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Sayreville resident Brandon Bielak is currently pitching for the Houston Astros Major League Baseball team. (Photo courtesy of the Houston Astros)

Sayreville's Bielak Makes The Big Show

By Tom Burkard

Brandon Bielak has arrived! He was recently called up to the Major Leagues by the Houston Astros, and has been outstanding in his first 4 games with a (2-0) record on the pitcher's mound, for the team who currently stands at (6-9). Bielak has pitched in 15.1 innings, allowing 3 earned runs, for an outstanding 1.76 ERA, with 11 strikeouts and 7 walks. (As of Aug. 10th)

Following two excellent relief appearances, he got his first MLB starting assignment against the Arizona Diamondbacks, and pitched brilliantly for 5 innings, allowing only 2 hits, and shutting the D'Backs out. He struck out 1 and issued 3 walks before giving way to the bullpen. Bielak left with the Astros ahead, but the relief pitching corps blew the game, costing him another victory.

Brandon, who starred in high school for St. Joseph's, Metuchen, and went on to a stellar career at Notre Dame University, was drafted in the 11th round, overall pick #331, by the Houston franchise in the 2017 MLB First-Year Player Draft. For the past three seasons, he has worked his way up through the Astros minor league organization, and last year at AAA Round Rock, he was (8-4), 4.41 ERA, and 86 strikeouts in 85.2 innings pitched. His overall minor league totals were pretty impressive since 2017, as he compiled a (20-13) won-lost record, and a 2.94 ERA, while striking out 292 batters in 272.1 innings.

The hard-throwing right-hander has a fastball in the mid-90's and a variety of pitches including a curveball, slider, and a super change up that he uses to fool hitters.

We wish Brandon Bielak the very best of luck, and continued success in his Major League Baseball career!

* See story "Sayreville Major Leaguers on page 6.

Tossin' For Mike



Members of the Independence Engine and Hose Co. #1 of South Amboy, family and volunteers are pictured at their highly-successful Tossin' For Mike Cornhole Tournament/Fundraiser, on Aug. 23rd. The event was held for the family of Firefighter Mike Coman, who passed away recently after battling kidney cancer. Three organizations, Independence Engine & Hose Co. #1; Firefighters Helping Firefighters; Friends of South Amboy, raised nearly \$25,000 to assist the Coman family in their time of need. (Photo/story by Tom Burkard)

ST. STAN'S FAMILY FOOD FEST

St. Stan's Carnival has been cancelled due to so many restrictions and uncertainties surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic. However, it's not all bad news. In place of the full carnival, we are going to host ST. STAN'S FAMILY FOOD FEST on Thursday, August 27th and Friday, August 28th from 4pm-8pm and Saturday, August 29th from 1pm-8pm. Our carnival menu will be available to go. The menu will include our traditional Polish foods, B&T ribs, hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hotdogs, French fries, and chicken fingers. We will have fried fish platters on Friday. We are selling tickets for the annual Carnival Super 50/50 cash raffle for \$5 each. The drawing will be held Saturday, August 29th at 11pm. Tickets are available in the Church office, at Sunday Masses, and at the Food Fest. Come out to support St. Stan's at the School Grounds, 221 MacArthur Ave., Sayreville. We hope to see you there!



911 Memorial Service In South Amboy

American Legion Luke A. Lovely Post #62, South Amboy will be holding a 911 Memorial Service on Friday, Sept. 11th, 6 p.m. at the South Amboy Train Plaza across from City Hall. The event will remember all of those who gave the ultimate sacrifice on that day of infamy, September 11, 2001. All are invited to attend.



