Club students visited the Middlesex County Superior Court in New Brunswick, N.J. and participated in a question-and-answer period with Judge Toto, Judge Pitchford, and Judge Desai, along with attorney Barry Muller, a Sayreville resident and parent. Students also received a crash course on suspect evidence, warrants and got time in a civil and criminal court room setting with the presiding judges and attorney. Pictured above (r-l): Judge Toto, Attorney Barry Muller, Judge Pitchford, and Judge Desai. Front Row: Gianna Muller (6th grade student). (Photo/Info Submitted)

Fire Training



On March 30th members of the South Amboy Fire Dept. attended a live burn training session at the Middlesex County Fire Academy. Members went through three different fire scenarios within the "Taxpayer" training building using various fire fighting tactics. South Amboy First Aid Squad stood by for firefighter rehab. (Photo/story by Jamie Norek)

Memorial Day 2023 Remembering Our First Responders

By Ex-Chief Richard Kosmoski, MS

On this Memorial Day let us remember those who gave of themselves so we may live and enjoy our freedom and liberty for which they fought. We can show our respect for our fallen Veteran's by thanking those still living. There are very few precious World War II Veterans alive. Our Korean Veteran's are not far behind and our Vietnam Veterans are now in their seventies and eighties. It is because of them, our lives are free! It is because of them our world is Blessed!

Never forget what these brave men and women accomplished for our country and the world. One way to show them respect is to fly your flag, high and bright. On Memorial Day pause a minute and pray for them and their families because they fought for that freedom. People in other countries throughout the world may not have the freedom of religion that you enjoy because of our Veterans.

This Memorial Day is also a time to remember and pay respect to our local first responders. These brave men and women respond to our needs and emergencies twenty-four hours a day.

They risk their lives on a local level just as our Veterans do worldwide. As you pass any one of our local cemeteries you will notice the graves decorated with new brightly colored flags. These American flags are provided to each and every Veteran and placed there by other Veterans. There are

also Fire Department flags decorating the graves of our fallen first responders. Many graves will be decorated with both flags. Just imagine how bravely these men & women lived their lives and their devotion to their country and community! Below is a list of our first responders who have answered their final alarm since last year.

WE WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER AND NEVER FORGET! MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH AMBOY FIRE DEPARTMENT

- James Jensen Chief of Department
- James A. Beshada Chief of Department
- George Gay Progressive Fire Company
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- George Baetz Independence Engine & Hose Co. #1
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PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

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

NOVENA TO ST. JUDE

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus have mercy on us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, helper of the hopeless, pray for us. Say this prayer nine times a day for nine days. It has never been known to fail. Publication must be promised. Thank you St. Jude. -- Anonymous

A Memorial Day Tribute

By Henrik M. Moe
Morgan, N.J.

Today, we gather to honor our veterans, each in their own way, who were so willing to give of themselves to defend their brothers and sisters, and our country. Today is a day we as a country come together to honor and remember our servicemen and women who answered America's call to service, and paid the ultimate price. Today, we say thank you, we remember you, and are very grateful to you. They join the ranks of heroes taken from us too soon. The harsh reality of war and military service in general is that not everyone will make it home.

Let us also remember those we know as the greatest generation. These we know as the ones who answered the call during WWII, and who brought peace to a war torn world. Sadly, the few who remain will pass on soon.

Time will not dim the glory of their

deeds. Having walked through cemeteries in Arlington, VA., Normandy, Belgium, and Holland, I randomly looked at gravesites and thought about the soldiers buried there. Who were they, and what was their future, had they not made the supreme sacrifice? It's hard to imagine when these people left their homes, they would never return.

Today, our grateful nation had set this day aside to honor these people and their loved ones. In the end, all we can be sure of is their distinguished service, and most importantly that on a certain date and place, they died as American soldiers.

Thank those who served this nation in peacetime and war, those who are gone, and those still with us. May God bless them and God Bless America.

Blooming Success!



The Sacred Heart Council of Catholic Women thank the community for supporting our recent Sunflower Bouquet Sale. It was a great success because of the support of many. All money collected will be donated to Caritas Ukraine. Members pictured helping with the sale are Ruth Hernandez-Stanziale, Peggy Dombrowski, and Eileen Michalik. (Photo/info submitted)

May Crowning



Emily Campagna of Sayreville, crowns the statue of the Blessed Mother at the annual May Crowning sponsored by the South Amboy Columbiettes held at the Knights of Columbus Grotto (Photo by Steve Schmid)

15 Years Ago

2008-The New Rascals came to South Amboy's Centro Night Club to record their new DVD in HD. The group was led by original Young Rascals/The Rascals popular group and hit recording artists from the 1960's

Gene Cornish on guitar and Dino Danelli on drums. They were reunited on stage with their former Rascals bandmate Eddie Brigati, who was a vocalist/tambourine player in the original 60's lineup.

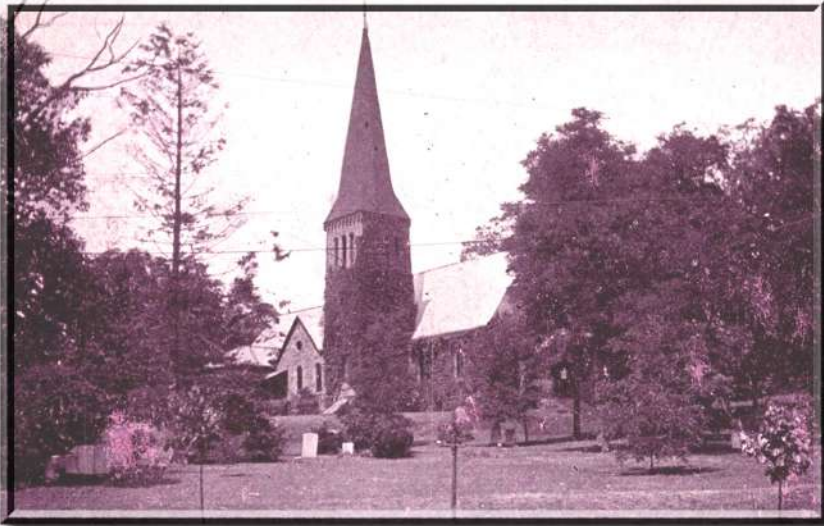
OLV Senior Group Trip to Wheeling, West Virginia

