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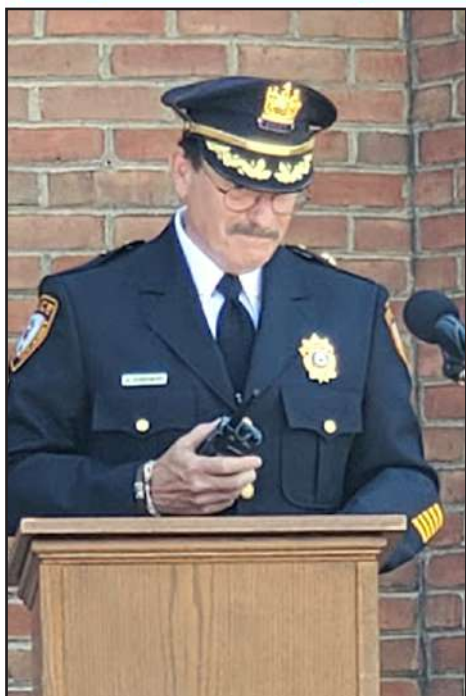
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Chief John Zebrowski of the Sayreville Police Dept. takes his final call during his retirement service. He has had an outstanding career in law enforcement, starting as a police officer in 1988, and became the Borough of Sayreville Police Chief in 2011. From 2021-2022, he was elected to the highly-prestigious position as President of the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police (NJSACOP). Congratulations Chief Zebrowski on your retirement, and thank you for your hard work and dedication for the community. See more photos on page 11,
(Photo by Karen Bailey Bebert)

Dedication Of Allie Clark Sports Complex



On Sunday September 18, 2022 the three brand new turf fields were dedicated at the Allie Clark Sports Complex. Prior to the opening games speeches were given by local and county dignitaries as well as two time World Series Champion Jack McKeon. Pictured (l-r) Councilwoman-At-Large Christine Noble, Council President Mickey Gross, Mayor Fred Henry, Jack McKeon, NJ Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin, Councilwoman Zusette Dato, South Amboy Democratic Chairman Bob Dato, and BOE Vice President and Council Candidate Anthony Conrad. See more photos on page 15. (Photo by Brian Stratton)

Free Concert-Oct. 6th

The South Amboy Business Association will sponsor a Free Fall Concert on Thursday, Oct. 6th from 6-9 p.m. at the South Amboy Train Plaza across from South Amboy City Hall, 140 N. Broadway. (Parking behind City Hall or Train lots). The band Aloha

Monkey (www.alohamonkeyband.com) will provide Classic, Southern, Yacht, Trop Rock, Country, Reggae & Blues music from the 50's to today. Bring your folding/patio chair. No alcoholic beverages permitted. Support your Downtown Businesses!



Former South Amboy Police Chief Jerry Pizzillo is pictured by City Hall, as the soldier statue was moved from in front of City Hall to its new location at the new Veterans Memorial Plaza on Bordentown Ave. (Photo by Mary Szaro)

Update - Veterans Memorial Plaza

By Jerry Pizzillo

The city is moving along on the completion of the New Veterans Memorial Plaza, located on Bordentown Ave. next to Cannon Park. The soldier statue that has stood guard over the city was moved from in front of city hall to the new plaza on August 26, this was one of the major items that had to be addressed. A specialized monument mover company had to be hired to move the marble statue. Burns Monument Mover Company from North Arlington, NJ handled the move. The city engineer has marked out all the placement of the flag poles, electric lights and outlets that have to be installed for the electrician to complete his work. Once that is completed, the pavers that were generously donated to the city by Cambridge Pavers Inc. will be installed. All the bronze plaques that will be placed at the plaza have been ordered, and once received they will be installed. After landscaping and a few odds and ends need to be completed and all good to go. The dedication of the Veterans Memorial Plaza date is Friday, November 11, 2022 at 11:00 AM, on Veterans Day. All are invited to attend so please come out and support the city's veterans and all veterans that have served.

Firefighters Memorial Mass

All firefighters in the surrounding communities are welcome to attend a Firefighters Memorial Mass on Saturday, Oct. 8th, 4 p.m. at the Church of the Sacred Heart, Washington Ave., South Amboy. Attendees are asked to assemble in front of the church by 3:30 p.m. in Class A uniform. Apparatus will be allowed to park on Washington Ave. in front of church. Please RSVP at 732-570-7183 or call for additional information.



Metuchen Bishop James Checchio officially installs Father Dave Pekola as Pastor of Our Lady of Victories Church in Sayreville at a recent installation Mass (Photo by Steve Schmid)-

Father Dave Installed as Pastor

By Steve Schmid

Father Dave Pekola was officially installed as the new Pastor of Our Lady of Victories Church September 11 at a special Mass presided by Metuchen Bishop James Checchio. The bishop expressed confidence in Father Dave leading the parishioners of OLV and was happy to preside at his installation. The bishop had announced in July that Father Dave was promoted from Administrator to Pastor. He joined OLV last December and said at that time the parishioners were "very friendly and very welcoming" A reception was held at Msgr. Dalton Hall after the ceremony. Bishop

Checchio came to the reception and mingled with the parishioners. At the reception, Father Dave said he was "moved and overwhelmed" He said he has been a priest for 36 years and has celebrated 15,000 Masses. He's always had fun doing that and enjoys celebrating Mass with the people. Before his service at OLV, Father Dave was Parochial Vicar at Our Lady of Fatima in Piscataway, and was Pastor at the Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary in Hackettstown for 20 years. He also served at Saint Elizabeth in Far Hills, Saint Cecilia in Iselin, and Our Lady of Lourdes in Milltown.

Governor Murphy Visits South Amboy



Governor Phil Murphy answers questions from news media following his signing of two new bills. See additional photo and information on page 8.
(Photo by Tom Burkard)




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Congratulations!



South Amboy residents, Marlene and Bob Moglia recently celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on September 9th. Congratulations!

Talk Of The Towns

By Tom Burkard

Mr. Dee Arrives At Dad's Royal Bakers

If you loved Mr. Dee's Chili and Barbequed Onions and couldn't wait for that delicious taste, wait no longer! Mr. Dee's famous Chili and Barbequed Onions are now available at Dad's Royal Bakery on Washington Rd. in Parlin.

Former Local Races Horses

Former Morgan/South Amboy resident, Bill Masterson has been enjoying the success of his thoroughbred horse, "Drake Hanover," who has been turning in fine times and wins at various racetracks. The two-year old has plenty of potential, as does another two-year old, owned by Masterson, "Bar Room Bouncer."

Renowned Author Covered Explosion Of 1950

The City of South Amboy had plenty of worldwide news coverage during the explosion at the waterfront in 1950. There were even pictures of the devastation to the town in Life Magazine, but how many of our readers knew that Alex Haley, author of "Roots" covered that monumental tragedy for The Coast Guard Press? Sylvia Marciniak shared this interesting fact with The SA Times recently. She also mentioned that she donated her copy of Haley's biography to the Dowdell Library. Thank you for the information, Sylvia!

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 -C.E, D.E, N.E., L.E.

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Pleasant Little TRIVIA

By Tom Burkard

- In 2014, was elected President of NJ Emergency Management Association (NJEMA) for the sixth consecutive year?
a. Daniel Woodling b. Barry E. Eck c. Mary Mandelino
- South Amboy's Fire Chief in '17?
a. Jamie Norek b. Brian Kuhn c. Steve Szatkowski
- South Amboy Business Administrator in 2014?
a. Camille Tooker b. Nicholas Smolney c. John DaVinci
- South Amboy Elks Exalted Ruler in '17?
a. Joe Damian b. Dave Bryson c. Donna Medvar
- Where was J. O'Neill's Place located in Sayreville?
a. Embroidery St. b. Jernee Mill Rd. c. Thomas St.
- In 2014, Cardinal McCarrick/St. Mary's HS combined with Sacred Heart Elementary School to become?
a. Raritan Bay Preparatory School b. South Amboy Charter School c. Holy Catholic Prep School
- What year did the South Amboy Fire Department start?
A. 1865 b. 1890 c. 1918
- Sayreville's Fire Chief in 2017?
a. George Gawron b. John Westlake c. Wilmer Jones
- In '97, where was Scarpa's Auto & Truck Center located in Sayreville?
a. Washington Rd. b. Raritan St. c. Rt. 9 South
- Way back in 1992, where was Johnny G.'s located in Sayreville?
a. Main St. b. Cecelia St. c. Embroidery St.



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

Business Of The Month John Auto Center

By Steve Schmid



John Auto Center Owner Surjit Singh is pictured teaching young student Rafael Albarran the automotive trade at his shop (Photo by Steve Schmid)

Fourteen and a half years ago, Surjit Singh achieved his dream of opening an auto repair business. He looked at South Amboy with few facilities and bought the former Harry's Auto Repair on 272 North Stevens Ave. and opened in January 2008. Surjit quickly established a local connection and South Amboy Council President Mickey Gross was one of his first customers. His reputation has grown over the years culminating with a resolution at South Amboy City Hall last October honoring him for his volunteer service and dedication to the City of South Amboy. Surjit strongly supports law enforcement and many South Amboy police officers stop by, including Police Chief Darren LaVigne, who calls him "the friendliest mechanic in South Amboy". By the 1990s, every car's computers controlled sensors, combustion and electrical systems. Surjit and his mechanics deal with computers that monitor engine emissions. They'll inspect your car and fix any emission problems or other issues so you'll pass inspection. Their work is 100 percent guaranteed. They're trained to fix old and new vehicles and are certified to repair foreign and domestic cars and trucks. No job is too big or too small. They'll fix lawn mowers, snow blowers, replace light bulbs, or if necessary replace an engine. When you have an issue, they will thoroughly check your vehicle and

bring a diagnosis. They'll tell you what they found so you can decide how they should proceed. Surjit loves working on cars and getting them back on the road. He's worked on them since junior high school when he changed oil, adjusted brakes, and replaced lights for his family and friends. His mechanics share this passion for repairing cars and getting them back on the road. Residents have noticed and posted online reviews. Victoria G. said "I really recommend it! The owner is awesome and really goes out of his way to make sure my car is fixed as quickly as possible! Also I was told by others my car was not fixable but he fixed it in just a day. Also the pricing is cheap. I have been going to him for years and never plan on switching." Ted C. added, "Just moved to the area and I have to say I will definitely be a repeat customer for all my vehicles. I thought I had issues with my ball joints and turns out I only needed new tires and alignment. Not your typical auto repair shop that will nickel and dime you and are very HONEST."

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South Amboy Receives Federal Funding



Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr. (2nd from left) and Mayor Fred Henry (l) recently announced that South Amboy will receive \$4.9 million to help rebuild the city's infrastructure. The federal funding comes from the American Rescue Plan that House Democrats passed and President Biden signed into law in 2021. The funds are distributed through the Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration (EDA). The city will use the funding to repair roads and sewers to bolster economic development and construct three industrial redevelopment projects, including the construction of two warehouse distribution centers. It is estimated that the funding will create 390 jobs and generate \$1.1 million in private investment. "I'm glad to see that South Amboy will receive \$4.9 million from the American Rescue Plan to help the city rebuild its infrastructure and provide better services for residents. It's great to see the American Rescue Plan delivering for New Jersey and providing the federal funding our state needs to create jobs and make critical repairs to infrastructure," Pallone said. "I'm grateful to Secretary Raimondo for her leadership as we work together to ensure equitable investment in our communities. I commend Mayor Henry for recognizing and capitalizing on good opportunities like this one that help make South Amboy a great place to live." (Photo/info submitted)

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Yearbook-South Amboy 2002

By Tom Burkard

“I’m Real” by Jennifer Lopez with Ja Rule topped the music charts in September 2001, when the South Amboy HS seniors returned for their final year. They were back in class for less than a week when the horrible 911 tragedies shocked the world... The 2002 yearbook was titled “Some Things Never Change,” and it was dedicated to Stacey Weinstein. Mrs. McAlister was the principal, and some of her fine faculty included; Ken Blekeski, Cathy Charmello, Robert Dougherty, George Gundrum, Charlotte Kierst, Gary Kuhn, E. Mulligan, T. Reilly, J. Schnyderite... The senior class officers were Eddie Beshada, Pres.; Randy Fallon, V.P.; Nick Blum, Sec.; Heather Letts, Treas... Extracurricular activities were plentiful, such as the musical productions “Guys and Dolls,” and also “Wizard of Oz;” the Walkathon for the March of Dimes; Fright Fest; the Food Drive for the St. Vincent de Paul Society; Spirit Week; Homecoming 2001, which featured Ed Beshada as king and Monika Walesa as queen. There were also countless other groups... The 2002 seniors were: Benjamin Bajkowski, Viktor Bober, Orlando Clavero, Erin Connors, Thomas Dalfonzo, Andrew David, Shawn Dexter, Maria Diniz, Barbara Dula, Stephanie English, Robert Fischer, Ryan Frisch, Ross Furia, Matthew Gonsalves, Marius Gromadzki, Catherine Grzybala, Lisa Halmo, Sara Humphrey, Christina Kelly, Cheri Kurtiak, Tara Lawrence, Jason Mages, Tiffany Miller, Hope Mohamed, Krzysztof Mroczkowski, Urszula Nicewicz, Steven O’Brien, Robert Pansini, Jeffrey Parmenter, Jason Rand, Nial Reddan, Sean Reddan, Nicole Richiusa, Christopher Riley, Suzanne Smith, Michelle Sweatt, Joann Tomaszewski, Greg Tulowiecki, Gladys Vargas, Monika Walesa, Vanessa Gonzales, Jennifer Zara, James Ziola, Jaroslaw Zwiercan, Nickolas Blum, Lauren Brady, Janusz Kmiecik... Please take a moment of silence to remember 2002 classmate Robert McCarthy, who recently died on May 24... Some of the many talented senior athletes included: Kenny Batiuk, Randy Fallon, Brian Hyslop, Heather Letts, Daniel Nuzzie, Melissa Poulsen, Melissa Rainone, Regan Rone (Best girls’ soccer player in school history, plus a member of the 1,000-points club in basketball), Marcelos Santos, Danielle Ball, Mariusz Choinski, Stacey Connors, Karolina Debek, Krzysztof Glomski, Jennifer Keesing, Jennifer Kurtz, Timothy Ricablanca, Daniel Rowley, Michelle Szatkowski, Amber Witham... At graduation time, “Foolish” by Ashanti was the #1 hit song in the nation. The South Amboy HS Class of 2002 had many fine young adults, who have worked hard and become successful in life.