Tropical Storm Isaias brought strong winds, and although the beaches remained mostly unharmed at the local waterfront, cleanup was required for the removal of tree limbs and debris. One large tree did fall in the county park from the hurricane winds. Many towns in our area faced major power outages. (Photo by Phyllis Stratton)

Gusty Isaias Blacks Out Area

By Steve Schmid

Dangerous gusty winds from fast moving Tropical Storm Isaias August 4 left the area reeling from downed trees and widespread blackouts. Some neighborhoods in Sayreville and South Amboy lost power for several days due to damage caused by the worst storm since Superstorm Sandy in 2012. Strong winds and rain left 1.4 million people statewide without power at one point. Wind gusts partially uprooted a large yellow poplar tree in South Amboy near the Rollermagic Skating Rink and forced evacuation of several homes on North Stevens Ave. Authorities feared the tree would fall on live power lines and create a

dangerous situation. The street was closed to traffic and residents went to the South Amboy Senior Center until winds died down. Many homes and businesses along Washington Road in Sayreville from Raritan St. to Ernston Rd remained without power the day after the storm. Police placed traffic cones at the corners of Raritan St. and Washington Rd and Washington and Ernston Rd. because traffic lights weren't working. Rail service on the North Jersey Coast Line and the entire NJ Transit system was suspended due to downed overhead wires causing South Amboy station commuters to look for alternatives.

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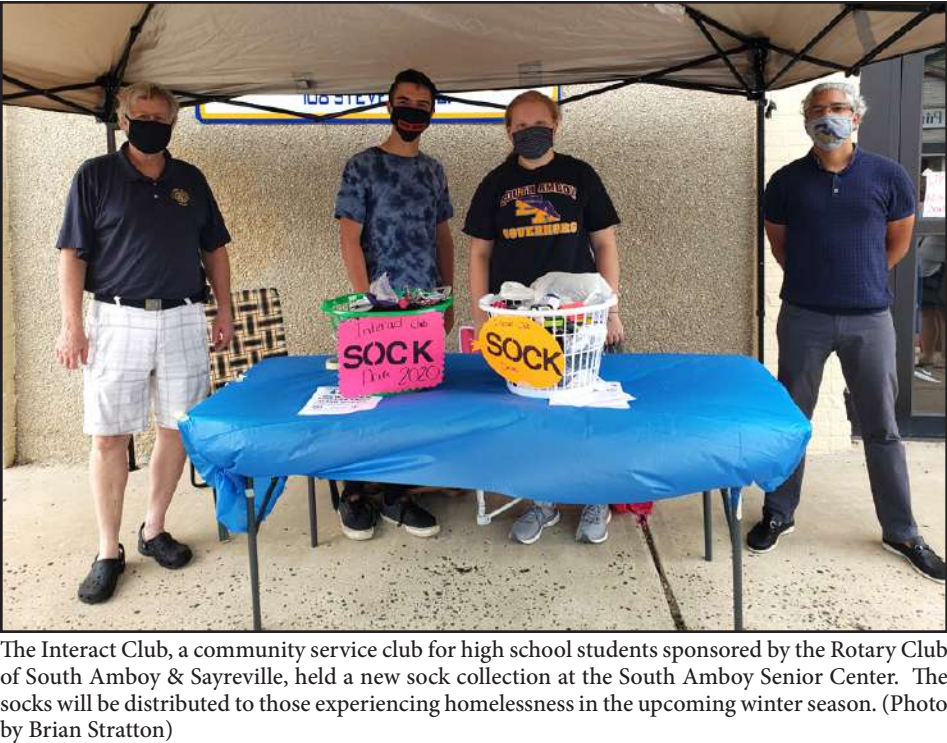
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The Interact Club, a community service club for high school students sponsored by the Rotary Club of South Amboy & Sayreville, held a new sock collection at the South Amboy Senior Center. The socks will be distributed to those experiencing homelessness in the upcoming winter season. (Photo by Brian Stratton)