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a Christmas holiday trip to Wheeling, West Virginia Festival of Lights from November 28 to November 30 2023. The cost of the trip is \$460.00. The price includes: 2 nights lodging, 2 breakfasts, and 1 holiday dinner. Also included: Lights tour at Oglebay Park,

Colonel Oglebay's Mansion tour, Glass Museum, tour of Independence Hall, Toy and train Museum, a d Wheeling Island casino. Lastly, bus transportation and driver's gratuity are also included. For information or to reserve a seat, please contact Finita Shicoff at 732-721-5081.



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School Sports
(As of May 16)
By Tom Burkard
Baseball
Sayreville (13-8)
Coach Mike Novak
Batting Leaders
Runs-Jake Romanello 25, Nick Colonnello 19, Michael Novak 18; Hits-Romanello 30, Novak 22, Aayush Mehta 21; RBI-Colonnello 19 Mehta 17; Doubles-Novak 6, Aidan Crimmins 5, Romanello 5; Home Runs-Colonnello 2; Stolen Bases-Romanello 19, Novak 11, Colonnello 7; Batting Avg.-Romanello .492, Novak .344, Mehta .309, Thomas Schlaline .290.
Pitching Leaders
Innings Pitched-Mehta 35.1, Thomas Schlaline 33.1, James Kehoe 23.2; Strikeouts-Schlaline 39, Mehta 30, Kehoe 29; ERA-Mehta 0.79, Schlaline 2.94.
South Amboy (12-5)
Coach Dan Poulsen
Batting Leaders
Runs-Jeremy Vasquez 23, Gabriel Albarran 22, Wesley Sanchez 18; Hits-Benjamin Hernandez 22, Vasquez 21, Albarran 20, Diego Colon 19; RBI-Hernandez 17, Albarran 14, Colon 13; Doubles-Hernandez 5, Albarran 4; Triples-Steven Evanski 2, Nigel Johnson 2; Home Runs-Steven Evanski 1; Stolen Bases-Albarran 11 S. Evanski 10; Batting Avg.-Hernandez .518, Colon .463,

Vasquez .429, S. Evanski .394.
Pitching Leaders
Innings Pitched- Steven Evanski 23.2, Matthew Stempinski 21; Strikeouts-Evanski 37, Stempinski 21; ERA-Evanski 1.18, Stempinski 4.94.
Softball
South Amboy (11-7)
Coach Lindsay Durant
Batting Leaders
Runs- Brianna Sweatt 30, Jada Berry 28, Emma Kalantis 27; Hits-Kalantis 29, Sarah McLaughlin 24, Sweatt 20; RBI-Sweatt 27, McLaughlin 25, Evalise Perez 23; Doubles-Kalantis 7, Perez 5, McLaughlin 4; Triples-Kalantis 2, Sweatt 2; Home Runs-Berry 3, Perez 1; Stolen Bases-Berry 23, Sweatt 22, Iyanni Twiggs 19; Batting Avg.-Kalantis .531, McLaughlin .404, Sweatt .365, Perez .349, Berry .340, Kayla Buchanan .300.
Pitching Leaders
Innings Pitched-Perez 80.2, Sweatt 25.1; Strikeouts-Perez 122, Sweatt 32; ERA-Sweatt 1.38, Perez 5.03.
Sayreville (9-6)
Coach Amanda Moken
Batting Leaders
Runs-Caydence Barton 17, Megan McKay 14; Hits-Rose Joseph 24, Barton 21, Mya Infante 18; RBI-Joseph 19, Infante 15, Jillian Bourbeau 13; Doubles-Joseph 5, Barton 5; Triples-Joseph 3, Infante 2; Home Runs-Infante 1; Batting Avg.-Joseph .462, Barton

.382, Infante .340, Bourbeau .327, Josephine Vanore .300.
Pitching Leaders
Innings Pitched-Vanore 48.2, Barton 46.1; Strikeouts-Barton 49, Vanore 45; ERA-Barton 3.47, Vanore 3.88.
Sayreville Shocked In GMCT
In a 2nd round GMCT baseball game, #12 seeded South Brunswick (7-11) shocked #5 Sayreville (12-6), by a 5-3 score. A.J. Zapotieczny drove in 2 runs for the Bombers, while Aidan Crimmins drilled 2 doubles and had an RBI. Michael Novak added 2 hits and stole 2 bases, and Michael Robinson chipped in with 2 hits. James Kehoe struck out 6 in 4.2 innings of relief.
Guv Boys Bow In GMC Semis
Coach Dan Poulsen’s South Amboy Governors boys baseball club lost a tough 7-5 contest to Perth Amboy in the GMC Invitational Tournament. Benjamin Smith smacked an RBI double for the Purple & Gold.
Sayreville Ousted In First Round
The Sayreville girls softball team was eliminated in the 1st round of the GMCT by East Brunswick, 10-0. Caydence Barton ripped a two-base hit for the Bombers.