New Books By Local Authors



Jerry Smith (l) with his wife Megan (r) with Jerry's new book “South Amboy USA.” (Photo courtesy of JoAnn McGowan)



Author Alfred J. Baumann Jr., formerly of Sayreville and his wife, retired school principal, Georgia Baumann, show his new book “Little Railroads In A Small Town,” at the Sayreville Historical Society’s flea market. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

South Amboy, USA Published

At first glance, Jerry Smith’s new novel, “South Amboy, USA: A Sense of Home” may appear to be a spinoff of his original song, which traces his hometown roots, but that is not the case.

The South Amboy setting used in the novel is fictitious. “I use a small town as a backdrop for my story,” the author says. “South Amboy, USA could be Anytown, USA.”

South Amboy, USA is a romantic fantasy about a Key West musician, Andrew Leahy, who discovers he is the only person who can see the spirit of Clare, a woman whose comatose body is back in a South Amboy hospital. Clare asks Andrew to find her biological mother before the doctor “pulls the plug,” and Andrew wonders if finding Clare’s mother is his sole reason in all of this. Or is there another reason for Andrew and Clare’s soulful connection?

Paul During of Morgan provided a stunning photo of the Great Beds Lighthouse for the front cover.

Jerry Smith is also the author of Captive Angel, an award-winning young adult novel categorized as realistic fiction. “I hope my second novel shows my growth as a writer,” he says. “South Amboy, USA is very different from Captive Angel.”

Little Railroads in A Small Town




“Little Railroads in A Small Town” is the culmination of the author’s lifelong interest in railroads, and particularly the industrial railroads in his home town of Sayreville. The book provides a brief history of thirteen industries and their railroads along with 147 photos that memorialize Sayreville as “The Home of Nationally Known Industries.” The book can be purchased for \$35 at the Sayreville Historical Society Museum, 425 Main Street when the museum is open on Sundays, 1:30 to 4:00 PM. Or from the author at southernaritan@gmail.com.

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TO CHARLEY

By HENNY THE DJ



friends and somehow usually had the same teachers, and it seems that me and him and Jimmy Ferguson and Johnny McQuade were always getting in trouble at the end of each period for imitating the Three Stooges when we turned corners at the end of the hallway.

Which reminds me, since Charley lived in President Park and that was the location of many new homes at the time, he was our conduit for meeting many of the gang of new kids coming to our school from Manhattan, especially Johnny McQuade and his lovely family. Who knew then that The McQuades would become such a joyous part of the lives of so many South Amboy people in the upcoming years. For example, I will bet that 90% of all us Pleasant Little City-ites reading this, at one time or another have called a McQuade a good friend!

And, perhaps this easiness with all kinds of people was another valuable, but unheralded of Charley's achievements: aiding in the smooth absorption of a rough and tough West Side of Manhattan Teenage Culture (see movie West Side Story), into an already tightly defined teenage student body, and without one single major flare up! Think about it: "HELL'S KITCHEN" MEETS PRASNAL'S & ASTARITA'S & KENNY'S SWEET SHOP & DON'S REC... and the whole schmear going off as smooth as silk, no fights, no brawls, no problem!! And who introduced me to my new friend/lifelong buddy: West Side Johnny McQuade?..... Charley Schachel!

Charley died young, but I was lucky enough to run into him in the Bottle Stop just before his passing and I told him the same things I just mentioned here about him really being the best athlete and how much we all looked up to him, but he wouldn't hear of it.... and it took years for me to understand why. Really special, gifted athletes like Charley and the only other blessed athlete I ever got to know well, "Mookie" Ciszewski, knew that being picked for this or that award has nothing to do with being a player, and loving the game, and giving your best, and working hard with others to win. That's where the glory is, and it is usually only recognized in the hearts of your fellow teammates.

That is me in front of our (Henny, Eddie, John and Nancy Conroy) house at 516 David Street... right next to the home of Moose, Root Beer, Jerry, Joan, Dixie and Carol Connors after getting the Athlete of the Year Award for St Mary's High School Class of 1960.....However, right now, If I had it to do over I would have climbed down off the stage and given the trophy to the legitimate 'Best Athlete' of our class Charley Schachel... who was from kindergarten to the end of 12th grade truly the best athlete in our class in everything from running races to stick ball to recess softball in our class ...and we all knew it!

Maybe except for the wonderful baseball teams of the O'Brien twins of the early 50's, basketball seems like it has always been king sport in our town, and I was the most successful player in our class at the time and, of course, I'm extremely proud of that accomplishment, and I don't take the award lightly; but Charley, Charley was 1st Team All State in Baseball, and if we had a football team he would have been All State in that; and if we had a soccer team..well, you get my drift.

All through grammar school and high school Charley and I were always good

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Coat and Clothing Drive

The Sacred Heart Council of Catholic Women will sponsor a clothing drive on October 22 and 23.

Your donations will be distributed by the Jersey Shore Rescue Mission in Asbury Park, NJ to those in need, or sold in their Thrift Store where proceeds from clothing sales provide funding for meals, shelter and essential items to those in need.

Please drop off your coats and clothing on Saturday, October 22, from 3:30 – 6PM and Sunday, October 23, from 6:30 AM – 1PM. Place your bagged donation in the plastic bins in front of Memorial Hall, 529 Washington Avenue, South Amboy.

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TO ST. JUDE

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

A PRAYER FOR HEALING

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Pictured at the new Veterans Memorial Plaza on Bordentown Avenue in South Amboy are (l-r) Mayor Fred Henry, and American Legion members Gary Poland and Bob Moglia. (Photo submitted)



On Wednesday, September 7 members of the Middlesex County Magnet Schools and the community gathered on the East Brunswick campus to raise its flags to signal the new era of the County school district. The new name and visual identity, announced in June, accurately represents the exceptional, specialized education the school system offers all Middlesex County students. The event featured student performers and distinguished speakers: Middlesex County Commissioner Director Ronald G. Rios; Middlesex County Magnet Schools Board of Education President Keith Jones; County Commissioner Channele Scott-McCullum; Middlesex County Magnet Schools Superintendent Jorge Diaz; and Middlesex County Magnet School East Brunswick Campus Principal Michael Cappiello.

OLV Senior Trip to Myrtle Beach

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to Myrtle Beach from April 16 – 22, 2023. The cost of the trip is \$1150.00. The cost includes the following: overnight and 4 nights lodging in Myrtle Beach, 6 breakfasts and 4 dinners at various venues. The trip also includes 4 shows – Carolina Opry, Alabama Theater, Motor City musical- Tribute to Motown and Legends in concert. There is

a backstage tour of the Alabama Theater and a visit to Charleston to include Harbor Cruise and historic market. Visits to Barefoot Landing and Broadway on the Beach. Luggage handling, taxes and meal gratuities also included. For further information or to book the trip please contact Carmen Delikat at 732-254-9425.

Jan Williams PFN Dinner October 16

Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree John F Brady Assembly is holding a Past Faithful Navigator dinner honoring Jan Williams for his three years of service. The dinner will be Sunday, October 16 from 4 pm to 8 pm at Yesterday's Restaurant Route 35 in Hazlet. Cost of \$60 includes an all you can eat buffet including Chicken Francese, Eggplant Rollatini, Roast Beef, Shrimp Scampi, and more. Unlimited beer and wine is available. Soda, Coffee, Tea, Dinner Rolls, and Cake included. To purchase and reserve your tickets call Steve at 732-727-1707 or Chris at 908-510-1866.

ELECTION DAY FISH DINNER

The Camp Dill Foundation and the Old Timers of Troop 91 will be having their annual Election Day Fish Dinner on November 8, 2022 in the parking lot of the First Presbyterian Church of South Amboy. Due to COVID, this event will be a totally "drive-by" take-out only dinner. The time of the event will be 5:00PM to 7:00PM and the cost is \$15.00 per dinner.

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We thank you for your support as we continue to benefit the youth of the South Amboy / Sayreville area. For more information on the Camp Dill Foundation and its current activities, go to their web-site at <https://www.campdill.org>.

SWMHS HOF Nominations Sought

The SWMHS Hall of Fame Committee is seeking nominations for the 2023 Hall of Fame Awards Banquet scheduled for April 2023. This event recognizes previous Sayreville HS alumni who have not only distinguished themselves in their careers, professions, community involvement, etc., but also to serve as positive role models for current students at the high school. The deadline for receipt of the nominations is Friday, October 28, 2022. Your nomination should include information about the individual's achievements, including educational background, year of SWMHS graduation, military service (if applicable), and current contact information. Please email your nominations to epkubacz@verizon.net or to barb.anderson2@verizon.net. Nominations may also be mailed to: SWMHS Hall of Fame Committee, 20 Holly Drive, Parlin, NJ 08859.

Worship & Testimony Nights

The First Presbyterian Church of South Amboy, 150 North Broadway, is proud to present a series of "Worship & Testimony Nights" on the front lawn of our church.

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South Amboy's Modern Library Facility

The Sadie Pope Dowdell Library is proud to announce that their interior space has been updated with stylish flooring, which gives the library a new contemporary look. This wouldn't have been possible without the guidance of the amazing Library Trustees and dedicated staff. Moreover, the Library appreciated the help of the City of South Amboy's Department of Public Works, who in addition to everything else they do, helped the library staff move furniture. Many thanks!

So, stop in for a new experience. Enjoy the comfortable sofas, wireless access, downloadable books, audiobooks, music, or streaming video. Charge your device; subscribe to the library's YouTube Channel; enter your child in the Back to School Contest; participate in the Teen Advisory

Board (TAB); friend them on Facebook; join the popular Senior Book Club with Dennis the last Monday of each month; attend the upcoming jazz program on Monday, October 3 (7 pm); participate in the upcoming Biz Breakfast on Friday, October 21 (8 am); enjoy the changing exhibitions; bring your child for the special Storytimes with Ms. Maryanne; fax a document; or just check out a book!

Come visit your library; it's adjacent to the South Amboy High School off O'Leary Blvd – or contact the library at comments@dowdell.org or 732.721-6060. To access the website, log onto www.dowdell.org. Library hours after Labor Day are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 10 am – 8 pm; Wednesday and Friday 10 am – 5 pm and Saturdays 12 Noon to 4 pm.

New Bible Study – Open to All

Messiah Lutheran Church, 3091 Bordentown Ave., Parlin, will be offering a free community Bible Study beginning October 3. Whether you are new to your Christian spiritual journey, or have been earnestly practicing your faith for years, this opportunity is for you. The study is open to anyone, regardless of church affiliation or denomination. We will meet at 7:00 p.m. on the evenings of October 3, 10, 24 and November 7, 14 and 28, Light refreshments will be served. We will be following The Walk, a book by Adam Hamilton. Books (\$18) to accompany the study will be available for purchase on the first week, or

call to get yours in advance. In The Walk, Adam Hamilton focuses on five essential spiritual practices that are rooted in Jesus' own walk with God and taught throughout the New Testament. Each of these practices is intended to lead to a deeper, more personal relationship with Jesus. Deepen your walk with Christ as we explore the five essential practices of worship, study, serving, giving, and bearing witness to our faith.

