



Robert "Bob" Noble]r.

Remembering Bob Noble Jr. By Tom Burkard

Robert "Bob" Noble Jr., 56, of South Amboy died on November 1. He was a very well-liked and highly-respected man, locally, on the job, and in the many organizations he was so actively involved with.

Bob was a New Jersey Transit Policeman in Newark, and a founding member of the Office of Emergency Management for NJ Transit Police. He also went on to become an instructor at TEEX at Texas A&M, served on USAR State Task Force, and also served as State Delegate for the PBA, and then the FOP. In addition, he was Captain of the Protection Fire Company in 1994.

People came from all over the state and different organizations to The Gundrum Service "Home for Funerals" in South Amboy to pay their final respects and mourn Bob, who was so loved by family, friends, coworkers and countless others. Bob's funeral was without a doubt one of the largest ever in the history of South Amboy. It was a beautiful and fitting farewell to a wonderful man, who touched so many lives in a positive way during his brief time on earth.

*See the complete obituary on page 27

Veterans Day Memorial Service In South Amboy



Local and State dignitaries join the Veterans in attendance for this group photo after the beautiful memorial service. See more photos on page 13 (Photo by Brian Stratton)

South Amboy Ferry **Service To New York** Begins

The City of South Amboy and NY Waterway recently launched their new South Amboy ferry service to New York City, offering direct routes from South Amboy to Downtown (Brookfield Place) and to Midtown (West 39th St). Free local shuttles run between Sayreville and South Amboy and the ferry landing at 100 Radford Ferry Road in South Amboy. "This is a great day for all involved." said Fred A. Henry, Mayor of The City of South Amboy. "I would especially like to thank NY Waterway for their cooperation in getting this temporary site opened and beginning business. This is something that we have waited quite some time for, and I am very excited about the ceremonial launch on October 30th."

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Vitale Re-Elected To Senate

Democratic Senator Joseph F. Vitale easily outdistanced Republican challenger Maria Garcia, 18,081-10,912 to be re-elected to his State Senator 19th District seat.



South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry (c) does the honor of cutting the ribbon at the launching of the new South Ambov ferry. Pictured assisting the Mayor are state and county dignitaries. (Photo Submitted)





Pictured (l-r) are Democratic Senator Joseph F. Vitale, Assembly Speaker Craig J. Coughlin, and Assemblywoman Yvonne Lopez. All three were re-elected to their seats. (Photo Submitted)

Coughlin, Lopez Victorious

NJ Assembly Speaker Craig J. District by getting 17,382, and 16,854 votes Coughlin,(a South Amboy native), and respectively. Republicans Marilyn Colon Yvonne Lopez, both Democrats, were received 11,011 votes and her running mate re-elected to the General Assembly 19th Sam Raval 19,291.



The Sayreville GOP captured all of the seats in the recent election. Pictured (l-r) Stanley "Stash' Synarski, John Zebrowski, Kennedy O'Brien, Michael Colaci. (Photo submitted)

Sayreville GOP Sweeps Election

Sayreville Republicans to a clean sweep in the Dwumfour on the council through the end Nov. 7th election. O'Brien will once again become the Borough's Mayor by virtue of his 5,069 votes which defeated Democratic challenger Bill Henry, who received 3,292. The Republicans also captured two-3 year seats on the Council. Former Police Chief John Zebrowski topped the four candidates with 4,851 votes, while his running mate, Michael Colaci notched 4,610. Longtime Councilwoman Mary Novak tallied 3,504 votes, and Vincent Conti 3,354. Zebrowski

Former Mayor Kennedy O'Brien led the had replaced the late Councilwoman Eunice of this year. Republican Stanley "Stash" Synarski ran for the unexpired term of Dwumfour, and defeated Democrat candidate Kenneth Scott, 4,854 to 3,398.

> The Sayreville election also asked one question of voters, regarding Open Space funds, and if they should be used for Blue Acres projects in addition to what they are currently approved to be used for, and the question was defeated, 4,564-3,170.

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A very happy Mayor-Elect Kennedy O'Brien (l) and Sayreville GOP Chairperson Karen Bailey Bebert are pictured immediately after hearing the news that O'Brien had won the election. He was the only Republican in the state to win the vote by mail, according to a county official. (Photo/info submitted)

Talk Of The Towns By Tom Burkard

Wisniewski On TV

Former New Jersey Assemblyman John Wisniewski did an excellent job broadcasting as a Political Analyst on Channel 12 News. **Congratulations Elaine!**

The South Amboy-Sayreville Times sends our heartfelt congratulations to Dowdell Library Director Elaine R. Gaber on her 20th Year as Director! Thank you for all you do for the residents of South Amboy, and best of luck and continued success, Elaine!

Mary Ann & Jim

It's always a pleasure to see former South Amboy residents Jim Holovacko and his wife Mary Ann, who were back in town for a visit.

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

O Holy Spirit, thou who art all knowing - Who brightens every path that I may reach my ideal - Thou giventh me the divine gift of forgiving and forgetting wrongs done unto me and who in every instant of my life art with me. Id 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 abvound. 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.

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Jim was a former South Amboy Police Chief, member of the First Aid, and great baseball coach in the local youth leagues, and at Bishop Ahr HS. Mary Ann served faithfully on the South Amboy Board of Education.

Remember Glenn Gerding?

We ran into Glenn Gerding at the PNC Senior Concert Series recently for the first time in many, many years! Glenn spent his younger days growing up on Pupek Rd. in South Amboy. A talented athlete, he starred for First Aid in the South Amboy Little Fellas League, and went on to a standout scholastic baseball career at Cedar Ridge HS in Old Bridge.

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Mike Felice with wife Mary Sue, was moved by the outpouring of community support. He was speaking at a recent fundraiser held at the South Amboy Knights of Columbus. Many attended to support the Felice family after a terrible fire destroyed their home. (Photo/Info by Steve Schmid)

South Amboy Ferry -continued from page 1

"We're thrilled to bring this ferry connection to the South Amboy community and to the thousands of commuters who live in surrounding Middlesex County and seek fast, comfortable and reliable service," said Armand Pohan, CEO and President of NY Waterway. "Free parking, easy South Amboy rail connections and free shuttles locally and in New York City make the ferry a highly attractive commuting option and we expect the South Amboy terminal to be a catalyst for economic development in that area." "This is a historic day for South Amboy and the surrounding communities," said Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin. "This project is very personal for me. For most of my life I've heard from local business and civic leaders about what a regular ferry service could mean for my hometown, economically and culturally. I'm proud of the work we've done to coordinate local, state, and federal resources and I'm thrilled that a company

Riley Honored By Morgan First Aid Squad

(Photo/Story submitted) On Thursday September 21, 2023 at the monthly meeting, Donald Riley Jr, was honored for his retirement from Morgan First Aid Squad. He originally joined back in 1984. From there he would meet his future wife, Jill, through the first aid squad. They would go on to have 3 children who would also join the squad.

Don has impacted the EMS world by holding positions on the First Aid Council as well as being an EMT instructor. He became a familiar face and name quickly throughout the community of South Amboy/Sayreville/ Morgan Area. But that's not where it stopped as he was/is the medical supplier for most of NJ. He became the problem solver and could be contacted even after hours.

Donald held multiple positions throughout his time in the first aid squad. He held the position of captain for a year. He is currently retiring from his position of president which he has held for the last 9 years but overall has had18 years of experience in the position. He was one of the first people that showed up when the building burned down back in 1998 with child in tow, and after safely handing her off, would work with other members on scene to salvage as much as possible.

of NY Waterway's stature will be managing this operation. Generations of residents will benefit from this as our region thrives and grows." NEW! South Amboy Ferry Service - October 30 Launch Ferries depart South Amboy beginning at 5:45 AM, with the last morning ferry arriving in Midtown at 9:50 AM, Monday through Friday. Evening ferries start departing NYC at 3:15 PM and conclude at South Amboy at 7:25 PM. Free transfers are available for South Amboy ferry riders to all other NY Waterway ferry terminals (in Manhattan, Weehawken, Edgewater, Jersey City, and Hoboken). Free local shuttles run between Sayreville and South Amboy and the ferry landing at 100 Radford Ferry Road in South Amboy. Visit nywaterway.com/ SouthAmboy for information, schedules and fares. NY Waterway Customer Service 1-800-53-FERRY (7am - 11am Monday -Friday). nywaterway.com, facebook.com/ nywaterway or twitter.com/ridetheferry.





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and has a strong passion for helping others. He will do anything for anyone that he can. He follows in the footsteps of his father, the late Donald Riley Sr. of South Amboy First Aid. He is leaving as a life member to fulfill a lifelong dream of retiring with his wife in Florida. There is no one more deserving of this after all the years of service. Thank you Don, for all you've done for the community, He dedicated most of his life to the squad, and best of luck, health and happiness always!

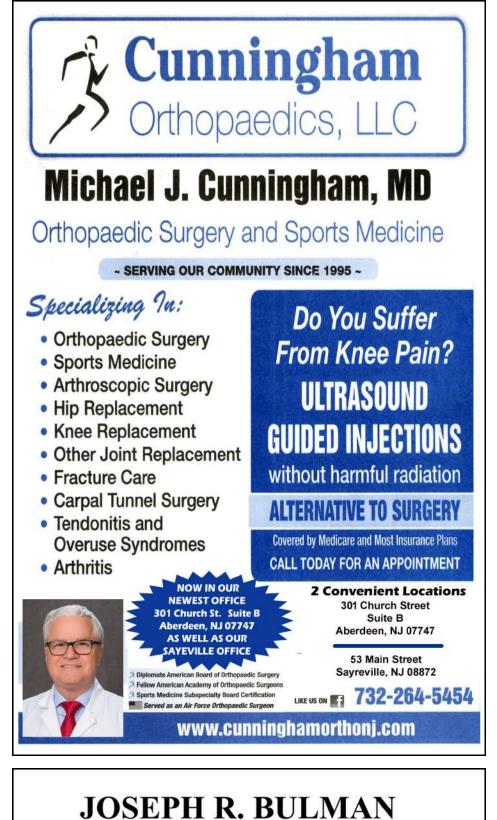
Koppel/Tamaro Top County Commissioners

Tomaro were elected with 73,294, and 72,819 notched 48,390 votes. votes respectively. They defeated Republican

In the .race for two County challengers Gary Hagopian 48,689 and South Commissioners, Leslie Koppel and Charles Amboy resident Peter Pedro Pisar, who

Friends of South Amboy Charity Games. Saturday, December 16 10 am SA Girls vs New Brunswick 12 pm Keyport vs Calvary Christian boys 2 pm Sayreville vs South River boys 4 pm South Amboy vs Belvidere boys 6 pm St. Joe's by the Sea Staten Island vs St. Thomas Aquinas boys 8 pm Monsignor Farrell Staten Island vs St. Joe's Metuchen boys.

