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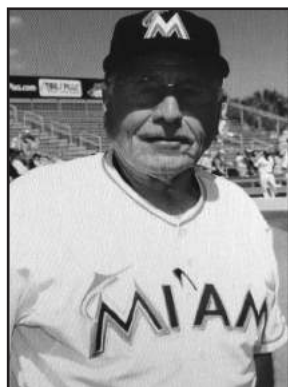
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McKeon Excellent Run With Marlins

By Tom Burkard

The Miami Marlins Major League Baseball Club was recently sold to an investment group led by New York Yankee legend/future Hall-of-Famer Derek Jeter and Bruce Sherman for a reported \$1.2 billion.

Jack McKeon, who had been with the Marlins for 15 years, since 2003, when he guided them to the World Series Championship over the New York Yankees, was advised that he would no longer retain his executive consultant position, which he held since officially retiring in 2011 from his manager post.



Jack McKeon

Marlins President David Samson delivered the message to McKeon, who said, "This is new ownership, and they have the right to do those things. They want to bring their own people in. It's part of the game. I've been through it before. I'm disappointed of course. I had a great relationship in Florida with their great fans. They were a great support, and it's been a great ride."

McKeon was looking forward to passing Connie Mack as the oldest manager in baseball history, as Miami planned to bring him back for one game, but since the latest move, this is unlikely to happen, but there is always hope. Congratulations Jack, on your truly outstanding and amazing career in Major League Baseball!



Marcinczyk Mourned By Locals

By Tom Burkard

The local communities are mourning the death of former South Amboy Business Administrator Stanley Marcinczyk, who died on Oct. 21. He was prominent throughout the county, holding several prestigious positions including school teacher and administrator for the Sayreville Board of Education, Undersheriff of Middlesex County, and Business Administrator for the City of New Brunswick, and also the Borough of Spotswood. Stanley Marcinczyk was a brilliant man, who treated everyone fairly and as equals. He will be sadly missed but always remembered for his outstanding service for all of mankind.



The Col. D.B. Kelly Pipes and Drums band pose for a photo in front of the 911 memorial at Waterfront Park during the South Amboy Arts Celtic Festival. (Photo by Brian Stratton) See more photos on page 29.



(Left) Al Gomolka Jr. holds his prize-winning pewter figurine he found while beachcombing on the Morgan Beach in Sayreville.



(Right) This pewter figurine of a small girl fetched Al Gomolka Jr. the "Shard of the Year 2017" award, and also a \$100 top prize.

Gomolka Wins Award

The North American Sea Glass Association presented SA Times Poet Laureate Al Gomolka Jr. with the "Shard of the Year 2017" award for this unusual beachcombing find. Al received a winner's certificate and \$100 prize money for this find of the year, a pewter figurine of a small girl embedded in conglomerate. It was found locally on the Morgan Beach. (Photos by Tom Burkard)



The new prayer garden next to St. Mary's Church was beautifully designed and recently dedicated. (Photo by Joe Lotkowitz)

New Prayer Garden At St. Mary's

By Lisa Anselmi

Kimberly Diana DiMartino, one of the most thoughtful, kind, and caring people one could ever know, entered into Heaven on Dec. 21, 2016. Kimberly's family wanted to honor her life and pay tribute to her with the creation of a prayer garden.

Before and during Kimberly's illness, she often spoke of creating a prayer garden at home. The garden would be her sanctuary; a place she could go to pray and meditate.

Knowing Kimberly would want to share this with others, the family chose a public space that welcomes everyone. Designed and worked by loved ones over the past few months, Kimberly's dream became a reality at St. Mary's Church. The Garden was blessed by Father Dennis on Sunday, October 15th and is officially open to the community. See more photos on page 27..

OLV Student Wins Poem/Essay Contest

The Sayreville Shade Tree Commission announced that Our Lady of Victories School fifth-grader, Johanna Strauch was the first place winner in the Commission's annual poem/essay contest for fifth grade students.

Johanna won a \$50 gift certificate from Barnes and Noble. Her prize-winning poem was on display at the Shade Tree Commission table at Sayreville Day, Sept. 17. Congratulations Johanna!

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Talk Of The Towns

By Tom Burkard

Book On O'Brien Twins Being Written

Famous South Amboy twins, John and Ed O'Brien will be honored and remembered with a book written about them by Dan Raley. No publication date has been announced as yet, but stay tuned with The SA Times, and we will be the first to let you know when it comes out.

Coveleski In SC

We just heard from former St. Mary's Eagles basketball coach, Don Coveleski, who is now residing in South Carolina. Don coached the Blue & Gold to one of their greatest seasons ever in 1968-69, leading them to a super (21-4) record. To top it off, he was an excellent Phys. Ed./Health Teacher, who treated everyone fairly, and was respected by all at the school.

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(To be said when problems arise or when one seems to be deprived of all visible help, on far cases almost despaired of). Most holy Apostle St. Jude, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the church honors and invokes you universally as the patron of hopeless cases, of things almost despaired of, pray for me, I am so helpless and alone. Make use I implore you of that particular privilege given to you, to bring visible and speedy help where help is almost despaired of. Come to my assistance in this great need that I may receive the consolation and help of heaven in all my necessities, tribulations, and sufferings, and that I may praise God with you and all the elect forever. I promise O Blessed St. Jude, to be ever mindful of this great favor, to always honor you as my special and powerful patron, and to gratefully encourage devotion to you. Amen. Thank You St. Jude.-E.P.

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A freshly-painted statue of the Blessed Mother as she stands tall near St. Mary's Church. Luis of Five Star Painting gets ready to apply the final coat. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

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PLEASANT LITTLE TRIVIA

By Tom Burkard

1. What year did the Amboy Multiplex Cinemas open?
a. 1969 b. 1975 c. 1979
2. Who was teaching principal of the South Amboy Elementary School in 1962?
a. James Tustin b. David Inman c. Julia McCaffrey
3. This new business opened on North Broadway in South Amboy in '70?
a. The Wig Garden b. The Barn Door c. Sammy's Submarines
4. Where is Buddie's located in Sayreville?
a. Washington Rd. b. Rt. 9 South c. Johnson Lane
5. In 1974, where was Pellicane's Citgo Station located in Sayreville?
a. Washington Rd. & Price St. b. MacArthur Ave. & Main St. c.
6. In '80, where was Goodyear Tire located in Sayreville?
a. Ernston Rd. b. Rt. 35 South c. Jernee Mill Rd.
7. President of Sayreville Senior Citizens Club in 1973?
a. Joseph Kupsch b. Helen Wilckens c. Jamaal Flowers
8. President of the South Amboy Lions Club in 1968?
a. Ray Tomaszewski b. Franklin English c. J. Thomas Cross
9. Chairman of the South Amboy Democratic Committee in '69?
a. Richard Schultz b. Joseph R. Wojciechowski c. Thomas O'Brien
10. South Amboy's Homecoming King in '97 was?
a. Kevin Cushing b. Shawn Ryan c. Peter Kaminski

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



Donna Williams (l) and Jan Williams (r) present a check to South Amboy Middle/High School Principal Dr. Patrick McCabe with a check from the South Amboy Parade Committee. The check is a donation to be used to purchase new uniforms for the school's marching band (Photo by Brian Stratton)

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Animal Blessing At St. Mary's
 (Photos by Tom Burkard)



Father Dennis Weesorak, Pastor of St. Mary's Church reads a blessing of the animals to all in attendance.



Father Dennis walks around blessing each of the animals with holy water.



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Yearbook-Sayreville 1972
By Tom Burkard

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Balas; Future Business Leaders-Ellen Shinnick; Future Teachers of America Joanne Prato. Sayreville had many fine athletes in 1972, and some of the graduating sports performers were: Jerry Ust (Borough of Sayreville Recreation Director), Mark Champion, Alan Pasztornyicky, William Unkel, Ron Miller, Greg Ungano, Joseph Choma, Bill Beavers, Bob Szkodny. Janet Ryan (former long-time girls softball coach) was co-captain of the girls basketball team. Brian Letts was co-captain of the wrestling squad, and Donna Sedlak was co-captain of the girls gymnastics team. Robin Arentsen was captain of the twirlers, and Marie Hubbs co-captain. Kathy Simcox was Color Guard captain, and Cheryl Polguy co-captain. The Spring Musical was "How To Succeed In Business Without Really Trying." In '72, President Nixon visited China and Russia, then went on to win the presidential election by the second largest landslide in history. Swimmer Mark Spitz won 7 gold medals. At graduation time, The Staple Singers had the #1 hit in the country, "I'll Take You There." The Sayreville War Memorial HS Class of '72, a very gifted group, was on its way to make some really fine contributions to society.

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On Thursday, November 9 from 6:30-8 pm, learn how you can benefit by saving energy and money through New Jersey's Clean Energy Program. Two representatives will speak about the generous statewide rebate programs that help homeowners and businesses save money for energy efficiency upgrades.

Teens and Adults! Participate in culinary fun on Monday, November 13 from 3-4 pm for a hands-on cooking demonstration just in time for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Understanding Memory Loss presented by Alzheimer's New Jersey, will take place on Thursday, November 30 from 6:30-7:30 pm. This helpful program will explore the difference between normal age-related

memory changes and abnormal changes that are associated with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia, including some of the common warning signs.

Lastly, don't miss the annual Holiday Open House with the "Rhythm N' Sound" 50's Band on Monday, December 4 from 6-8 pm. Join in for holiday cheer, refreshments, and many other surprises including having the chance to win an Amazon Kindle! Who knows, maybe Santa will even stop by!

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Local Woman Has Poetry Book Published

Anna Marie Faccione, a resident of Parlin/South Amboy for 25 years, recently had her poetry book, "Take A Bike Ride To Infinity...Enjoy Life...Enjoy The Ride," published by Westbow Press. The paperback book has black & white illustrations with a spiritual theme. Her book can be purchased on Amazon.com, Barnes & Noble bookstores, E-Books, and Westbow Press. The book sells for \$9.95, and is an easy read.

Anna Marie said, "My book will enlighten and inspire you on your personal, spiritual journey. It will weave spiritual threads in your life, and make you aware of the Divine presence and goodness in our lives. It will assist you to embrace the fullness

and abundance of life, being sustained and motivated by divine energy. Anna Marie's motto is, "Trust or bust! Honor God, He will honor you! We are all linked in this universe together, like birds of a feather." She gives the Lord all the glory, honor and praise for he book coming to full fruition and leading her to new avenues in her life.

The new author worked for the Sayreville Public Library for 8 years as an Assistant Librarian, and is currently retired. She is kept busy doing volunteer work, and lives with and is the caretaker of her 97-year old mother, Caroline Faccione, who has all her faculties.

Kean University and Middlesex County College Sign Joint Admissions Agreement

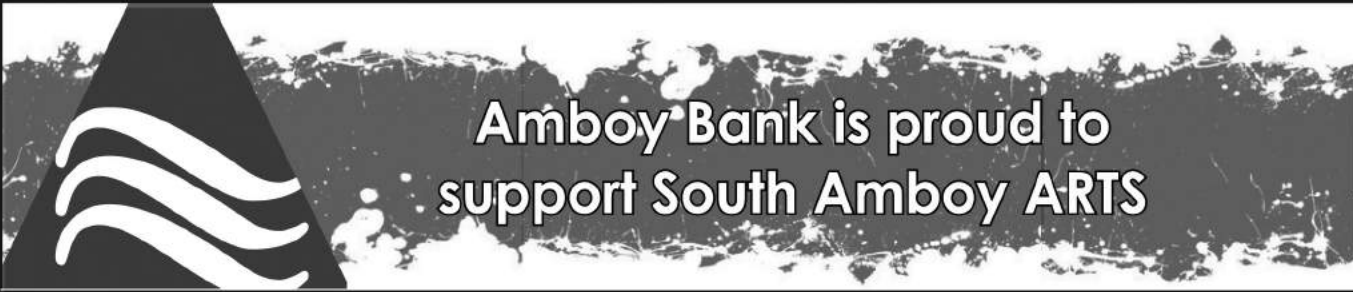
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Kean University President Dawood Farahi and Middlesex County College President Joann LaPerla-Morales signed a Joint Admissions Agreement providing Middlesex County College students provisional admission to Kean. Upon successful completion of their Associate Degree at MCC, students may gain full admission to one of several approved degree programs at Kean University.

Seated, from left: Mark McCormick, Middlesex County College vice president for

academic and student affairs; MCC President Joann LaPerla-Morales; Kean President Dawood Farahi; and Stephen Kubow, acting associate vice president of Kean Ocean. Standing: Jeffrey Herron, MCC dean of professional studies; Linda Scherr, MCC dean of arts and sciences; Patrick Madama, MCC vice president for institutional advancement; George Chang, dean of Kean's College of Natural, Applied and Health Sciences; and Marsha McCarthy, associate vice president for enrollment management at Kean.