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Pleasant little TRIVIA

By Tom Burkard

- In 2010, this Sayreville woman performed her original songs at New York City's oldest rock club, "The Bitter End?"
a. Jean Marie Henry b. Susan Shartaine c. Mantilla Jackson
- Appointed new Pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church in Sayreville/South Amboy in '10?
a. Rev. Abdul Moses b. Rev. Wayne Jones c. Rev. James Swanson
- What was the Broadway Diner in South Amboy known as in 2010?
a. Chip's Broadway Diner b. SA Broadway Diner c. Zack's Broadway Diner
- In 2010, renowned actor Vincent D'Onofrio starred in this independent film shot in South Amboy?
a. A New Day b. Small Town, USA c. Crackers
- Where was Nonna Rosa's located in Sayreville in 2010?
a. Ernston Rd. b. Washington Rd. c. Main St.
- Where was Scans and More Photography Studio located in South Amboy back in '10?
a. South Stevens Ave. b. South Broadway c. North Broadway
- Where is Total Hardware located?
a. South Amboy b. Parlin c. Sayreville
- Who is the longtime President of the Historical Society of South Amboy?
a. Mary Szaro b. Frank Leavy c. Juanita Valenzuela
- After 130 years of service, what year did Cardinal McCarrick/St. Mary's HS close down for good?
a. 2001 b. 2010 c. 2015
- Re-elected as Chairman of Sayreville Republican Municipal Committee in 2015?
a. Arthur Rittenhouse b. Donna Roberts c. Salvatore Sambucci

Answers

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

Business Of The Month
Route 9 Cash For Gold Buyers LLC



Owners Rob (l) and Maureen Herndon (2nd from right) are pictured with their family in front of their popular Route 9 Cash For Gold Buyers LLC business, which is now celebrating 13 years of service to our local communities. (Photo submitted)

Route 9 Cash For Gold Buyers is one of the area's most popular GOLD store businesses, and is located at 960 Route 9 South, (Behind Burger King, and next to Farmer's Market) in Sayreville/South Amboy, NJ. Stop in and make some Ca\$h on the spot. Maureen Herndon, Owner of Rt 9 Cash For Gold, 960 Rt 9 South was born and raised in Sayreville and has lived here her entire life, which prompted her to open their store in town. When customers come to her store they bring all of their old, unwanted gold jewelry in exchange for CASH. Maureen & Rob greet their customers always with a friendly face. All their jewelry is tested and weighed with state certified scales right in front of them. They are then paid out in cash on the spot. Most of the pieces that are seen coming to the store are outdated, jewelry not worn anymore, single earrings, class rings, broken chains, dental gold, silver and platinum. People are VERY surprised when they come, and things they

thought were "junk," turn out to be actual gold. Maureen and Rob truly believe in HONESTY, LOYALTY & INTEGRITY, and that's what prompted them into opening their own store. Many people have reported feeling extremely comfortable and confident when coming to Rt 9 Cash for Gold, and dealing with Maureen "THE GOLD LADY." It puts a smiling face to a business that sometimes people are skeptical to enter. This is definitely the business you would feel comfortable sending your mother or grandmother to because Maureen truly has the "women's touch." Rt 9 Cash For Gold Buyers LLC is conveniently located BEHIND BURGER KING & MCDONALDS in the FARMERS MARKET PLAZA- easily accessible from Rt 9 South, or Bordentown Ave. with lots of parking. Stop by today and turn your OLD, UNWANTED jewelry into holiday gifts. Open late 7 days a week. Route 9 Cash For Gold Buyers, 960 Rt 9 South, Sayreville, NJ 732-727-GOLD (4653)

Saint Mary's High School
Class of 1970
Rescheduled 50th Class Reunion

As many of you may know by now the Saint Mary's Class of 1970 - 50th High School Class Reunion has been rescheduled. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the classmates that sent correspondence about their interest in the reunion and their concerns with the health and safety of all those who wish to attend. This took a lot of pressure off the committee and made it so much easier to postpone this year's reunion and reschedule it for 2021.