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Yearbook-South Amboy 1998 By Tom Burkard

years since the South Amboy HS Class of '98 graduated...In September '97, when the seniors returned for their final run to the finish line of school, Mariah Carey topped the Billboard Top 40 song chart with Honey...

Bill Beattie was the high school Principal, and some of his faculty staff Tony Gonsalaves, Ray Tomaszewski, John all kinds of attendance records and won 11 Bernosky, Mrs. Blackmore, Fred Henry, McDonnell, Mrs. Zampella, Mrs. Toscano, Mr. Dougherty...

Seniors also selected by random drawing were; Jeffrey Bouchard, Alyson Britt, Victor Cancel, Kelly Colfer, Jessica Cooney, Jaquelyn Cottrell, Jason Cross, Kevin Cushing, Rachel Drake, Erin Henry, Meredith Hess, Thomas Hetzel, Peter Hoadley, Andrew Hyslop, Justin Ingstrup, Lona Jensen, Joy Kuczbanski, Michael Niestempski, Robert Nuzzie Jr., Tina Palmer, Kevin Richmond, Ryan Rone, Sue-Ann Rowley, Shawn Ryan, Kelly Scarfi, Vincent Sendziak, Steven Silva, Alicia Stephanick, Sonja Svenningsen, Thomas Tylek, John Trotter, Francis Villig, Eugene Zebrowski III, David Sebban...

The girls softball team under Coach

FROM THE DESK OF TOM REILLY

The holiday season is upon us again. To everyone in our city, I wish you a healthy and joyous season of cheer and giving. I hope you enjoy the company of loved ones and friends all throughout the next few months, whatever your celebration of choice. In that same spirit of giving and community, the Friends of South Amboy will host its 11th annual charity high school basketball games on December 16, 2023, at South Amboy Middle High School. The games will begin at 10 a.m. and continue throughout the day. Our local South Amboy High School varsity boys and girls teams will be on display, as well as several of the best high school basketball teams from both New Jersey and New York. Proceeds from the games will benefit needy families within our community who most need our support. For more information, as well as a promotional video featuring our local teams, visit the Friends of South Amboy and official City of South Amboy Facebook pages.

As we begin the holiday shopping season, I hope all of you will remember to shop local and visit our small businesses on Broadway and throughout the city. I recently had the privilege of attending a business breakfast which the City of South Amboy hosted on October 21. It was a pleasure to meet with our local business leaders, and to work with the Office of Business Engagement to share common goals, strategies, and opportunities for all of our local establishments. I know firsthand that our local entrepreneurs work hard to build a better community not just

It's hard to believe but it's been 25 Fred Henry finished (14-4), and captured the Gold Division title with a perfect (11-0). The boys baseball squad had a fine (13-5) record under the guidance of Coach Rich Klein. His ace pitcher was Jason Cross (9-0) who turned in the only undefeated record in all of Middlesex County....

Back in '98, 1st Class Stamps were selected randomly were: Barbara Russell, 32 cents, and in the movies, Titanic broke Academy Awards. 76 million people watched Sheila Inman, Rich Klein, Mrs. Rim, Mr. the final episode of Seinfeld...Singing legend & Mrs. Walter, Tom Magielnicki, Mrs. Frank Sinatra died at 82...Bob Dylan's Time Out Of Mind was the Album of the Year, and the Song of the Year was Sunny Come Home by Shawn Colvin...In sports, Denver took the Super Bowl over the Packers...The Yankees won the World Series over the San Diego Padres...The Chicago Bulls topped Utah for the NBA title...

> While at South Amboy HS, Kevin Cushing and Shannon Collins were the King and Queen of Homecoming '97.

> At graduation time, the seniors were listening to The Boy Is Mine, the number 1 hit by Brandy & Monica...

> South Amboy HS Class of '98 was a great group of talented teenagers, many who excelled in sports, and others in various school work and programs.



for themselves, but for all of us. I hope you will join me in showing them your support this holiday season.

Finally, allow me to share a personal message with all of you thanking you for allowing me to serve our city these last seven years. Both Thanksgiving and the holiday season are a time to be thankful for the blessings we enjoy and too often take for granted. I am thankful for the opportunity to serve all of you. I know that the true strength of our community comes from you, our residents. I am proud to say that we have active and caring residents who are involved in their community and who are invested in its future. As we celebrate Thanksgiving and the holidays, please remember our unique and extraordinary civic spirit and reach out to those in our community who are less fortunate. It is that giving spirit which makes our community a special place to live.

Happy Holidays. Respectfully **Tom Reilly** 2nd Ward Councilman **City of South Amboy**

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Rosary Altar Society Poinsettias Sale

St. Stanislaus Kostka Rosary Altar Society will be taking orders for Poinsettias. The deadline for orders will be Dec. 3rd. Orders can be placed by calling Pat at 732-257-3963. Payment is due when the order is placed. You can drop the envelope in the from: Pink, Red, White, Marble, Red & collection basket or the Church Office. Make checks payable to: St. Stan's Rosary Altar Society. Please mark envelopes: Rosary Altar Society Poinsettias. Pick-up will be Dec. 16th from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the church lobby.

Prices are as follows: 6" Poinsettia-\$6. Colors to choose from: Pink, Red, White, Marble (Creme with Pink), Shimmer (Red with White Flecking); 6" Winter Rose-\$6.50. 8" Poinsettia-\$12. Colors to choose White mix, Shimmer. 10"-\$20. Colors to choose from: Pink, Red, White, Tri-Color (Red, White, Pink).

To place your order please call Pat at 732-257-3963.

Breakfast With Santa December 17

Council 426 will hold Breakfast with Santa Sunday December 17 from 9 AM to 11:30 AM at 308 Fourth St. South Amboy. Menu includes bacon and eggs, pancakes, sausages, and more. Cost is \$12 for adults, \$6 for children 3 to 12. Bring your camera so you can take pictures of your kids with

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Santa. To reserve your place, call Bruce at 732-586-9779, or 732-721-2025 and leave a message.

A PRAYER FOR HEALING

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



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The Smoke Column

By Ex-Chief Richard Kosmoski, B.A., M.S. When I first heard the report that our turnout gear, absorbing PFAS through the

fighting fires, is actually causing firefighters outer layer is constructed of a sturdy, flameharm, I found it hard to believe. A family of resistant material protecting against heat and chemicals called polyfluoroalkyl substances cuts; the second layer is the moisture barrier (PFAS) are in many of the products we use on that helps to prevent the transfer of water, a daily basis. We can find PFAS in firefighting steam, and other fluids to the skin; the third foams, photography products, shampoos, layer is the thermal barrier the insulates the pesticides, paints, fast-food packaging, body from external temperatures. The PFAS stain resistant products and furniture, nonstick cookware, and firefighting protective garments. These PFAS's work very well as a benefits. So, what can we do to reduce the water repellant and is the reason it was used in furniture upholstery products, carpeting, clothing, and raingear. One brand name was SCOTCHGUARD which could be sprayed on most materials. Firefighting PPE is designed to prevent water from entering the material is loaded with PFAS. Install HEPA filtration otherwise the firefighter would become exhaust fans in areas where PPE is stored. saturated immediately charging a hoseline. In Receive a yearly physical at which time recent years the International Association of have the doctor conduct a blood test that can Fire Fighters (IAFF) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) have issued advisory messages to firefighters about this unrecognized hazard. These warnings state that PFAS chemical compounds had been used for decades in the manufacturing of firefighter PPE. Today firefighters across the world are still exposed to PFAS and experience e an protective clothing and we've gotten used to accumulation of these chemicals in their wearing it most all the time. It keeps us warm bloodstreams. PFAS exposure can lead to a in the winter when on those long winter night variety of ailments including cancer, heart calls. Change is always a hard thing to accept disease, and reproductive dysfunction. These after we've been doing it a certain way for compounds accumulate indefinitely in the years. To keep ourselves safe and healthy, bloodstream and the environment and are it's time to change our way of thinking for a nicknamed "forever chemical." Many of the better. Firefighting organizations in many these PFAS ingredients have seeped into the ground and contaminated water supplies that feed humans, wildlife, and livestock. A study conducted by the University of Notre Dame confirmed that firefighter's personal equipment poses a viable source of PFAS exposure. Both used and unused turnout gear from multiple manufacturers were used in the study and ALL the turnouts were determined to have high levels of PFAS. Firefighter exposure to the PFAS comes from inhaling contaminated dust particles shed from the



Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), which skin, and ingesting particles. Firefighting is designed to protect us from the dangers of turnout gear is constructed of three layers: the are found in the outer shell and in the moisture barrier because of its resistance to penetration PFAS contamination in our body? Eliminate and replace all legacy AFFF firefighting foams used to fight fires. Clean PPE after every fire because PFAS can degrade the material over time and give off the dust that measure the PFAS levels in your body. The IAFF is recommending to its members that they reduce the amount of time they actually wear their PPE and to remove it, if possible, when not actually engaged in fighting fires. For many of us this is going against the grain of our training. Our PPE is our outer layer of states have filed class action lawsuits for work-related illnesses that could be caused by wearing PFAS saturated clothing. Keep an open mind and think of the changes you can make when wearing your PPE.