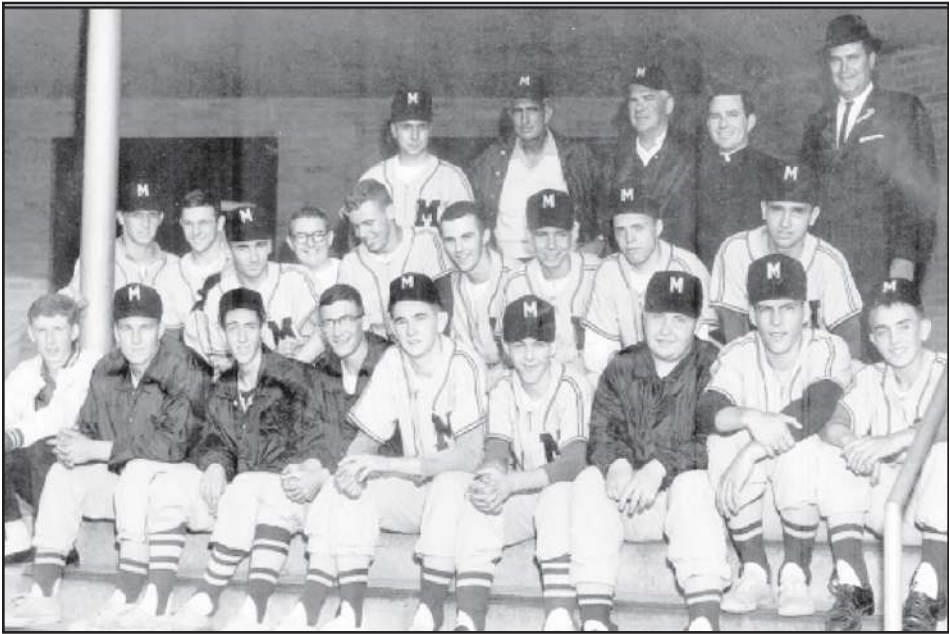
South Amboy Falls In Semis
South Amboy (SA) girls softball contingent was eliminated in the semifinal round of the GMC Invitational Tournament by Middlesex, 7-2. The Lady Guvs got only 4 hits, two from Sarah McLaughlin. Kayla Buchanan drilled an RBI single, and Morgan Moskal also had an RBI... In the quarterfinals, SA nipped South River, 6-5 in 8 innings. Emma Kalantis hammered 3 hits including 2 doubles, and drove in 4 runs. Soph pitcher Brianna Sweatt notched the win, and struck out 6 in 5 innings.
South Amboy Wins In GMC
The South Amboy girls softball squad blasted Somerset Tech, 23-3 in a 3 ½ inning game in the GMC Invitational. The game was ended by the mercy killing rule. The Lady Guvs erupted for 14 runs in the second inning, and that was more than enough. Winning pitcher Evalise Perez and Morgan Moskal drove in 2 runs apiece, Jada Berry belted a single and homer to drive in 3 runs, and also stole 3 bases. Iyanni Twiggs drilled 2 singles and a triple to knock in 5 runs, and stole 3 bases. Brianna Sweatt drew 3 walks, scored 4 runs, and notched 6 stolen bases.



60 Years Ago:

1963: ST MARY’S WINS BASEBALL TITLE





1963-St. Mary’s Parochial B Baseball state champions are pictured Bottom row (l-r) Bob Windrem, scorekeeper, Joe Pohl, John Norek, Tom Trenta, Joe Martin, Pete Check, Dave “Dee” Kelly, Jerry Freeman, Rich “Ish” Ambroziak; Middle row (l-r) Jim Carney, John “Jay” Derent, John Dennen, Pat Casey, Mgr., Jack Kreiger, George Stramback, Vince Wisniewski, Jim Brady, Art O’Donnell Jr.; Top row (l-r) Ray Selover, Asst. Coach Art O’Donnell Sr., Coach Bill “Smokey” Ryan, Rev. Father George Brembos, Mayor Joseph Charmello. Missing from photo: Tom Vona, Larry Gleason.



St. Mary’s players and coaches were driven around in style, as they celebrated their ’63 state championship in brand new 1963 Chevrolet Convertibles on loan from Briggs Chevrolet car dealership. The Eagles are pictured ironically in front of Hoffman High School, who had a championship parade of their own two months earlier, after winning the Group I State Basketball crown.