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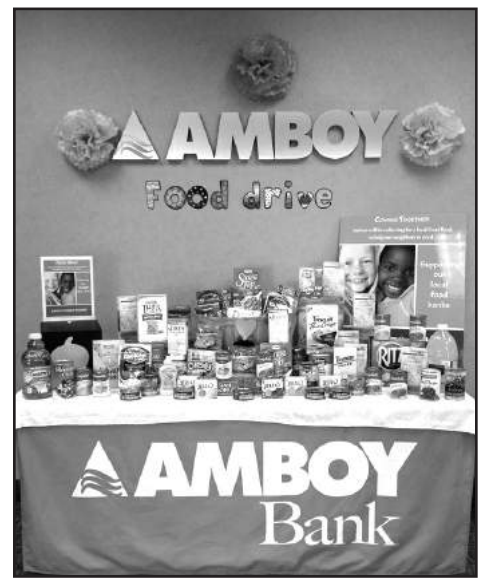
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Gregory Scharpf, Chief Retail Banking Officer, stated, "We are pleased to hold our annual food drive again this year to help restock the shelves of many food banks in the area. At Amboy Bank, we're dedicated to helping our local community thrive, and we are proud to help our neighbors who need it most."

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Nixon Got My Vote

By Elaine Holton Scott

Exactly one month to the day after turning 21, I cast my vote for the Republican candidate for the Presidency, Richard Millhouse Nixon. The date was November 5, 1968. Choosing Nixon over the Democratic candidate, Hubert H. Humphrey, was a "biggie" for me, as my family had been "strict" Democrats since the FDR years. Their allegiance to the Democratic Party was understandable. Roosevelt had given young men like my dad a chance to make some money during the Great Depression, when he instituted the formation of the Civilian Conservation Corps on August 9, 1933. As soon as my father was old enough, he and his brother, my Uncle Percy, joined the CCCs. Like every other young guy in the corps, they had each earned \$25 a month, \$20 of which had to be sent home, as was the Corps' policy. What's even more "fantastical" about the election of 1968 was that even my dad had cast his vote for Nixon too.

Besides Nixon and Humphrey, there was also a Third Party candidate on the 1968 Presidential Ballot. His name was George Wallace, the ex-Governor of Alabama whose platform was one of racial segregation. "Segregation now, segregation tomorrow, segregation forever," Wallace had vowed. It's easy to say that Wallace's exploits in maintaining the Jim Crow positions when he was Governor go unmatched in America's history.

Without a doubt, if the Democratic Presidential candidate, Robert Kennedy, hadn't been assassinated by Sirhan Sirhan on June 5th, 1968, odds were he would have become our 37th President. Many of us who had voted Republican that year would have

voted for Bobby on the Democratic ticket. Instead, Richard Milhouse Nixon and his running mate, Spiro Agnew, won the election, with Hubert H. Humphrey and his running mate, Edward Muskie, coming in a fairly close second. Not so surprisingly, George Wallace and his running mate, Curtis LeMay, once the Chief of Staff for the US Air Force, did quite well in some Southern states.

While in office, besides being determined to end the "conflict" in Vietnam, Nixon had visited China, thereby opening that country to American trade. For a period of one year, Nixon had even instituted a price freeze on American products, counter-balancing it with a freeze on wages. I don't think anything had helped the middle-class before or since like that freeze did. Sadly, the Watergate scandal raised its ugly head, and put a clock on Nixon's Presidency. I, like millions of other Americans, had been glued to the TV set the day Nixon left the White House via a helicopter. When he did, Gerald and Betty Ford made the White House their home.

***George Wallace ended up getting shot five times while campaigning for the presidency in May of 1972 leaving him paralyzed from the waist down for the remainder of his life. Spiro Agnew, faced with criminal charges for tax evasion, resigned as VP in 1973. He's best remembered for the Spiro Agnew watch craze. Not so well known is that within days of LBJ becoming President, the government contract with Kaman Aircraft to build helicopters for use in Vietnam was voided, and given to Bell Helicopter, a company in which LBJ had owned lots and lots of stock. Hmmmmmmm.....

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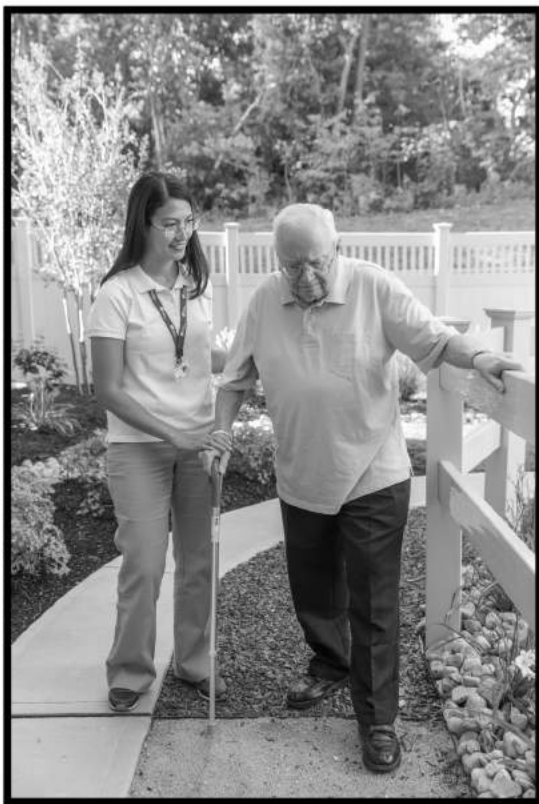
The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to Wheeling, West Virginia for their Christmas Festival of Lights from November 29 to December 1, 2017. The cost of the trip is \$425.00 which includes 2 nights lodging, 2 breakfasts, and 1 Holiday Dinner Show, bus transportation, and bus driver gratuity.

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Normalcy

By Al Gomolka Jr.
Times Poet Laureate
c.1997

The only thing normal about normalcy
Is the natural difference in you and me
What is standard? What is weird?
We may disagree, But that's normalcy.
According to the rule normally,
The general custom is abnormalities!
The average, or mean, as far as I can see,
Is it's o.k. to be strange, usually.
If we were all normal, or fit the norm
How stoical, and exact, complying in form
Our world would react deplorably!
For it's normal, wouldn't you agree?
Be normal- deviate, for that's normalcy.

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The Smoke Column

By Ex-Chief Richard Kosmoski, MS

It is once again that time of year where I want to remind all our readers to have their heating units checked-out and repaired, if necessary, before the upcoming heating season begins. Heating systems are one of the leading causes of house fires. Many people think that a heating appliance is meant to contain the fire inside the unit. Yes, that is what is supposed to happen when it is working properly. It is those instances when it is not working properly that causes problems.

A furnace that is burning fuel that is too rich will produce excessive soot to build up on the burners themselves which in turn will cause an elevated level of Carbon Monoxide (CO) to be produced. This CO has only two ways of leaving the furnace, one is through the chimney, the other is leaking from the vent/duct systems. It is this case that becomes a life-threatening situation and the CO must be detected before it rises to a dangerous level. CO detectors will activate when the level of Carbon Monoxide reaches 35 parts-per-million.

Be sure your smoke and CO detectors are working properly and that you have replaced the batteries when you changed your clock. Most new CO detectors have an expected lifetime of ten years and come with a ten-year battery already installed. When the unit or battery goes dead, it is time to replace the entire unit. These batteries are not replaceable.

We hear about people overcome or killed due to CO poisoning and I ask the question, "WHY?" Back in August, a family of five from Morris County were overcome by CO poisoning. They lived in a well-to-do home in an affluent neighborhood. Luckily, they were saved by an alert neighbor that witnessed their two dogs acting very irrational. He alerted authorities, who then responded. The occupants, a mother, two adult children, and two younger children were all transported to the hospital. Some were placed in hyperbaric chambers to force out the CO and replace oxygen.

As you read this, ask yourself if this incident was preventable? There were no \$20 CO detectors installed in this \$500,000+ home. A simple device that we in the fire service have been recommending would have prevented this tragedy. I find it hard to believe that there are still homes without smoke or CO detectors. If for any reason you cannot afford one of these detectors, please contact your fire department. We will get you one and will even mount it for you, no charge. It is our mission to protect every resident in our community and if we can prevent a tragedy from occurring, we will do so.

I have mentioned this previously but want to reinforce the importance of the fact that CO is produced every time we burn a "fossil fuel". Any product that comes from the earth or is made with products that come from the earth, it will burn, and it is a fossil fuel. I have yet to come across a fire where something that did not come from the earth is burning. Stop and think for a minute of the items in your home and what they are made from. Most homes have large number of plastic furnishings, toys, clothes, etc. These items are petroleum based and petroleum comes from the earth. Wood that support, your home comes from trees, there again from the earth. Most clothing made today is some type of polyester, basically a form of plastic and having that petroleum base. Polyester will melt and burn in a fire and emitting CO.

I hope I have impressed upon you the importance of having both smoke and CO detectors in your home. Hopefully it will prevent a tragedy from occurring

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New Barbershop Coming To Town

By Tom Burkard

Hamed Ariai has been cutting hair for 17 years, initially working in Perth Amboy, then moving to New York and utilizing his many talents at upscale hair salons on the upper East Side, and Manhattan. He has most recently been employed for over 6 years at a local barber shop in Sayreville. Hamed is known as one of the best barbers/stylists in Sayreville, and said "It's time for me to move on." So, the energetic man decided to start his own business, and named it, H Barbershop & Hair Salon, which will have its Grand Opening on Nov. 1st at 147 North Broadway, South Amboy.

"People travel from Washington, DC and New York to get their hair cut by me. I also have some celebrities as customers, but cannot reveal their names, as I respect their privacy," he said. Hamed provides services for all ages, and has many specialties including fades and new styles to perfection. He is known for his classic shave (one of only a few that still provide this service in NJ), and says "I am very good with scissors." The new businessman plans to hire a few hairstylists, and "Try to put a good team together. People trusted me for all these years and I hope they continue to trust me, and help my business



Hamed Ariai, is the owner of the new H Barbershop & Hair Salon located at 147 North Broadway, South Amboy. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

grow. I appreciate those that have helped me." Hamed would like to thank Bob for helping him set up, and also the camera guy, and he gives a special thank you to his wife "For giving me confidence to do this. Without her, it would not have been possible."



American Legion Lenape Post 211 Honor Guard members attended the POW-MIA ceremony called "A Time To Remember" in remembrance of Major Ronald Michael Mayercik, MIA, at St. James Episcopal Church in Edison. (Photo/caption submitted by Ed Streck)

Eagle Scout Candidate Project



On Saturday, September 30th members of South Amboy Troop 95 assisted Eagle Scout candidate Matthew Coyle by cleaning out, organizing and building shelving in Protection Engine Co. 6 storage shed. Matt planned and coordinated all the actions, while leading younger members of the troop with consultation with troop leaders. Matt Coyle is also in the South Amboy Junior Firefighter program riding out of Eng. 6.

Parents Brett and Trish Coyle were present and provided refreshments to the troops. Protection Engine Co. 6 appreciates all the hard work done by Matthew and Troop 95 and wish Matt great success. Troop members present and assisting Matt were Colin, Patrick, Bobby, Lance, Seth, Eddie P., Eddie W., Gabe and JP.

The photos are of the troop members and the shed before and after. (Photo/Info Submitted)

Parents Brett and Trish Coyle were

OLV Senior Meeting

The OLV Senior Group will hold their November meeting on Friday, November 3, 2017 at 1 PM in Monsignor Dalton Hall. After our regular business meeting, we will have a Thanksgiving luncheon. Dues for regular members must be paid by October 27th since this is the free luncheon. Anyone wishing to join should contact Mary Bouchard

at 732-727-5056. All luncheon requests must be received by Mary by Monday, October 30th in order to have an accurate count. No requests will be taken after October 30th. Food donations will be taken for the St. Vincent DePaul pantry. For further information contact Teri at 732-727-7639.

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American Legion To Host Veterans Day Services

On Saturday, November 11 at 11:00 a.m., American Legion Lenape Post 211 of Sayreville will hold its Veteran's Day Services at St. Stanislaus Cemetery. This service will hold some significance as it is the 100th Anniversary of entrance of the United States into the "War to End All Wars". The cemetery services will pay a special tribute to World War I Veteran Private Stanley Roginiski, a member of Company 45, 12th Transportation Battalion, 153rd Depot Brigade. His duties were to receive and organize recruits, provide them with uniforms, equipment and initial military training, and then send them to the front line on the battlefields of Europe. The ceremony will include full military services which will be conducted at the gravesite. Veterans, family, and friends are invited to attend this military service.