Slow Down For Sara

Please join us for our 11th Annual Slow Down for Sara Walk, which will run from November 26th through December 10, 2023. This year we are doing a Virtual Walk, so you can participate anytime and anywhere. Your support of this walk will help fund scholarships, donations to the needy in our community as well as raise awareness about Sara's Law. The link for the walk and to donate your \$10 registration fee or whatever amount you wish to donate is givebutter.com/wN982H You may also donate by mailing a check to the Sara Dubinin Memorial Foundation, 16 Wilbur Terrace Sayreville NJ 08872. With your registration, your name will be entered in a drawing for several gift cards and prizes. Thank you for walking with us to honor Sara, and to promote awareness of Sara's Law. Please be safe and Enjoy your Walk!

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





Arlene Halmo is beaming after being named for best costume at the Venetian Care & Rehabilitation Center Halloween party held for South Amboy seniors. (Photo by Steve Schmid)

Dowdell Library News

Seasons greetings and happy holiday wishes to all. Join us for the Holiday Open needles and crochet hooks! Drop in for House, Reading Rascals, After School Fun Club, Food Explorers, Teen Murder Mystery and more during the last month of 2023!

'Tis the season to meet your neighbors! Celebrate the holiday season and join us for the Festive Open House on Monday, December 11 from 6:30-8:30 pm. Stop by for some holiday cheer, music, refreshments and fun for all ages.

Parents with toddlers! Join Ms. Maryanne for Reading Rascals on Thursdays, December 7 and 21 from 1-2 pm for fun stories, games, activities, and crafts. Also take part in some Holiday craft making on Saturday, December 9 at 1 pm.

Kids! Stop by for weekly fun at the After School Fun Club on Wednesdays from 3:30-4:30 pm. This month includes BINGO, 3D Pens, and LEGO mania! Existing Dungeons & Dragons players will meet on Thursday, December 14 from 6-7:30 pm. Are you a Dungeon Master looking to run your own adventure? Contact us at comments@ dowdell.org.

Food Explorers Thursday, December 28 from 1-2 pm for ages 7-12. Register to save your spot for this hands-on cooking program where kids will learn how to make a dish and at the end, sample their creations.

Teens! Use your skills to solve the Murder Mystery game on Friday, December 29 at 1 pm. Sign up and save a spot. Refreshments! For ages 14+

Adults and Teens grab your knitting the Crocheting and Knitting Circle on Mondays from 3:30-5 pm and 6:30-8 pm.

The Senior Book Club will meet on Monday, December 18 from 10:30-11:30 am. Stop by the Library to pick up this month's book. Want to join? Just contact the library at 732-721-6060 or comments@dowdell.org.

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, a stretching, and flexibility workshop. Please register by emailing Camilla at Camilla.comercarruthers@rwjbh.org. For a complete list of the classes, please visit dowdell.org.

The Library will be closed for the holidays on Saturday, December 23, Monday, December 25, and on Saturday, December 30. Happy holidays and Happy New Year!

Comments, queries, compliments? Please visit www.dowdell.org, or contact the Library at 732-721-6060 or comments@ dowdell.org. The library is located off John O'Leary Blvd, adjacent to South Amboy Middle High School.

The Dowdell Library is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, from 10am-8pm. Wednesday and Friday from 10am-5pm. Saturday from 12-4 pm. Connect with us on social media. Email us at comments@ dowdell.org.

Speaker Coughlin Selected To Fourth Term As Speaker (Article submitted)

Members of the Assembly Democratic live here." Caucus convened in Trenton recently to welcome 20 new members and select the Leader Louis D. Greenwald (D-Camden, Senior Leadership Team for the 221st legislative session. Speaker Craig J. Coughlin was selected to serve a historic fourth term as Speaker of the New Jersey General Assembly.

The caucus convened following Tuesday's election in which voters bucked second term as Speaker Pro Tempore. historical trends, with Democrats successfully

The caucus also selected Majority Burlington) to serve a seventh term in his leadership position. Majority Conference Leader Annette Quijano (D-Union) will begin a third term, and Assemblyman Benjie Wimberly (D-Bergen, Passaic) will start his

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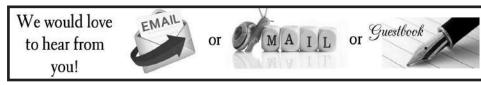
defending every seat in the Assembly and about last session, creating record property winning five additional seats for a 51-29 majority in the Assembly.

Last session, Speaker Coughlin made history as the first Democratic Assembly Speaker to serve three consecutive two-year terms. With today's announcement, he sets a new record within the halls of the State House.

"I am grateful for the trust my Caucus members have placed in me by selecting me to serve a fourth term as Assembly Speaker," said Speaker Coughlin (D-Middlesex). "Over the past six years, we have accomplished big things for the people of New Jersey. From delivering critical property tax relief to facing food insecurity head-on, I am proud of what we have achieved and thrilled that we get to continue our work to build a better future for our state and the 9.3 million people who

tax relief programs, lowering prescription drug costs, making child care more affordable, and standing up for safe communities and a woman's right to choose," said Speaker Coughlin. "We spent the last two years dealing with issues people talk about at the kitchen table. For the next two years, we plan to stay at the kitchen table. I look forward to spending the next two years working with the Assembly leadership team, the members of our caucus, our colleagues in the Legislature, and the Governor to build upon the foundation we have laid over the past several years."

Reorganization of the 221st Legislative Session will take place on January 9, 2024, when all members will be sworn in and an official vote on leadership will take place.



Rumbles from the Rock and Roll Reunion By Clem Skarzynski

time to dedicate my entire column to the following people, clubs, organizations, departments and their staffs for their endless hard work in putting together St.Stans 3rd Annual Car Show on Sunday Nov.5th, and for making it a HUGE success! First off, the St.Stans staff, Tony and son, Brian Jackowski, Jean Jackowski, Dan Hockenjos, Annette "Sissy"Hockenjos, Chris Bardsley, and Maura Samuel, with special thanks to Tina and Kenny Piscitelli, and of course, "The Falcons Nest for their outstanding food court! The staff sends its sincere thanks to D.J. Richie Hart and the "Just Us Cruisers" Car Club, The "Clem and Friends Band" and to the outstanding sound reinforcement from Emerson and Amy Jones, "Basement Audio Sound," for their 3rd year of being a BIG part of the shows' phenomenal success! Somewhere over 320 Customs, Hot Rods, and just all types of beautiful motorized hardware covered the entire St.Stans Fairgrounds, and more! What a Show it was! And can't forget to extend many thanks to Sayreville Parks Dept. crew, led by Rich Poplowski and his tireless staff, for being there early to set up the trailer/stage, and assist with every aspect in ensuring all ran smooth for the hundreds of spectators on hand for the event. Again... Charlie, Wayne, Rich, Ed, Connor, and Ryan.. many, many thanks for your hard work! And of course, the show included the 2 "Best in Show" Memorial Trophy presentations, with the Jerry Ust Memorial Trophy going to "Papa" for his spectacular 1932 Buick Series 50 Sedan, and The Tommie Samuel



The Ust family was in attendance at the St. Stan's car show for the winning trophy presentation. Pictured (l-r) Eileen Ust Janet Cook, Jackson and Ella Cook and Jack Ust.. The winner was ' PAPA" WITH a 1937 Buick Series 50 Sedan. Congratulations! (Photo Submitted)

PRAYER TO ST. ANTHONY

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

Hey Rock and Rollers, gotta take the Trophy going to Mike Turbiak for his 1957 Mack B85! Beautiful rides, weather, and friends made for an outstanding day for all who attended. And The "Clem and Friends Band" were honored with a very special vocal performance by the late Jerry Ust's granddaughter, Ella Cook, who did a beautiful job with a 1961 Golden Oldie "What's Your Name." For a 5-year old, she showed us who could get the job done! What a voice, and stage presence, thank you Ella! You're a part of the band! You made mom and grandma very proud! And to Jackson Cook, Jerry's grandson, great job picking out that Corvette.. he got a trophy! Can't forget that 18 years ago, then Rec Director, the late Jerry Ust, gave me the "go ahead" to plan and stage Savreville Rec's 1st "Blast from the Past"Car Show." Cars and Guitars, and without Richie Hart and the Just us Cruisers, it would have NEVER been the success it was, and IS to this day, and our sincerest thanks go out to Sayreville Rec's present Director, Brian Van Dongen, and his staff, for allowing us to keep this fun tradition going in Sayreville, which spilt over to St.Stan's crew as an event for the church, and the people of Sayreville! YUP us "big kids" need to have fun too!. So, my personal thanks go out to the St.Stan's crew for having DJ Richie Hart, the "Cruisers" and "The Clem and Friends Band" band members, and Basement Audio, at your show. We're honored to help and be there. A fun day for sure. Looking forward to what year #4 Show will bring! Till next column, "It's Only Rock 'n Roll" kiddies! Be well and Happy.

#1 Pop Hits-Nov. 23 2021-Easy On Me-Adele 2014-Blank Space-Taylor Swift 2008-Womanizer-Britney Spears 1997-Fly-Sugar Ray 1988-Bad Medicine-Bon Jovi

1978-MacArthur Park-Donna Summer 1966-You Keep Me Hangin' On -The Supremes

The Good Old Days!