St. Mary’s Won Parochial B Baseball Title

By Tom Burkard

Thousands of local high school athletes have come and gone, but one of the most talented and unforgettable teams in South Amboy history was the 1963 St. Mary’s varsity baseball club. Coach Bill “Smokey” Ryan’s team had been on the verge of greatness in 1961 and ’62, but fell short both years, losing to Trenton Catholic in the Parochial A finals. Area newspapers affectionately called St. Mary’s “The Ryan Nine,” and the ’63 Eagles would not be denied in their bid for glory. The Saints were reassigned by the N.J.S.I.A.A. to the smaller Parochial B group, and quickly proved that once again, they were bona fide contenders for the title. In their first state tourney test, they upset defending champion, Holy Spirit of Atlantic City, 6-4, behind the strong pitching of Joe Pohl and Jim Carney, and the fine hitting of Pohl and George Stramback. Pohl drilled a single and double, while Stramback orbited a three-run homer. Carney hurled two perfect innings in relief to preserve Pohl’s sixth victory of the season, and send the Eagles to the Parochial B final. The big date was May 30, 1963, as locals prepared for the traditional Memorial Day Weekend, with the annual parade, and family picnics and parties taking place throughout “The Pleasant Little City.” The championship showdown took place at the Peddie School Field in Hightstown. St. Mary’s carried an impressive (13-5) record, while Gloucester Catholic sported an even better (13-2) mark. The Eagles starting lineup was: Ray Selover 2b Tom Vona 3b Art O’Donnell c Joe Pohl p George Stramback cf Jack Kreiger 1b Jay Derent lf Vince Wisniewski ss Jerry Freeman rf. Reserves were: John Dennen, Jim Brady, Jim Carney, John Norek, Tom Trenta, Joe Martin, Pete Check, Dave “Dee” Kelly, Rich “Ish” Ambroziak, and Lawrence Gleason. Art O’Donnell, Sr., was Ryan’s ace Assistant Coach, Pat Casey, manager, and Bob Windrem, scorekeeper. The title game was one of the most exciting in Parochial School history, as the Eagles scored first in the opening inning when Vona unleashed a triple to right field, and scored on a single to left by O’Donnell to make it 1-0. Stramback blasted a line drive double to left center, scoring O’Donnell and giving the Saints a 2-0 spread. Stramback hammered another double, stole third, and scored on a wild pitch to up St. Mary’s lead to 3-0 after 4 innings. Gloucester Catholic battled back, and tied the contest at 3-3 in the bottom of the 7th inning, to force extra innings. After a scoreless 8th inning, Derent led off the 9th with a single, and advanced to second on a wild pitch. Wisniewski singled, moving Derent to third base. Freeman then came up to bat, and drilled the biggest hit of his career, driving in Derent, and giving the Eagles a 4-3 lead. Selover drove in Wisniewski with a sacrifice fly to right, with Freeman moving to second. Freeman then stole third, and scored on a wild pitch for the final run, as St. Mary’s nailed its elusive Parochial B Baseball State Championship, 6-3. Pohl, St. Mary’s ace of the staff, was the winning pitcher, yielding only 5 hits, while striking out 11 and walking 8. Offensive standouts were Stramback with two doubles, Vona, a single and triple, and Freeman, two singles including the game-winning RBI. For the season, catcher Art O’Donnell Jr. topped the club with a scorching .423 batting average... Joe Pohl, the talented right-handed flamethrower finished with an outstanding (7-1) record, and closed out his high school career with an (18-8) mark, second most wins in the school’s history. He also threw two no hitters in his career. In addition, his batting exploits were amazing! He was the Middlesex County batting champion in ’62 with an unbelievable .469 avg., and compiled a four year mark of .388. The gifted superstar received several tryouts and offers from major league clubs... Clutch-hitting center fielder George Stramback batted an impressive .412 in ’63... Superb first baseman Jack Kreiger hit a fine .345, while committing only three errors in 20 games... Tom Vona, the talented third baseman for 3 years, batted .310. As a soph he hit .315, and .327 as a junior... Left fielder Jay Derent batted .292, and started the championship rally with a single... Ray Selover, the second baseman and leadoff hitter, ignited the Eagles offense, and hit .270 on the year... Smooth Fielding shortstop Vince Wisniewski had many key hits, while batting .250. The following year in ’64, he went on to win the Middlesex County Batting title... Jerry Freeman, the flawless fielding right fielder batted .267, and singled in perhaps the biggest run in St. Mary’s history to win the Parochial B state title... The South Jersey Parochial B champions were honored with a victory parade through the City of South Amboy, banquets from the Rotary Club, Lions Club, and Athletic Association. Players and coaches received jackets, transistor radios, watches, tie clasps, cufflinks, and luggage in appreciation for bringing St. Mary’s its first title in many years. A few members of the legendary ’63 Eagles championship team commented on their big day in St. Mary’s sports history. In a 1983 interview with this writer, the late Coach Bill “Smokey” Ryan stated, “They all hustled and gave everything they had. I was very proud of them. They had a big parade and rode on the fire truck. I always felt Joe Pohl would go far. He was a great ballplayer. The 1963 team was one of the best ever at St. Mary’s.”

The Local Sports Memory Machine

By Tom Burkard

From The Youth League Archives



1962-Pictured is the Rotary baseball team that competed in the South Amboy Little Fellas League. In photo top row (l-r) Ron Nota, George Point, Gene Chodkiewicz, Joe DeLucia, Manager Frank Parisen, Paul Jankowski, Tony Pelican, Bob Rehn, Bob Jonason. Bottom row (l-r) ?, George Gilbert, ?, Glenn Hisey (Batboy), Bill Wozniak, Mike DeLucia. (Photo/Names courtesy of Gene Chodkiewicz)

T.H.E. Game Sport-Baseball Year-1996

Teams-Sayreville vs. St. Mary’s
Recap-Jason O’Neill blasted a 3-run home run, while Mike Popowski ripped an RBI double, and Matt Potenski unloaded a three-bagger, to lead the Bombers to a 10-0 victory. Winning pitcher Mike Nuber and John Bell combined for a 2-hitter.
Player-of-the-Game-Jason O’Neill, Sayreville.

Diamond Dust

45 Years Ago
South Amboy Little Fellas League
1978-Daylight Bakery 9 English Chevron 6-Tom Mierzwiak ripped 3 hits for the winners, while Steve Martin hit 2 home runs for English’s...Lions 7 Parkway Fabricators 0-Winning pitcher Mark Thompson blasted a grand slam homer... Rotary 8 First Aid 7-Matt Blaha and Mike Levandowski had 2 hits apiece...

50 Years Ago
1973-Lions 25 First Aid 0-Tom Minnick drilled 5 hits...Jo-Tom’s 10 Weiss Clothing 3-Winning pitcher Joe Carney laced 3 hits...
50 Years Ago
South Amboy Men’s Slow Pitch Softball League
1973-Mechanicsville A.C. 12 Bowery 1-Mark Abbatiello drilled 4 hits for the winners...Bottle Stop 8 Mechanicsville A.C. 2-Ron Croddick pounded 3 hits for Bottle Stop.



Jackie Riley (Photo by Brian Stratton)

10 Years Ago

2013-Cardinal McCarrick sophomore ace pitcher Jackie Riley, set a school record by striking out 21 batters to account for all of the outs, and allowed only 3 hits, as the Lady Eagles topped South Amboy, 8-2. Jackie also blasted a triple to help her own cause.