Please call Edna Pilch at 908-208-2358 or email edna.pilch@gmail.com to register, or for more information. We look forward to meeting other Christians in our community and sharing our journey of spirituality.

Local Wildlife



These are 2 of 3 Tom Turkeys who join me occasionally when I'm drinking my morning coffee in the picnic grove behind the Parlin Knights of Columbus on Washington Rd. The third one usually stays off by himself because these two will attack him if he gets too close. One morning, there was a whole flock back there, 4 big ones and about 6 little ones. One day I was feeding them. They would get within a couple feet to get their morsel. However, I have since decided that feeding them is not a good idea. That day, as I was walking away, they came running and started to follow me! That's not good. I don't want them to get the idea that they can approach any old guy to get a handout. And more importantly, I don't want them to start wandering too close to Washington Rd. (Photo/story) by Mike Gressman

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



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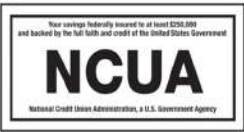
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The Smoke Column

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

Many people are deeply concerned about protecting our environment by keeping it safe and clean for the generations to come. One of the steps they have taken is to install solar panels on their roofs. This process not only lessens energy bills but also reduces our need for fossil fuels. These fossil fuels come from the earth and give off deadly Carbon Monoxide and other poison gases when they are burned. These gases enter earth's atmosphere and eventually destroy the precious air we so desperately need to survive. Looking around your town you will notice that many of your neighbors have installed solar panels throughout their roofs. Unfortunately, these solar panels pose a danger to firefighters with possibility of causing a structure fire that they may not be able to control

On September 1, 2013, a massive fire severely damaged a Dietz & Watson food warehouse in Delanco, Burlington County, New Jersey. Many of us are familiar with the name Dietz & Watson as a provider of fine lunch meats. The size of this warehouse, which was their main distribution center, was 300,000 square feet which would be equivalent to five football fields. In 2010 the company installed more than 7,000 solar power modules to reduce the facility's energy use by 20 percent. The fire that erupted on September 1, was fought by hundreds of firefighters from surrounding departments in what expanded to an 11-alarm blaze. The fire continued to burn 24 hours after it was first reported and became difficult to extinguish. The fire was burning between the trusses that hold up the roof and support the weight of the solar panels installed on the roof. It was a dangerous situation all around. Firefighters could not be sent to the roof to fight the fire for fear of roof collapse and the chance of electrocution from the thousands of volts in

the solar panels. Firefighters could not be sent into the structure for fear of the roof collapsing and trapping them inside. The delay in extinguishing this fire was hampered by water supply issues and the threat of electrocution due to the thousands of solar panels on the building's roof. Also, another concern of this fire is that the solar panels are constructed with copious amounts of plastic material, which when it burns, produce toxic smoke and gases that can pose a danger to the surrounding community. How is anyone made aware of a roof solar panel fire? There are no fire or smoke detectors installed on the roof so you must rely on a security guard at the facility, if there is one, or a passerby to see the flames and smoke to then report the fire.

So that brings up more questions to ponder. Do we know which structures in our area have solar panels? Can we plainly see the connection devices on the side of the structure? What if the roof is flat and the panels aren't visible from the street, do we know they are there? Do the panels generate electricity that gets stored in Lithium-Ion batteries for future use? We know that Lithium-Ion batteries are a hazardous material in themselves. Is there any fire retardant product that we should be using with our aerial fire apparatus devices in conjunction with water to fight these fires? These questions can only be answered if we know what is installed throughout our community BEFORE the event of a fire. You have heard the term "Situational Awareness" mentioned many times before, LOOK what is in your response area and pre-plan for the unexpected to occur. Do some research by looking into fire departments that experienced solar panel fires and the problems they have encountered. It is a good place to start before the inevitable occurs in your response area.



(Pictured from left to right), Knights Lance Kennedy, Bruce Grankowski, Grand Knight Jordan Drevelus, and Ed Vassallo are presenting a check to the Knights of Columbus Council 426, for a donation to Saint Jude's Hospital. The band, "The Cellar Dwellers & Friends" raised the money at a block party in Seaside, NJ. The talented group played for 3 ½ hours and passed a bucket around asking for donations with 100% of the money collected going to St. Jude's Hospital. Great job, guys! Missing from the picture is another Knight and band member George Giovenco. (Photo by PGK Ken Smetana)



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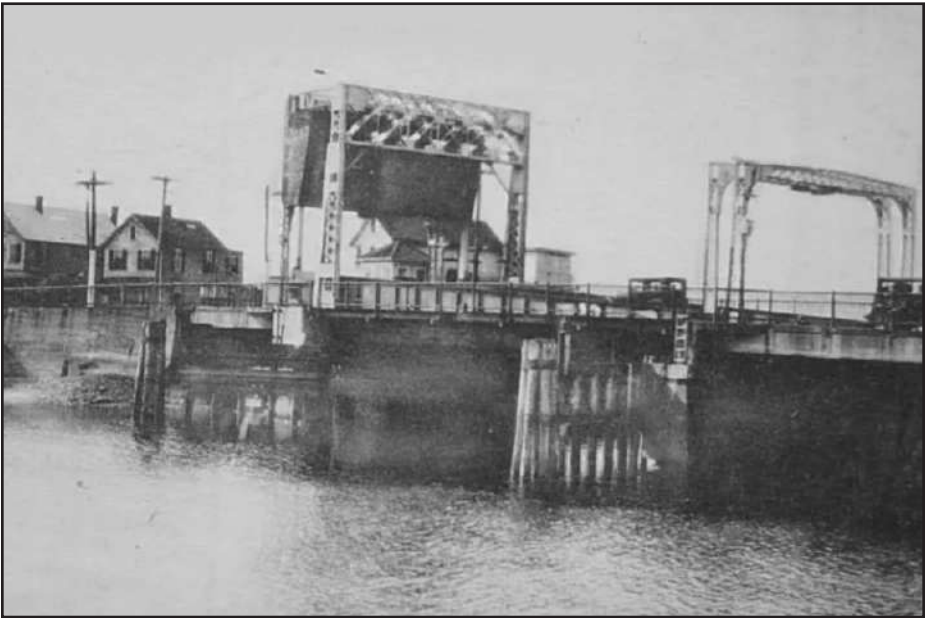
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Thursday, October 20th is our Shrimp Scampi Dinner. Doors open at 5 pm for 5:30 -7:30 dining. The cost is \$18 in advance and \$20 at the door. This dinner benefits our Drug Awareness Committee.

Finally , Sunday October 23rd is our monthly All You Can Eat Breakfast Buffet. That is from 9-11:30 am And is \$12. Per person , children 6 and under are \$6.

South Amboy Elks appreciates the residents' support with all our events and would like to thank you in advance for all your future support. For more information on any of the events please call 732-727-7170. South Amboy Elks is located at 601 Washington Ave.



On Sept. 12th at the South Amboy First Aid Squad meeting Brayden Marciniak was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for all his hard work raising funds for SAFA and many other local non profits by selling lemonade and ice tea the last few summers at his lemonade stand. Brayden is a hard working youngster with a heart of gold who has gained the name of "South Amboy's youngest entrepreneur." Brayden has raised over \$500.00 for SAFA. Thank you Brayden for all you do for SAFA and the many other non profits you help. Brayden is our hero. Pictured with Brayden is SAFA President Rob Sekerak. (Photo and story submitted)

OLV Senior Trip to Million Dollar Quartet

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to Hunterdon Playhouse on Thursday, April 27, 2023 to see Million Dollar Quartet. The story is based on the meeting of Elvis Presley, Jerry Lee Lewis, Carl Perkins and Johnny Cash who meet to jam at a Nashville recording studio.

The cost of the trip is \$120 which includes luncheon meal, bus transportation, bus driver gratuity and light snacks. If interested in attending this event, please contact Teri Yetsko at 732-727-7639.

Roast Pork Dinner November 11

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 are hosting a roast pork dinner Friday evening November 11 from 5 pm to 8 pm. Cost of \$18 includes salad, roast pork, homemade mashed potatoes and choice of cheesecake or tiramisu for dessert. In honor of Veterans Day, veterans will receive a \$5 discount. To reserve and purchase your tickets call Gary at 732-512-8923 or Jordan at 732-325-1645.

New Haven Trip October 23

Msgr. John F. Brady Assembly 676 Knights of Columbus 4th Degree, are sponsoring a trip to New Haven Sunday October 23 to celebrate Mass at historic St. Mary's Church where Knights founder Father Michael McGivney is buried. A visit to the Knights of Columbus museum will follow and a buffet dinner at a New Haven Italian restaurant will be enjoyed afterward. Cost of \$85 includes round trip motor coach transportation, church, museum, and dinner. The motor coach leaves the South Amboy K of C parking lot at 8:30 am. For more information or reservations call Chris at 908-510-1866 or Steve at 732-727-1707.

Open Mic October 14

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 resume their Open Mic sessions starting Friday October 14 from 8 pm to 11 pm at 308 Fourth St. South Amboy. Bring your instrument and voice and perform solo or in a group. No cover charge. Refreshments available. Pre-registration is encouraged. For more information and to register, call Bruce at 732-586-9779.



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On September 15, 2022 South Amboy Knights of Columbus officers were sworn in for the 2022-2023 calendar year. Pictured (l-r) front row, Jim Hoehman, Gary Lattanzi, GK Jordan Drevelus, Jack Mieczkowski, Ken Smetana. Back row, Ray Suchcicki, Deacon Rich O' Brian, Brian Bolla, Ed Vassallo, Jan Williams, Steve Szabo, Marty Dombrowski, Peter Lucarelli, Bruce Grankowski. Missing from the picture is Steve Schmid. (Photo by Ann Grankowski).

Sayreville GOP Council Candidates

Donna Roberts

Councilwoman Donna Roberts graduated from Sayreville War Memorial High School in 1981 and started her technical career at Dow Jones as a Technical Writer, Trainer and provided technical support to Editors and Reporters at the Wall Street Journal. Donna spent a number of years as an entrepreneur and small business owner / operator of a Bed and Breakfast in Lambertville, NJ, and as contract trainer and motivational speaker for CompuMaster and VPD Disaster Recovery professional at MUFG Union Bank.

Roberts stated, "I am very proud when people stop

me in the supermarket or even at the gas station to let me know they appreciate my independent voice." Councilwoman Roberts is proud of a broad list of accomplishments including starting a new internship program in partnership with the High School starting with coordinating the Louis Bay 2nd Future Municipal Leaders Scholarship submissions, introducing a resolution to oppose developers from bypassing our zoning board, voting against the skate park fence, voted against mask mandates, fighting for energy independence and working with the Sayreville Historical Society to hold our first Ice Cream Social to celebrate Women's Right to Vote.

Donna received her BS in Liberal Studies – Organizational Psychology from Saint Joseph University, an Alumna of Thomas Edison University, Trenton, member of Moose International, Sayreville Lions Club and Sayreville Committee Woman for District 4.

Dan Balka

As I am approaching the end of my 4th term as a Board of Education member, I would like to continue to serve the Sayreville community on the Boro Council. I believe I can bring my expertise in guiding the

Borough to fiscal accountability and smart growth. I was the Chief accountant for the Borough for 20 years and I am currently the CFO for the City of South Amboy. Due to recent allegations of bribery, one of the most crucial and difficult situations right now is the financial soundness of the Sayreville Economic Redevelopment Agency. My financial expertise, audit experience, as well as my knowledge of the inner workings of government would be a great asset to the community.

I listen and research issues before voting and do not have a problem with voting against the majority if I feel it is in the best interest of the community. For example, I was the only "NO" vote on the Board of Education when the other members voted to construct a bus compound in the residential area of Morgan section of Sayreville. Also, earlier while serving on the Board of Education, I voted not to take away the citizens right to vote on school board budgets but unfortunately came out on the losing side of that vote.

I will vote my conscience and not bow down to political shenanigans. I will support the best candidates for professional appointments, commissions, and boards without regard for political affiliation. I believe it is time for change in Sayreville. We need honesty and integrity on the governing body and I feel I can accomplish that. I have always voted with fiscal responsibility on the school board and made the students my priority. Many times it was controversial and I was often in the minority.

I fully support the mayor's recommendation for an independent attorney and audit of financials in light of the recent charges of bribery against a political party boss. If elected I feel I am qualified to facilitate the process and assist in getting to the root of the problem if there were any misappropriation of funds.