Great Players From yesteryear met at Ryan's Pub and Sports Bar in Monroe, to reminisce about days of old. Seated is George Burbank, (standout soccer star from Sayreville High School Class of 1976). Standing (l-r) Steve Makwinski, Bill D'Amico and Walt Rondesko (who formed one of the greatest High School pitching triumvirates of all time in 1973). These Sayreville sports legends were brought together by Sayreville Alumni class of 76 Pat Douglas (far right). (Photo by Jill O'Riley McDonald)



Sayreville's superb Elvis Tribute Artist (ETA) Richie Santa (1), and the lead singer for the Bruce Springsteen cover band, "Saints In The City" are pictured following their fundraiser tribute show, The Boss & The King" for the veterans, which was held at the Manasquan Elks Lodge recently. Both acts were outstanding, and much appreciated by the SRO crowd, as well as the veterans. Great performance guys! (Photo/story by Tom Burkard)

#1 Country Hits Nov. 23

2020-I Hope-Gabby Barrett 2015-Tennessee Whiskey-Chris Stapleton 2003-I Love This Bar-Toby Keith 1992-I'm In A Hurry-Alabama 1980-Lady-Kenny Rogers 1973-The Most Beautiful Girl-Charlie Rich 1961-Big Bad John-Jimmy Dean

SAVE THE DATE

South Amboy-Sayreville Rotary will host the annual dad-daughter dance on February 9, 2024. For more information contact Greg at 732-721-0400 or greg@ customfinancial.org.



Amy Reilly (Mike and Sandy's daughter) also got to meet John at the book signing.

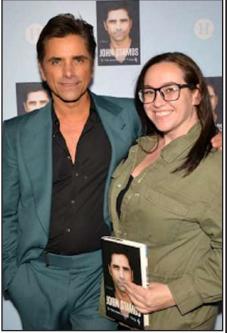
Breakfast with Santa

South Amboy Elks is holding its annual BREAKFAST WITH SANTA on December 17th. This is a Buffet breakfast from 9-11:30am. Adults are \$12.00 each and children 7yrs. and under are \$7.00. The morning will consist of story time for the children and coloring with holiday coloring books during breakfast. And of course a visit from Santa! All children will receive a goody bag. Reservations are highly suggested. Tables of 8+ can be reserved by calling 732-727-7170. South Amboy Elks are located at 601 Washington Ave, South Amboy. Happy Holidays to all.



Artists Using One Name

Meeting Uncle Jesse! Better Known As John Stamos (Photos/info submitted)



Aly Keegan is happy to meet world-renowned actor John Stamos, as she holds up a copy of his new book.







Thanksgiving Special

1.I Want To Thank You 2.Thank You For Loving Me 3. Thank God For Kids 4.Thankful 5. Thank God I'm A Country Boy 6.Thank You Girl 7. Thank You For The Music 8. Thank You For Being A Friend Answers

a.Abba b.Bon Jovi c.The Oak Ridge Boys d.Andrew Gold e.The Beatles f.Josh Groban g.Sam & Dave h.John Denver i.Otis Redding

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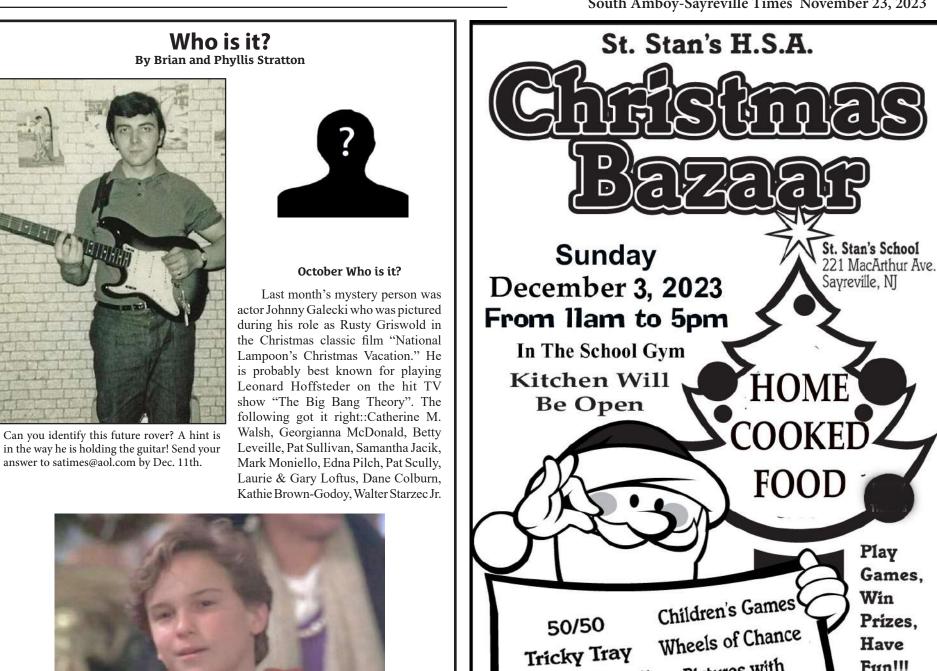
By Tom Burkard

(Mononym)

1.Hello 2.Believe 3.Brand New Key 4.Without Me 5.98.6 6.Sunshine Superman 7.Like A Prayer 8.Turn Me Loose 9. Two Out Of Three Ain't Bad 10.To Sir With Love

a.Keith b.Lulu c.Madonna d.Melanie e.Adele f.Eminem g.Donovan h.Meatloaf i.Cher j.Fabian

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

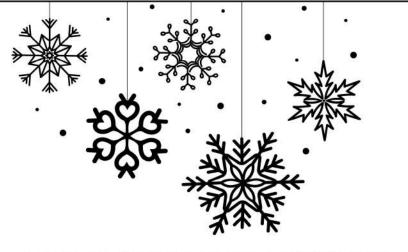


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October Vintage Car

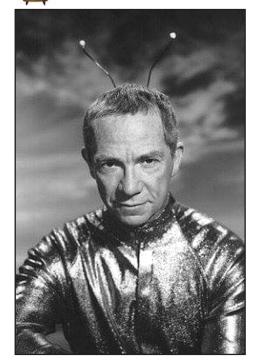
both the SV-1 and SV1 formats. THE Walter Starzec Jr.

Last month the mystery car was a FOLLOWING GOT IT RIGHT:Betty 1974 Bricklin SV1, a two seat sports car Leveille, Pat Sullivan, Vincent Farina, built from 1974 to late 1975. Noteworthy Mark Moniello, Edna Pilch, Pat Scully, for its gull-wing doors the ame SV-1 is Bruce Grankowski, John & JoAnn French, an abbreviation of "safety vehicle one". Laurie & Gary Loftus, Gary Feret, Pete [2] Bricklin company literature uses McIntyre, Dane Colburn, Ed English,



1974 Bricklin SV1

Remember This T.V. Show?



Last month we featured "The Time Tunnel". Two scientists with a secret time travel project find themselves trapped in the time stream and appearing in notable periods of history. Two scientists with a secret time travel project find themselves trapped in the time stream and appearing in notable periods of history.

The following readers remembered the show: Betty Leveille, Pat Sullivan, Vincent Farina, Mark Moniello, Pat Scully, John & JoAnn French, Gary Feret, Dane Colburn, Ed English, Walter Starzec Jr, Nanci Deverin.



The Time Tunnel

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New Memorial Garden Dedicated (Photos/info submitted)







Public Library, the Library's Board of Trustees, and the Friends of the Sayreville Library gathered to dedicate our beautiful new Memorial Garden. The Garden was created child-sized bench, and a Little Free Library. by the Friends in memory of several beloved We hope that our neighbors will make time volunteers who have contributed so much to visit the garden to read and relax in the to our library and community. An engraved

On October 21, the Sayreville Free center circle reminds visitors that "Books are magical keys to open up worlds and change perspectives." The garden area includes both an adult and a children's picnic table, a serene surroundings.



DOORS OPEN AT 12 NOON GAMES START AT 1:30 PM

KITCHEN WILL BE OPEN

For Information Please Call The Parish Office 732 - 254 - 0212 rock placed at the garden entrance in the





Sayreville Elvis Tribute Artist (ETA) Richie Santa, (2nd from left) is pictured with the owners of Milina Bar & Grill Colombian Steakhouse in Sayreville, following his outstanding show before a packed house at the Halloween Party. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

Veterans Remembered

(Photo/Story courtesy of Rich Kosmoski)

On a crisp, sunny Veteran's Day morning, services were held at Sacred Heart cemetery for those who gave the ultimate sacrifice. Frank Sullivan, Catholic War Veterans Post 578 Commander conducted the services for our honored dead. Fr. Stanley Gromadzki, Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish conducted the prayer services as he prayed for those who were killed during all wars, today's living veterans who are suffering from their wartime experiences, and those currently serving in uniform. As Pastor Gromadzki read off each parishioner's name and the war in which he was killed, a memorial bell was tolled by Catholic War Veteran Adam Dobrinsky. Following the playing of TAPS, United States Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Rich Kosmoski placed the memorial wreath at the monuments in honor of all veterans.



Post Commander Frank Sullivan and Pastor Stanley Gromadzki pray for our Veterans.

Catholic War Veteran, Adam Dobrinsky, who served in the Korean War, solemnly waits to toll the bell after each Veteran's name is recited.



USN Petty officer Rich Kosmoski prepares to place the memorial wreath.

USN Petty Officer Rich Kosmoski salutes our fallen Veterans after placing the memorial wreath.



Veterans Day Memorial Service South Amboy, November 11, 2023 (Photos by Brian Stratton)



Three Bronze plaques recognizing South Amboy residents who were killed in action were dedicated at the ceremony.





American Legion Luke A. Lovely Post #62 Commander Joe Szaro addresses the crowd as Bob Moglia looks on.