So once again, you are invited to attend the Saint Mary's Class of 1970 50th/51st HS Reunion. The updated information is as follows: Saturday, October 16, 2021, 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm at The Cranbury Inn - Appetizers, Dinner Buffet, DJ. The cost is \$75.00 per person. (All the previous arrangements have

been rescheduled with the Cranbury Inn and the Residence Inn by Marriott Cranbury South Brunswick. Any monies that have already been received by the committee will be credited to you for next year's reunion unless otherwise designated. If you have any questions, email or call Ann at: aualie@gmail.com or (724) 331-7161, or Maripat at: zupsunshin@aol.com or (732) 306-7661. Please forward this to any classmates that you are in touch with, and we have not included in this email. Check the class Facebook page, St. Mary's High School, Class of '70, Reunion for updates.

Once again, we will leave no stones unturned when it comes to planning for this monumental event. Hope to see you all in 2021! Stay Safe! Ann and Maripat



Work is being done to clean the old McCormack Sand Co. site on lower Augusta St. in South Amboy, to make way for the Manhattan Beach Club Redevelopment along the South Amboy Waterfront. The project is expected to be completed within the next 2 years. (Photo/info by Joe Lotkowitz)

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Yearbook-St. Mary Regional 2000

By Tom Burkard

The Class of 2000 was greeted by new principal, Dr. Frank Ianniruberto in early September of 1999. . .Some of the fine faculty included Sr. Anastasia, Sr. Kateri, Sr. Paula Marie, Paul Battaglia, Candice Schultz, Jannine DeCarlo, Robert Godbout, Lurena Burnett. . . Adam Ropelewski was president of the Student Senate. . .Jennifer Stefanowicz was Editor of the school newspaper. . .Amanda Hado was editor of the yearbook, which was dedicated to Gene Malahme. . . Some of the seniors selected randomly included: Jessica Barnard, Amy Blaha, Lauren Beck, Stanley Beuns, Pauline Buckalew, Pamela Dyke, Brian Edwards, Jill Ellis, Vincent Farrell, Patrick Greco, Danny Freeman, Roger Housman Jr., Dave Jancola, Michael Kimball, Kathleen Kish, Kimberly Kraemer, Paul Ladny, Rhashaan Lamb, Chris La Scala, Bryan Latham, Karen Lee, Amanda Lembo, Charles Lemanski, Robert Magalski, Lynn McCarthy, Mario Melillo, Shannon Murphy, Nicole Montanile, John Moussa, Katie Murphy, Krista Pernice, Tiffany Rettig, Kelly Rhodes, Rebecca Rivera, Christopher Spicacci, Laurie Szabunia, Pamela Thomson, Maggie Vallejos, Brenda Vanderlick, Angela Yurkunas, Daniel Godbout, Jennifer Arian, Monica Lucas, Virginia Bartkiewicz, Angelo Campano, George Fahme, Ryan Romer, Sabrina Velez, Larry Nixon. Activities at St. Mary Regional were abundant, and the students' social calendars were always busy. A few clubs, etc. that kept the kids busy were The Key Club; Literary Magazine;


Campus Ministry; Pep Club. . .The first ever, "Homecoming" was held in the fall of '99, appropriately called, "Homecoming '99. . .Then there was the ski trip in January 2000, and who could forget the interesting visit to the school by two Holocaust survivors. . .And how about Cincinnati Reds' baseball manager and St. Mary's alumnus, Jack McKeon's visit to the City of South Amboy and school in early 2000? The many, talented senior athletes were: Veronica Velasco, Ramel Woods, Jay Zayac, Joanna Picuri, Lenny Reidmiller, Dave Zmigrodski, Charles Riccardi, Ryan Morrell, Chrystal Otero, Jason Peine, Anthony Pennello, Heather Baumlín, Thomas Boychuk, Lisa Di Bernardo, Kelly Gardner, Mirosław Gietka, Kenneth Katko, Scott Kaylor, Matthew Kurtz, Troy Mellios, David Meyers, Greg Morris, Gerard Pizzillo, Adam Ropelewski, Matt Sabo, Jody Sprague, Nicole Calabrese, Salvatore Campo, Tom Casazza, Mary Chan, Stefanie D'Angelo, Clarissa de La Pena, Brian Edwards, Jennifer Ferrara, Ed Foley, David Gardella, Daniel Godbout, Courtney Kowal, Danielle Krumme, Chris La Scala, Amanda Lio, Jennifer Lynam, Matt Rondeau, Joe Tortorici, Dyan Unger, Wilson Montero, Kevin Marcinczyk Jr., Anthony Valdivieso, Robert Magalski. . . Senior captains of the cheerleaders were Allison Dombrowski, Jessica Lunsden and Kelly Rosenberg. . . St. Mary Regional HS, Class of 2000 was one, pretty interesting and diversified group of young adults.