Sayreville's Hit The Bricks 5K Fun Run/Walk winners are pictured at the Capik Nature Preserve, where the event was held on Oct. 7th, with proceeds benefiting Sayreville B.I.C. Congratulations to Recreation Director Jerry Ust and all who were involved in making this important event a huge success! (Photo by Eileen Giovenco)

Toth Runs Half Marathon



Laura Toth ran a half marathon on Sunday October 8 at Sandy Hook, NJ. For her age group she finished in second place. Her time was 1hr and 50 min. In 2018 she will be running her first full marathon in New Jersey. (Photo courtesy of Michael Toth)

Pancake Breakfast

South Amboy Elks 784, located at 601 Washington Rd., South Amboy will hold a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, Oct. 29th from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. There will be a served Buffet of pancakes, scrambled eggs, assorted breakfast meats, home fries, bagels, Danish, juice, coffee and tea. \$8 per person, kids 7 years and under \$4.



Trip to American Music Theater

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to American Music Theater on Thursday, May 3, 2018 to see Songs of the Silver Screen. The price of the trip is \$125.00 which includes the musical, lunch at Shady Maple, bus transportation, bus driver gratuity, and snacks on the bus. For further information or to reserve a seat, please contact Teri at 732-727-7639.

Faithful Wait

By Al Gomolka Jr.
SA Times Poet Laureate
c.1994

Red, yellow, orange,
gold and brown
Active autumn leaves
fall gently to the ground
To take their rest,
the trees recharge anew
Saying farewell to the summer with
drops of colored hues
Our bodies, our spirits,
sometimes feel this fall
But as if we were trees,
try to heed their call
To persevere through cold,
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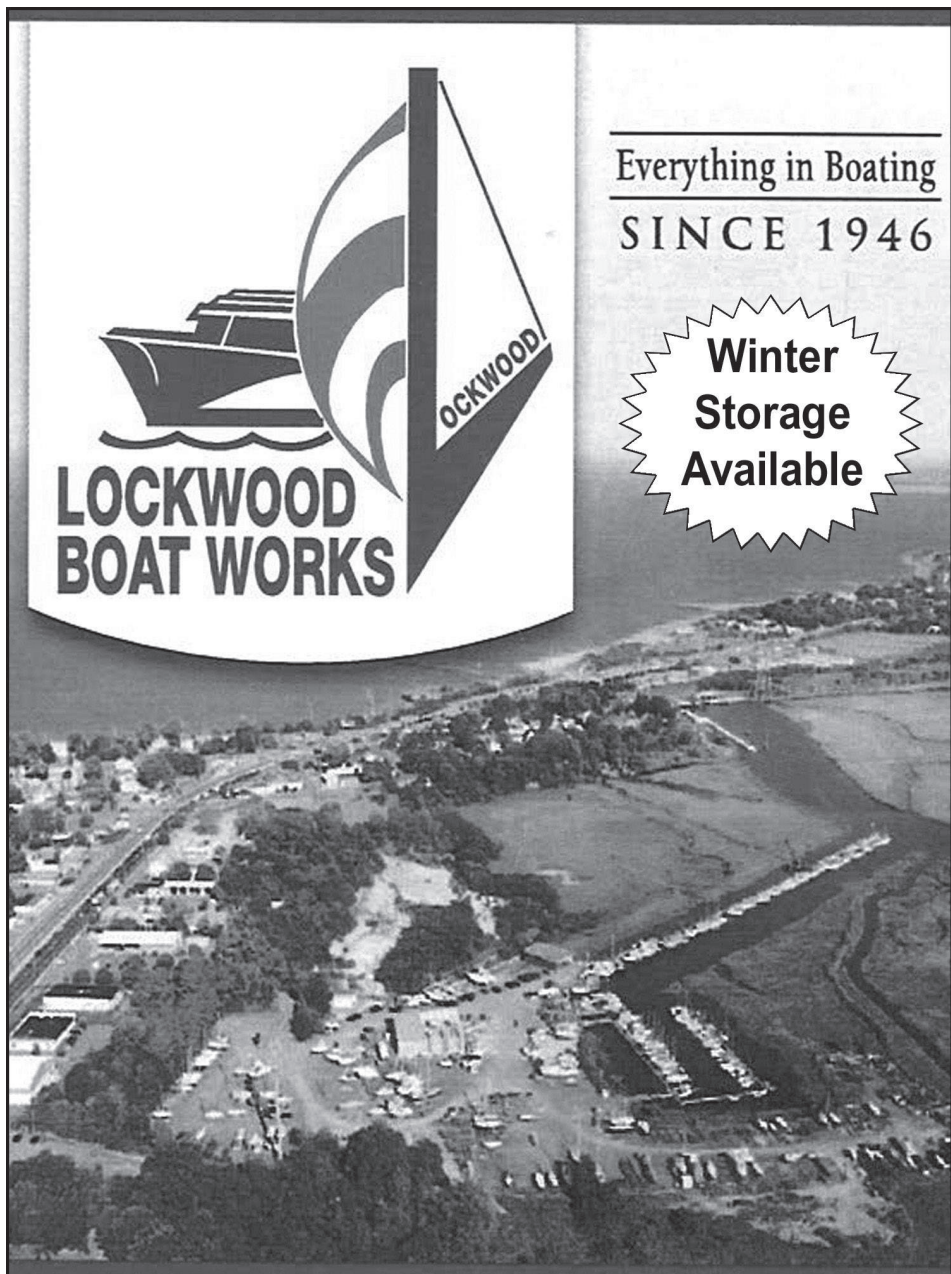
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Major Filik Had Outstanding Career

(Article Submitted)

Major Louis J. Filik, III was born and raised in Sayreville, New Jersey. His career expands nearly 45 years working for the County, State & Federal Government, but most of his 30 years was serving in the military. After graduating from Sayreville War Memorial High School, in Parlin, NJ, in 1967, he joined the US Navy. He served aboard the USS Hunley, AS-31, as a boiler technician, during the Vietnam War.

Upon leaving the Navy, his first civilian job was working at the Superior Court Law Division located in New Brunswick, New Jersey from 1971 thru 1980. While working full time he was able to achieve both his Undergraduate and Graduate degree, by going to night school. In order for him to complete his internship and thesis, he was able to take a short leave from the court system. His thesis was all about the "Court Unification" in Middlesex County, New Jersey. It was a study initiated by the Administration Office of the Courts in New Jersey, to develop a comprehensive plan for the unification and state financing of the New Jersey Court System.

Then in 1978, he took another short leave from his civilian job. This time it was for Officer Candidate School. In June of 1979, he was promoted to the rank of 2nd Lieutenant in the Army Reserve. After completing OCS, he was assigned to the 78th Division (TNG), located at Camp Kilmer, in Edison, NJ.

After leaving the Court System in 1980 he went to work for the State government, while still remaining in the Army Reserve. One of his state government jobs was at the New Jersey Job Service, in New Brunswick, NJ, handling claims for service members as a Veteran Service Officer. But then he decided to try his career at something different and worked for the New Jersey Civil Service Commission, in preparing appeals before the Civil Service Commission.

However, his interest was in politics. So he decided to run for a county seat as a Freeholder for the County of Middlesex, NJ, which was unsuccessful. This was his first time ever running for a political office. Then he also tried his hand in working as a volunteer for Congressman Jim Florio, who at that time was running for Governor for the State of New Jersey, and that was unsuccessful.

Then in October 1986, he decided to change his career by working for the Department of Defense as a Military Technician, serving in various positions with the 78th Division (Tng), in Edison, NJ, until 1995. While stationed at the 78th Division, Operation Desert Storm & Desert Shield occurred. His mission was to report to the Emergency Operation Center, (EOC), at Division Headquarters in Edison, New Jersey. There he was to operate the WWMCCS ADP Terminal Area as a Security Officer, (WATASO).

Then in June 1993, he was promoted to the rank of Major. After serving for nearly 9 years from 1986 thru 1995, at Camp Kilmer, in Edison, NJ, he was called to active duty. His first assignment was at the 85th Div., 5th Bde, at Ft Snelling, MN, from 1995 thru 1999, as the Assistant S2/S3. His next assignment was at CDRUSCINCPAC, at Camp Smith, HI, where he was the USAR Program and Policy Manager in the J2 section. While still stationed at Camp Smith, his next mission was to participate in the Exercise Ulchi Focus Lens (UFL) 2000, working closely with the Combined Forces Command, C2, United States Forces Korea, J2.

Upon completing his task in South Korea and returning back to Hawaii, he was asked if he would be interested as a stand-in, during the filming of "Pearl Harbor" in 2000. With his position in the service, naturally he had to refuse. While still stationed in Hawaii, his next assignment was at the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies at Fort DeRussy, as a Special Project Officer. After serving for nearly 22 years as an officer he retired

from the service in April 2001.

But then 9/11 happened and he was back in uniform. On 1 September 2004, he was ordered to Aberdeen Proving Grounds, located in Maryland. His orders read Operation Noble Eagle. His first assignment was the Executive Officer at the Joint Personal Effects Depot, supervising nearly 100 personnel, both military and civilian contractors. Sometime later he became a Senior Summary Court Martial Officer. There he personally handled over 1300 Personal Effects for soldiers wounded or killed in combat, during Operation Iraqi and Enduring Freedom.

After serving for nearly two and half years, Major Filik's next assignment was at the Army Human Resource Command, located at Alexandria, VA. There he served as a Military Escort Officer.

While assigned to the AHRC, in VA, his nephew, SFC Benjamin L. Sebban, was killed in action on March 17, 2007, during Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF). On May 22, 2008, President Bush presented the Silver Star Posthumously to his mother before 10,000 troops during a ceremony at Ft Bragg, NC. It was during that time, the family had an opportunity to meet President Bush.

During that same month, Major Filik was requested to escort a few dignitaries in the Veterans Day Parade, in Washington, D.C. He was to escort Gary Sinise, Joe Mantegna,



Major Louis J. Filik III

Miss USA, Mickey Rooney and his wife. That was his last assignment in the service. Then on the 18th of July 2008, after serving nearly 4 additional years, he finally retired from the service.

Upon completing his military obligation, he went to work at the Human Resource Department, at the FBI Headquarters, in Washington, D.C. After working for nearly 13 years as a civilian for the federal government, first as a Military Technician for nine

plus years and then working for the FBI for a short time, he finally retired in March of 2011.

His civilian education includes graduating from Trenton State College, in Ewing, NJ with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, in August 1976, and his Master's Degree in Public Administration from Fairleigh Dickinson University, in East Rutherford, NJ, in May 1980.

His military education includes attending both basic and advance courses in Military Intelligence, at Ft. Huachuca, AZ. A few years later he completed the Command and General Staff Course.

His awards while in the service include: the Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Army Superior Unit Award, Army Commendation Medal (2nd Award), Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, (3rd Award), National Defense Service Medal, (2nd Award), Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Army Reserve Component Overseas Training Ribbon, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with M Device, 2nd Award, and the New Jersey Merit Award, plus numerous Certifications of Appreciation.

Since his move to Florida in 2014, he has become deeply involved with nearly a half dozen community activities, especially with the Military Officers Association of American, of Cape Canaveral, MOAACC, Chapter, FL. He was recently appointed as the USO Coordinator for the Volunteer Program for Cape Canaveral, FL. The new facility is located at the Orlando International Airport in Florida. He was also appointed as the Chairman of the Nominating Committee for MOAACC, Chapter in FL. He is also involved with the American Legion Post 344, located in Merritt Island, FL. And finally, his participation and commitment to his local church.

He now resides at Indian River Colony Club, located in Melbourne, FL. with his lovely wife, Marylou Filik.

A Little Known South Amboy Hero

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

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 pall bearers 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 an old South Amboy guy, Lt. Col. Jerry Connors a retired Marine and Saint Mary's graduate. Jerry kept at the search until he found out where John was buried, the National Cemetery in Florence, South Carolina. Why there and not New Jersey, remains a mystery. On a trip to Florida several years ago Jerry and his wife visited the cemetery and found a typical upright grave marker over 60 years old and weather beaten. The inscription was difficult to read, but at the bottom it displayed the letters PH indicating Purple Heart. After a while, Jerry thought Barrett

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



deserved something better. The cemetery personnel, who were enthusiastic about the project, cut through the "red tape," and had John Barrett's record validated in Washington. Now approved, a new grave marker was installed, reflecting John's awards for sacrificing his life for his country: "John M. Barrett New Jersey CPL USMC WWII Korea Nov 6 1920 June 10 1951 Navy Cross Purple Heart Navy and Marine Corps Medal."

On November 10th, the United States Marine Corps will mark its 242nd birthday. To John Barrett, God Bless You and Semper Fi Marine. And, to Lt. Col. Jerry Connors, thanks for your efforts to bring this story of a South Amboy hero forward, Happy Birthday and Semper Fi Marine.

November 11th is the day we recognize Veterans Day. Please give a thought to all the soldiers, sailors, airmen, coast guard and marines from South Amboy and Sayreville who put the uniform on and did their duty. And, a special thought to those who answered the "call" but never returned home. We owe them a lot.

Who was John Barrett and what were some of his South Amboy connections? This is what we know: 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.