First Home Runs In South Amboy

In 1952, the first home run in South Amboy Little League history was blasted by Joe Viggiano.
Circa.1960 Tom Fitzmorris unloaded the first round-tripper in South Amboy Babe Ruth League.

75 Years Ago

1948-St. Mary’s walloped Woodbridge, 11-3 in a 2nd round of the Middlesex County Baseball Tournament (MCBT). John O'Brien hit a home run, triple and single, while his twin brother Ed ripped 3 hits. Ray Stockton was the winning pitcher.

95 Years Ago

1928-St. Mary’s baseball nine trounced Bound Brook, 26-3. Catcher Johnny Ryan had a perfect 5-for-5 game, and Stan “Sweets” Jankowski smashed a home run.

Question Mark Identified

One of the two question marks in last month’s photo of the 1963 South Amboy Little Fellas League Lions Club team was identified by Ruth Bloodgood. In the top row between Mike Tedesco and Jack Mason is Gary Rossman. Good eye, Ruth! There is one other question mark remaining. If anyone knows who the mystery player is, please contact The SA Times.

55 Years Ago

1968-The South Amboy Babe Ruth League welcomed a new team, South Amboy Trust Co. John Lange was the manager, and the newly-drafted players included: Gary Lange, Tom Boychuk, John Mackiel, Jim Keegan, Kevin Nemeth, Bill D’Amico, Tom D’Amico, Alan Pasztornyicky, Billy Ward, Bobby Jerome, Ray Smith, Henry Sager, Rich Krzyzanowski, Pete Mancini, Mike Astarita.

20 Years Ago

2003-Sayreville girls softball team slammed Spotswood, 15-5 in an Opening Round of the GMCT. Lynn Olender belted 3 hits including a 2-run triple. Danielle Martin and Shea Terzino had 3 hits apiece, and Julie Switzer added 2 hits, as Megan Mazur was the winning pitcher.

15 Years Ago

2008-Jessica Hartland fired a complete game no-hitter to lead Cardinal McCarrick to an 8-0 victory over Highland Park. She struck out 16 and 3 bases on balls. Rebecca Beshada drilled 2 hits and drove in 2 runs, while Jamie Williams drilled a single and double.

85 Years Ago

1938-Hoffman boys baseball team stopped Freehold, 8-2 behind winning pitcher Vince Wisniewski, who tossed a 4-hitter. Art “Archie” Pohl ripped 3 hits, Andy Dobrzynski and Maxfield stroked 2 hits apiece for the Purple & Gold.

Glory Days In Local Sports

1967-Curt Wood fired a 2-hit shutout, striking out 13 as Hoffman beat Keyport, 3-0. Bob Keegan blasted a 2-run homer for the Guvs...1978-Bobby Burke fired a 4-hit shutout while fanning 9 batters to lead Sayreville to a 7-0 triumph over JFK. He also stroked a 2-run single. Bob Brand added 2 hits and 2 RBI for the Bombers...

1983-Sayreville nipped Colonia, 4-3 behind winning pitcher Chris Mohr. Brian Bielak ripped an RBI single, and Kevin Kiernen belted a three-bagger...1998-St. Mary’s plastered Woodbridge Tech, 14-3 in girls softball. Courtney Balon drove in 3 runs, and Kelly Rhodes 2 to support winning pitcher Jillian Palomo...2004-Cardinal McCarrick girls softball team opened their season with a 13-6 romp over New Brunswick. Winning

pitcher Mallory Kirchner drilled 2 singles and a double, Rosie Diaz had a single and solo homer, and Emily Golembieski added 2 singles...2009-South Amboy girls softball club annihilated New Brunswick, 23-4 in a Play-in-Round County Tournament game. The 5-inning contest featured Mary O’Connor crashing 2 doubles and driving in 3 runs, Kaitlyn Hubbard stroking 3 hits, and pitcher Casey Jukus notching the victory... South Amboy boys baseball team clobbered Cardinal McCarrick, 12-1 in a 5-inning contest. Kevin Zulin picked up his first varsity victory by hurling 3 hitless innings and striking out 5. Nick Kales ripped 3 hits and had 2 RBI. Keith Warzecha also had 3 hits and knocked in a run, while Charles Pannell hit a 2-run double.



Sayreville’s Brandon Bielak notched his first pitching victory of the season for the Houston Astros Major League Baseball club. The Astros topped the Oakland A’s, 5-1, and Bielak turned in an outstanding performance by pitching 5 innings, allowing 5 hits and 1 earned run, while striking out 9 Oakland batters.

His current stats are: Games-4, Innings Pitched-18.2, Strikeouts-19, ERA-2.89, Won-1 Lost 1.

Pallone Addresses Cancer Drug Supply Shortages

Energy and Commerce Committee Ranking Member Frank Pallone, Jr. (D-NJ) released the following statement today on the ongoing efforts to address drug supply shortages including oncology medications: “It is both heartbreaking and unacceptable that patients are experiencing delays in access to the lifesaving cancer medications carboplatin and cisplatin due to supply shortages. “My Committee staff is working with the Biden Administration and the Food and Drug Administration to promptly address these shortages and to implement long-term solutions to prevent these shortages from occurring in the future. I’m grateful that FDA is actively looking at all options to increase supply quickly. The agency is working with manufacturers to expand production of the drugs by expediting review of new manufacturing lines, facilities, and suppliers of ingredients. It is also identifying and contacting potential sources for temporary importation of carboplatin and cisplatin to ensure patients have access to these critically

needed cancer treatments. “Unfortunately, carboplatin and cisplatin are just the latest in a line of drug shortages that are becoming all too common. Congress must continue to explore ways to help prevent future shortages and empower FDA to mitigate shortages when they happen. We must look at increasing transparency around drug ingredients made overseas, requiring early alerts when there are unexpected spikes in demand for drugs, and making it easier for FDA to safely extend the shelf life of critical medications in shortage. I am working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to ensure that FDA has the resources and authorities it needs to address future shortages, including through the upcoming reauthorization of the Pandemics and All Hazards Preparedness Act. “I’m committed to resolving this shortage quickly and hope my colleagues in Congress will join me in working to provide additional resources and support to assist the Administration’s efforts to address these shortages.”