Parlin Resident Wins Healthcare Hero Award

The Mental Health Association in New Jersey (MHANJ) is pleased to announce the first winner of its Behavioral Healthcare Hero Award, Lisa Mc Dermott, LCSW, LCADC. A Parlin resident, Ms. McDermott is the Coordinator for the Adult Outpatient Unit, Department of Behavioral Health and Psychiatry at Trinitas Regional Medical Center in Elizabeth, New Jersey.

The award recognizes her extraordinary commitment in the field of behavioral health during the COVID-19 pandemic. According to those who nominated her, Ms. McDermott's response to the COVID Pandemic has been a model of courage, caring, and innovation. Upon recognition of the COVID impact she developed ways for the staff to care for clients remotely. This included crafting a process to assist even the most vulnerable clients to engage in tele-psychiatry services.

Another inventive idea of hers was to secure contributions for, create and distribute "Wellness Boxes" full of healthy treats and thoughtful items to those patients and staff most severely affected by the pandemic; ones who had struggled with the virus or had lost loved ones to the disease. While addressing client needs with extreme compassion, Ms. McDermott was also concerned about the emotional effects on her colleagues on the front lines of care both in acute medical units and in behavioral health settings. Going



Lisa McDermott

above and beyond her usual responsibilities, she created a weekly newsletter for hospital employees called "Make a Mental Note," featuring coping techniques and warning signs of burn-out, depression and crushing stress. She recruited clinical staff to each write an issue. The Mental Health Association in New Jersey established the Behavioral Healthcare Hero Awards program to recognize unsung heroes in behavioral health who are going "above and beyond" to help people with mental health and substance use disorders and their family members during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Visit <https://www.mhanj.org/heroawards/> for more information including guidelines for nominating someone for the Mental Health Association in New Jersey's Behavioral Healthcare Hero Award.

About the Mental Health Association in New Jersey. The MHANJ is a statewide non-profit organization that strives for children and adults to achieve victory over mental health and substance use disorders through advocacy, education, training, and services. Headquartered in Springfield, the MHANJ also has offices in Atlantic, Hudson and Ocean Counties and affiliates across New Jersey including Essex-Morris, Monmouth and Passaic Counties. For more information, visit www.mhanj.org or call 800-367-8850.

New Priest For Sacred Heart

By Steve Schmid

Metuchen Bishop James Checchio has announced Reverend Wojciech Kusek will be coming to Sacred Heart Church starting September 1. Reverend Kusek has been serving as Parochial Vicar at Saint James the Less in Jamesburg and will be Parochial Vicar at Sacred Heart. He replaces Reverend Monsignor Joseph Kerrigan who served as Parochial Vicar at Sacred Heart following the departure of Reverend Marian Drozd who

returned to his home country of Poland in July. Monsignor Kerrigan is going to Saint Joseph Parish in Bound Brook where he will be the new Pastor. Bishop Checchio said we should pray for these priests and the people they serve. He added he prays God will grant these priests wisdom, strength, and understanding to follow Jesus's footsteps, and the words needed to proclaim the Gospel, plus joy in their hearts as they minister to the people.