This happy group of ladies from St. Mary's Church are pictured on their cruise/trip to Alaska in July. Pictured (l-r) is Betty Fitzgerald, Angel Holovacko, Florence McCarthy, Geri Fennell, Fran Kurtz, Susette Lucarello. Everyone had a great time. (Photo/info submitted by Fran Kurtz)

Local Man Helps St. Jude With Fundraising Project

South Amboy's George Fuller has been riding his bicycle this year as a fundraiser for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital with a goal of 4,000 miles. To date, he had traveled 3,700 miles, and his goal is to raise \$10,000 upon completion. He has currently raised just over \$5,000.

George is looking for a penny a mile, which is \$40, or any greater or smaller donation will be gratefully accepted.

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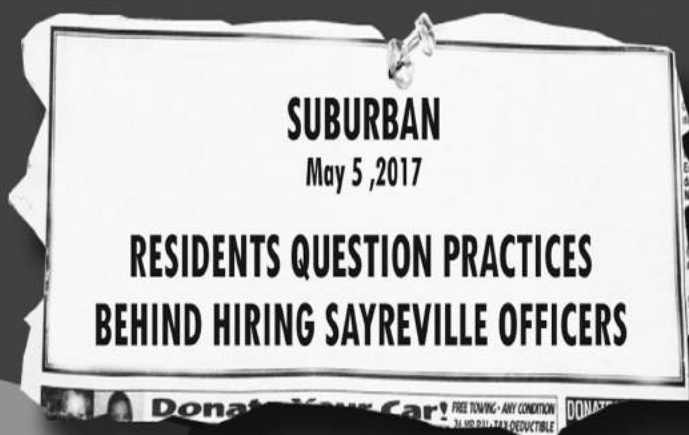
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South Amboy Arts presented an Acoustic Guitar Jam at the Gazebo at Waterfront Park. Shown performing (l-r) Jerry Smith, Rich Casella who organized the event and Stuart. (Photo by Brian Stratton)

Sight And Sound Trip December 9

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 are running a trip to the Sight and Sound Theatre in Lancaster PA on Saturday December 9. The motor coach leaves the South Amboy K of C Hall at 8 a.m. for the 11 a.m. show "The Miracle Of

Christmas." Dining at Shady Maple will be at 3 p.m. The cost is \$130 per person and includes transportation, tickets for the show and lunch buffet. For more information call Nancy Smetana at 732-721-2025 or emailnsmetana65@gmail.com.



South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council #426 held its first Open Mic Night of the season on Sept. 29th. Many new, talented acts such as the duo pictured entertained the packed house at the Council Hall on Fourth St. and North Stevens Ave. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

Dracula's All Time Favorite Songs

By Steve Schmid

Light My Pyre, Ghostbusters, Ghouls Just Want To Have Fun, That's What Fiends Are For, He Ain't Heavy He's My Donor, Stranglers In The Night, Don't Go Stakin' My Heart, Tie A Yellow Ribbon 'Round The Old Oak Crypt, You Light Up My Crypt, Bat's The Way (Uh-Huh Uh-Huh) I Like It, You Don't Bring Me Plasma Anymore, You've Got

A Fiend, Fangs For The Memories, You're So Vein, Un-Stake My Heart, Stalk Like A Man, Haunted House Of The Rising Sun, California Ghouls, Big Ghouls Don't Cry, Ding Dong The Witch Is Ahead, Werewolf In London, Monster Mash, Purple People Eater, Bat's In The Cradle, Bad Moon Rising, and Monsters' Holiday.

Evening Of Praise And Worship-Nov. 6th

Sacred Heart Church in South Amboy is having an evening of praise and worship on November 6th at 7 p.m. in the church. All are welcomed. Let us come together to pray for our country and the world.

Any questions call New Life Books and Bibles at 732-721-1999.

30 Years Ago

June 26, 1987-The South Amboy Recreation Dept. held a Teen Block Dance at the Hoffman HS outdoor basketball court on George St. The night was a most memorable one for locals, as they got to see two of South Amboy's top drummers, Bobby Tooker who played in the opening act, with a metal band called "Abduction," and Mike Kelly, of "Lacey Page," a group that played at the Stone Pony, and also recorded.



Remember The Empire?



Believe it or not, the city of South Amboy had its own movie theater, the Empire for many years, until it burned down in May 1950. This rare photo was shot in 1944, and you can see the old cars on the left of the photo on North Broadway in front of the Empire. Also note the movie that was currently playing on the marquee, called "Together Again," starring Charles Boyer. On the right of the picture is a billboard sign advertising an upcoming show "Winged Victory." (Photo courtesy of Al Gomolka Jr.)

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Music Trivia Streets, Etc.



By Tom Burkard

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| 1. Baker Street__ | a. Bob Seger |
| 2. Mainstreet__ | b. The Doors |
| 3. Boogaloo Down Broadway__ | c. Gerry Rafferty |
| 4. Funky Broadway__ | d. Fantastic Johnny C. |
| 5. Love Street__ | e. Wilson Pickett |
| 6. On Broadway__ | f. Bruce Springsteen |
| 7. Electric Avenue__ | g. Elton John |
| 8. Yellow Brick Road__ | h. The Beatles |
| 9. Penny Lane__ | i. The Drifters |
| 10. 10th Avenue Freeze Out__ | j. Eddy Grant |

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- Jason Lehr and Belle Allure Salon
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- CME Associates
- Boy Scout Troop 91 and Pack 91



I would like to give a special thank you to Captain Rodriguez of the Salvation Army for accepting my project to benefit Jeremiah's Refuge. With Sincerest Thanks, Eagle Scout Erik j. Kuhn

School Sports

(As of Oct. 12th) By Tom Burkard



The Sayreville Junior Bombers are the newest football team in town. The Morgan-Parlin Panthers and Sayreville Leprechauns merged to create the Junior Bombers. Co-Presidents of the new team are John Walsh formerly of the Morgan-Parlin Panthers, and William Currie formerly with the Sayreville Leprechauns. The team competes in the Central Jersey Pop Warner Football League. The Junior Bombers are pictured after participating in Sayreville's Hit The Bricks fundraiser for Sayreville B.I.C. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

Sayreville Football Update

Sayreville trounced the Zebras of New Brunswick, 46-14 for its third successive victory. Connor Holmes rushed for 191 yards on 17 carries, and scored 2 touchdowns to lead the Blue & Gray. Mark Whitford was 5-for-6 passing for 54 yards including an 11-yd TD aerial to Colton Redding, who also had an interception. Jacari Carter had 2 receptions for 40 yards. Damian Lupo recovered a fumble for the Bombers...

The talented Sayreville football club saw its unbeaten season end, as it dropped a heartbreaker to Brick Memorial, 22-21 in double overtime. The Bombers opened up a 14-0 first quarter lead on TD passes from quarterback Mark Whitford, a 43-yarder to Jacari Carter, and a 12-yard pass to Antwan Golson. The Mustangs made a strong comeback, slowly but surely, and trailed 14-7 after 3 quarters. They tied our locals in the fourth quarter forcing overtime, in which Sayreville blocked a Brick Memorial field goal, and then scored on 3-yard Savon Kirksey TD run, making it 21-14, Big Blue on top. Brick scored on a 3-yard run, cutting

the lead to 21-20, and won it on a 2-point conversion run...

The following week, our locals had their work cut out for them against powerful Piscataway, unbeaten, and ranked #1 in Home News Tribune. The Sayreville defense was stingy, but the Chiefs managed to score 2 TD's, with the game-winner coming with 0:25 left in the contest, as Piscataway won, 12-6. Nick Milewski booted 2 field goals of 28 and 21 yards for the Bombers only scoring...

The Bombers bounced back to maul Monroe, 47-7, and improve their mark to (4-2), (4-1) in the GMC Red Division, and put them in a 3-way first place tie with Piscataway and South Brunswick.

Connor Holmes and Zuriel Wright led the victory over Monroe with 2 touchdown each, both on rushing, while Savon Kirksey and Griffin Anthony each rushed for TD's. Mark Whitford found Jacari Carter on a 10-yard TD strike. Tristan Behr had a stellar defensive performance with 10 tackles, 2 sacks, and a hit for a loss.

Locals Coaching High School Football

Joe Vigilante formerly of South Amboy is at the helm of Bishop Ahr once again, and the club is currently (1-3)...South Amboy resident Don Sofilkkanich head coach at New Brunswick is also (1-4)...Former Cardinal McCarrick head coach, Matt Fulham has his Edison club at (2-2).

Knapik #2 In State

South Amboy girls soccer goalkeeper, Sarah Knapik is currently #2 in all of New Jersey with 286 saves for the Lady Governors. Congratulations!

New Jersey Devils Outing December 29

For all of you hockey fans, Saint Mary's Church and the South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 are sponsoring an outing to see the New Jersey Devils battle the Buffalo Sabres Friday December 29 at 7 p.m. at the beautiful Prudential Center. Cost of \$60 includes lower level reserved ticket to the game and \$10 voucher for food and beverages. If you're interested, deadline to purchase tickets is November 22. For more information call Chris at 732-735-1737 or Steve at 732-727-1707

College Notebook

Freshman Patrick Walsh (South Amboy) of Rutgers University finished 12th in the Fordham Fiasco, and 16th at the Rider Invitational...Senior Kelly Gorman (Cardinal McCarrick) of Manhattan College came in 28th place at the Henry Mercer Monmouth Invitational...Senior Briann Downes

(Cardinal McCarrick) is a contributing member on the Rider University Women's Cross Country squad...Senior Steve Herdman (South Amboy) has been named captain of the FDU Florham men's basketball squad. Joe Duffy, a South Amboy resident is Steve's teammate on the squad...

40th Anniversary Reunion



Coach Tony G held a 40th anniversary reunion soccer game on October 14th as part of the festivities at the South Amboy Arts Celtic Festival. Players consisted of alumni and Tony's current varsity team. Everyone had a great time with the alumni team edging out a victory. (Photo by Brian Stratton)



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Brant Ust (3rd from left) an Assistant Athletic Director at Notre Dame University is pictured at a recent "Fighting Irish" game. Brant, a former All-American baseball player, who went on to pro ball, is the son of former South Amboy resident Paul Ust. (Photo submitted)



Coach Tony G (r) poses with Glenn Smith (l) and Pete Toth (c) at the recent 40th anniversary soccer game. Glen and Pete were members of Tony's first varsity squad in 1977. (Photo by Brian Stratton)

Boychuk Visits Minnesota



Tom Boychuk recently was in Minnesota, and had a chance to see the new statue of Tom Kelly. Boychuk was a fine athlete at St. Mary's, which is Kelly's alma mater. (Photo submitted)



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The Local Sports Memory Machine

By Tom Burkard

From The Sports Archives



1937-This talented team competed 80 years ago in the South Amboy City Baseball League. The team called Ernston (Many of the players lived on Ernston Rd. in Sayreville) was comprised of top row (l-r) Conrad Gomolka, Tom Dzieciol, Charlie Steuber, "Lefty" Mackiel, Al Gomolka Sr., Bob Clark, Dennis Quinlan, Phil Purcell, Charlie Beshada, Art Kowaleski. Bottom row (l-r) Frank Petner, Adam Petner, Steve Petner, Charlie Clark, Earl Weisner, Chester Petner. Missing from photo: Gene Petner, Bill Petner, "Whitey" Phillips. (Photo courtesy of Al Gomolka Jr.)

Glory Days In Local Sports

1952-Highland Park shocked Sayreville, 20-12 in football. Fred Kwiatkowski scored on a touchdown run, and guard Eric Schuller recovered a blocked kick in the end zone for a TD. 1963-Hoffman hammered Keyport, 70-47 in basketball play. Dennis Wood poured in 31 points, Jerry Drill 17, and Ted Reick 11. 1971-CBA downed St. Mary's boys tennis team, 4-1. Soph John Wortley was the only winner for the Blue & Gold. Other team members were #2 singles Bruce Malinowski, #3 singles Greg Sciora, 1st Doubles-Rick Sciora-Terry Geant, 2nd Doubles-Steve Tranotti-Bruce Rose. 1983-Hoffman boys basketball team destroyed Dunellen, 75-46. Peter Smith poured in 21 points and ripped 17 rebounds, Joe Lewis scored 14 points and dished out 11 assists, Pat Leonard hit for 14 points and grabbed 17 rebounds, and Joe Przybylski tossed in 14 markers. 1998-Sayreville boys soccer squad shutout Perth Amboy, 4-0. Chip Wilson led the way with 3 goals, while Chris Wilson netted the other. David Saul registered the 4-save shutout. 2002-South River edged Cardinal McCarrick, 21-18 in football action. Billy Wagner blocked a punt and ran it back 16-yards for a touchdown. Anthony Richards broke loose for a 16-yard TD run, and Kevon Green scored on a 3-yd. TD run. Yare Kozlowski rushed for 72 yards on 9 attempts.

75 Years Ago

1942-John Norek connected on a mid-court shot with 0:12 second left in the game to give St. Mary's a thrilling 32-31 victory over St. Peter's in the Catholic School Group 3 State Tournament. Norek finished with a game high 15 points, and Johnny Zebro added 12.