Past Business



Circa. 1930’s-This is what it looked like way back when Swan Hill Ice & Coal Company was located on lower Henry St. in South Amboy. Does the driver look familiar to you? The successful business ran for many years serving South Amboy, Sayreville and other local communities. (Photo courtesy of Robin Applegate Martincavage)



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Fishing Flashes

By Teo “Weebles” Weber



Salt Water
Striped Bass fishing for shore anglers continues. I saw a really nice one about 38 inches caught at Ideal Beach, Keansburg line when there is a small jetty. When I came back a day later, I saw two Bass about 36 inches on the rocks. I have also seen some good sized short Bass too. The Atlantic Marine Fisheries Council has determined that too many fish were caught during the fall of 2022. The new regulation approved by the state is one fish from 28 to 31 inches. Larger fish must now be released. This will go into effect near the end of the month. Fluke season, now open, is giving up a decent number of keepers. Sandy Hook and Barnegat Bay have been pretty good so far, along with Shark River. Bluefish, scarce at first, are now all over the place. Island Beach and LBI are great for Blues in the surf. Some fish are around 10 pounds, but most are 2 to 4 pound fish. Some Blowfish, Kingfish and a Black drum now and round out the picture. Party boats are now fishing for Ling and a few Cod. Blackfish season is now closed.

Fresh Water
The Lewis Brothers dropped their nets in the Delaware River and came up with a sizable number of Shad. The bag limit for Shad has been reduced from 3 to 2 Shad effective immediately! With ongoing Trout stockings, I gave it a try after work one day and caught 4 and lost about the same number at the North Branch at Far Hills in the first week of May. My wife and I tried our favorite spot in the lower Pequest, catching 3 and missing or losing a few in high off color water conditions.

Gone Fishin’



This gigantic Bluefin Tuna weighed approximately 600 lbs, and was 100 inches long. Another Mother’s Day giant! This beauty was caught by Mark Wisneski, Mike Lockwood, Robert Lockwood, and crew aboard.—The Last Run. Aboard a Henriques 42 out of Lockwood Boat Works.

OLV Senior Group Trip to Radio City Christmas Show

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to the Radio City Christmas on Saturday, November 18, 2023. The cost of the trip is \$265.00 which includes a ticket in orchestra section, delicious meal at Hurley’s Restaurant, bus transportation, bus driver gratuity and snacks. For further information or to reserve a seat, please contact Teri at 732-727-7639.



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Sayreville Recreation Fishing Derby

(Photos Submitted)



100 Youngsters Fish At Kennedy Park

(Story submitted)

The shoreline of the pond at Kennedy Park was lined with 100 young anglers and their families on Saturday, May 6 at Sayreville Recreation's Fishing Derby.

An annual tradition in Sayreville, children ages 3 to 15 try to catch the biggest fish. Prizes are awarded to the largest overall catch and to the top three catches in each age group.

Peter Desario, age 15, caught an 11.5 inch fish to claim the overall top prize.

"We have a beautiful day to fish. It's great to see so many children and their families participate in this annual event," said Brian VanDongen, Sayreville Recreation Director. "Recreational fishing is a great passive recreation activity for families to enjoy together."

Fishing for children also teaches life skills such as patience and self-discipline, skills that contribute to the positive development of youth.

Also on hand was the Sayreville Community Policing unit providing

assistance to young fishers.

Bait for the event was provided by Sayreville Sportsman.

All catches were catch and release.

Overall
Peter Desario
Ages 3-4
1st: Hailey Fedorka 2nd: Cole Connors 3rd: Aria Thomas
Ages 5-6
1st: Kelly Duchemin 2nd: Anthony Lomonaco 3rd: Blake Bebert
Ages 7-8
1st: Amber Yu 2nd: Shay McQuade 3rd: Nathan Piotroski
Ages 9-10
1st: Kylee McQuade 2nd: Kayla Andrews 3rd: Jenavie Murphy
Ages 11-12
1st: Daniel Murphy 2nd: Logan Kuo 3rd: Giovanni Scavuzzo
Ages 13-15
1st: Nicolas Montanino 2nd: Teagan Braine 3rd: Kevin Trzeciak.



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The South Amboy HS Boys Varsity Baseball Team.

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If born, raised, or worked,
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It's home may we be all
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Of this Pleasant Little City
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Leon Andrew “Lee” Kaboski

On June 1, 1943, Leon Andrew (“Lee”) Kaboski was welcomed into this world by his parents, Helen (nee: Witkowski) and Leon Kaboski. God welcomed him home on April 28, 2023.

Lee and his sister Rita (William) Torok grew up in South Amboy, New Jersey, enjoying large family gatherings at his grandmother’s home.

He and his family were members of Sacred Heart Parish in South Amboy, and he attended Sacred Heart grade school and St. Mary’s High School. As a teenager, he worked at his Aunt Tek Witkowski’s ice cream and candy shop, where he loved helping little children select their treats.

Lee earned a bachelor’s degree in journalism in 1965 from Marquette University, where he met his future wife Mary (nee: Schuman). He held advertising and sales positions throughout his life, including more than 25 years at Industries for the Blind in Milwaukee, WI, where he was sales manager.