Top 20 Song Shootout

The SA Times Top 20 Songs for August, determined by views on our Facebook page are:

- 1-Running On Empty-Jackson Browne;
- 2-Drive-The Cars;
- 3-Keep Me Hanging On-Vanilla Fudge;
- 4-Glad All Over-The Dave Clark 5;
- 5-Johnny Angel-Shelley Fabares;
- 6-Werewolves Of London-Warren Zevon;
- 7-Georgy Girl-The Seekers;
- 8-Hair-The Cowsills;
- 9-Eye Of The Tiger-Survivor;
- 10-Sara Smile-Hall & Oates;
- 11-More Than A Feeling-Boston;
- 12-LA Woman-The Doors;
- 13-End Of The Line-The Traveling Wilburys;
- 14-Look What You've Done To Me-Boz Scaggs;
- 15-Hotel California-The Eagles;
- 16-Day After Day-Badfinger;
- 17-Heart Of The Night-Poco;
- 18-My Maria-Brooks & Dunn;
- 19-More Today Than Yesterday-The Spiral Staircase;
- 20-Heat Is On-Glenn Frey.

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By Robert W. Eginton

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Police Chief Retirement Ceremony

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Members of the Sayreville Police force listen to Chief John Zebrowski's farewell speech.



Rev. Kenneth R. Murphy, Pastor of St. Stanislaus Kostka Church says the opening prayer.



Sayreville Police stand at attention at the retirement ceremony of Chief John Zebrowski.



Captain Daniel Plumacker has been selected as the Provisional Police Chief. He started as a Patrol Officer in 2000, and worked his way up through the ranks to the top spot. Congratulations and Best of luck!

Song Lyric Trivia

By Brian Stratton

There is a game trending on social media that has people asking questions relating to song lyrics for all different genres, i.e. Country, Rock, TV themes etc. See how many you can get right! The answers on page 23.

- 1. What does TLC not want you chasing?
- 2. Who's trying to take Dolly Parton's man?
- 3. How many miles to the Love Shack?
- 4. What does Madonna not want her dad to do?
- 5. How do the Bangles want you to walk?
- 6. What drink does Rupert Holmes like?
- 7. Who did Garth Brooks set sail with?
- 8. What does Queen say you have on your face?
- 9. Where did Danny take Sandy bowling?
- 10. According to Led Zeppelin, what will happen if it keeps on raining?



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

Who is it?

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton

Last month's mystery person was opera superstar Lucian Pavaroti. The following knew it was him: Laurie & Gary Loftus, Dermot Scales, Kathie Brown, Marlene Letwinski, Vincent Lee, JoAnn & John French, Patti Tengelics, John Gelsinon, Eleanore Westerholm, Ray Andrejewski, Betty Leveille, Edna Mazur Pilch, Gary Feret, Ed Bender, Steve villig, Dane Colburn, Pat Scully, Mark Moniello, Pete McIntyre.





Lucian Pavaroti.



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Saturday, October 15

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9:30am race start / 8:00am registration

Pre-registration: sayrevillerec.com



South Amboy Can Count on Mayor Fred Henry, Council President Mickey Gross, and Anthony Conrad To Stand Up for Our Community.

RE-ELECT MAYOR FRED HENRY



Mayor Fred Henry is a **life long resident of South Amboy** and a retired educator. Since 2010, he has helped to **deliver strategic growth and investments for our community** as Mayor of South Amboy.

- ✓ Led efforts to pass a budget with **no municipal tax increases** with full support from all council members
- ✓ **Increased the size of our police force** to keep our community safe
- ✓ Revitalized our city’s waterfront walkway with a **\$1 million grant**
- ✓ Secured **\$300,000** for South Amboy students to receive new laptops



MICHAEL “MICKEY” GROSS & ANTHONY CONRAD: FOR COUNCIL AT-LARGE



RE-ELECT COUNCIL PRESIDENT MICKEY GROSS

- ✓ Has **served on the South Amboy City Council for more than ten years** and as the City Council President since 2015
- ✓ **Deeply involved in the South Amboy community**, including serving as the Chairman of the South Amboy St. Patrick’s Day Parade, as well as a Co-Founder and Co-Chair of the South Amboy Irish Festival



ELECT ANTHONY CONRAD

- ✓ Currently serves on the **South Amboy School Board** and as a Commissioner on the **South Amboy Redevelopment Agency**
- ✓ Running for City Council to ensure city government is **making responsible investments in our community**

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City of South Amboy October Events



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JAZZ - LOUIS ARMSTRONG AMBASSADOR OF JAZZ @
DOWDELL LIBRARY - OCT 3RD - 7PM

FREE FALL CONCERT: ALOHA MONKEY @ TRAIN PLAZA ON
BROADWAY - OCT 6TH - 6-9PM

FALL CITY WIDE YARD SALE - OCT 8TH & 9TH - 8AM - 4PM

ANGIO SCREENING @ SOUTH AMBOY SENIOR CENTER
(MUST PRE-REGISTER)
OCT 17TH - 1PM - 7:30PM

SENIOR LUNCH AND LEARN PRESENTATION
OCT 19TH - 12PM

SOUTH AMBOY BUSINESS MEETING @ DOWDELL LIBRARY
OCT 21ST - 8AM

YMCA HALLOWEEN FEST @ YMCA - OCT 21ST - 5PM - 8PM

SOUTH AMBOY/SAYAA HALLOWEEN PARADE/TRUNK OR
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Allie Clark Sports Complex Dedication

September 18, 2022

(Photos by
Brian Stratton)



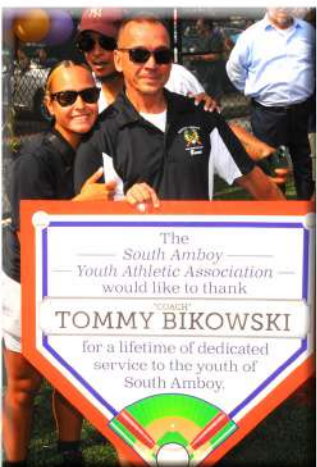
Players, coaches and parents march down Bordentown Ave.



The Bombers Tee Ball team pose for a photo with coach Steve Clark.



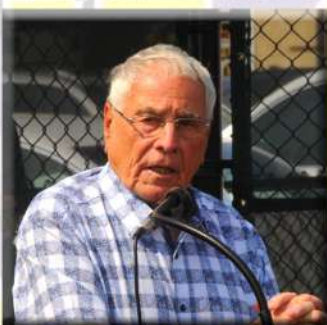
Mayor Fred Henry addresses the crowd.



Tommy Bikowski (r) received a plaque indicating the Tee Ball field was being named in his honor. Pictured with Tommy is his daughter Alissa.



The teams arriving at the beautiful fields at the complex.



Jack McKeon delivered a very inspiring speech for the players.



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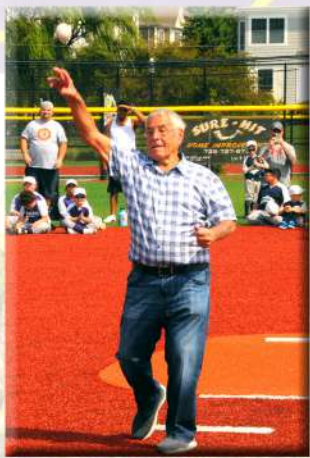
The 7U PBA sponsored team carry on the tradition of taking a photo on the police vehicle.



SAYAA President Brian Noble takes time to thank all involved with making the new complex a reality.



Tommy Bikowski throws out the first softball.



Jack McKeon throws out the first baseball.



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The Vintage Car Contest
By Brian and Phyllis Stratton



Can you identify this classic no longer in production car? Send your answer to satimes@aol.cpm by October 17th.

Last month's vehicle was the whimsical Fiat 600 Jolly. In 1958, Fiat shipped approximately two hundred 600s to the Italian design house Ghia. 32 of the completed Jolly cars were used as taxis on the island of Catalina off the coast of Los Angeles from 1958 to 1962. The remainder were privately owned by very wealthy and famous people, including Aristotle Onassis, husband of Jackie, and President Lyndon B. Johnson. It was designed to fit four passengers and their luggage, with the ability to effortlessly cruise through the narrow and often treacherous Italian streets at a speed of no less than 85 km/hr. There are only an estimated 100 Jolly cars left in existence today. Each Jolly is unique, as they were custom-made to their buyers' requests. Every example featured

wicker seats, eliminated doors and a handrail along the perimeter to make up for the lack of seatbelts. A Fiat 600 Jolly, the ultimate beach car, made a memorable appearance with Jerry Seinfeld and Louis C.K. in 2012 on the Netflix series Comedians in Cars Getting Coffee. The following got it right: Laurie & Gary Loftus, Dermot Scales, Stephen Laskiewicz, Bruce Grankowski, Thomas Harrigan, JoAnn & John French, John Gelsinon, Anita Quigley, Betty Leveille, Karen & Steve Kieselowsky, Edna Mazur Pilch, Michael & Irene Kilcomons, Gary Feret, Dane Colburn, Pat Scully, Mark Moniello, Pete McIntyre. Last month we missed Stephen Laskiewicz who had the correct answer.

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THE JALAPENO TRIO IS ON FIRE

By Clem Skarzynski

Gotta share the news of this “Hot”new group on the music scene.”The Jalapeno Trio”..Based in Sayreville, the 3 piece group presents a new “Percussive style” of music, from 50’s Do-Wop, 60’s Soul, various Top 40 Hits from years past, to today’s party music, with a beautiful 3 part vocal harmony, with just percussion style instruments..Congas.. Timbales..Cajon Box Drums..Djembes’, along with the Tambourine/Cowbell combo, to produce a never heard before rhythmical mix of voice and percussion..With tunes like..”You Belong To Me,”“Summer Wind,” ”Burnin Love,” ”Cant Tak My Eyes Off You,” to....”I Need To Know,” ”I Like It Like That”..the Trios’ list of songs covers all bases of dance and listening music, with that Latin Percussive style never before tried. The group,based in Sayreville, consists of 3 well versed, professional vocalists and musicians with way beyond extensive backgrounds in music.. Lou Gomez, Lead Vocalist, doing 1st and 2nd Tenor, began his singing and drumming at age 11, soon to hook up with a “Successful Bubble Gum Group,” earning 2 gold records and an appearance on “American Bandstand.” He’s written and recorded for Buddah and RCA Records, with an underground Disco hit”Bim Sala Bim”which was in the De Niro



movie,”Hands of Stone”..Lou’s been local with “Sounds of the Street”and “The Johnny Maestro Tribute Band”..Rene Cardona’s resume is unreal..Drummer for “Paul Revere and the Raiders,”The Tokens,” ”The Soul Survivors”and a 12 year stint with “Joey Dee and the Starlighters”..Rene hooked up with Lou in the “Maestro Tribute Band too! Rene’does the main Percussion and Vocals..and bringing that awesome Keyboard background to the group.”Papa Joe Friscia,” who along with Lou, grew up together, as their dads performed together in local bands.. Joe’s been with “The Bellhops,” ”Heavens Choice” and “Parkside Symphony,” among others..I, the writer have known these talented Individuals as they have rehearsed here at my Basement Jam Room, with the Tribute Band, and their present act..”The Jalapeno Trio”..Such Talent together, as they are is a must hear group..their original approach to their choice of songs is a fresh new sound, lively, and addictive..Gotta say..”they’re not on the beat of a different drum”..they’re on the beat of different drummers!..www.Jalapenotrio.com...or 201-963-9091...for booking and availability..Give em a serious listen..HOT... HOT...HOT..

Frankie Avalon Stars At The Arts Center

By Tom Burkard

On September 9th, The Garden State Arts Center presented an excellent show titled “Cousin Brucie Presents Palisades Park Reunion.” The show featured an amazing array of musical talent with four top-notch acts bringing wonderful memories of days gone by, to the 10,000 plus people in attendance. Norman Fox & The Rob Roys opened the show, and were followed by Brian McIntosh’s Drifters, who covered hits by The Drifters and much more, while turning in a highly-commendable performance. Next up was Jay Siegel’s Tokens, who had four Top 40 hits, including “Tonight I Fell In Love,” a #15 hit in 1961; one of the best known songs of all-time “The Lion Sleeps Tonight” which hit the #1 spot, also in ‘61, and “Portrait Of My Love” peaked at #36 in 1967. Incidentally, Jay Siegel still has a tremendous vocal range, and sang the lead to “The Lion Sleeps Tonight,” in the same key as when it was originally recorded.

Frankie Avalon, now 81 years young, was the closing act for the 3 ½ hour concert, and was really worth the wait. Back in the 1950’s, he was a teen idol who became famous worldwide, and charted 13 Top 40 hits, with two number 1’s “Venus” in 1959, and the last



number 1 song of the 1950’s decade, “Why,” in addition to having 4 other songs crack the Top 10 playlist. He closed the show with a rousing version of Venus, that had everyone in the place singing along. In addition to his singing success, he was famous for his movie roles, especially the beach movies with the late Annette Funicello, and countless other legendary actors. All together, Frankie appeared in over 50 movies, television shows, and TV specials. Cousin Brucie was dressed in a specially designed leopard print suit, and as always was at his best introducing performers, sharing memories, and telling stories of the good old days. He also introduced a noted celebrity in the crowd, actress Brenda Vaccaro, who starred in many movies, such as “Midnight Cowboy,” “Capricorn One,” “Airport ‘77.” She was also in the TV shows “Streets of San Francisco,” “Banacek,” and others. Brucie’s stories and memories of the old days at Palisades Park also were incredible! The show was dedicated in memoriam to the legendary teen idol, singer and actor, the late Bobby Rydell, who died on April 5 at the age of 79.