60 Years Ago

1957-Hoffman's baseball team nipped Rumson 4-3 behind winning pitcher Dave Inman. Bob Bloodgood blasted a home run and single for the Purple & Gold.

50 Years Ago

1967-St. Mary's ripped St. Rose, 11-6 in diamond play. Jack O'Connor unloaded a home run and single to knock in 2 runs, while John Clark and Tom Dowd stroked 2 hits apiece.

30 Years Ago

1987-The Governors of Hoffman downed New Brunswick, 6-2 in CJ Group I semifinal baseball action. Bill Moskal hammered 2 home runs, and Dave Gumprecht picked up the victory, raising his record to (8-1).

Sayreville Long Ago

1933-The Sayreville Basketball League was under the direction of President Joseph Krainski, Secretary Anthony Popowski, and Treasurer David Zeh. The league featured 6 teams; St. John's, Rams, Joe's Ranch, Holy Trinity, Rangers, Sporting Club. There were 2 weekly games on Tuesday and Friday nights played at 7:15 p.m. at Victorian Hall.

Little Fellas Baseball Champions

1988-Enterprise Snorkel captured the South Amboy Little Fellas League crown. The manager was Tom Gorman and his coaching staff consisted of Kevin McCarthy, Kevin Nemeth, and Harry Finnegan. The player roster was as follows: Eric Kwiecinski, Joe Cross, Jim Cross, Keith Gorman, Dave Szatkowski, Kevin Gorman, Nick Lauder, Mike Arnold, Kurt Gorman, Jim Christie, Bob Matthews, and Gerard Finnegan, who was selected M.V.P. of the league.

1976-Protection copped the South Amboy Little Fellas League championship. Ron Masarik was manager, and Michele Masarik coach. The players were: Paul Klimek, Rob O'Brien, John Mulligan, Daryl Munck, Chet Klein, Glen Munck, John Skarzynski, Tom Skarzynski, Ron Yaniak, Ken Huryk, Tom Beaudry, Jay Bauman, Kevin O'Connell, Michael Morris, John Hensberger.

1968-Daylight Bakery turned in one of the greatest seasons in South Amboy Little Fellas League history by becoming the first team to go undefeated. The team was managed by the late Steve Douglas, who did an amazing job with this talented group of young baseball players. The roster consisted of: Steve Makwinski, John Ruszala, Dave Usa, Jay Buckiewicz, Rich Garsick, Rich Kurowsky, Scott Douglas, Pat Douglas, Jerry Kotula, Frank Richiusa, Ray Scupp, John and Robert Sharkey.

Back In Those College Days

Maryann Stephanick (Hoffman)-Wilkes College, basketball; South Amboy's George Kuziemski (St. Joseph's)-St. Leo's College/Monmouth College, football.

Shopping Spree

The Friends of Sayreville Public Library is hosting a Small Business Saturday Shopping Spree on Saturday, November 25, 2017, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at the Sayreville Public Library, 1050 Washington Road, Parlin, NJ. The event is located in the main lobby, young adult and quiet rooms, featuring Handmade Crafters & Direct Sales Vendors from our community. Friends of the Sayreville Public Library Membership will be available.

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The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to the Ark and the Creation Museum from May 7 - 11, 2018. The price of the trip is \$690.00 which includes 4 nights lodging, 4 breakfasts, 2 dinners including a Riverboat Dinner Cruise and a German dinner with entertainment at the Hofbrau Haus. Also included in the price is admission to the Ark and the Creation Museum, a guided tour of Cincinnati, Ohio and much more. For further information or to reserve a space on this trip please contact Finita at 732-721-5081.

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1969-Brownie Troop 76 of South Amboy held a Fly-Up ceremony. Pictured in this vintage photo bottom row (l-r) Doreen Whitworth, Leslie Jankowski, Karen Farrell, Joy Ellen Tarallo, Robin Kilian. Second row (l-r) Bernadette Van Dussen, Deanna Nelson, Mary Jane Williamson, Elizabeth Resignato, Joyce Spina, Joan Harkins, Colleen Farrell. Third row (l-r) Janet Pearson, Lynn Harkins, Donna Werner, Sandra Nagy, Regina Ordner, Sherry Gavaletz, Joanne Lovely, Kathleen Grimley, Deborah Snover. Top row (l-r) Hazel Conway, leader of Troop 76 and Lois Horvath, leader of Junior Troop 496. Missing from photo is Margaret Bullard, co-leader, Laura Astarita, Diane Lee, Diane Kanecke, Karen Reddin, Mary K. Kelly, Debbie Zientek.

St. Stan's School



St. Stan's fifth grade student, Elizabeth Bera, concentrates as she balances a plate on a stick during a science assembly about recycling.



Third grade students gather around their classmate, Giovanna Amoah-Nyarko, as she tests the gear of a Sayreville firefighter during Fire Prevention Week.



Rev. Kenneth Murphy, Pastor of St. Stanislaus Kostka Church, smiles with the newly inducted St. Stan's School Student Council Board members. From left to right, Paige Brathwaite, president, Jenna Napolitani, vice-president, Abigail Williams, treasurer and Sydney Santiago, secretary. Photo credit: Robert Brathwaite

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On December 2, we will be hosting our annual Christmas Bazaar. We have many traditional favorites such as the homemade cookies, crafts, children only room, Christmas room, and a number of vendors this year. Our

kitchen will be open from 9 am – 3 pm with homemade soup, hot dogs, sandwiches, and snacks. We have some beautiful Christmas items this year for sale.

As always, our Thrift Shop is open Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 9 am to 12 pm. The sheds have household items, clothing, toys, small appliances and many more items to glance through. We have great prices!! Starting in November we will be selling all winter coats ranging from \$3 - \$10. Stop by and check it out!!

November is for giving thanks. We are truly blessed at the church for a group of great members and for all the support from the community at our events. God Bless!!

Historical Society's Annual Cemetery Tour



The Historical Society of South Amboy hosted their annual Cemetery Tour at St. Mary's this year with another wonderful turnout. Everyone enjoyed learning about members of our community who have gone before us as we keep their stories alive by honoring and remembering their lives. And as always we send out a very special thanks for to our members who portrayed those remembered and of course our tour guides for making this year's tour another great success. Pictured in the photo are the people remembered (and the HSSA member who portrayed them).

Frank Wiezorkowski (Tony Sattilaro); Thomas Gleason (George Kern); Thomas Pizzillo (Jerry Pizzillo); Ed Gable (Jan Williams, accompanied by Ed's Great-Grandson Ken); Cornelius McGonigle (Tommy Boychuck); Leo Coakley (George Francy); Marie Lovely Kennedy (BJ Kern); Five tours were lead by Gravediggers Joe Szaro, Joe Coakley, Holly Hughes and Joyce Elyea who provided a special talk on the Spanish Flu. Ken Elyea kept us all safe by providing traffic control. (Photo/Info Submitted)



St. Mary's High School Class of 1967 celebrated their 50th Anniversary Reunion on Sept. 22-24th.

SMHS Class of 1967 celebrates the 50th Anniversary Reunion

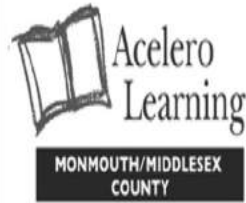
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Over 40 members of the SMHS class of 1967 celebrated their 50th Reunion on September 22-24, 2017. The events included a cocktail party in Long Branch, reunion dinner at the Molly Pitcher Inn, Red Bank, and brunch and luncheon in Asbury Park, NJ. The reunion dinner began with a blessing from classmate Sister Maureen Christensen, RSM, and a remembrance of the deceased classmates (Mary Ann Bonis, Patricia Burke, Diane Boretzky O'Connor, Dennis Bratus, Thomas Conlon, Francis Coy, Gregory Dzieciol, George Gundrum, Thomas Jerome, John Kaboski, Robert Krutul, Sharon Kulas, Jo Ann Latham, Margaret McCabe, Margaret Meehan, Dennis Noel, Carla Orlowski, James Page, James Passafiume, Jerome Piskadlo, Gary Przybylowski, Christine Rufner, Robert Schein, Eleanor Smith.

The dinner dance featured music from the 1960's and classmates reminisced of their high school years, and the experience of the fire that took down the old high school in 1966. Those who attended the reunion weekend

included: Patty Bonk Blyer McFarlin, Tom Brady, Chris Fitzmorris Bulman, Joe Caracappa, Sue Fuller Carl, Jon Chioncho, Maureen Christensen, Kevin Conochan, Pat Howarth Davis, Stephanie Maresca Dirner, Alexis Pawlowski Dow, Rick Fedkenhauer, Pat Fradella Giaquinto, Rick Harrigan, Cathy Harrigan, Pat Hinner, Peggy Short Kenny, Bill King, Don Kugelman, Greg Kusic, Linda Martin, Mike McCormack, Jim MacKay, Bernadette Methven, Frank Monaco, Dan O'Brien, Bob O'Leary, Mary Anne Warnowicz Papp, Ed Pomanski, Larry Redmond, John Rucki, Tony Ruzsala, Sylvia Rosinski Sabatini, Donna Scalamoni, Ralph Scully, Chris Zdanowicz Singer, Monica Hrankowski Webster, Nancy MacDonald Wendel, Prudence Zaleski, and Dennis Zegan.

The consensus was that it was a great reunion weekend and everyone looked forward to gathering together soon. For those who were unable to attend, they can follow the events and photographs on Facebook pages of many of the classmates.



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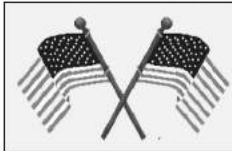
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Democratic Headquarters Opens

(Photos by Tom Burkard)



The South Amboy Democratic Organization held its Grand Opening on North Broadway recently. Bob Dato (c) handles the ribbon cutting as the happy crowd approvingly looks on.



Pictured (l-r) Freeholder Charles Kenny, Middlesex County Democratic Chairman Kevin McCabe, Former South Amboy Business Administrator Camille Tooker, South Amboy Democratic Chairman Bob Dato, State Senator Joe Vitale, Middlesex County Freeholder Shanti Narra, Middlesex County Freeholder Charles Tomaro at the Grand Opening for its Headquarters on North Broadway.

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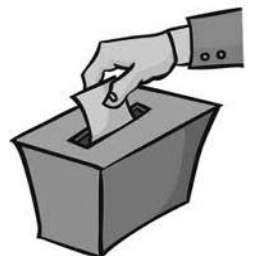
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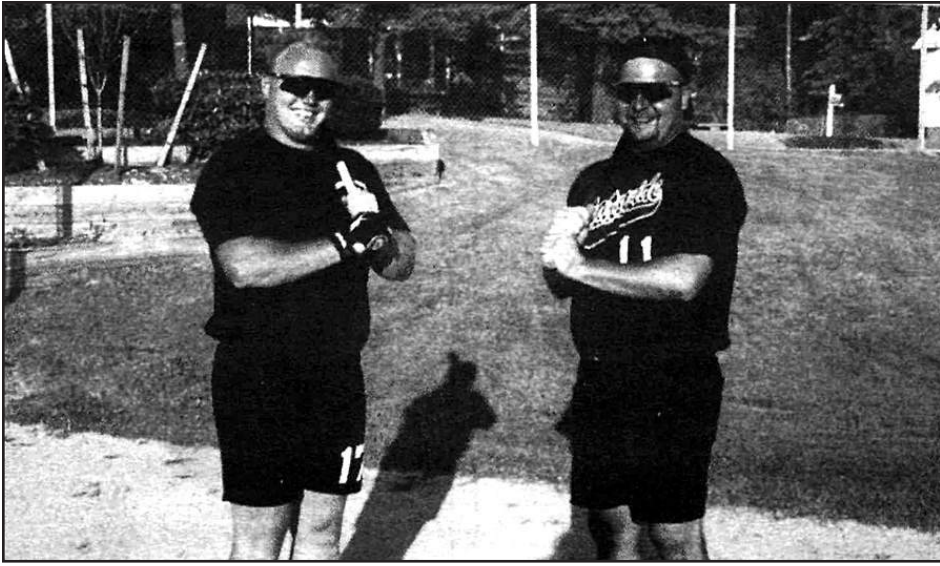
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Two Of The Greatest-When it comes to selecting the All-Time Greatest Slow Pitch Softball players from the South Amboy and Sayreville Leagues, Gary Aich (l) and Chuck Prusakowski (r) are usually always near the top of the list when polling players, managers, and umpires. The "Dynamic Duo" are both super-talented, all-around players, as well as two of the best power hitters to play the game in our towns and beyond. Chuck is still playing super-softball with the Sayreville War Memorial High School Vintage Bomber Alumni team, and Gary expects to be back in action in 2018. (Photo taken by Tom Burkard in 1996)



1996-Monaghan House I captured the South Amboy Men's Slow Pitch Softball championship. Pictured in no particular order are the talented members of the winners. Gary Aich, Chuck Prusakowski, Eric Veit, Rich McCutcheon, Bob Nanco, Ed English, Don Applegate, Rick Bonis, Pat Rock Jr., Ken Guerrero, Corey Bastek. (Photo from Tom Burkard Archives)

Slow Pitch Softball Takes South Amboy/Sayreville By Storm-Part 1

By Tom Burkard

The year was 1969, and in the month of May, no one thought the New York Mets would be a pennant contender, no less go on to win the World Series, and probably not too many hippies were planning 3 months in advance for a memorable trip to Woodstock, while at the U.S. Space Center in Houston, Texas, preparations were being made for our first man on the moon in August.