Lee and Mary were married on April 30, 1966, at St. Columba Church in Chicago. Soon afterward, they moved to Racine, Wisconsin, where they were blessed with five children: Mary Catherine (Ron Shadix) Kaboski now of Greenville, SC;



James (Hilary) Kaboski of Barrington, IL; Karen (Dave) Clay of Granger, IN; Joseph (Juhi) Kaboski of Granger, IN; and Thomas (Isabelle) Kaboski of Muskego, WI. They now have 14 greatly loved grandchildren: Adrianna Cook; Elizabeth Kaboski; Nathaniel, Jacob, Catherine, and Michaela Clay; Andy, Tommy, John Paul, Claire, and Mary Kaboski; and Sophia, Daniel, and Matthew Kaboski.

Lee will be remembered as a loving husband, a dedicated father and grandfather, and a very good friend. No matter what happened, he always saw the good side, frequently saying, “well the good news is....”

We will always miss you, Lee, but the good news is that God blessed us with you for many years.

Family and friends visited at Maresh-Meredith & Acklam Funeral Home (803 Main St, Racine, WI 53403) on May 5 and at St. Patrick’s Catholic Church (1100 Erie St, Racine, WI 53402) on May 6. The Mass of Christian Burial followed May 6 at 10:30am Saturday.

The family suggests memorials to St. Patrick’s or to the St. Vincent de Paul Society, c/o St. Patrick’s Parish, 1100 Erie Street, Racine, WI 53402.

Frances Banfield Beshada

Frances Banfield Beshada, of Holmdel, formerly of South Amboy died on Wednesday May 10, 2023 at Riverview Medical Center, Red Bank, she was 79. Born August 29, 1943 in South Amboy, NJ, she was a member of St. Mary’s R.C. Church, South Amboy. In the 70’s 80’s and 90’s she was the proud owner of the Barn Door Beauty Salon on Broadway. She enjoyed making her customers feel good and made many friends over the years. After her retirement from the beauty industry, Fran was very involved at Sacred Heart in the RCIA program, where she helped welcome people into the Catholic faith. She also liked taking art classes, learning new techniques and making masterpieces to adorn her walls.

Daughter of the late Henry and Mary Vail Banfield she is also predeceased by her husband of over 60 years James Beshada on April 15. She is survived by



her daughter Bridget Engle and her husband Mike; her son James Beshada, Jr. and his wife Valarie; her grandchildren Lauren Rametta and her husband John, Ian O’Connor, Evie Engle, Michael Engle, Jr., James W. Beshada, Rebecca Beshada and Erik Beshada, along with her grand-niece Emily Engle. She is also survived by her beloved sister Mary Ellen Brantley and her husband Jarrel, as well as her many nephews and nieces. The light of her life was her great-granddaughters Vera and Mylah Rametta.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday May 16th at 8:15am from The Gundrum Service “Home For Funerals” 237 Bordentown Avenue, South Amboy, followed by a 9am Mass of Christian Burial at St. Mary’s Church. Interment was in New Calvary Cemetery, Parlin. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Scleroderma Research Foundation.

Self Sabotage Debut!



Pictured (l - r) are Hannah Sanford, guitar, Nick DiForti, drums, Adrian Gonzalez, lead guitar, and Gary Woods, bass. They are part of the band Self Sabotage, who were making their first appearance before a live audience at Dowdell Library. (Photo/Info by Steve Schmid)



29th Annual South Amboy Police Memorial Service (Story/Photos by Jamie Norek)



South Amboy Police Chief Darren LaVigne and his officers are pictured at the Police Memorial Service by the police memorial statue named “Officer Mourning,” in honor of our deceased policemen and policewomen.



Pictured (l-r) are George Fuller, Toni Manion, Jay Patel and Mario Batista, who were all awarded the Silver Card for their service to the PBA.



South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry addresses the crowd.



The National Anthem and God Bless America was sung by Mr. Frank Norek Jr.



St. Mary Pastor Father Dennis Weezorak is pictured with Toni Manion and her granddaughter.

On May 16th, 2023 South Amboy PBA Local #63 held their 29th annual Police Memorial Service in front of South Amboy City Hall to honor law enforcement officers that died in the line of duty as well as deceased members of Local 63. Local President Christopher Norek and State Delegate Tim Kales welcomed all those in attendance. PBA Chaplin Fr. Dennis Weezorak gave the invocation and benediction. Mr. Frank Jr. sang the National Anthem and God Bless America. Pipe Major John McCarthy (retired NYPD) played the entrance song and Amazing Grace. Roll Call of deceased members was read as the American and Memorial flags were placed

at half staff and an honor bell tolled for each name. The Policeman's Prayer was said by retired Chief Gerard Pizzillo. Speeches were made by Chief Darren Lavigne and Mayor Fred Henry. This year the wreath was placed in front of the Officer Morning monument by the family of deceased member John O’Leary. The service is run by Local #63 in cooperation with the police department and the City of South Amboy. PBA 63 also presented several members of the community Silver Cards for their continued support of the Local. (Photos/ Info by Jamie Norek)



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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 -P.S. & B.S.