Drive through Meatloaf Dinner

The South Amboy Elks will be hosting a drive through Country Style Meatloaf Dinner at the South Amboy Elks, 601 Washington Ave. South Amboy on Thursday September 24th from 5:30 – 7:30pm. Your dinner will include Meatloaf w/ gravy, baked Macaroni and Cheese and side of Vegetables, all served to you curbside in your vehicle. The cost is \$10 per person, advanced tickets, or reservations are required, and may be purchased Thursdays, Fridays or Saturdays from 5:30 – 8pm at the back patio, weather permitting, or by calling 732-727-7170 same time as mentioned above.

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Sayreville's own Brandon Bielak shows his excellent pitching form with the Houston Astros in a recent MLB game. (Photo courtesy of the Houston Astros)

Sayreville Major Leaguers

By Tom Burkard

When the Houston Astros recently called-up Sayreville's Brandon Bielak to the Major Leagues, he became the fourth player from the Borough of Sayreville to reach the elusive dream of being on a big-league team. Prior to Bielak's arrival at the big-time, Kevin Mulvey, who was a 2nd round pick by the New York Mets in 2006, got to see some action in the majors with the Minnesota Twins and Arizona Diamondbacks from 2009-2010. Prior to his Major League experience, he starred in high school at Bishop Ahr, and then in college at Villanova University, where he is currently the head baseball coach. Tom Kelly, who was born in Minnesota, grew up in Sayreville, attended St. Mary's HS, where he was an All-State outfielder, and played most of his youth league sports in South Amboy. He was selected in the 8th round of the 1968 Major League Baseball Draft by the Seattle Pilots. He got the big call to the show, and saw some action with the Minnesota Twins in 1975, playing 49 games and hitting a homer, and later went on to become their manager from 1986-2001, guiding them to the World

Series Championship in '87 and '91. Tom finished his MLB managing career with a record of (1,140-1,244, .478). In 1967, Eddie "Buddy" Popowski was the third base coach for the American League champion Boston Red Sox. He spent over 60 years in the Red Sox organization as a player, coach, manager, minor league instructor, and had a field named in his honor at the Sox' Spring Training home in Fort Myers, Florida. "Pop" as he was affectionately called by many, also served briefly as interim manager of the MLB Red Sox in 1969, guiding them to a (6-4) record. Pitcher Bob Dustal was born in Sayreville, and starred at South River HS. He made it to the big leagues in '63 with the Detroit Tigers, and pitched 7 games in relief.

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The Smoke Column

By Ex-Chief Richard Kosmoski, BA, MS

As the anniversary of 911 approaches I want to reflect on the fateful day so that we never forget. As time passes, many events in the history of our country seem to get forgotten or placed way back in our memory banks. There are even those who have attempted to manipulate or change the facts of this and other events in our country's history.

Many of you reading this article personally witnessed the enormous tragedy of the events that folded on the morning of September 11, 2001. You watched it in disbelief and awe as those planes struck the Twin Towers. For many, it took time to fully understand the gravity of what was happening in New York City let alone in the countryside of Pennsylvania and at the Pentagon. Many historians have written that the 911 event surpasses the bombing of Pearl Harbor on December 7th, 1941. Only those who have lived through both disasters and witnessed the tragedies that followed can make that determination. They are the ones that suffered the emotional stress of attacks by enemies/terrorists on our home front. These people make up a small percentage of the American population today that can say they are survivors of two horrific events to destroy our country. The rest of us can only imagine the sentiment of our country on the morning of December 8th, 1941 as news of the attack reached our shores.

The attacks of September 11, 2001, a more recent tragic event, may still be fresh in our minds. Almost everyone alive on that day can recall what they were doing when they first heard the news. People tried calling relatives and neighbors to tell them the news or just to have someone to talk to. Unfortunately, many calls could not go through because the phone lines were extremely overloaded. Many of our local firefighters responded with their apparatus to New York City. Not everyone was needed to work at the site. Many of our firefighters were needed throughout the City in vacant firehouses answering fire calls and other

emergencies while the FDNY responded to the Twin Towers. As firefighters arrived in New York City, they were dispatched throughout all five Boroughs of the City, wherever they were needed they went. As dedicated individuals, they answered the call to duty when needed!