Slow Pitch Softball was becoming more and more popular and South Amboy embraced the game at least 7 or 8 years before our neighboring town of Sayreville. According to longtime standout Fast Pitch player George Spiecker, "The reason Slow Pitch overtook Fast Pitch was because a lot more players can play. It's a recreational game, and skills are different. Slow Pitch has 10 players on the field, and Fast Pitch has 9, plus you can bunt or steal." NJ ASA Hall-of-Famer, Fast Pitch standout, Ed Streck said, "The Sayreville Fast-Pitch League ended because no one could pitch fast anymore, and Slow Pitch took over. In Slow Pitch, the skills aren't the same. Almost anybody can hit a ball."

It's true, almost anyone can hit a softball coming in at about 5 miles per hour, but another reason for the overwhelming success of Slow Pitch is that it allows the average guy/girl to give it a try and play, whether or not you were a jock in high school, or never even played an inning of Little League baseball, get out there and try it. Slow Pitch gets so many more people involved in actually playing, and it is great recreational activity, exercise, plus the camaraderie it allows for old/new friends to socialize following the game at the location of their choice. Fast Pitch was geared for more athletic types, (who most probably played varsity sports in high school), and good pitchers were hard to find. If a softball team found a hard throwing hurler, they were on their way to a possible championship season.

1969 South Amboy Slow Pitch Softball

In 1969, the South Amboy Men's Senior Slow Pitch Softball League was getting off the ground, replacing the Fast Pitch Softball League, which existed from the early 1950's through 1968. The new game in town drew 5 charter teams for the premier league in '69 including: Roddy's Tavern, Enterprise, Wonder Bar, English Chevron, Amboy-Madison Bank.

Teams/players: Roddy's-Al Ust, Bill Connors, Tom Fitzmorris, Frank Kennedy, Joe McCarthy, Paul Kurtz, John McQuade Sr., Ray Selover, Brian Flanagan, Pat Mullane, Ed O'Leary, Leo Dohan; Enterprise-Charlie Conroy, Joe Matarangolo Sr., Bernie Mackiel Sr., Jack Kozak, Jim Nemeth, George Ogborn; English Chevron-Dave Stolte, Joe Crowe Jr., Ed Szatkowski, Mark Bratus, Brian O'Brien, Wayne Olsen Sr., Paul Jankowski, Bob Kukulski, Joe Kabarec, Dennis Bratus, Tom Szatkowski; Wonder Bar-Tom Kuc, Bob Sullivan, Joe Tarallo, Bob Kupcha, Ron Witkowski, Zeke Walczak, Art Wojcica, Ed Witkowski; Amboy-Madison National Bank-Curt Wilczewski, Jack Paro, Stan Director, Ken Phelps, Ed Pillar.

First Game In South Amboy Slow Pitch History: May 12, 1969-Roddy's Tavern edged Enterprise 11-9. John McQuade was the winning pitcher over Bernie Mackiel Sr. Ed O'Leary blasted a home run for Roddy's, while George Ogborn orbited one for Enterprise.

1969 Final Regular Season Standings

Roddy's Tavern 13-3; English Chevron 8-8; Amboy-Madison National Bank 8-8; Wonder Bar 8-8; Enterprise 3-16.

Roddy's Tavern Won First Championship

Roddy's Tavern nipped English Chevron 5-3 in the deciding game of the best-of-three championship series. Roddy's won the first game, 6-5, and English's took Game #2, 5-2. **1969-South Amboy First Aid Tops Perth Amboy** A non-league game featured a battle of First Aid Squads, as South Amboy clobbered Perth Amboy, 28-10. Our locals received plenty of hitting in this slugfest from Mike Holovacko, the Havlusch brothers Mike and Greg, Pat Rock, Tom Hoover, and John Leitner. Hoover picked up his second victory against area First Aid Squads.

1969 Freeholders Tournament. The Wonder Bar pounded Tenneco Chemical, 12-4, as winning pitcher Tom Kuc drilled 2 singles, a double and triple.

1970 South Amboy Slow Pitch

The League was a huge success in its embryonic phase in '69, and expanded to 8 teams in 1970. The teams were: Bottle Stop, Miller's Deli, English Chevron, Enterprise, J & B Trucking, Fritz's Tavern, Mike's Corner, Roddy's.

Teams/players: Bottle Stop-"Henny" Conroy, Charlie Bodzio, Gene Lopez, Frank Pauloski, Brian Flanagan, Jerry Drill, Jack Gallagher, Mike McCarthy; English Chevron-Dave Stolte, Mark Bratus, Dennis Bratus, Tom Potts, Tom Szatkowski, Bob Kukulski, Gary Kosovich; J & B Trucking-Mark Felice, Bill Wozniak, Ed Witkowski, Jack Mason, Ken Szatkowski; Mike's Corner-Rich Klein, Larry Kurzawa, Tom Magielnicki, Bob Moglia, Jon "Poncho" O'Connor, Jim Pavlonnis; Bottle Stop-Jack Gallagher, Mike "Woody" McCarthy, Brian Flanagan; Roddy's-Al Ust, Billy Clayton, Ken Wahler, Paul Kurtz, Ned Moran, Frank Kennedy; Miller's Deli-Ken Phelps, Al Petron, Bill Forte, Bill Danton, Jack Paro, Dave O'Reilly; Fritz's Tavern-Kevin Lyons, John Murphy, Brian "Bucky" Conochan; Enterprise-Jim Nemeth, Jack Nemeth, Jack Kozak, Walt "Sonny" Kozak, Jerry Disbrow.

1970 Champions-Roddy's Tavern.

1971 South Amboy Slow Pitch: The league, in its third season, once again expanded, this time from 8 to 12 teams, as Slow Pitch popularity continued to grow, with 207 players seeing action throughout the season.

1971 Final Regular Season Standings: Brothers Inn 9-2 Mike's Corner 8-3 The Place 8-3 J & B Trucking 8-3 English Chevron 7-4 Enterprise 6-5 Roddy's 5-6 Mechanicsville Bombers 5-6 Poncho's Pilots 5-6 Brave Bull 3-8 First Aid 2-9 Post Office 0-11.

Champions-The Place. The team consisted of Jack Gallagher, Pat Marotta, Bill Connors, Rick Ferguson, Charlie Bodzio,

Gene Lopez, Brian Flanagan, Jerry Drill, Frank Pauloski, Mike McCarthy. Others seeing limited action were Frank Leonard, Wayne Olsen Sr., Rich Trella, Jack Brennan, Maliszewski, Carney, Reich.

1971 Teams/Players: Brothers Inn-Rich Klein, Charlie Conroy, Ed Szatkowski, Gary Kosovich, Joe Crowe Jr., Tom Gorman, Gary Mihok, Ken Wahler, Pete Inman (player/manager), Chet Meinzer, Joe Castellano, Don Potts, Paul Jankowski, Ken Lyon, Berry, Sebastian; Mike's Corner-Larry Kurzawa, Jerry Prusakowski, Ray Downs, Dan Paone, Bill Parsons, Tom Magielnicki, Dave Inman, Gary Read, Jim Pavlonnis, Tom McCarthy, Ted Krzyzanowski, Jim Croddick Jr., Ed Conlon, Tom Komick, Ron Croddick, Joe Vigilante, DeCore, Gendlek; J & B Trucking-Mark Felice, Jim Lyons, Ken Szatkowski, Bill Wozniak, Jack Mason, Don Szatkowski, Jim Tingle, Jay McKeon, John Lightner, Bob McKeon, Ed Witkowski, Mike Tingle, Tom Szatkowski, Keith Tedesco, Mike Tedesco, Gene Chodkiewicz, Bernie Poulson Jr., Gary; English Chevron-Greg Havlusch, Tom Kuc, Mark Bratus, Brian O'Brien, Bob Kukulski, Dave Stolte, George Krzyzanowski, Dennis Bratus, J. Wallis, Joe Kabarec, Ed Suchcicki, Rich Ambroziak, John Ewtushek, Ray "Butch" Tomaszewski, Jim Greenhaus, Bob Sullivan; Enterprise-Jerry Disbrow, Bob Traupman, Ed Conroy, Jack Nemeth, Jim Nemeth, Larry LaBrocq, Bernie Mackiel Jr., George Ogborn, Kevin Nemeth, Bernie Mackiel Sr., Pete Ewtushek, Carl Nemeth, Larry Parsons, Creed, Credico, Check, Kozak; Roddy's-Bob DeJoy, Paul Ust, Henry Moe, Henry Conroy, Tom Fitzmorris, Paul Kurtz, J. Thomas Cross, Al Ust, Ned Moran, Leo Dohan, Ed O'Leary, Frank Kennedy, Pat Mullane, John McQuade Sr., Tony Isabella, Steve Malkiewicz, Ray Selover, Bloodgood, Joe Crowe Sr.; Mechanicsville Bombers-Ken Kokoszka, Joe Jaskowiak, Tom Burkard, Tom Wortley, Joe Martin, Al Gomolka Jr., Brian Conlon, Ernie Read, Joe Jancola, Fran "Cigus" Vanni, Bob "Zak" Sekerak, Joe Tarallo Jr., Pete McIntyre, Joe Brinamen, Wayne Pillar, Mike Holovacko, Gary Pillar, Ed McKavanagh, Mike O'Connor, Al "Jocko" Jakimowicz, Rick Shingola; Poncho's Pilots-Jon "Poncho" O'Connor, Tom Grabert, Ray Leonard, Joe Noble, Jack O'Connor, John Kaboski, John Clark, Fred Henry, Bob Howarth, Jim Day, Ralph Scully, Bob Blakeslee, Tom MacKay, Luke Sciallo, Bob Paulukiewicz, Steve Skarzynski; Brave Bull-Tom Holovacko, Joe Gatyas, Joe (Cross) Krzyzkowski, Don Wernett, Wally Binkowski, Jim Holovacko, Tony Garnett, Alan Haag, Joe Zailski, Harry Macholl, Hensberger, Dennis Cross, Carl Wernett, Taylor, Carey; First Aid-Jim Keays Sr., Peterson, Tom "Tee" O'Connell, Jack Mankowski, Dennis McCloud, J. Szatkowski, Pat Rock, Joe Gioffre, Tom Hoover, Monaco, Spina, Dennis Rufus, Frank Norek, Roger Nelson, John McCloud Sr., McLaughlin, DiGiovanni, Schmidt, Jack Nelson, Meszaros, Mike Havlusch, Dragotta, Mundy, Bowlby; Post Office-Tom Lange, Mike Powell, Norm Kilcomons Jr., Richard

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1971 Final League Leaders

Top 20 Batting Avg.-Rich Klein .676 Jack Gallagher .645 Ken Kokoszka .571 Mark Felice .538 Tom Grabert .535 Ed Szatkowski .531 Bob DeJoy .514 Ray Downs .513 Jerry Disbrow .512 Dan Paone .500 Pat Marotta .486 Bob Traupman .486 Bill Wozniak .484 Bill Connors .475 Mark Bratus .474 Ray Leonard .469 Henry Conroy .467 Tom Burkard .462 Rick Ferguson .462 Bill Parsons Sr. .457.

Runs-Joe Castellano 20; Hits-Klein 23 Grabert 23; Doubles-Klein 9 Castellano 9 Jim Lyons 9; Triples-Paul Kurtz 3; Home Runs-Ray Downs 4; Wins-Charlie Conroy 6 Tom Magielnicki 6 Jack Mason 6.

1971 Freeholders Tournament

Enterprise clobbered Clare & Coby, 14-5 behind big home runs from Bill Connors and Ralph Tarallo.

A Little More Fast Pitch

Tony Miklaszewski, a talented Sayreville athlete played in the Sayreville Fast Pitch League. He recalled that "In the late 50's and early 60's, Tumble Inn was the dominant team with Gene Malkiewicz, Rich Kurczewski, Joe Rudy, Walt Suchowiecki. Bernie Garbowski and Ed Dunham were the two pitchers. Other teams that I recall were Buddie's Bar and Jersey Central. In the late 1960's, Sayreville Bar dominated with Ron Ciszewski pitching. I played with a new generation of Tumble Inn players. Bob Johnson ran the team. Tom Molle, Gary, and myself were the pitchers. Some of our other players included Rich Szkodny, Greg Chierchie, Mickey Marcinczyk, Walt Suchowiecki Jr., and Dan Hockenjos."