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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.P

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Obituaries

Beshada, Frances Banfield, 79, formerly of South Amboy died on May 10.
Campbell, Frank Jr., 74, of South Amboy died on May 2.
Carroll, Brian S., 63, of South Amboy died on May 6.
Carvell (Gelsinon), Helen “Nell”, 81, formerly of South Amboy, died on May 4th
Credico, Leon R., 87, of South Amboy died on May 1.
Ensmann, Maryann, 66, of South Amboy died on May 13.
Gaddy, Roger M. Jr., 71, of South Amboy died on April 26.
Gawron, William J. “Bill” Jr., 69, of Sayreville died on May 4.
Georgianna, Mildred Emelya, 95, formerly of Sayreville died on April 26.
Gesell, Kortney, 34, formerly of Parlin died on May 6.
Kaboski, Leon A. “Lee,” 79, formerly of South Amboy died on April 28.
Kelly, Gregory, 74, of South Amboy

died on April 28.
Kokoszka, Stanely M., 95, formerly of South Amboy died on May 8.
Krass, Kathleen, 70, formerly of South Amboy died on May 4.
Lee, Kim, 50, of Parlin died on April 29.
Misiewicz, Dr. John S., 74, of Sayreville died on April 27.
Mitsock, Pauline A., 96, formerly of Sayreville died on May 14.
Moderine, Anthony J., 20, of Sayreville died on May 4.
O’Grady, John, 73, formerly of Sayreville died on April 23.
Ramos, Eduardo P., 92, of Parlin died on April 27.
Schein, Norma, 94, of South Amboy died on May 8.
Thomas, Donald C. “Smiley,” 65, of Parlin died on May 5.
Ziemba, Mark, 71, formerly of Sayreville died on April 21.

In Memoriam

Leon Credico, 87, of South Amboy died on May 1. He was an avid SA Times reader, who was always one of the top challengers in our monthly WWW.? contest. Frank Campbell Jr., 74, of South Amboy died on May 2. He was respected by all who were blessed to know him. He was always active in the AOH, and also American Legion Luke A. Lovely Post #62 of South Amboy. William “Bill” Gawron Sr., 69, of Sayreville died on May 4. He worked for the Sayreville Police Dept. for 30 years, and retired with the rank of Captain. He was the Emergency Management Coordinator for

6 years, and also a NJ Certified Firearms Instructor. After retiring, he was employed as an Investigative Specialist with the New York Office of the FBI. Bill was also a Past President of Sayreville PBA Local #98. Stanley Kokoszka, 95, formerly of South Amboy died on May 8. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, and a huge Rutgers U. football fan. More importantly, he was a terrific person, and one of Mechanicsville’s really “good guys.” Pauline Mitsock, 96, formerly of Sayreville died on May 14. She was a fine lady who always had a kind word for everyone, and will always be remembered.

Dr. John S. Misiewicz

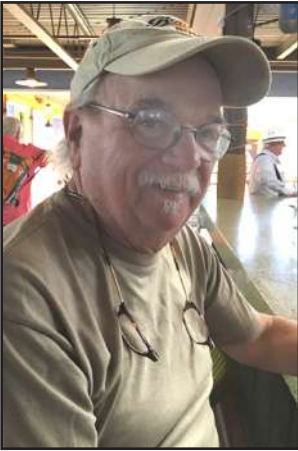
Dr. John S. Misiewicz, age 74 of Sayreville, passed away Thursday, April 27, 2023, at his home. Born in South Amboy, Dr. John was a lifelong resident of Sayreville. John was the proud owner of Chiropractic Associates of Sayreville for over 40 years and took great pleasure in caring for his patients. Professionally, John was a member of the NJ Chiropractic Association as well as the FL Chiropractic Association. He was the recipient of the Sayreville PBA Silver Shield and a member of the Knights of Columbus Council 2061 where he was a member of the 4th Degree. John was a communicant of Our Lady of Victories RC Church in Sayreville where he served as a Eucharist Minister, a lector, and a member



of their adult choir for many years. He was also a lector at St. Stan’s RC Church in Sayreville and was a member of their Holy Name Society. He is predeceased by his parents John and Stella Misiewicz and his brother Thomas Misiewicz. Surviving are his loving wife of 42 years Barbara Yanchuk Misiewicz and his sons Joshua and Matthew. Funeral services were from the Carmen F. Spezzi Funeral Home 15 Cherry Lane, Parlin, with a 10:00 am Mass at Our Lady of Victories RC Church in Sayreville. Burial followed at New Calvary Cemetery in Parlin. Letters of condolence to the family may be found by visiting www.spezzifuneralhome.com.

Frank T. Campbell

Frank T. Campbell, Jr., 74, of South Amboy died on Tuesday May 2, 2023 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Old Bridge. Born and raised in Brooklyn he lived in South Amboy since 1970. Before retiring he was employed by Con Edison, New York. A U.S. Army veteran, he was a member of St. Mary’s R.C. Church South Amboy and served twice as president of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, where he was once honored as Irishman of the Year. He was also a member of American Legion Post 62, South Amboy and the South Amboy Elks Lodge 784. Son of the late Francis T., Sr. and Katherine Keely Campbell he is also predeceased by his wife Elaine M. Gangi Campbell in 2001 and his brother-in-law Robert Gangi. He is survived by his sons Christopher Campbell and his fiancée Marissa and Joseph Campbell; his significant other Diane Conroy; his brothers John Campbell and his wife Julie and Thomas Campbell and his wife Audrey;



his sisters Katherine Powers and her husband Ray and Jane Briscoe and her husband Bill; his granddaughter Marlee Campbell; his sister-in-law Clara Gangi and many nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held on Saturday May 6, 2023 from The Gundrum Service “Home For Funerals” 237 Bordentown Avenue, South Amboy followed by a 10am Mass of Christian Burial at St. Mary’s Church. Interment was in St. Mary’s Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to American Legion Post 62, 7 Grace Drive, South Amboy, NJ 08879. Meredith & Acklam Funeral Home (803 Main St, Racine, WI 53403) on May 5 and at St. Patrick’s Catholic Church (1100 Erie St, Racine, WI 53402) on May 6. The Mass of Christian Burial followed May 6 at 10:30am Saturday. The family suggests memorials to St. Patrick’s or to the St. Vincent de Paul Society, c/o St. Patrick’s Parish, 1100 Erie Street, Racine, WI 53402.

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