RUMBLES FROM THE ROCK AND ROLL REUNION

BY Clem Skarzynski

Rock and Rollers,mark your calendars, live music once again in Sayreville! Kennedy Park- Friday Nite, Sept.30th, after a 2-year absence: “The Blast from the Past, Cars and Guitars ”Car Show and Concert, Featuring D.J.Richie Hart with the “Just Us Cruisers” and Central Jersey’s ``Clem and Friends Classic Rock Band” will together co-host the long awaited Show..Our thanks go out to Sayreville Rec Director, Brian VanDongen, and his Dept. Assistants, Jeffery Schnitzer, and Cheryl McQuade, for their help in finally putting this show together. We’ll be honoring the late Charles “Chip”Blazas, with a Trophy in his name to share the “Best in Show” category..Chip, a former Sayreville Policeman, headed the Boro’s “D.A.R.E. Program in the Sayreville School System, and designed the beautiful D.A.R.E. custom car, used by the Dept. for the Organization. Chip’s Trophy will be presented by his Son Jason Blazas, who is a N.J State Trooper, and will have his ’69 Chevelle there also, which was always brought to the show over the years, by his dad ,Chip...Fun begins at 4pm..with Richie Hart spinning the hits from the 50’s thru the 70’s...”Clem and Friends Classic Rock Band" will back up Richie with Rockin’live sets of your fave classic rock hits from the 50’s thru the 80’s..till 7pm..C’m on and check out the beautiful Customs and Hot Rods...Food Trucks on hand too..THEN...

Acoustic Friday October 28

By Jerry Smith

South Amboy Arts Alliance is pleased to present musical performances by Dave Sherman and Bob Belloff on October 28, 2022. Singer/guitarist Dave Sherman draws from the Americana tradition. The Highland Park-based musician has played in duos and trios, and other bands over the course of his music career. In 2010, Dave toured Ireland, playing in festivals, concert halls, house concerts and other venues along the way. Bob Belloff came to the July Acoustic Friday show just as an audience member. Before the evening was over, SA Arts asked him to play in an upcoming show. Bob performs covers of the Beatles, Glen Campbell, and Gordon Lightfoot. Check out some of his YouTube videos. SA Arts is located at 141 N. Broadway, South Amboy, N.J. Doors open at 6:30 pm, and the show runs from 7 to 9 pm. Admission is \$5.00, and light refreshments will be offered. The Alliance seeks interested acoustic-oriented performers of any genre for future shows. For additional information, contact SA Arts at 732-727-4600, extension 5971, or by email at SAarts141@gmail.com. Watch for updates on the South Amboy Arts Alliance Facebook page.

The Music continues the following day... Saturday, Oct 1st With the annual ‘Sayreville Day”Celebration, also at Kennedy Park, at 11a.m....”Jerseys Own “Clem and Friends Classic Rock Band”will be there onstage with an hour long set of Rock and Roll...Come on, stop by, say hello to the band...Craig Hoek, Sax...Scott Bishop, Keys and Vocals...Dave Silva, Drums..Fran Fee, and Jim Heuer, and Clem Skarzynski on Guitars and Vocals, with Matt Desposito on the Precision Bass.. The Music and Hot Rods continue with the 2nd Annual St.Stan’s Car Show, at the Church’s location, 221 MacArthur Ave., on Sunday Oct.30 from 1 to 4 pm. This show will also have The Jerry Ust and Tommy Samuel Memorial Trophy Awards, along with other special awards and trophies...Food provided by “Falcons Nest”..Raffles, 50/50’s, and more!! D.J.Richie Hart..the “Just Us Cruisers”C ar Club, and “Clem and Friends Band” will be there to provide an afternoon of Classic rock and roll! Being Oct.30th.. beware of Ghosts and Goblins roaming the the church grounds..they like the Customs and Hot Rods too!! Our thanks go out to Tony and Brian Jackowski and their entire staff for organizing this show last year, and providing us with a platform to honor Jerry Ust..with a “Best in Show” Trophy in his name, that will be passed on to this year’s winner..Hope to see you all at the upcoming events..Live music..once again!!

#1 Country Hits Sept. 25

2005-A Real Fine Place To Start-Sara Evans
1990-Jukebox In My Mind-Alabama
1983-Baby, What About You-Crystal Gayle
1978-I’ve Always Been Crazy -Waylon Jennings
1962-Devil Woman-Marty Robbins

#1 Pop Hits-Sept. 25

2002-Dilemma-Nelly with Kelly Rowland
1998-I Don’t Want To Miss A Thing - Aerosmith
1983-Tell Her About It-Billy Joel
1977-Best Of My Love-The Emotions
1965-Eve Of Destruction-Barry McGuire

One Hit Wonders 55 Years Ago

1967-Talk Talk-The Music Machine;
Wild Thing-Senator Bobby; (We Ain’t Got)
Nothin’ Yet-The Blues Magoos; Music To
Watch Girls By-Bob Crewe Generation;
Stand By Me-Spyder Turner; Mercy, Mercy,
Mercy-Cannonball Adderley; Then You Can
Tell Me Goodbye-The Casinos; For What
It’s Worth-Buffalo Springfield; Friday On
My Mind-The Easybeats; Sunshine Girl-
Parade; Ding Dong! The Witch Is Dead-
The Fifth Estate; Come On Down To My
Boat-Every Mother’s Son; A Little Bit Of
Soul-The Music Explosion; Let It Out-The
Hombres; Everlasting Love-Robert Knight;
Pata Pata-Miriam Makeba; Next Plane To
London-Rose Garden.

By Tom Burkard

Bodies Of Water

1.Fire Lake	a.Bruce Springsteen
2.Islands In The Stream	b.The Doobie Bros.
3.Beyond The Sea	c.Bobby Darin
4.Dirty Water	d.CCR
5.Indian Lake	e.Kenny Rogers/Dolly Parton
6.Moon River	f.Bobby Bloom
7.Dock Of The Bay	g.The Cowsills
8.Green River	h.The Duprees
9.Black Water	i.Andy Williams
10.Montego Bay	j.Alabama
11.Down By The River	k.Otis Redding
12.Sea Cruise	l.Bob Seger
13.Sand And The Sea	m.Frankie Ford
14.The River	n.Neil Young
15.Tennessee River	o.The Standells

Answers
1l 2e 3c 4o 5g 6i 7k 8d 9b 10f 11n 12m 13h 14a 15j

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Dungeons and Dragons fans unite and join us for our first D&D Gaming Club on Thursday, October 6 from 6:30-7:30 pm. Share tips and tricks on the latest D&D games, bring your campaign binders to create characters, spells and much more!

Calling all ghouls and ghosts of all ages! Come in costume and gather for the spooktacular Halloween Costume Party on Thursday, October 27 from 3:30-5 pm. Enter the costume contest, enjoy games, activities, and light refreshments.

Stop by every Wednesday from 3:30-4:30 pm for the After School Fun Club. Drop in for fun activities and meet new friends as you unwind after the school day!

Join Ms. Maryanne for storytime on Monday, October 3 and Saturday, October 15 from 1-2 pm for stories, games, activities, and crafts.

Enjoy live Jazz music on Monday October 3 at 7 pm celebrating the life and music of Louis Armstrong: Ambassador of Jazz. The program will feature Guest vocalist trumpeter Gordon James & pianist Mark Minchello.

Are you a local small business? Looking

to gain new customers? Join us for the Business Breakfast @ Dowdell on Friday, October 21 at 8:30 am. Network with a business card exchange and enjoy breakfast while learning how to use the Library's free U.S. Business and Consumer database to target specific groups of businesses or individuals who may most likely be interested in your products or services. To register, contact the Library at comments@dowdell.org or 732.721.6060 Limited seating.

The Senior Book Club will meet on Monday, October 31, at 10:30 am. Contact the Library to pick up this month's book.

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

Don't forget to drop in at our booth at the City of South Amboy's Irish Festival on Saturday, October 1st.

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

911 Service In South Amboy

(Photos by Tom Burkard)



Frank Norek leads all in attendance with an acapella version of "God Bless America."



Local Boy Scouts paid tribute to the 911 victims by placing candles.



Sacred Heart Pastor Father Stanley Gromadzki was well-prepared for the rainy weather.



South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry gave an outstanding speech, filled with informative facts, statistics and much more about that very sad day that changed the world forever. Standing (l-r) behind Mayor Henry is Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin and Senator Joe Vitale.



South Amboy Firefighters show their respect during prayers for those who perished on September 11, 2001.



South Amboy Firefighters place a memorial wreath, in honor of the deceased.

LETTERS

Letter To Henny The DJ/DI
By John "Flip" Phillips
A Proud PFC/USMC

I enjoyed reading your article Henny. It brought back memories from a long time ago....64 years to be exact. I remember getting off a bus on a very hot day in June 1958 at Parris Island, South Carolina. And being introduced to my Drill Instructor (DI), who would guide me and 60 other recruits through 13 weeks of Boot Camp. A "cocky" kid who graduated from high school on a Sunday, and five days later wondered "what the hell did I do." Talk about a culture shock! I learned later that only the best were selected to teach and train new recruits. Like your DI mine was also a Louisiana Cajun....Gunnery Sgt. Bourgeois. I'll never forget him. I don't remember how but we caught up with each other in the 90s. We talked many times on the phone until he passed away. He was promoted to officer and retired as a Major. That did not surprise me. Henny, being selected as a DI to develop raw recruits into Soldiers shows that you were surely in Marine terms: "Squared Away"!



Letter To The Editor:

In response to public concern about the 7,500 trees that have been removed in connection with the Arsenal Trade Center project along Cheesequake Road, Arthur Rittenhouse the Shade Tree Commission Chairman issued a press release which ran in the SA/sayreville Times indicating that under the Tree Bank Ordinance the developer contributed \$1.7 million to the Tree Bank and is committed to planting over 7,000 trees on the site. The release was also posted on the borough website.

I wrote the Tree Bank ordinance when I was the Chairman of the Planning Board in the 1980s and I'm familiar with its provisions, which did not seem to match the official statement which also indicated 'many of the trees that are being removed were at a stage in life that were dying and were falling.' I attended the hearing and I'm not sure the record reflects that statement. Certainly they have since died or been felled.

While I appreciate Mr. Rittenhouse's comments on behalf of the developer and the members of the public who are justifiably concerned about the destruction of 7,500 trees, I think it's important to clarify the official statement. I agree \$1.7 million was posted to the Tree Bank fund. But according to the Borough Engineer 408 replacement trees will be installed, not 7,000. About 4,000 shrubs, perennials and ornamental grasses will also be planted. Perhaps the shrubs, flowers and grasses were erroneously factored into the 7,000 replacement tree number. In any case, the public should know the actual numbers from official documents.

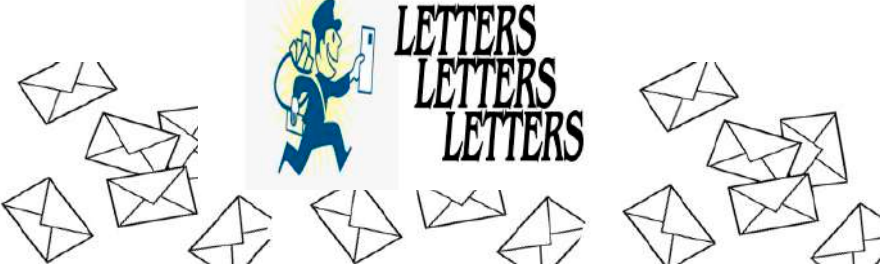
This is the complete list of trees removed and plantings to be installed:

Tree Replacement Calculations: Replacement Trees Required – 7,547 trees. Replacement Trees to be Installed – 408 trees. Replacement Trees still required (offset by tree bank payment) – 7,139.

Landscape Plan: Shade Trees and Ornamental Trees – 408, Evergreen Trees – 558, Evergreen Shrubs – 2,671, Deciduous Shrubs – 954, Deciduous Conifers – 19, Perennials – 267, Ornamental Grasses – 188, Total – 5,065.

I always appreciate it when residents and officials express concern about tree removal, and I think it's important that we all know the TRUE numbers. I attended the Shade Tree Commission meeting and asked the source of the numbers Mr. Rittenhouse used and he indicated it was from a published article, but I have not been able to find the article. The numbers above are from the Borough Engineer's office and I believe them to be accurate.