1967-In a regular season South Amboy Men's Fast Pitch League Wonder Bar downed Bottle Stop, 9-6 behind 2 big home runs from Tom Kuc. Adam Lovely was the winning pitcher. Bill O'Leary homered for Bottle Stop.

John "Flip" Phillips identified some players from the Larry's Bar Sayreville Fast Pitch League championship team of the early 1960's which was pictured in The SA Times last month.

Top row-John Phillips (l), Tom Scully (4th from left). Bottom row-Ed Paprota (l), Frank Leonard (2nd from left), Sy Sullivan (4th from left), Jim English (6th from left). Bat boys in front are the Miara twins.

***Don't miss Part -2 of this Multi-Part Series in the Nov. 18th issue. There will be comments, photos and memories from many players, managers, umpires, and more info, etc. on the Sayreville Slow Pitch Softball Leagues.**

***If anyone has photos/memories of their Men's or Women's Slow Pitch Softball days in South Amboy and Sayreville Leagues, please e-mail to: satimes@aol.com. Team pictures with players names are preferred.**



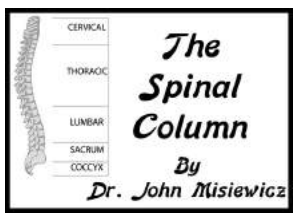
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Use high cribs and changing tables. Bathe your child in the sink instead of the tub. Working at this level puts less stress on your back and lifting is easiest when the baby is at waist height. When standing in one position for any length of time, shift your weight by placing one foot on a small stool. Also, when lifting your child from the crib, lower the side and lift with your legs.

Soft carriers for infants and back carriers for older babies can be real back savers. Make sure your carrier is the right size for you and your child. Look for carriers with wide, adjustable straps and support for the child's head and neck. Your backpack should distribute weight evenly and be easy to adjust. Always bend at the knees when you have your child in a back carrier. This not only protects your back, it also protects your child from falling out.

To pick up a toddler, drop down on one knee, keeping your back straight, and pull the child in towards your chest. Use your legs to pick yourself into a standing position.

Keep your spine in balance. A balanced back, with its normal curves, keeps the spinal muscles active so they can share the load and prevent injury.

7th Annual Christmas Bazaar

Trinity Presbyterian Church, 367 Cranbury Road, East Brunswick, will host their 7th annual Old Fashioned Christmas Bazaar and Silent Auction on Saturday, Nov. 11 from 9 AM to 3 PM. Something for everyone, including knitted/crocheted items, home décor, handmade ornaments, hand-beaded jewelry, home-canned fruits, jams and jellies and a huge bake sale. Light lunch available. The first 100 guests will receive a nice goodie bag full of great stuff! For more information please contact Trinity at 732-257-6636.

Congratulations!



Mark and Cara Kurtz renewed their vows on Oct 6 in Mexico after 5 great years of being married. Family and close friends were in company as a judge performed the ceremony. (Photo/info submitted)



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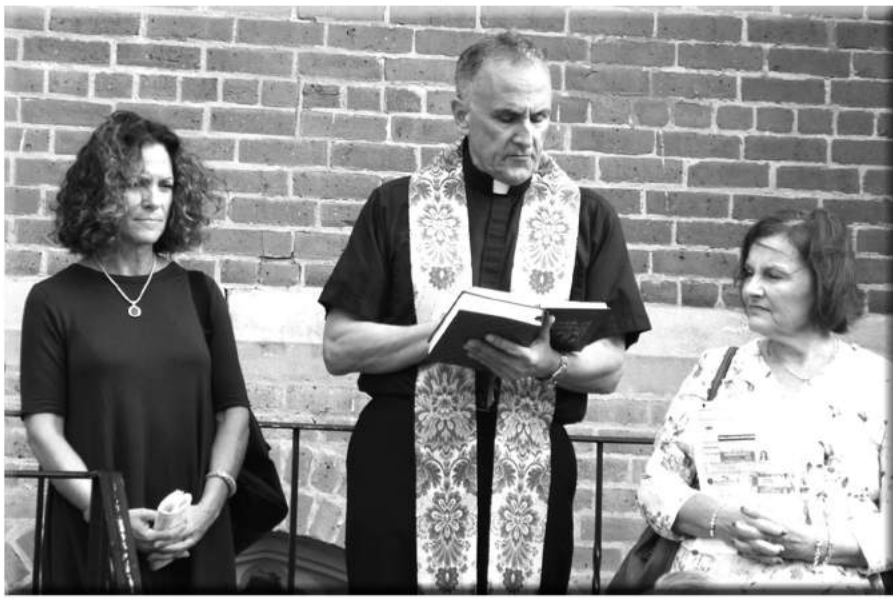
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Garden Dedicated At St. Mary's Church

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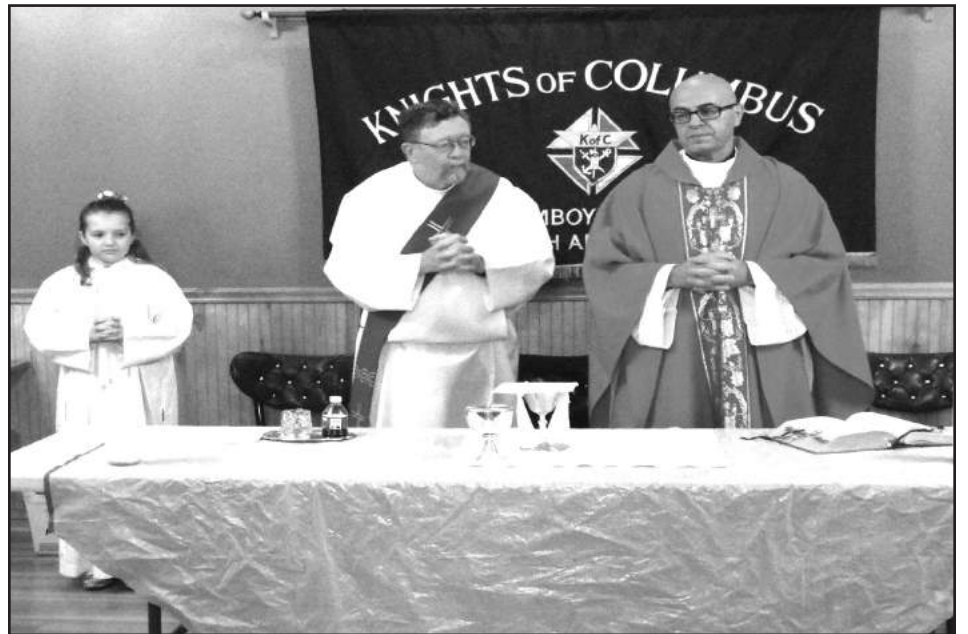
Father Dennis Wezorak (c), Pastor of St. Mary's Church gives a blessing and makes a dedication for Kimberly's newly created flower garden, which was named to honor her life, and to provide comfort to others while helping families through difficult times. Kimberly's Aunt Lisa Anselmi (l) and mother Karen Santagata (r) are pictured at the beautiful ceremony which was attended by many friends and family.



Kimberly's Garden is filled with family and friends. The garden was designed, planned, and constructed with loving care by her Uncle Dan Anselmi and Aunt Lisa Anselmi. May God Bless Kimberly.



The Sacred Heart Altar-Rosary Society held its annual Communion Breakfast and Installation of Officers on Oct. 8. Newly installed were Joan Shields as Vice President and Kathy Acquisto as Treasurer. Mary Falkowski was honored as Rosarian of the Year. A gift raffle followed. Pictured (l-r) Father Stanley Gromadzki, Pastor; Virginia Zrebiec, President; Joan Shields, Vice President; Kathy Acquisto, Treasurer; Dot Benson, Secretary; Mary Falkowski, Rosarian of the Year, and her niece Chris Savade. (Photo/info submitted)



Pictured (l-r) Elizabeth Smetana, Deacon Richard O'Brien, and Rev. Marian Drozd performing the annual Columbus Day Special Memorial Mass for all the departed brothers of the South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council #426. (Photo/info by Joe Lotkowitz)

Fishing Flashes

By Teo "Weebles" Weber



Salt Water

With Fluke season over, Party Boats are now concentrating on catching Porgies. The fishing is quite good. Most fish are about a foot long, but there are some big 2 and 3 pound Porgies in the mix. Some out of season Sea Bass are being caught. There is an increase in the number of Blackfish too. The bag limit increases to 6 in mid November. Party Boat Bluefish has gotten better. There also are a good number of Bonito and some False Albacore, but that could change any time when the cold weather moves in. Surf fishing on LBI consists of small Blues and a few Kingfish. I checked some beaches on

Raritan Bay and noticed only a few people fishing and they weren't doing much. Cold weather will bring the Striped Bass to our area.

Fresh Water

Fall trout stocking is underway. Some big ones came out of the Paulinskill and Flatbrook. Most of the fish will not bite until they are acclimated to the stream. Smallmouth Bass fishing in the Delaware is quite good for small ones. They still continue to catch a few Pike out of the Passaic River near Fairfield. My wife and I tried for Trout in the Pequest the week of the stocking. We found extremely low water conditions. We saw a few anglers and no fish for anyone, let alone us!

Gone Fishin'



In photo (l-r) Mark "Turtle" Abbatiello, owner of Broadway Seafood in South Amboy, Kenny Kraeuter, Mike "Nipper" Noble and John "Doc" Loyer went fishing Sept. 18-19 for King and Coho Salmon at Henderson Harbour, Lake Ontario N.Y. They are shown with their catch! (Photo Submitted)



Rita Priolo (2nd row, center) leads the Fatima Rosary Rally, which is celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Fatima this year. A huge crowd was on hand at the Gazebo on Bordentown Ave. to celebrate the Blessed Mother's immaculate heart on this occasion. (Photo/info by Joe Lotkowitz)

America Needs Fatima



The Sacred Heart Altar-Rosary Society sponsored an "America Needs Fatima" rally on Oct. 14th in front of Memorial Hall on Washington Ave. in South Amboy. (Photo/info courtesy of Dot Benson, Secretary of Sacred Heart Altar-Rosary Society)

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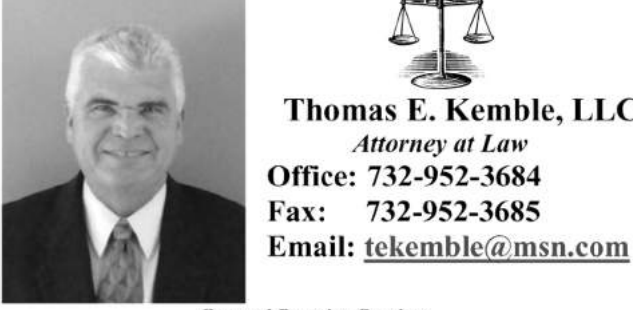
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Letters

Tom,
 About 20 years ago I loaned the reunion committee my 1968 St. Mary's yearbook to copy pictures. I never got it back. Do you think you could put a little post in the newspaper about it. Maybe someone still has it or knows who might have it. My maiden name was Charlotte Trpisovsky. Hope all is going well with you.
 Charlotte Sadowski
 (Formerly of Sayreville)
 Arizona
 Note: If anyone can help Charlotte, please contact The SA Times at: satimes@aol.com.

Letter to the Editor;
 Whereas, years ago Columbus Day meant one thing the St. Mary's HS. and Hoffman HS. the annual football game at Veterans Field. Students/Players scrapped up any and all types of football equipment from shoulder pads to helmets to play in this Historic Football Game of the Year. There were no sideline markers, no bands, no goal posts only the honor of playing and representing your school. Yes, we had cheerleaders, the girls from both schools hurdled on the sidelines cheering and yelling for their team and favorite player. Today this historic game is but a memory of those who played, that remember the tackle they made, the run or catch that helped the Eagles win. Unfortunately for the Governors, I don't recall in my (4) years of playing against one of Hoffman HS. and South Amboy's Hall of Fame Athletes John "Skeeball" Skarzynski of them ever winning, but I recall "Skeeball"/"Poncho"/Billy Bouchard/"Box" Zebro's etc. friendship.
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 The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to Sight and Sound Theater on Thursday, April 5, 2018 to see the new production - Jesus. The price of the trip is \$150.00 which includes the play, lunch at Shady Maple, bus transportation, bus driver gratuity, and snacks on the bus. For further information or to reserve a seat, please contact Teri at 732-727-7639.

Catholic War Veterans
 The Catholic War Veterans, Sacred Heart Memorial Post 578, South Amboy, on Tuesday, November 7, 2017 1:00 PM, will hold a Membership Meeting, at Sacred Heart Memorial Hall, Meeting Room South Amboy. All Catholic Veterans are invited to attend.

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.