Members of Catholic War Veterans Post 578 gather to honor all Veterans on this day

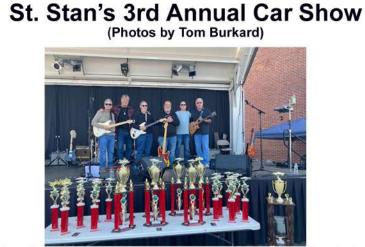


South Amboy Mayor **Fred Henry**

N.J. State Assembly Speaker **Craig Coughlin**



Pictured far left Jerry Pizzillo (I-r) Council President Mickey Gross, Councilman Brian McLaughlin, Councilman Tom Reilly, Mayor Fred Henry and Councilman-At-Large Anthony Conrad unveil the permanent marker at the memorial site.



Clem & Friends Band, one of the best classic rock bands in NJ entertained the overflow crowd throughout the Car Show.



The Sayreville GOP was on hand to greet lots of locals at the event.



1957 Chevy



The Sayreville Democrats also chatted with residents throughout the afternoon.



New Pastor Installed (Photos/captions by Steve Schmid)



Bishop Checchio praises Father Guy during the installation.



Metuchen Bishop James Checchio (r) embraces Father Guy Selvester after installing him as the 9th Pastor of St. Mary Star Of The Sea Church.



Father Guy leaves the altar after being officially installed as Pastor.



Knights of Columbus color corps escort Bishop Checchio and Father

Sayreville Police Car



Pictured at the South Amboy Veteran's Day service at Veteran's Plaza are (l-r) Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin, South Amboy City Council President Michael "Mickey" Gross, and St. Mary Star of the Sea Church Pastor Father Guy Selvester. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

Guy Selvester at Father Guy's installation ceremony.



Area veterans turn out for the second annual roast pork dinner at the South Amboy Knights of Columbus. Veterans received a complimentary dinner to honor their service to our country. (Photo/ Info by Steve Schmid)



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Halloween Fun!



This is the cast of Toy Story with South Amboy residents Jeff, Kelly, Noonan (dog), Joan, Brian and Lane (child). (Photo Submitted)



PIctured (l-r) Matt Gomolka, Rachel Ray, Tina Gomolka on the set of the Rachel Ray's Rebuild TV show.

Former Morgan Man On TV

Former Morgan resident, Matt Gomolka and his wife Tina, owners of Pro-Line Kitchens, recently appeared on a show called Rachel Ray's Rebuild on the Hulu channel. The show is currently streaming, and you can see the workers from their company helping a Marlboro family rebuilding their home after it was destroyed by a fire. Matt and Tina, who donated their time, materials and labor to design and install the kitchen countertops, can also be seen briefly on the show, which is on Season 1 Episode 10.

Rachel Ray's Rebuild premise is helping people rebuild their homes after a disaster hits. Matt said, "It was definitely a fun time

working with Rachel and her crew. If they come out with a season 2, we may do it again."



Congratulations! To the New Mr. & Mrs. Gangi



'Tis the Season – Community Open House

Don't miss the Community Open House at the Dowdell Library on Monday, December 11th from 6:30 - 8:30 pm!

New residents are invited to drop in and meet your neighbors. Hot cocoa, holiday cheer and delicious desserts will be served. A lucky attendee will win the special holiday gift basket door prize. Residents new to South Amboy will receive a special treat by showing their start-up utility bill.

Details on an upcoming contest for creative photographers, artists and writers will also be made available that night. Prizes will be donated by local businesses.

Elaine Gaber, Director, mentioned that in addition to providing in-person rvices, the Dowdell Library acts as a library without walls via remote online services. Free access to downloadable books, current magazines, music and streaming video, as well as online research tools for students are available. Don't have a library card? Get one at the Open House! Anyone who lives or works in South Amboy can obtain a free card. Contact the Library at comments@ dowdell.org or 732.721.6060. Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 10 am – 8 pm; Wednesday, Friday 10 am – 5 pm and Saturday 12 Noon to 4 pm. The Library is adjacent to the South Amboy High School off John T. O'Leary Blvd. More information is available at dowdell.org.

James Gangi and Brittany Scalera were married on October 27, 2023. The couple celebrated with family and friends with a Halloween themed celebration. (Photo Submitted)

Walk To Bethlehem December 10

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 hold their annual Walk To Bethlehem to celebrate the Christmas season. The walk begins at 2 PM from the Knights of Columbus at 308 Fourth St. Christ Church, First Presbyterian Church, St. Mary Star of the Sea Church, and Sacred Heart Church will host Christmas activities. Soup and light refreshments will be available back at the Knights afterwards. For more information, call 732-721-2025 and leave a message.



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Veterans Celebration



The Dowdell Library held a memorable veterans program in which local veterans, the Historical Society of South Amboy, as well as local Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops participated. Veterans shared stories, their experiences, and the many benefits of joining the military. The Boy Scouts performed the traditional flag folding ceremony, which represents the original thirteen colonies of the United States. Pictured (l-r) Dennis Kuhn, Maryanne Candelora, Grace Vignuolo. (Photo/Info Submitted)

Shah Wins Scholarship

16-Year-Old Rishi Shah Receives a \$750 Scholarship for Advocating the Importance of Science Education

In a remarkable display of dedication and passion for science education, 16-yearold Rishi Shah from Sayreville, New Jersey won one of the two winners for this year's 2023 PSA Scholarship contest hosted by California Free Thought Day located all the way in California. The theme this year was why is science education so important?

Rishi Shah's journey into the competition began when he first learned about the 2023 Video Scholarship organized by California Freethought Day from an Instagram post. The organization, dedicated to promoting secular rights, science, social justice, civic engagement, and the First Amendment, seeks to support students like Rishi on their educational journeys. The scholarship contest, open to students from across the United States, was created to encourage the celebration of these values.

What compelled Rishi to participate in the contest was his unwavering belief in the power of science education. He sees it as the key to unlocking human potential and creating a better future. Beyond the mere memorization of facts, science fosters curiosity, critical thinking, and a thirst for knowledge. It empowers individuals to comprehend the world around them, make informed decisions, and drive innovation.

Rishi's dedication to science education doesn't stop at winning the scholarship. He has aspirations to make a tangible impact on his community. Rishi Shah aims to establish a science club in his local high school, engage in hands-on science projects, and create an environment that nurtures a love for science. His vision includes encouraging critical thinking and preparing students for

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a future driven by scientific knowledge and innovation.

In his own words, Rishi expressed his gratitude to California Freethought Day for inspiring him to take action and make a difference in the field of science education. His journey is proof of the power of passion and dedication, serving as an inspiration to others to embark on their own quests for knowledge and a brighter, more informed future.

To learn more about California Freethought Day, you can follow @ freethoughtday and visit their website at www.freethoughtday.org. Rishi Shah's story is a reminder that with determination and a love for learning, anyone can make a difference in the world of education and beyond.



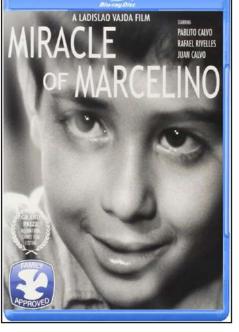
Miracle of Marcelino is about a little orphan boy Left on the doorstep of a monastery as an infant, He is raised by monks. He longs for his mother he never knew. He one day finds a special friend in the forbidden attic....Hanging on the cross.

Miracle of Marcelino

Place: Church of the Sacred Heart: Memorial Hall S.A.

Please RSVP: 732-589-8760 by November 11. Date November 19, 2023 Time 1:30 P.M. Light Snacks and a Movie. Hosted by Love Life Group. Suggested Love Donation \$5.00





Prayer to St. Jude Saint Jude Thaddeus, patron saint of impossible causes, walk through my house and take away my worries and any illnesses. Please watch over and heal my family & friends, in the Name of Jesus. Amen. S.P., M.S, P.S.



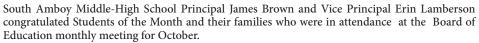
South Amboy Schools Congratulations!

(Photos/captions submitted)



South Amboy Elementary School Principal Sean Dunphy and Vice Principle Michelle Buchanan recently honored and presented certificates to their Students of the Month who were in attendance at the South Amboy Board of Education monthly meeting for October.







South Amboy Middle-High School Athletic Director Jamon Dunn along with Principal James Brown South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry (1) and his brother and Vice Principal Erin Lamberson presented the fall sports athletic recognitions to students in attendance at the Board of Education monthly meeting for October.

Veterans Day Observance





Brothers



Bill Henry, who ran for Mayor of Sayreville are pictured at the ribbon-cutting ceremony of the new erry in South Amboy. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

South Amboy resident Djulieta Ismaili Jean, a University of Princeton Transfer Scholars Initiative student and trailblazer, attended Veterans Day Observance and the swearing-in ceremony for new cadets and midshipmen at the Chapel of the University of Princeton, on November 10th. (Photos/ info submitted)

(Pictured: Djulieta Ismaili Jean and other attendees)



World Of Yesterday By Robert W. Eginton There was a time in my life When things were less confusing I was not a boy, not quite a man

There was a girl in my heart That I was so afraid of losing But it seemed that life Had another plan. We slowly drifted apart Like two ships on different rivers, One to the port, one to the sea. But as we played the part Of two lost and lonely strangers We both took life As it was meant to be. But for tonight Can I be your long lost friend, Let me take you to a place Where dreams can never end. And in the morning If you have to go away In this dream I'll save a place for you In our little world of yesterday.

Many Thanks!



The Sacred Heart Council of Catholic Women thank all who contributed to our used clothing drive that benefitted the Jersey Shore Rescue Mission, Asbury Park. We appreciate your support very much! Photo of bags of donated clothing prior to pickup. (Photo/caption submitted)

Local Wildlife (Photo by Tom Burkard)



A beautiful doe was recently spotted in a nearby park.