Jim Robinson








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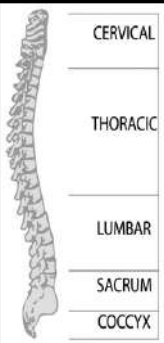
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The Spinal Column

By
Dr. John Misiewicz

Hunchbacks In The Hood

I recently was in Florida taking educational credits for my Chiropractic license and sat in on this lecture.

We live in a world where technology dominates our daily lives and it is causing hunchbacks to appear in neighborhoods everywhere. From watching smart phones for hours, television, utilizing computers mindlessly, scrolling through social media or playing games. It is pretty clear that the world would not be what it is today without technology. As technology rapidly grows with each passing day, its consequences are starting to catch up with our health and they are presenting us with serious problems.


More and more children, teenagers and young adults are developing hunchbacks, due to poor posture associated with constant use of cell phones and other devices with screens. We previously associated bad posture, slouching shoulders and a hunchback as a sign of old age. For every inch you look down at your phone, the weight of your head increases by roughly 10 pounds. Multiply this by several hours a day, by seven days a week for months on end, what happens? This forward head tilt places an enormous amount of stress on the spinal column, nerves and muscles that control it.

There has been a sharp rise in the coincidence of headaches and neck pain due to this hunchback condition. Because your body is amazingly adaptable, the hunchback is your spine's method of coping with the stress of looking down. This position can reverse the curvature of your neck and place additional stress on the entire spine and nervous system causing all types of health problems. Don't let technology make you old before your time. As always, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure!

The Most Beautiful Thing

By Al Gomolka Jr.
Times Poet Laureate
c. 1982

Thoreau may have said nature
Romeo may have thought Juliet
Gershwin his piano,
Dorothy thought home
To Pa Kettle,
Ma Kettle,
To Scarlett it was Tara,
Honest Abe believed it was freedom,
Cleopatra revered her jewels,
Elvis adored his mother,
Joyce Kilmer barded it to a tree
And Patton truly believed war,
All of us have a "most beautiful thing"
But to me,
ah! to me,
The glow on the face and in the heart
Of you and I happily together in love.



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WHAT IS IT?????

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton



Do you know what this is? Send your answer to satimes@aol.com by October 17th.

August What Is It? Come Along

Last month's What Is It? Was A come along. A tool used for many different situations such as pulling a car's engine it is also used a lot by Itron workers. The following got it right: Laurie & Gary Loftus, Stephen Laskiewicz, Chuck Pickard, Jeff Deverin, Stanley Shaw, JoAnn & John French, Leon Credico, Eleanore

Westerholm, Bruce Grankowski, Anita Quigley, Betty Leveille, Karen & Steve Kieselowsky, Dan Tengolics, Michael & Irene Kilcomons, Gary Feret, Ed Bender, Dane Colburn, Pat Scully, Mark Moniello, Lynn Loy, Pete McIntyre.
Last month we missed Stephen Laskiewicz who had the correct answer.



Come Along

What Exit?

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton
August What Exit:

Last month's answer was NJ Turnpike exit 7A. This exit will take you to Where In NJ from last month.

Last month's answer was NJ Turnpike exit 13a which will take you to IKEA as well as Newark Airport. The following got it right. Laurie & Gary Loftus, Thomas Harrigan, JoAnn & John French, Edna Mazur Pilch, Michael & Irene Kilcomons, Gary Feret, Ed Bender, Dermot Scales, Dane Colburn, Pat Scully, Betty Leveille, Mark Moniello.



What Exit?

This month's mystery NJ Turnpike exit will take to the Where IN NJ. Send your answers to satimes@aol.com by October 17th.



Where in NJ?

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton



Can you identify this business? It is a bit out of our local area but still in NJ. Send your answers to satimes@aol.com by October 17th.

Last month's Where In NJ was IKEA the famed Swedish owned store where you can find furniture, dishes, curtains and a whole lot more not to mention you can have a lunch of Swedish Meatballs and watch the planes take off and land at Newark Airport. The following got it right: Laurie

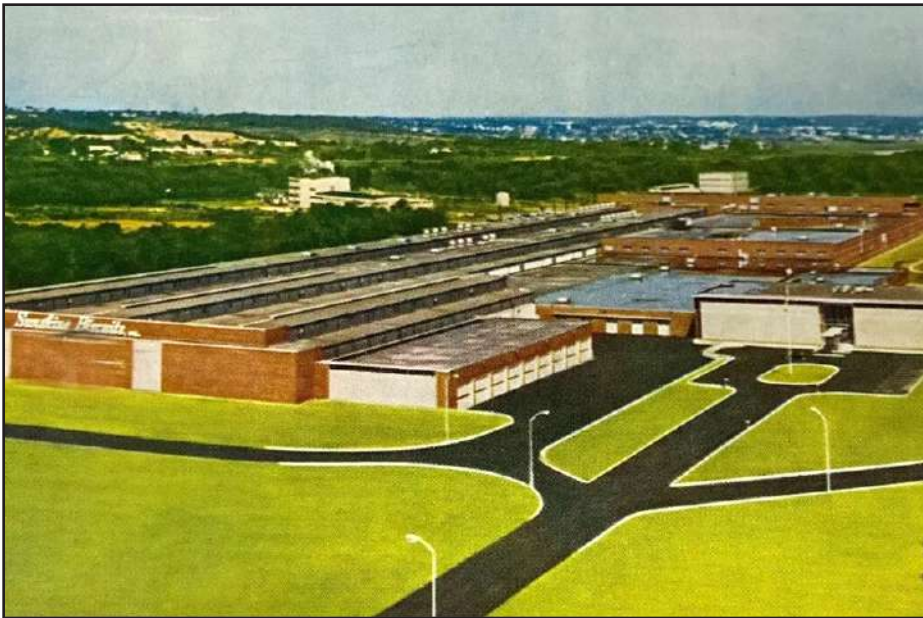
& Gary Loftus, Thomas Harrigan, JoAnn & John French, Michael Greenhaus, Karen & Steve Kieselowsky, Edna Mazur Pilch, Michael & Irene Kilcomons, Gary Feret, Ed Bender, Dermot Scales, Dane Colburn, Pat Scully, Betty Leveille, Mark Moniello.



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WWW.?



Does this look familiar? We are looking for the name of the business that built this complex. Send your answers to satimes@aol.com by October 17th.

WWW.?

By Tom Burkard

Last month's WWW.? answer was Fred's Bait and Tackle located on Rt. 35 South, The following got it right: Chuck Pickard, Laurie & Gary Loftus, Dermot Scales, Stephen Laskiewicz, Mary Agnes Morris, Barb Bockus, Joan Gorczyca, Dennis Quinlan, Leon Credico, Michael Greenhaus, Betty Leveille, Karen

& Steve Kieselowsky, Joan Fulham, Edna Mazur Pilch, Michael & Irene Kilcomons, Gary Feret, Ed Bender, Lisa Grankowski, Dane Colburn, Pat Scully, Mark Moniello, Lynn Loy, Pete McIntyre, Randy Poliny.
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August WWW.?



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Fishing Flashes

By Teo "Weebles" Weber

Salt Water

Fluke fishing remains the same. There are a good number of keepers coast wise. Another big Fluke, 13 pounds, was caught on the party boat Big Mohawk. Beside Fluke, more Porgies are being caught along with Ling and Sea Bass. The season for Sea Bass is now closed. The surf at Island Beach and LBI has produced Bluefish and Fluke. The LBI surf has quite a few Fluke being caught. King Fish in the surf are still hit and miss. Small Snapper Blues are present off docks and Bay areas. Fishing off of our local beaches is slow. I checked Cliffwood and other nearby beaches and didn't see too much action. Party boats that fish offshore are catching Bluefish, mostly on jigs. Bonito, Fluke, Albacore and a few Spanish Mackerel are also there. A few surprise King Mackerel and a few Cobia are showing up thanks to the warm Sea temps.




Fresh Water

The heat waves and rainstorms have spoiled this fishing season. If you want them, Carp and Catfish along with PanFish are the best bets for now. Sunfish and Crappies are also a good bet right now. Wait for the weather patterns to get settled in, then get out there and make it count!

MY TIME

By Al Gomolka Jr.
Times Poet Laureate
c.1997

What time is it?
The most distinct
and definite statistic known
From: a second, minute,
hour, day week, month,
Year, decade, score,
century, millenium,
A.D., B.C., To:
no time like the present
It's about time
All the time in the world
Time is on my side
Time and tide wait for no man
A time for everything under heaven
Time won't let me
Time is of the essence
Time is irrelevant
Timing is everything
The best of times,
the worst of times
A sign of the times
There's not enough time
Time will tell
For the time being
For the good times
Once upon a time
You gotta take the time
You gotta make the time
Pass the time of day
Time after time
Time and time again
The time of one's life
This time Time and a half
Keeping time
If ever there were a time, it's now
Time out!
What time is it?
Past, present, future
Yesterdays, today, tomorrow
Who is the time-keeper?
Time flies, is what they say
But my thoughts
tend to disagree,
It is we that move through
space called life
And, "Time stands still", you see...



YMCA OF MEWSA ANNOUNCES RYAN PATTERSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

The YMCA of Metuchen, Edison, Woodbridge & South Amboy has announced that the Ryan Patterson Memorial Scholarship has been awarded to Megan Corby of South Amboy.

The Ryan Patterson Memorial Scholarship was established several years ago in honor of late 27-year-old Metuchen Branch YMCA swim coach and mentor, Ryan Marie Patterson. The recipient must strive for excellence in academics, sports or the arts. In addition, they must demonstrate that they have made an impact in their community through volunteer work, a service project or other means, live by the golden rule, have influenced others in a positive way and advocated for others who are less fortunate. The scholarship award is \$2,000, which can be used to fund the recipient's higher education cost.

Megan attended Sayreville War Memorial high school, where she was very active in several club and societies including Student Council, Students Against Destructive Decisions, International Society, Light Crew, Sound Crew, FBLA, National Honor Society and National Hispanic, Math, English, Science and Art Honor Societies. She also served as president of their SADD club for two years and vice president of the

Student Council. During her time outside of school, Megan identified a lack of athletic programs for special needs children in her town. To address this, she created a program for special needs children in their local little league called the Challenger Division, where she served as President for four years. "Watching the smiles on the athlete's faces when they hit the ball off the tee or heard the cheers from their friends gives me an indescribable feeling of joy", Megan said. "I feel blessed to be able to witness their accomplishments whenever they step foot on the field." She is also a member of the Girl Scouts where she earned her Religious, Silver and Gold Awards.

Megan is attending Monmouth University, where she is studying Education and Speech Pathology



Answers to Song Lyric Trivia from page 11

- 1. Waterfalls
- 2. Jolene
- 3. 15
- 4. Papa don't preach
- 5. Like an Egyptian
- 6. Pina Coladas
- 7. Captain Morgan
- 8. Mud
- 9. The arcade
- 10. The levee's gonna break

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**Devils Outing
December 28**


For all of you hockey fans, St.Mary Church and the South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 are running an outing Wednesday December 28 when the young and hungry New Jersey Devils face the Boston Bruins at Prudential Center. Pick drop is 7 pm. Cost of \$80 includes game tickets, and a \$20 voucher for food and beverages. The deadline to reserve tickets is November 27. To purchase and reserve your tickets call Chris at 732-735-1737 or Steve at 732-727-1707.

**Halloween Party
October 21**

The South Amboy Columbiettes are holding their annual Halloween party Friday, October 21 beginning at 7:30 pm. It will be at the K of C Hall on 308 Fourth St. South Amboy. Cost of \$15 includes food and one complimentary drink.

Prize will be awarded for the best costume. Cash bar available. To purchase and reserve your tickets, call Vicki at 732-598-6010.

Coincidence?



4th Degree Knights of Columbus members Steve Schmid of the Msgr. Brady Assembly and Michael Yetsko of the OLV Assembly were amazed when they met at the Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany on two separate tours. They had lunch in the same restaurant and were seated two rows apart in the theater. First performed in the 1600s, the play fulfills a pledge that if God spared the village from the plague, they would perform the Passion every 10 years. (Photo by Cheryl Schmid)



The great Allie Clark is pictured at Yankee Stadium in 1947, when he was called up from the minor leagues by the New York Yankees.

25 Years Ago 1997
Girls Soccer

South Amboy slammed St. Peter's in their season opener, 5-0. Soph sensation Kim Peterson hammered home 3 goals, and talented Randi Rone notched 2 goals and an assist. Goalies Angelica Vargas and Nicole Magnifico combined for the shutout . . . Jessica Painchaud and Jen Mahoney each connected for 2 goals to lead Sayreville to a 4-1 opening day win over Woodbridge . . . St. Mary hammered Highland Park 5-1 as last year's county scoring champion, Melissa Furey took up where she left off by blasting 4 goals in net, and racking up one assist. Liz Novak also tallied a goal. Jody Sprague was super as goalie, stopping six Cardinals shots...