It was also a very chaotic day in our local communities as we were glued to our televisions. Many feared the unknown and what possibly may happen next. Were more attacks coming, what would be attacked next, were the terrorists coming from within our local communities, were we the next target being so close to New York City? That day we had everything to fear, especially fear of the unknown. Were our local communities prepared? We hope to think we were ready and prepared for what was to come next. All the firehouses had stand-by crews ready to respond to any emergencies if they happened. Of course, mostly all the firefighters wanted to respond to New York City and the scene of the action, but we also had a responsibility and commitment to the residents of our local communities. Many firefighters were needed to stay local in the event of future attacks. All firefighters have in their blood the urge to help those in need. When those firefighters in FDNY needed help, we all wanted to help and support them. When the Twin Towers fell and killed 343 of our brothers it was as if members of our family were killed. As firefighters, we are all brothers related to duty.

So as the anniversary quickly approaches, please reflect on that tragic day, and remember what happened to our brother firefighters and our country and let us never forget! Rest in Peace, We Will Finish the Fight!

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Second grade St. Stanislaus Kostka School and CCD students received their First Holy Communion on Saturday, July 25th instead of the traditional month of May due to the COVID-19 restrictions. (Photo by Carlos Santiago)

Thrift Shop Open

The Trinity United Methodist Church Thrift Shop is back in business and continues to be open Tuesday, Thursday and Saturdays from 9 am through 12 pm weather permitting. Thankfully the community has continued to support us with drop offs. So much, that we are extending our days and hours the week of September 14. Our goal is to open the doors to new shoppers that may not be able to shop during the current schedule. The Thrift Shop will be open Monday September 14 through Thursday, September 17 from 9 am - 12 pm and 5 pm - 8 pm. Come and shop for clothes, linens, dishes, toys, kitchenware, and much more. Big Sales each day!!! Any questions, please call 732 763 6232. Hope to see you!!!

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



On Tuesday August 11th Valentine Tarr (r) accompanied by Jeanine Sieber (l) presented Renovation House's Food Pantry with our Beacon Grant of \$2,000.00. Not only does the food pantry serve meals, they also provide grocery items to take home. What a great pleasure and honor for The South Amboy Elks to help both of these charities and give back to the community. (Photos/Info Submitted)

Hot Weather People vs. Cold Weather People

By Elaine Holton Scott

You see them all over, happy, laughing people sitting in the sun, not worrying about damaged skin or being fried alive by the sun's rays. Take a trip to a Home Depot or a Loewe's in the summertime and you'll see them there too, usually admiring the big barbecue grills for their backyards...with excitement actually lighting up their faces. You can even spot them before they enter the store, with their often colorfully patterned shirts, shorts, and their well-used flip flops. They and all the rest like them are the sun lovers, people who thrive like kudzu in the hottest weather. They are the people who long to live in steaming hot places like Arizona and maybe even dream of running in a marathon in Death Valley just for the fun of it. They are the Hot Weather People...people who seem to hibernate mentally if there is a bit of a chill in the air until they can come alive again when the heat from the sun often gets so hot it can fry an egg on the sidewalk. To lovers of heat, that only means the hotter the better. Bathing suits are their favorite wear; sun tan lotion their favorite skin cream. Unfortunately for them, summer is but one of four very defined seasons here in the Northeast.

Happy days in the sun have a timer on them, and they soon come to an end for the Hot Weather people, while answering the prayers of the Cold Weather People who have somehow managed to endure the long hot summers in their a/c cooled homes and a/c cooled cars. As the days begin to shorten by a few minutes and the first leaf begins turning a burnished orange, pool covers once again reappear, usually at the same time the patio furniture goes into hiding. Temperatures begin to "plummet" at night to a shivering 70 degrees Fahrenheit...and the blankets used to bake in the sun by Hot Weather People get washed and added to the other covers already on the bed. Furnace thermostat settings get raised to a minimum of 78 degrees to combat what they feel is the bone chilling cold. With sinking hearts, the Hot Weather People, or Sun worshippers as they are often called, dig


out their heavy hoodie-style sweatshirts, long before the autumn chill starts permeating the air. Meanwhile, Cold Weather people begin to come alive.