A PRAYER FOR HEALING

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



Pictured at Waterfront Park, by the beautiful, newly-dedicated bench to Iraq War hero, Benjamin L. Sebban are seated (l-r) Annie Tarr, Barbara Filik-Walsh (Benjamin's mother). Standing (l-r) Val Tarr, Steve Tarr, and a family acquaintance. (Photo by Brian Stratton)

Local Man Dedicates Park Bench To War Hero By Tom Burkard

Barbara Filik Walsh liked to come to and he made lots of phone calls that lasted Waterfront Park in South Amboy/Sayreville almost a year. In addition, he raised money to visit the monument that was dedicated to her son Sgt. 1st Class Benjamin Sebban, who died on March 17, 2007, a hero in the Iraq War. Barbara's brother-in-law Steve Tarr initiated the construction of the monument many years ago, which has been viewed and admired by countless thousands of people, who come to visit or just walk around the park. Barbara told Steve of South Amboy that she only wished that there would be a park bench or seat where she could sit during her visits, and look at the monument and meditate.

So, Tarr was inspired, and took it upon himself, as a project to get a new bench, for Barbara and others to be able to view and relax, very close to the monument for her beloved son Benjamin. Getting the bench made was a labor of love for Steve, who was kept busy finding the right people to help,

for a new bench by selling jewelry at the car shows in South Amboy.

Tarr thanked everyone for their support of this project and especially mentioned Superior Diner of Perth Amboy, Hugh Rone-The Gundrum Service Home For Funerals, Accurate Concrete, Camerato Landscaping, and Cambridge, the monument place on lower Main St. in South Amboy.

The beautiful bench has a plaque on the back rest, with the following engraved: "Sergeant First Class Benjamin L. Sebban, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Silver Star Recipient."

The dedication was attended by the family of Benjamin L. Sebban, friends, and members of the Rolling Thunder. Steve Tarr said that "It was an effort to get done, and got done."

SAHS College & Career Fair

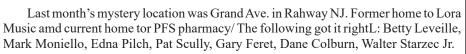


A huge shout out goes to the South Amboy Public Schools guidance counselors, Madeline Rondon, David Lisowski and Christine Colon for bringing the College & Career Fair vision to life. They worked tirelessly to get into contact with a myriad of "vendors" to ensure that our students are exposed to





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endless possibilities. Thank you for your hard work and dedication. (Photo/info submitted)



Rotary club president Gregory Wyzykowski (r) presents outgoing club Treasurer Anthony Conrad with a plaque. (Photo/info submitted)

October Where in N1? Lora Music

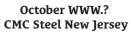
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If you know what this local business is, send your answer in to: satimes@ aol.com by Dec. 11rh. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

Last month the WWW.? was CMC Steel New Jersey (located in Sayreville). The following got the tough one correct: Don Zrebiec, Betty Leveille, Pat Scully, Mark Moniello, Lisa Grankowski, Laurie & Gary Loftus, Gary Feret, Barb Bockus.





October What Is It?

the following got it right:Patti Tengelics, Joe

Tortora, Ed Puchalski, Betty Leveille, Pat

Sullivan, Linda Vona, Marybeth Chodkiewicz,

Vincent Farina, Ray Andrejewski, Mark Moniello, Edna Pilch, Adele O'Hara, Pat

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Last months item was a 3 Hole Punch,

WHAT IS IT?????

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton

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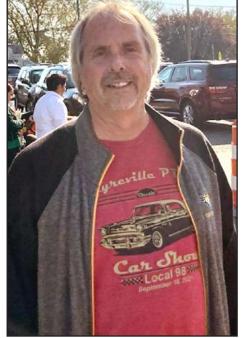
Have you ever used one of these? Charlie Brown could have used one!! Send your answer to satimes@aol.com by Dec. 11th.





Craig Coughlin speaks with a group of students at South Amboy Middle/High School about government and politics. (Photo submitted)

(Photos by Tom Burkard)



Phil Quigley recently retired from the Borough of Sayreville Parks & Recreation Dept., after 36.5 outstanding years. Phil is also one of the all-time greatest drummers in Sayreville history. The SA Times wishes Phil a very happy retirement. To your health and happiness always, Phil and thank you for all you've done for the Borough.

Tony Jackowski has also retired after 26 years of employment with the Borough. He has been a very active and dedicated volunteer with St. Stan's School. Tony had previously worked for 13 years at DuPont. Congratulations and God Bless, Tony!

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Breakfast With Santa December 17

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 will hold Breakfast with Santa Sunday December 17 from 9 AM to 11:30 AM at 308 Fourth St. South Amboy. Menu includes bacon and eggs, pancakes, sausages, and more. Cost is \$12 for adults, \$6 for children 3 to 12. Bring your camera so you can take pictures of your kids with Santa. To reserve your place, call Bruce at 732-586-9779, or 732-721-2025 and leave a message.



LETTERS

Readers Congratulations On SA Times 32nd Anniversary

*Congratulations to you and everyone who works tirelessly to provide us with The SA Times every month, and thank

you! **My Best Wishes!** Mary A. Snover

*Great to keep up with all the local happenings, great work, Brian and Tom! Thank you! James Riehl

*Thank you for all your efforts! Cathy Keays

*Thank you all for another great paper. You're the best! Susan Coakley

*Best read ever! Agnes Leslie

*Love reading your paper! Cynthia Ruszala

*Congratulations! I live in PA, and still read The SA Times! Judy Keegan

Note: We would like to thank everyone for the thoughtful and encouraging congratulatory messages on our 32nd Anniversary! It's been a long ride, but we look forward to assembling this publication each month for your reading pleasure and enjoyment. In addition, we send a big thank you to all of our loyal advertisers and contributors throughout the years. You are the BEST!

POLKA, POLKA, POLKA By Bob Olenczak Olin

about the Polka started stirring my memory of the music I love and was part of my life quite a number of years ago.

I just returned from my Army stint in Korea in February of 1955. With my mustering out pay I bought a brand new 1955 Chevy Belair HardTop for \$2000. The colors were turquoise and cream. It got me around to the dances.

After getting my civilian feet back on United States soil, I met some people who turned me on going to dances where, of course, they were playing Polka music. I started out with two left feet but with a little time those two left feet almost turned into Fred Astaire Polka stompers.

My love of the Polka, I think, was a recollection, when I was in Grammar School, of all the people dancing at the Sacred Heart "Paczkovy Ball" where they served Paczki pronounced like punch-kee. It was held every year around lent with those delicious donuts and of course coffee. But I digress.

While at one of the Polka dances I spied this beautiful lady who floated around like Ginger Rogers on the dance floor. Some of the people reading my analogy to the two dancing stars may be too young to remember both of them.

I made it a goal to make sure the next time I was at a Polka dance and she was there, I was going to meet her. Fast forward a week or so. We are at Rahway Gardens in Rahway, could have been called Rahway Beer Gardens, not sure.

This beautiful lady was there. Got my nerve up and asked her to dance. Her name was Charlotte Marie Marklin from Perth Amboy. The rest is history, married, and two children. But not before we polkaed our way around the area for a few years dancing to all the Polka song renditions, waltzes and of course the Oberek. The Oberek is a dance somewhere between the Polka and the Waltz.

ask? Well one was the Rahway Gardens that many years.

A couple of recent articles in the paper I just mentioned. Another place where they almost had a band playing every week was the Liberty Ballroom in South River.

> Bands like Frank Wojnarowski, Bernie Witkowski and The Connecticut Twins. The Connecticut twins were Stanley and John (Stas and Jas) Przasnyski. There of course were other local people with smaller groups that would play, particularly for weddings

> The three groups mentioned are now in the International Polka Association (IPA) Polka Hall of Fame, in Chicago.

> Bernie (he also used the last name of White) played the clarinet and also sax, accordion, flute, drum and organ. But the clarinet was always the instrument that was prevalent in his band and it put you in the mood to do the Polka.

> Frank was a violinist and his role was as a band leader. As I recall his orchestra was large than 10

> Stanley (Stas) played the accordion and John (Jas) played the drums. They had a smaller group usually consisting of only 6 members while other bands were at least 10 or more. The twins relied on the clarinet and trumpet as their lead which made their polkas fast and easier to dance to.

> Polkas were sometimes classified by the way they were played and the step you used. In New Jersey we did have the Eastern style Polka bands. We also danced a certain way in some cases and we called it the Jersey City Step. But please don't ask me to do it today.

> Other places were the Polish Falcon Camp, Somerville. We traveled to the Garfield area for dances. It was almost every week and we would dance every dance for about a 3 hour session. That was our cardio exercise for the week. It was great.

> We loved it. I wish I could do the Polka again, but my Fred Alistair legs have gone by the wayside. Although, my memory reminisces about those wonderful days.

*Note: Bob is a former South Amboy Where did we do all of our dancing you resident who has lived in California for





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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.

Prayer to St. Jude

Saint Jude Thaddeus, patron saint of impossible causes, walk through my house and take away my worries and any illnesses. Please watch over and heal my family & friends, in the Name of Jesus. Amen. S.S., S.P., M.S., B.S., P.S.

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School Sports By Tom Burkard **Bombers Bow In** State Semis

The Sayreville Bombers dream to bring another state championship to town was halted on a field goal with only 0:06 seconds left in their battle with powerful Mount Olive (9-1). The Bombers (8-2), gave it their all against the #2 seed who was ranked #19 in the NJ.com Top 20, but fell 30-28 in North Jersey Section 2 Group 4 action. It was a real-heartbreaking end to a terrific season under the Bombers first-year Coach Don Sofilkanich.

In the first quarter, the Bombers scored on a 38-yard touchdown bomb from quarterback Nick Nunez to Keshava Sadowsksi, and ended with a 7-7 opening stanza tie. Sayreville hit paydirt in the second quarter when Zaimer Wright connected with Ky'von Mitchell for a 42-yard TD strike, but our locals trailed, 21-14 at halftime. Wright broke loose for a 24-yard TD run in the third session, as it ended in a 21-21 deadlock.

It was Wright again for a 2-yard touchdown run, and an Aaron Losada extra point to put the Bombers up 28-27, but with 0:06 seconds showing on the clock the stage was set for Mount Olive's female kicker Izzy Kolbusz, who found the mark for her pressure-packed game-winning field goal that sent her team to the sectional final.