Boys Soccer

Woodbridge shocked Sayreville, 8-2 in the opener. Martin Topol and Tom Huszcza scored for the Bombers . . . Highland Park pounded defending Gold Division champions, St. Mary, 7-1. Pat Fasaro scored for the Eagles...

Girls Tennis

Old Bridge shutout Sayreville 5-0 . . . South River downed St. Mary. 4-1. Ann Maslowski won in singles for St. Mary ..

10 Years Ago 2012
Bombers Rip Bears

Coach George Najjar's powerhouse Sayreville Bombers football club plastered East Brunswick, 41-0 for its second shutout in a row, and outscored opponents 76-0 in 2 games. Quarterback Isaiah Cureton had a huge game, throwing for 2 TD passes of 25 and 52 yards, and also scored on a 26-yd. TD jaunt. In addition, he recovered a fumble, and finished with a fine 9-for-12 passing, totaling 169 yards. Zeke Perkinson scored 2 touchdowns on runs of 9 and 19 yards, Mike Carey scored on a 64-yard dash, Deion Miller caught a 25-yd. TD aerial from Cureton, and Jon Bracero hauled in a 52 yd. touchdown strike also from Cureton...

Eagles Win First

Cardinal McCarrick/St. Mary's Eagles football team won its first game under Coach Ron Hilliard, pounding Mater Dei, 34-25 on an amazing performance by quarterback Jahmal Price. The outstanding senior speedster raced for 221 yards on 13 carries, and scored 3 touchdowns, in addition to returning a kickoff 95 yards. Linebacker Dan Fehl recorded 10 tackles, and running back Armond Arnaldy rushed 14 times for 146 yards, and a TD.

Bus Trip To Atlantic City-Oct. 6

The Sacred Heart Seniors will run a bus trip to Resorts at Atlantic City on Thursday, Oct. 6th. The bus leaves Sacred Heart parking lot at 9:30 a.m.

School Sports
By Tom Burkard
Sayreville Splits First Two

The Sayreville Bombers football squad dropped a tough 14-7 opener to perennial powerhouse Phillipsburg. Super standout Zaimer Wright picked up where he left off last year, and scored the only Sayreville TD on a beautiful 77-yard run. He had 20 attempts rushing and racked up 123 yards. Aaron Losada kicked the extra point, while Nick Mojica and Dariel Jerez were tough on defense notching 7 tackles apiece ... The Bombers bounced back in Week 2, by ripping New Brunswick, 22-7.

Pro Baseball Report

The latest stats on Sayreville's Brandon Bielak, who pitches for the Houston Astros AAA affiliate Sugar Land Space Cowboys are as follows: G-19, GS-11, Innings Pitched-75, Strikeouts-70, ERA-3.48, Won-3, Lost-6...

Riley O'Brien, grandson of South Amboy legend John O'Brien is also pitching in AAA ball with the Seattle Mariners top farm club, Tacoma. His stats are: G-25, Innings Pitched-32, Strikeouts-40, ERA-5.34, Won-1, Lost-2. He also pitched 1-inning earlier this year with the Mariners, had 1 strikeout, and did not allow a run.

Yogi-Isms

The following quotations are attributed to one of the greatest slugging catchers in the history of Major League Baseball, Yogi Berra.


"If you ask me anything I don't know, I'm not going to answer."

"We made too many wrong mistakes."

"Make a game plan and stick to it, unless it's not working."

"Half the lies they tell about me aren't true."

"If you don't set goals, you can't regret not reaching them."



20 Years Ago 2002
Eagles Breeze Over Manville

First year Cardinal McCarrick head coach Ron Raymond had a memorable opening day. His Eagles flew high and easy over Manville, 47-0. Kevon Green scored 3 touchdowns on runs of 1,8, and 8 yards. Quarterback Phil Anderson found Mika Wilson on a 10-yard TD connection. Kevin Bapusle-Ousley fired a 41-yard touchdown strike to Jose Rosario, Perez ran a 2-yard TD, and Wagner sacked the Manville quarterback for a safety. Kozlowski booted 3 extra points for the Blue & Gold, who won its first opener in 5 years, and set a record for the largest victory margin.

Bombers Blast Edison

Sayreville's football club opened its 2002 season with a 42-6 romp over Edison. Quarterback Dan Huff excelled, passing for 2 TD's and gaining 106 yards in the air, as well as rushing for 62 yards on 4 carries. Huff found Holmes for a 59-yard touchdown strike, and also Mark Poore on a 42- yarder. Poore caught 3 passes on the day, and rushed 8 times for 42 yards. Junior Jabbie raced 65 yards on a punt return for a TD, while Keith Simpkins returned a kick 59 yards to paydirt. Kenny booted 4 extra points for the Blue & Gray of Sayreville.

The Local Sports Memory Machine

By Tom Burkard

From The Sports Archives



1973-Almost everyone with South Amboy roots can recall the now legendary Columbus Day Football games between hometown rivals St. Mary's and Hoffman. The games started in the 1940's, and took place, once every year on Columbus Day in October, between the schools, who did not field sanctioned football teams. This one game a year showdown for bragging rights in South Amboy, was the ultimate. In the late 1970's or early 80's, the games got a bit out of hand, and were discontinued. St. Mary's and Hoffman girls also had their own Columbus Day Classic, and started doing battle around 1970 for the first time. Pictured above is the 1973 St. Mary's girls' football team. Do they look familiar? How many can you identify? Please let us know by email at: satimes@aol.com.

1967 South Amboy Little Fellas League Draft

K of C-Jim Hagerman, Kevin O'Brien, Robert Ruiz, Henry Sager, Don Carroll. Lions-Rich Braun, Tom McNerney, Ed Dooling, Rich Kukulski. English Chevron-Don Braun, John Morrison, Bill Billich, Ted Moran. Enterprise Fire Co.-Andy Braun, Mark Billich, Joe Marinin, Dave Resignato. Daylight Bakery-Jim Buckalew, Hipolito Quiles, Rich Kurowsky, Jim Morrison. FirstAid-Ron Stillwagon. Modern Transportation-Paul Prekop, Tom Harland, Larry Benson, Tom Morris. Protection Fire Co.-Mike Makar, Craig Johnson, Fred Beaudry, Joe Moskwa. Weiss-Dennis Carey, Chris Johnson, George Cattano, Frank

Clare. Rotary-Tom Billich, Joe Mantz, Glenn Quinton, Robert Marcano. Jo-Tom's-Steve Rossi, Bob Garcia, Tom Consentino, Mark Pappa. Progressive Fire Co.-Greg Wyzykowski.

Team Managers included: K of C-Jerry O'Connor; English Chevron-Francis Thompson; Enterprise Fire Co.-Mike Klimchak; Daylight Bakery-Joseph Douglas; Lions-Franklin English; First Aid-Jim Gray; Modern Transportation-Ken Szaro; Protection Fire Co.-Don Riley; Weiss Fabricators-Joe Kolakowski; Jo-Tom's-Joe Gioffre; Rotary-Frank Parisen; Progressive Fire Co.-Jim Campbell.

The South Amboy Sabres Founded 60 Years Ago

By Tom Burkard

1962-The time seemed right to bring football back to South Amboy, and the late Russ Hahn, a former semi-pro football player had a vision to start a Pop Warner football team in town, after his stint as a coach on his friends' Fords club in '61. A contest was held to name the new South Amboy football team, and out of hundreds of entries, the nickname Sabres was selected. Catherine Zrebiec, who submitted the winning entry, received a \$25 Savings Bond. The South Amboy Sabres would field Pop Warner Football League teams from 1962-1978. The historical first game took place in '62 against St. Mary's New Brunswick, with the Sabres winning 6-0, as Clem Skarzynski raced 8-yards around left end for the team's first touchdown in history! Football was back in South Amboy! I attended the game which was played at the old South Amboy Babe Ruth League Field, and cheered for my friends in their orange and black uniforms, only wishing that I could have been out there with them. The vintage 1962 roster of well-known local athletes consisted of: Fran Chonsky, Norm Kilcomons, Bruce Buckiewicz, Mark Norek, Frank Dombrowski, Marty O'Connor, Neil O'Connor, Fred Poli, Dennis Nardone, Pat Harland, Bob Eginton, Tom Kelly, George Beck, Robert Rehn, Jim McCoy, Pat McDonough, Bob Coakley, Mike DeLucia, Joe DeLucia, Al Gomolka Jr., Tom Downs, Ray Downs, Clem Skarzynski, Brian Kelly, Ed Buckalew, Alfie Clark Jr., Mike Powers, Tom Smith, Don Szatkowski, Bob Eichele, Bill Eichele. Russ Hahn was the Head Coach, and his assistant coaches/equipment managers, etc. were George Stader, Bob Eppinger, Tom Smith Sr., Tom Kelley, Tom Harrigan, Steve Flanagan, Eugene Kenny, and John Lukie. In a 1997 interview, Hahn said that "The best players on the '62 team were Pat McDonough, a fast kid, who after 2 years realized he could outrun everybody, and Tom Kelly, a lefty quarterback who didn't



1962-Clem Skarzynski (r) SA Times feature writer and his best friend Tom Smith are pictured before a South Amboy Sabres Pop Warner League football game. Clem scored the team's first touchdown in history that year.

realize how good he could be." As most readers know, Kelly went on to manage the Minnesota Twins to 2 Major League Baseball World Series Championships in 1987 and 1991, and won over 1,000 games in his career. The South Amboy Sabres had a tough year in '62 as a new team, but had lots of fun. Their only other victory was a very sweet one over next door rivals, the Morgan Panthers, in the 1st Annual "Neighborhood Bowl," which was played on Nov. 25, 1962. The Sabres captured the trophy by pounding the Panthers, 25-7. Morgan got off to a quick 7-0 lead on the third play of the game, when quarterback Nick DeBiase fired a TD strike to the late Billy Clayton, and Duane Joseph ran for the extra point, making it 7-0 Morgan.

Glory Days In Local Sports

1963-St. Mary's baseball team downed Sayreville for the first time since 1952, 8-0, as Joe Pohl fired the brilliant shutout. Jack Kreiger blasted a home run and combined with Tom Vona for 5 hits...1973-In CJ Group semifinals action, the Bombers of Sayreville topped Middletown, 6-3 behind lefty ace pitcher Billy D'Amico. Walt Rondesko hammered a key 2-run double...1983-Hoffman ripped East Brunswick Vo-Tech, 11-5. Scott Gumprecht was the winning pitcher and struck out 5. John Skarzynski, Glenn Vona, and Joe Przybylski combined

75 Years Ago

Columbus Day Football Classic

1947-In possibly the first-ever Columbus Day Football Classic game, which was an unofficial, but highly-competitive contest between hometown rivals St. Mary's and Hoffman H.S., the Eagles easily downed the Governors, 26-0.

On the second play of the game, the Saints halfback Alfie O'Connor scooted around left end for a touchdown. In the second quarter, Bob Kenny fired a touchdown pass to Jerry Hoban. Jack McKeon broke loose for a beautiful 12-yard touchdown run, and then passed to Jack Noble for the extra point, giving St. Mary's a 19-0 halftime lead.

In the third stanza, Ray Stockton raced 45-yards, the longest in the game, but did not score, and the Blue & Gold defense continued to shut down the John Street Brigade. Kenny found Hoban for another TD strike in the final quarter, and McKeon's pass to Hoban for the extra point was good, for the final score, giving St. Mary's the 26-0 victory and bragging rights in "The Pleasant Little City." Jerry Hoban had a huge game, accounting for 13 points, which was half of the winners total output.



Sabres star Don Szatkowski sparked his team by breaking loose for 3 touchdowns, including a 22-yard run. SA's last score came when Tom Kelly intercepted a Panther pass and raced for a touchdown. Stan Paczkowski and Bruce Fusco also turned in standout performances for Morgan. Playing in the Middlesex County Pop Warner's Southern Division, the Sabres finished 7th of 8 teams with a record of (1-7), and an overall (2-7) including the Morgan game, which was out of their division.

Greatest Sabres Memories

Al Gomolka Jr.-"I remember coaches Russ Hahn, Bob Eppinger and Mr. Smith were very tough with hard practices, but made us into a good team because we had very talented players."

Clem Skarzynski-"I'll never forget scoring the first touchdown in our opening game. Also, the camaraderie with the guys on the team, especially Tommy Smith. Another game I'll always remember was when I scored 2 touchdowns against South Plainfield."

George Beck-"Fred Poli was the middle linebacker and I was a tackle, and in the game against the Sayreville Leprechauns, we did a high-low on quarterback Timmy Rhatican, in the first quarter, and they carried him off the field."