South Amboy Arts - Celtic Festival Waterfront Park October 14, 2017

Photos by Brian Stratton



Col. D.B. Kelly Pipes & Drums march over the bridge into Waterfront Park to begin the festival.



The Historical Society of South Amboy had a very informative booth setup.



The South Amboy Arts Committee greeted festival goers with a great display!



The crowd gathers around the vendors.



The Brothers Toth! SA 1st Assistant Fire Chief, Michael (l) and his brother Pete (r) were on hand for the 40th Anniversary Soccer Game.



The crowd cheers the players during Coach Tony G's Reunion Soccer Game!



WWW.?



Does this local structure look familiar to you? Send your answer in to: satimes@aol.com. Good luck!

September Winners

There were many names attached to last month's "Mystery Photo" including The Thunderbird; Brothers 3; Club 35; Mingles; Rumors; Music Box. One incorrect guess was Colonel's Garter also on Rt. 35 North in South Amboy.

The following were winners for August: Chuck Pickard, Kathy and Dennis O'Leary, Edna Mazur Pilch, Dennis Quinlan, Leon Credico, Joan Gorczyca, Pat & Bill Scully, W Tom Kross, Don Munn, Gary Feret, Joan Fulham, Gerry Sherry, Mary Falk, Dane Colburn, Marlene Letwenski, Mary Agnes Morris, Lynn Loy, George Selover, Judy



September-WWW.?
Music Box

Guilfoyle, Ed Rappleyea, Lisa Grankowski, Ed Bender.

*Remember contestants, this is a fun contest, and only ONE guess is allowed per contestant.

***Contestants Remember!** The answer is incorrect if you only send in the street name and address. You must identify the structure with the actual name that it is or was, not the type of work, or anything vague about it, or your submission is incorrect. Remember, we need the name of the building, not the address or street it's located on.

Where in New Jersey?



The top half of this month's Where In NJ is dark red. Send you answer to satimes@aol.com Good Luck!

September Information

Where in New Jersey?

By Brian & Phyllis Stratton

September's Where in NJ was The General Casimir Pulaski Skyway located in northeast New Jersey. This landmark structure was designed by Sigvald Johannesson and opened in 1932 as the last part of the Route 1 Extension. Upon its opening it was called the "Most Beautiful Steel Structure" among long-span bridges by the American Institute of Steel Construction. Pulaski Skyway is a four lane bridge-causway with a total length of 3.502 miles. The roadway crosses the Passaic and Hackensack rivers, Kearny Point and the Meadowlands. It has been used in radio, film, television, books and at least one video game. The Skyway was featured during Orson Welles famous War Of The World's radio broadcast on Sunday, October 30, 1938 where one of the Martian machines straddles the skyway.. It is probably most recently remembered from the opening montage of the television drama The Sopranos. The structure has recently gone through a \$355 million dollar major restoration.



September Where in New Jersey? The Pulaski Skyway



Where in NJ Winners.

This month's winners are Claire Kuhn, Dennis Quinlan, Pete McIntyre, Pat & Bill Scully, Sean Dunphy, Gary Feret, Elizabeth Leveille, Dane Colburn, Marlene Letwenski, Adele O'Hara, Judy Guilfoyle, Ed Bender.

Note: Pat & Bill Scully were inadvertently omitted as winners in last month's paper. They correctly identified the sightseers tram car in Wildwood.

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Berecsky, Heather A., 27, of Sayreville died on Sept. 20.

Brennan, William J., 72, of Morgan died on Oct. 4.

Callahan, James Jr., 81, of Sayreville died on Sept. 25.

Cannata, Vincent J., "Coop," 68, formerly of South Amboy died on Oct. 11.

Domino, Robert J., 84, of Sayreville died on Oct. 20.

Dyer, Franklin E., 74, of South Amboy died on Oct. 18.

English, Theresa M. Render, 85, formerly of South Amboy died on Oct. 18.

Figuroa, Lillian M. Schott, 84, of South Amboy died on Sept. 26.

Garboski, Don, 83, of Sayreville died on Sept. 24.

Gilgan, Patrick J. "Pat," 53, of Sayreville died on Oct. 9.

Glikas, Esther, 99, of South Amboy died on Oct. 13.

Gonzalez, Carlos, 76, of Parlin died on Sept. 22.

Grabowski, Frank, 82, of Sayreville died on Sept. 21.

Gray, Irene T. Grabon, 79, formerly of South Amboy died on Aug. 16.

Marcinczyk, Stanley R., 81, of Sayreville died on Oct. 21.

Mazzara, Josephine, 77, of Parlin died on Oct. 13.

McHenry, Christina "Tina" Wisk, 47, formerly of Parlin died recently.

Mizak, Anna H., 85, of Morgan died on Oct. 6.

Nita, Amy M., 40, of Parlin died on Sept. 17.

Olender, Bernard L. Sr., 77, of Sayreville died on Sept. 27.

Rydzewski, Mary P. Scully, 75, formerly of Parlin died on Oct. 18.

Szeszko, Ralph, 90, of South Amboy died on Oct. 3.

Witham, Warren E., 67, of South Amboy died on Oct. 19.

Zawacki, Christopher S., of Parlin died on Sept. 30.

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I stand beside your graveside
 My heart was crushed & sore.
 I did my duty to the end,
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 And place flowers there with care
 But no one knows the heart ache,
 When I turn & leave you there.

Love Joe and Family

Christmas Trip to Sight and Sound

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Remember When?

1976-South Amboy welcomed 3 new Special Police Officers, who were sworn in by Mayor Theodore Lewandowski. The officers were George Kern III, Martin Ruzsala, and Joanne Reinhard.

In Memoriam

Frank Grabowski, 82, of Sayreville died on Sept. 21. He worked for over 30 years at Hercules, Inc., and was Past President of Hercules 25-year club. Carlos Gonzalez, 76, of Parlin died on Sept. 22. He and his wife Marguerite were owner/operators of Innovators Hair Salon in Parlin for 42 years. Don Garboski, 83, of Sayreville died on Sept. 24. He opened the Four Seasons Flower Shop in Sayreville in 1978. William Brennan, 72, of Morgan died on Oct. 4. Before retiring in 2007, he was an English teacher with the Old Bridge Board of Education. Edward Anderson, 79, of Morgan died on Sept. 30. He was a Letter Carrier for the South Amboy Post Office and also a lifelong Realtor and

Past President of Middlesex County Board of Realtors. In addition, he was a member of many local organizations. Vince "Coop" Cannata, 68 formerly of South Amboy died on Oct. 11. He was one of the good guys and will be missed. Theresa English, 85, formerly of South Amboy died on Oct. 18. She was a wonderful lady with a beautiful personality, and admired by all. Franklin Dyer, 74, of South Amboy died on Oct. 18. He worked as chemical engineer with Madison Industries prior to his retirement, and invented a process which made makeup safe for use. He was also a proud veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in the Vietnam War.

May they rest in peace.

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 possess miraculous powers and to be ever ready to speak for those in trouble. Loving and gentle St. Anthony, reach down from heaven I implore you and assist me in my hour of need. Obtain for me (mention request here). Dearest St. Anthony, reach down from heaven and guide me with thy strength. Plead for me in my needs. And teach me to be humbly thankful as you were for all the bountiful blessings I am to receive. P.S.

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..

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6th Annual Vietnam Veterans Ceremony

HELD BY AMERICAN LEGION LENAPE POST 211 OF SAYREVILLE

By Richard Kosmoski, Past Commander Post 211

On Sunday evening, October 15, 2017, a solemn Vietnam Veterans service was conducted at the Sayreville American Legion Lenape Post 211. The ceremony was held to remember the 8 young men who paid the ultimate sacrifice during the Vietnam War. The ceremony opened with a rendition from the bagpipers. Father Stanley Gromadzki, Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, gave the invocation which included prayers for veterans. The singing of the National Anthem was performed by Michele Roman. The American Legion Department Vice-Commander, Larry Bishop led all in attendance in pledging allegiance to our flag. A POW/MIA table was set-up in anticipation of the repatriation of all our missing service members from all wars. Each item that was placed on the table had a significant meaning.

Master of Ceremonies, Past Commander Richard Kosmoski (USN) gave a welcoming address to the veterans and guests with excerpts on the history of the Vietnam War. Guest Speaker Sgt. Joseph Castellano (USMC) spoke about his experiences during his tour of duty in Vietnam.

The name of each American Patriot from Sayreville killed in Vietnam was read off and a flag was placed in his honor by fellow Vietnam

Veterans. Color Guard Captain Ed Streck (USA) and Vietnam Veterans of America President Edward Marczak (USN) placed a ceremonial wreath in honor of all veterans. Weapons were issued to the Honor Guard who then proceeded to conduct the 21-gun salute to our fallen which was followed by the playing of TAPS, with the piper playing Amazing Grace. Each Vietnam Era Veteran was then presented with a Vietnam War Commemoration pin in honor of their service during the war. The piper played the Armed Forces Medley and as their branch of service was played, the veteran stood and rendered a salute to the flag.

The ceremony closing consisted of the singing of God Bless America by Michele Roman, Benediction by Father Michael Grodzki, and a thank you by Past Commander Edward Streck and Post Commander Larry Bishop. Closing remarks by Richard Kosmoski included turning back the time as "When We Were Young Once" and a final "Welcome Home" to all Vietnam Veterans. The closing included the piper playing "Going Home" as a final farewell. As Legionnaires and veterans, we will NEVER forget the sacrifices made by all veterans.

The Vietnam War

By Joe Lotkowitz

The Vietnam War is without a doubt one of the most significant events in the history of the United States. It remains the longest conflict ever fought by the U.S. armed forces and the longest war of the 20th century. More than 58,000 U.S. servicemen lost their lives during this struggle in Southeast Asia.

The eight men from the Sayreville community that lost their lives in the Vietnam

War were as follows:

Raul Orta USMC 2/1/67; Wayne A. Grant USA 12/26/67; Francis D. Battista USMC 11/11/67; Thomas A. Marchut USA 2/5/68; Walter D. Faith USA 2/24/68; William B. Kimball Jr. USA 5/6/68; Richard E. Biesiada USA 5/21/68; John P. Byrne USMC 4/30/69.

County Clerk Office Open Nov. 1 and Nov. 4 to Process Vote-By-Mail Ballots

The Middlesex County Clerk's Office will be open for special extended hours to process Vote-By-Mail applications and ballots for the upcoming General Election. The special hours will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 1 and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4.

The Office is located on the 4th Floor of the Middlesex County Administration Building, 75 Bayard Street, New Brunswick.

Voters will be able to fill out applications for a Vote-By-Mail ballot and vote the ballot in the same visit. Voters who complete their ballots during these two days only can leave their completed ballots at the Clerk's Office for delivery by staff to the Middlesex County Board of Elections.

All other Vote-By-Mail ballots must be received or dropped off to the Middlesex County Board of Elections by the close of polls on Election Day, Nov. 7. The Board of Elections is located at 11 Kennedy Blvd., East Brunswick, NJ.

"These extended hours will help our

residents, especially those who work during our regular office hours, to exercise their right to vote," said County Clerk Elaine M. Flynn. "These measures have helped many people to let their voice be heard, and we are happy to be able to offer assistance."

"One of the most important rights we have is the right to vote. That is why Middlesex County has embraced a Vote-By-Mail initiative to help those who cannot make it to the polls on Nov. 7," said Freeholder Director Ronald G. Rios. "The extended office hours ease the process of voting even more."

Voters may visit the Clerk's Office during normal business hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Mondays through Fridays to apply for a Vote-by-Mail Ballot. The deadline to apply for a Vote-By-Mail ballot in person is 3 p.m. Monday, Nov. 6. Voters must then mail or drop off the voted ballot to the Board of Elections before the deadline.

For information, please call the Clerk's Elections Division at 732-745-4202.

Flashback



Mid 1960's-Early 1970's-The Tarallo sisters, originally from South Amboy loved teaming up for a bowling night out. They played in leagues and tournaments throughout the area. (These days, they are now bowling in heaven). Pictured (l-r) Jean Hourahan, Carmelita Rondesko, Julia Kolakowski, Anna Crispino, and Fran Sobush. (Photo/info submitted)

SIXTH ANNUAL VIETNAM VETERANS REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY

(PHOTOS/STORY BY JOE LOTKOWITZ)



Father Stanley Gromadzki (l) provided the invocation for the ceremony. Master of Ceremony was Rich Kosmoski (r).



Michelle Roman did the honors of singing the National Anthem, and God Bless America, turning in a spectacular job for the Vietnam Veterans Sixth Annual Remembrance Ceremony.



Rich Kosmoski (r) and Commander Larry Bishop (l) of American Legion Lenape Post #211 of Sayreville provided the welcoming remarks and Pledge of Allegiance.



Guest speaker Sgt. Joseph Castellano (USMC, R), gave a heartwarming speech about his exploits and experiences during his tour of duty in Vietnam, which brought tears to the eyes of many in attendance. Veteran Rich Kosmoski (l) looks on.

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