Bombers Field Hockey Win Finale

Coach Mary Charmello's Sayeville Bombers girls field hockey team finished their season on a winning note, as they nipped North Plainfield, 2-1. Mackenzie Hastings blasted in the winning goal with only 57.4 seconds left in the contest. Sheridan Markowski assisted on the huge goal.

Girls Fall In State Play

The Sayreville girls soccer squad, seeded #7 was upset by #10 seed Marlboro, 1-0 in the first round of CJ Group 4 action.

Sayreville Football Report (Prior to the Sectional semifinal)

Savreville 22 Woodbridge 20-The Bombers under Coach Don Sofilkanich made it 4 wins in a row by nipping the Barrons of Woodbridge. Superstar Zaimer Wright scored 2 touchdowns, one on a run of 2 yards, and he also hauled in a 56-yard TD bomb from quarterback Nick Nunez, who also scored on a 1-yard TD run. Aaron Losada unloaded a beautiful 41-yard field goal for the locals.

Sayreville 35 Montgomery 14-In the quarterfinals of NJSIAA North Jersey Section 2 Group 4 action, Sayreville mauled the previously unbeaten and #3 seeded Montgomery club, as Wright rushed for all 5 of the Bombers touchdowns, while racking up 233 yards on 30 rushes. His TD runs were 4, 18, 5, 4, and 72 yards. Another amazing performance by Zaimer! Shaun Jackson had a strong rushing game picking up 126 yards on 10 attempts, as Sayreville, who was seeded #6 notched their 5 consecutive victory.

2023 Sayreville **Football Leaders Final Statistics** Offense

Passing-Nick Nunez 658 yds., 5 TD passes, 9 interceptions; Rushing-Zaimer Wright 1,743 yds., Shaun Jackson337, Travis Gaston 241, Xavier Pena 165, Dariel Jerez 164; Receiving-Wright 259 yards, Mitchell 125, Sadowski 113; Touchdowns-Wright 24, Jackson 5, Mitchell 4, Gaston 4, Nunez 3, Sadowski. Field Goals-Losada 2; Extra Points-Losada 15-15.

Defense

Sacks-Jesus 7, Dariel Jerez 3, Frank Paczkowski 2, Connor Walsh 2; Solo Tackles-Pena 45, Mitchell 28, Paczkowski 26; Total Tackles-Diego Jesus 77, Pena 76, Paczkowski 49; Interceptions-Sadowski 2, Mitchell 2.

Boys Soccer

Savreville (8-5-5) **Coach Nick Cifelli Team Leaders**

Points-Eric Sadlocha 39, Adam Zamraki 39, Andrew Pinto 13; Goals-Zamraki 17, Sadlocha 13, Pinto 5; Assists-Sadlocha 13, Zamraki 5, Aiden Petras 5; Saves-Nick Lesniak 128.

South Amboy (3-9) **Coach Tony Gonsalves** (43 years as Head Coach) No statistics available.

Girls Soccer

Sayreville (14-2-2) **Coach Jillian McGarry Team Leaders**

Points-Laila Stevenson 42, Isabelle Deoliveira 29, Alyssa Marley 20; Goals-Stevenson 17, Deoliveira 13, Shriya Meda 8; Assists-Stevenson 8, Marley 8, Jaylin Evans 7; Saves-Zahra Benkhak 99. South Amboy (3-9-1) No statistics available.

Field Hockey

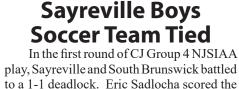
Sayreville (4-10) **Coach Mary Charmello Team Leaders**

Points-Ameeka Patel 15, Mackenzie Keegan 8, Sheridan Markowski 7, Caroline Astarita 6; Goals-Ameeka Patel 7, Keegan 4; Assists-Markowski 3, Anole Patel 3, Astarita 2; Saves-Jillian Bourbeau 212.

Sayreville Boys Fall In **State Tourney**

South Brunswick nipped the Bombers of Sayreville soccer team, 3-2 in CJ Group 4 state tournament play. Victor Osei-Mensah scored Sayreville's first goal on an assist by Eric Sadlocha, and Will Garnett, who was also assisted by Sadlocha, blasted in the second score, and final goal of 2022 for the Bombers.





goal on an assist from Andrew Pinto.







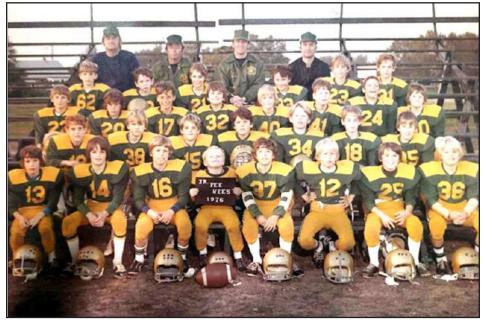
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The Local Sports Memory Machine By Tom Burkard

From The Sports Archives



1976 Sayreville Leprechauns Pop Warner football team pictured: Front Row (l-r) Tim Newsome, Steve Meise, Ed Hept, Tim Nowicki, Joe Barlotta, Kenny Kurczeski, ? , ? Second Row (l-r) Glen Lewis, Bill Lytkowski, Dan McCracken, Gary Bialkowski, Leon Krajewski, Jim McCracken, Walter Jarusiewicz. Third Row (l-r) Tom Nowicki, ?, Pete Skarzynski, ?, Ray Frank, Butch Hoover, Rob Tomaszewski, ? Fourth Row (1-r) Andrew Mayernick, Sean Kearney, Keith Szatkowski, Jim Bartkowitz, Tom Kaminski, Rich Lucas, Coach Lewis, Coach Triggs, Coach Nowicki, Coach Mayernick. (Photo/ names submitted) *If anyone knows the unidentified players who are marked with a question mark ? please tell us who they are.

30 Years Ago **Eagles Fly by Guvs**

1993-St. Mary's undefeated Boys Cross Country team breezed to their fourth consecutive victory, romping over archrival, Hoffman, 16-43. John Kugel and Andy Ahern tied for 1st place in 18:51. Rob Neuhoff was next in 19:05, followed by Ben Zmigrodski in 19:15. Hoffman's Lenny Smith came in at 19:16. Other finishers in order were; Joe Demeraski (SM) 19:53, Jeff Zmigrodski (SM) 20:17, Mike Picharillo (H) 20:50, Roy Labue (SM) 20:50, Joe Majkowski (SM) 21:21.

Lady Guvs Top Saints

Hoffman Girls Cross Country won their first meet of the season by speeding past the Lady Saints, 15-50. The finishing order was; 1 - Claudia Was (SM) 24:29,2-Trish O'Toole (SM) 25:17, 3 - Cara Toscano (H) 26:48, 4 - Kristen Henry (H) 27:28, 5 - Jackie Rakowski (SM) 27:45, 6 - Amy Felice (H) 28:23, 7 - Jessica English (H) 28:29, 8 - Yvonne Fisher (SM) 29:13, 9-Colleen McCormack (H) 33:55.

Saints Win Cups

The St. Mary's Boys and Girls Soccer teams were both victorious over crosstown rivals Hoffman, in the 4th Annual Governor's Cup. St. Mary's boys blasted by Hoffman, 3-0. with three goals in the second half, and junior Mike Russo scoring all of them. The Boy Birds evened the Governors Cup series at 2-2. In girls action, the Lady Eagles won by the identical 3-0 count. Kristen Palomo scored 2 goals, and Shannon Kemble 1, for the Blue & Gold win. The Lady Saints now lead the series 4-0.

T.H.E. Game Year-2007 Sport-Football Teams-Sayreville vs. Woodbridge

Recap-In a defensive battle, the Bombers emerged with a 12-7 victory. Reinaldo Rodriguez put all of Sayreville's points on the scoreboard by scoring 2 touchdowns, both on 3-yard runs.

Player-of-the-Game-Reinaldo Rodriguez.

45 Years Ago

1978-Clayton Scores 1,000th Point Bob Clayton became the 4th player in

Hoffman history to score 1,000 points, as he reached the elusive mark in a 70-59 triumph over East Brunswick Vo-Tech. Clayton, who finished the game with 16 points, was assisted on the huge basket by Bill Lewis, who tossed in 18 in the contest.

5 Years Ago

2018-Sayreville football team copped its 4th straight win by destroying Monroe, 38-0. Zuriel Wright scored 4 touchdowns and finished with 227 total offensive yards. Quarterback Mark Whitford completed 6-for-9 passes for 113 yards, and rushed for 106 yards. The defense was paced by Connor Anthony with 6 tackles, 2 sacks, 3 hurries, and 2 assisted tackles.



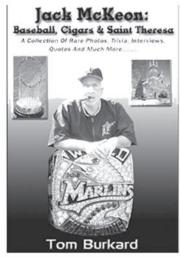
Glory Days In Local Sports

defeated Mater Dei 78-70 behind Jim McCloud, who fired in 22 points...1979-Brunswick Tech, 72-52. Soph Peter Smith led the way with 21 points, followed by Ron Brown 18, Frank Wahler 14, and Joe Schiavino 14...

1969-St. Mary's boys basketball team players found the net for goals; Jim Keith, Brian Monnier, Don Kall, Charlie Moe, and Jim Williams. Mike Pompeo contributed Hoffman shutout Montgomery 3-0 in soccer 2 assists...2002-Sayreville smashed South play. Frank Wahler burned the nets for 3 Plainfield, 5-1 in boys soccer action. Dan goals, while Tom Mulligan had 2 assists, Cartegna blasted in 3 goals and had an assist, and Marty Veilleux 1 assist...1982-The while Brock Vazquez added a goal and Governors boys hoops squad belted East assist...2010-CardinalMcCarrick opened its football season with a 12-0 victory over Mater Dei. Jose Cruz scored on a 4-yard touchdown run, and Calvin Peeples broke loose for a 12yard TD scamper. John Appiah excelled on defense with 12 unassisted tackles, 2 sacks,

1992-Sayreville boys soccer team shutout the Governors of Hoffman, 5-0. Five and a fumble recovery.