Ray Downs-"Bob Eppinger, Russ Hahn, Steve Flanagan, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Kelley instilled in a bunch of young kids how to play as a team. They taught us good sportsmanship, which I've carried my whole life. I still see a lot of my old teammates, and get to say hello to them."

Dennis Nardone-"I remember going to the South Amboy Post Office to be weighed in every week before each game, because we had to make the weight limit. The players' mothers served hot dogs and soda after the games, and boy did they taste good!"



for 9 hits and 8 RBI...

1996-Hoffman girls softball club slugged St. Peter's, 11-1. April Elyea drove in 2 runs, and Lyli Munoz notched the victory... 2004-Sayreville girls softball squad defeated Woodbridge, 6-3. Amanda Olender was the winning pitcher, and Jess Nicola blasted a long triple...2011-Cardinal McCarrick pounded Perth Amboy Tech, 15-8 in baseball action. Kevin Pacansky and Casey Fennessey each unloaded 2 run homers, and Ryan Smith added a solo round-tripper. Kevin Savoia had a perfect 3-for-3.

Guvs Snapped 33-Game Win Streak

2014-South Amboy's Tim Kales fired a superb 6-inning no-hitter and struck out 13, as the Guvs destroyed Dunellen, 10-0. Kales also blasted a 3-run homer and finished with 6 RBI. The victory snapped Dunellen's 33-game winning streak in the GMC Gold Division.

Opening Day No-Hitter

2014-Cardinal McCarrick/St. Mary's ace softball pitcher Jackie Riley fired an Opening Day, 7-inning no-hitter, and struck out 14, as the Lady Eagles pounded New Brunswick, 16-5. The offense was led by Brittany Clayton, who went a perfect 5-for-5, with a 3-run homer and 6 RBI, while Samantha Napoli and Victoria Zayas drove in 3 runs apiece.

5 Years Ago

2017-The Sayreville Bombers defending North 2 Group IV champions opened their season with 2 straight wins, blasting East Brunswick 48-21, and in their second contest hammered Edison, 28-0. Against the Bears of East Brunswick, Connor Holmes rushed for 162 yards and 2 TD's, while sophomore quarterback Mark Whitford was 11-for-15 with a TD strike to Elijah Clark.

In the Edison victory, Holmes scored 2 more touchdowns, and Whitford fired 2 TD bombs to Clark and Jocari Carter.

70 Years Ago

1952-In the first year of the South Amboy Little League, Joe Viggiano blasted the first home run ever off of Paul Ust. A special thanks to Paul for sharing this interesting bit of South Amboy history.

Champions Of 1982

40 Years Ago

Sayreville Little League All-Stars captured District 10 and also Section 3 championships. The team was managed by John A. Gluchowski and coached by George Evanego. The amazing roster consisted of Rich Gluchowski, Bob Thompson, Jeff Fallik, Barry Szarvas Jr., Mark Piatek, Mike Camillery, Chris Evanego, Neal Golub, Mike Montorio, Steve Caruso, Barry Sadowski, Mike Taylor, Rich Yuhas, Paul Kabara.

St. Mary's girls softball team breezed to the Parochial B state championship under the guidance of Coach George Micak, and assistant coach Mary Jo Kuegle. The highly-talented roster of players featured Eileen Reilly, Beverly Godlesky, Eleanor Wykpisz, Bridget Beshada, Allison Carew, Mary Jean Sibilia, Mary Del Duca, Karen Hughes, Karen Waltz, Robin Ruotillio, Jennifer Somers, Regina Korkowski.

1-Year Ago

Sayreville Drops First Two Games

2021-The Sayreville Bombers football team dropped its opening game, 17-14, to Bridgewater-Raritan on a 21-yard field goal with 0:01 remaining in the game. The Bombers scored the first touchdown of the season on a 36-yard scoring strike from Tim Mayer to Shawn Sparrow, and later came back to tie it with 7 minutes left in the final quarter, when sophomore Zaimer Wright broke loose for a 9-yard TD run...Week #2-The Bombers went up against the #1 team in the county, Woodbridge, and fell, 42-28, but gave the Barrons a tough game, and kept the score tied at 28-28 in the third quarter. The Sayreville contingent showed plenty of signs for turning the young season around.

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Elvis Returns To The Brick House

(Photos by Tom Burkard)



Elvis Tribute Artist Richie Santa returned to the Brick House for two outstanding performances on Sept. 16-17, before sold out crowds.



Pictured (l-r) Elvis Tribute Artist Richie Santa, Lou Esposito, member of the world-famous The Capris, and Mary Ann Spisso, owner of the Brick House. The Capris had a huge #3 hit in 1961, "There's A Moon Out Tonight."



Also on the entertainment agenda was a group called The Dynamos, who performed songs from the Broadway play "Mama Mia." The three talented youngsters from Sayreville War Memorial HS are (l-r) Marissa Rowley, Ryan Yuhas, and Hailey Block. (Names given by Colleen Yuhas)



All in attendance received a piece of this delicious cake in celebration of the 70th Anniversary for the Brick House.

South Amboy Artsfest 22

(Photos by Brian Stratton)

The South Amboy Arts Alliance held Artsfest 22 on September 18th. It was a day filled with Artist & Crafters, Music & Dance, Kids Zone, Maker's Mart and Vendors & Food Trucks. A good time was had by all.



Middlesex County Office of Health Services Rabies Advisory

The Middlesex County Office of Health Services is reporting that a raccoon tested positive for rabies in the Borough of Spotswood, Middlesex County, in the vicinity of Burlington Avenue and Kane Avenue. This is the third rabid animal reported within Middlesex County for 2022 and the first rabid animal in Spotswood.

On Wednesday, August 31, a Spotswood resident found a raccoon on their property which appeared ill. The animal was picked up by the Animal Control Officer and was then taken to the New Jersey Department of Health Laboratory for testing. It was reported on Thursday, September 1 that the animal tested positive for rabies. There were no human or domestic animal exposures to the raccoon.

The Middlesex County Office of Health Services continues to monitor rabies cases within the municipality. Residents should report wild animals showing signs of unusual behavior to the Police Department. Additionally, it is recommended that residents should avoid contact with wild animals and immediately report any bites from wild or domestic animals to your local health department and consult a physician as soon as possible. Finally, be sure that all family pets are up to date on their rabies vaccinations.

Rabies is caused by a virus which can infect all warm-blooded mammals, including man. The rabies virus is found in the saliva of a rabid animal and is transmitted by bite, or possibly by contamination of an open cut. New Jersey is enzootic for raccoon and bat variants of rabies. Bats, skunks, groundhogs, foxes, cats and dogs represent about 95 percent of animals diagnosed with rabies in the United States.

Rabies Prevention Guidelines

The Middlesex County Office of Health Services is advising residents to follow these guidelines to prevent rabies from being transmitted to themselves or their pets:

1. Immediately report a bite from a wild or domestic animal to your local health department. Wash animal bite wounds thoroughly with soap and water as soon as possible after the bite. Contamination of open cuts and scratches with saliva of potentially rabid animals should also be washed off immediately. Consult a physician as soon as possible.

2. Immediately report any wild animals showing signs of unusual behavior. Signs of unusual animal behavior could be that the animal may:

- Move slowly
- May act as if tame
- Appear sick
- Have problems swallowing
- Have an increase in saliva
- Have increased drooling
- Act aggressive
- Have difficulty moving
- Have paralysis
- Bite at everything if excited

Residents should avoid any contact with the animal and call your local animal control officer or local police department.

3. Be sure that all family pets are up to date on their rabies vaccination. If unsure, please call your veterinarian. Call your local health department for free rabies vaccination clinic availability.

4. Animal proof your home and yard. Make sure all garbage containers have tight fitting lids, do not leave pet food or water outside, do not allow rainwater to collect in outdoor containers or equipment and keep yard free of garbage and debris.

5. Do not feed or handle wild animals.

6. Avoid contact with stray animals or pets other than your own.

7. Try to prevent your pets from coming into contact with wild animals.

8. Screen off vents to attics and other areas that could provide shelter for bats

Obituaries

Adkins, Teresa “Teri,” Pacella, 54, of Sayreville died on Aug. 12.

Anderson, James B., 62, of South Amboy died on Aug. 7.

Bellina, Julia W., 96, of Sayreville died on Aug. 19.

Chapowski, Joseph E., 94, of Piscataway died on Sept. 13.

Coward, William E., 78, of South Amboy died on Aug. 22.

Dziekian, Florence Garbowski, 92, of Sayreville died on Sept. 4.

Elitchko, Robert Sr., 76, formerly of Sayreville died on Aug. 23.

Guerriera, Yolanda, 92, of Parlin died on Sept. 3.

Johnson, Mark A. Sr., 57, of South Amboy died on Aug. 25.

Lisiewski, Patricia, 72, formerly of Parlin died on Sept. 4.

Maiers, Linda M., 74, formerly of South Amboy died on Aug. 18.

Montalto, Francis X. “Frank,” 74, of Old Bridge died on Aug. 15.

Rodziewicz, Caroline, 95, of South Amboy died on Sept. 1.

Sattilaro, Sam, 78, of South Amboy died on Aug. 22.

Savin, Eugene “Gene,” 86, of South Amboy died on Aug. 28.

Shaw, Francine Cheeseman, 68, formerly of South Amboy died on Aug. 27.

Tice, Leonard Sr., 78, formerly of South Amboy died on Sept. 6.

In Memoriam

Francis “Frank” Montalto, 74, who was the owner/operator of Sayreville Auto Parts for 18 years, died on Aug. 15. He was also a U.S. Army veteran serving during the VietNam War. William “Bill” Coward, 78, of South Amboy died on Aug. 22. He was a dedicated usher at St. Mary’s Church for many years and a great guy. Robert Elitchko Sr., 76, formerly of Sayreville died on Aug. 23. He worked for the Sayreville Board of Education for 40 years. Mark Johnson, 57, of South Amboy died on Aug. 25. He was owner/operator of KBM Transport in Sayreville, and also was a first responder on 9-11. Joseph Chapowski, 94 of Piscataway died on Sept. 13. He taught in Sayreville Public Schools from 1955-63, and became principal of Emma L. Arleth Elementary School, Sayreville from 1963-67. He later went on to serve as principal of Sayreville Junior HS.



Francine Cheeseman Shaw

Francine Cheeseman Shaw, age 68, of Bluffton, South Carolina passed away on Saturday, August 27, 2022. She was born on May 30, 1954, in South Amboy, NJ, and was the daughter of the late Francis (Trip) and Patricia Cheeseman.



I would not be who I am today if it wasn’t for her.”

In 2014, Francine joined the Board of Trustees—Foundation for Morristown Medical Center, Morristown, NJ.

Francine was always fun-loving and enjoyed boating from the coast of Florida to the shore of Southern Connecticut. She and her husband would spend hours finding and collecting beach glass on the sandy beaches of Eastern Long Island, NY, as well as the beaches of

the low country of South Carolina.

Francine is survived by her husband of 24 years, Bob Shaw, her stepdaughter Sydney Rae Shaw, her brothers Daniel (Pamela), William (Debra), Frank (Debbie), and sister Maryanna Samuel (John). Always being supportive, kind hearted, and known for placing everyone’s needs as priority in her life, Francine will be remembered by her siblings and her many nieces and nephews as being the “rock” of the family. Wherever life took her in her many travels for business or the many places that she lived she always tried to be there for family members either physically or just by placing her touch on that person by staying connected. Those were her gifts to her family, and she will truly be missed.

Visitation was on Wednesday, September 7, 2022, at The Gundrum Service “Home For Funerals” 237 Bordentown Avenue, South Amboy followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Mary’s Catholic Church, 256 Augusta St., South Amboy, NJ. Interment was the following day, Thursday at St. John the Evangelist Cemetery, 546 Saint John’s Place, Riverhead, New York.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105.



PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

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

PRAYER TO ST. JUDE

(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. -S.S..

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We need a common-sense conservative to bring Central Jersey values to Congress...

- ✓ Support parental rights in schools—mandate curriculum transparency and outlaw Critical Race Theory and gender/sexual orientation lessons.
- ✓ Stop the flow of drugs and illegals flowing unchecked into our country.
- ✓ Cut red tape for businesses to speed repair of the supply chain.
- ✓ Return to energy independence!



**BRIAN W.
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FOR MIDDLESEX
COUNTY SHERIFF

- ✓ **SUPPORTING** parents' rights
- ✓ **SUPPORTING** law enforcement and veterans
- ✓ **OPPOSING** government lockdowns and mandates
- ✓ **PROVIDING** outstanding services to Middlesex County
- ✓ **CUTTING** taxes and spending



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COUNTY COMMISSIONER

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Sun., Nov. 6, 2022



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