> 20 Years Ago-South Amboy's Jack McKeon managed the Marlins to the World Series title by upsetting the highly-favored NY Yankees.



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Mayor's Halloween Party





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Many people had great costumes for the Mayor's Halloween Party held at the South Amboy Senior Center (Photo by Steve Schmid)







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What Exit? By Brian and Phyllis Stratton

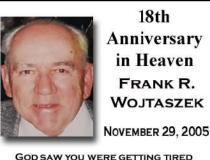
October What Exit: Last month's winners were: Gary Feret, Pat Scully, Dane Colburn, Walter Starzec Jr.





In Memoriam

Glen Munck, 58, of South Amboy died on Oct. 19. He worked his entire life as a mechanic and Jack of all trades. He was also a member of the IUOE Local 825. Glen was really a good guy, and will always be remembered. Edward Lennan, 76, of Sayreville died on Oct. 21. If you ever walked at Waterfront Park or Kennedy Park, you probably saw Ed jogging by, and giving you a hearty hello or friendly smile. |Mary Vibronek, 89, formerly of Sayreville died on Oct. 26. She worked for over 25 years at Oak Tree Village Nursery School in Parlin. Stephen Wisniewski, 77, formerly of South Amboy/Sayreville died on Oct. 29. He served 2 tours of duty in the Vietnam War as a Green Beret, and was awarded a Bronze Star, 2 Silver Stars, and 6 Purple Hearts. Phyllis Jakubczak, Phyllis, 98, of South Amboy died on Nov. 6. She was a very nice lady, who worked at South Amboy Memorial Hospital. Theresa Klimchak, 95, of South Amboy died on Nov. 8. She was a wonderful, kind-hearted lady who loved children, and worked for many years at St. Mary's Elementary School with the latchkey program until the school closed.



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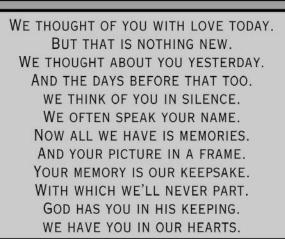
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IN SAD AND LOVING MEMORY OF RUSSELL N. THOMSEN WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE 25 YEARS AGO THIS DAY

NOVEMBER 30, 1998

SADLY MISSED BY WIFE, KATHY AND CHILDREN, TRACEY AND RUSTY



Obituaries

- Blust, Edward C. Jr., 68, of Parlin died died on September 15.
- on Nov. 6. Davis, Jacklyn, 22, of South Amboy on Oct. 20. died on Oct. 20.
- Furrevig, Karen P., 71, of Sayreville Morgan died on Oct. 31. died on Oct. 27.
- Haberman, Dee-Dee, 69, of South on Nov. 7. Amboy died on Oct. 26.
- Horvath, Rev. Michael F. Jr., PhD., 74, died on Oct. 19. of Parlin died on Nov. 5.
- Jakubczak, Phyllis DeLucia, 98, of South died on Nov. 1. Amboy died on Nov. 6.
- Karasiewicz, Dariusz A., 49, of South Nov. 8. Amboy died on Nov. 5.
- Kilcomons, Daniel D. Sr., 78, of died on Nov. 1. Sayreville died on Oct. 28.
- Klimchak, Theresa Bringhurst, 95, of Oct. 29. South Amboy died on Nov. 8.
- Lennan, Edward, 76, of Sayreville died died on Oct. 30. on Oct. 21.
- Levins, Irene Walczak, 95, formerly of of Sayreville died on Oct. 26. South Amboy died on Sept. 27.
- Maher, Mary Alice, 60, of Parlin died Amboy died on Oct. 26. on Oct. 30.

formerly of South Amboy died on Oct. 2. McDonald, Scott E., 66, of Old Bridge died on Oct. 15.

McGloan, Veronica, 67, of Morgan died

- Menzel, August J. "Augie," 84, of
- Moore, Richard, 81, of Sayreville died
- Munck, Glen T., 58, of South Amboy
- Noble, Robert L., 56, of South Amboy
- Raccuia, Peter, 67, of Parlin died on
- Reyes, Manuel "Bill," 89, of Sayreville
- Sasso, Scott J., 61, of Parlin died on
- Tolomei, PatriciaA., 81, of South Amboy
- Vibronek, Mary Wistuba, 89, formerly
- Wahler, Ann Samuel, 89, of South
- Wisniewski, Stephen E., 77, formerly Martin, Madonna "Donna" Egan, 75, of South Amboy/Sayreville died on Oct. 29. Ziegler, Erica T., 45, of South Amboy

"10 YEARS IN HEAVEN"



John E. Szatkowski August 26, 1956 - December 4, 2013

Even though it's been 10 years I still wait for you to come down the stairs. Even though it's been 10 years I still have many fears. Even though it's been 10 years I still cry many tears. Even though it's been 10 years I still talk to you in my prayers. Even though it's been 10 years I am still waiting for you down stairs.

> Loved and forever missed, Mary, Family and Friends

Robert Luke Noble, Jr.

Amboy died on Wednesday November daughters Emma, Beth Anne and Rory 1, 2023 at University Hospital, Newark. Born in South Amboy he lived there all his his brothers Timothy Noble and Angela life. He was employed by the New Jersey Transit Police, Newark after working for the Carpenters' Union Local 65. A 1985 graduate of St. Mary's High School, South Amboy, he was a member of St. Mary's R.C.

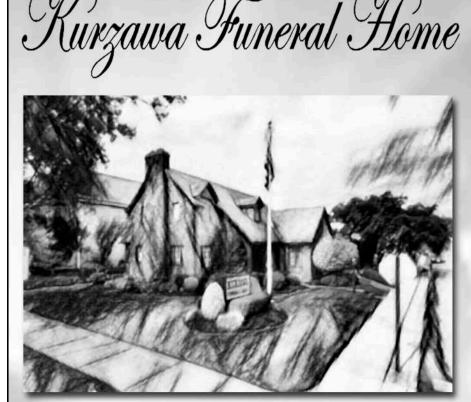
Son of the late Robert L. Noble he to the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, PO Box 781352, Philadelphia, PA 19178 is also predeceased by his father-in-law Joseph Spencer in July. He is survived

Robert Luke Noble, Jr., 56, of South by his wife Joanne Spencer Noble; his Noble; his mother Claire McKeon Noble; Arnold, Paul Noble and Brian Noble and his wife Amy; his sister Christine Noble; his mother-in-law Lois Spencer and many nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial was Church and served as Captain of Protection offered on November 6th at 11am at St. Fire Company, South Amboy in 1994. He Mary's R.C. Church, 256 Augusta Street was a founding member of the Office of South Amboy followed by interment in St. Mary's Cemetery. Funeral services Emergency Management for the NJ Transit Police. Robert was an instructor at TEEX and interment were under the direction of at Texas A&M and served on USAR State Gundrum Service "Home For Funerals" Task Force 1, in addition to serving as State 237 Bordentown Avenue, South Amboy. Delegate for the PBA and then the FOP. In lieu of flowers donations may be made

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

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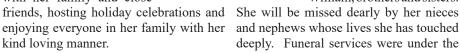
We offer a dignified funeral experience to meet every family's needs, while creating a comfortable peaceful enviroment with ample street parking and handicap accessible barrier free. Inquire about our affordable guaranteed pre-funding programs, especially for the Community Senior Groups, Veterans, Firemen & Law Enforcement.

> When you're thankful for what you have, you are always rewarded with more. Try to stay positive & things will get better.

Irene Levins

Irene Levins, (Nee: Walczak) 95 of Boca Raton Florida (formerly of South Amboy, NJ) entered into eternal rest on September 27, 2023.

Irene was born in South Amboy, New Jersey. She was an accomplished Administrative Secretary of the Marine Dept. at Amerada Hess Corporation for 25 years from where she retired. She will always be remembered for her loving interactions with her family and close



She is the daughter of the late Frances and William Simon Walczak. She was

predeceased by her husband, Robert Levins Sr. and son Robert Levins Jr., her sisters Getrude Skarzynski, Mary Cicala and her brothers Kenneth Walczak and Arthur Walczak.

Survivingishergrandson Jason Levins and her three great grandchildren Zoe, Lauren and Isabella.

She is now reunited in heaven with her loving husband Robert, son Robert, her parents Frances and William, brothers and sisters.

deeply. Funeral services were under the

direction of Kurzawa Funeral Home.

Rocco M. Cuoco, Manager N.J. Lic. No. 4605 ----Sayreville Memorial **Funeral Home** Joseph J. Kurzawski, Manager N.J. Lic. No. 3717 732-257-3134

Holiday Season Events

Our Best Wishes For A Safe & Healthy Thanksgiving

Tree Lighting Emergency Vehicle Parade

Friday, December 1st 6pm (Rain Date: December 2nd) Join us for a family fun event of musical performances, crafts with SA Arts, Emergency Vehicle Lights Parade, Santa and the lighting of our Christmas Tree!

Broadway in front of City Hall/Train Plaza

🗱 House Decorating Contest

Deck The House Merry & Bright Registration: starts December 1st Deadline: December 13th Email your address and phone number to kellyj@southamboynj.gov to enter contest. Houses must be completely decorated by December 16th.

CASH PRIZE TO FIRST PLACE WINNER Winner will be announced on December 18th

Holiday Lights Trolley Tour Friday, December 15th Tour times: 5:30 PM, 6:30 PM, 7:30 PM & 8:30PM Seating reservation starts November 27th - 9AM (limited seating - open to South Amboy residents only) To reserve seating contact Jaclyn – 732-525-5965

(Trolley tours are subject to cancellation due to inclement weather)

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