As the leaves fall and the sky has that overcast look indicating the autumnal season has come to stay a while, Cold Weather People become filled with energy, like getting shots of adrenaline every day. Decorations for Halloween adorn their front doors while a colorful explosion of orange pumpkins almost light up the night with their brightness. As the temps keep dropping, cold loving people become more and more excited because their favorite holiday of all is right around the corner. In fact, Christmas trees just might be glowing even before Thanksgiving. As Hot Weather People stand inside their heated homes, they watch the Cold Weather People through their windows go about their lives with happy faces and unbuttoned coats. When snow comes, the laughter of the Cold Weather People can be heard as they shovel, throw snowballs, and sometimes like a child once again to the dismay of the Hot Weather People watching from their super warm homes, make angel wings in the snow. For Cold Weather People, to the horror of Hot Weather People, winter is a time for dusting off the snow from their barbecue grills which had laid unused in the hot summer's heat, and a season to feel young once again.

Time, though, has a way of clinging to our earth's cycle of rotating seasons. Hot becomes cool, then cold, and before too long, much too soon for the Cold Weather People, Spring, the season of rebirth and horrendous allergies, will arrive right on schedule.

Poppy Drive

The Catholic War Veterans, Sacred Heart Memorial Post 578, South Amboy, NJ will have a Poppy Drive: Saturday, October 17, 3 PM till 7 PM, and on Sunday October 18 6 AM till 1 PM in front of Sacred Heart Church, Washington Ave., South Amboy, NJ.







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Bench Dedication In Memory Of Richard "Dick" Cronin
(Photos by Tom Burkard)



Anne Marie Cronin sits on the new bench at Kennedy Park that was dedicated to her late husband Richard "Dick" Cronin by members of the South Amboy AOH.



Pictured at the dedication to honor the memory of Richard "Dick" Cronin are standing (l-r) Sayreville Business Administrator Dan Frankel, Sayreville Recreation Director Jerry Ust. Seated (l-r) Former Borough Councilman and Best Friend of Dick Cronin, Dave McGill, and Cronin's wife, Anne Marie Cronin.



Members of the South Amboy AOH and friends joined Anne Marie Cronin at a dedication ceremony of a new park bench in her husband Richard "Dick" Cronin's memory. He was a dedicated member of the AOH, who passed away 10 years ago, but will never be forgotten.



The South Amboy AOH dedicated a new bench in loving memory of Richard "Dick" Cronin at Kennedy Park in Sayreville recently.

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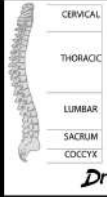
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The Spinal Column

By
Dr. John Misiewicz

Senior Swimming

I understand that as summer ends our thoughts turn to fall activities. Going over information for the next month's article I realized I never discussed adult swimming and water exercises.

Swimming is one of the best forms of aerobic exercises. It conditions the heart and lungs, builds muscular strength and endurance, and delivers a total body workout without the joint stress.

Unlike jogging or weight training, swimming is a way to fit cardio into your workout routine without putting stress on your bones, joints, and muscles. This is particularly beneficial for seniors and people with arthritis. It's one of the best ways to stay active using all parts of your body.

Swimming is a low impact workout, it produces high power results. It is typically considered an aerobic exercise workout, but activities in the water provide moderate resistance. This in turn, can build strength. Building and maintaining muscle strength has cardiovascular and structural benefits that are essential for maintaining a healthy body and mind for a long life.

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Fishing Flashes

By Teo "Weebles" Weber




Salt Water

Fluke fishing in Raritan Bay is still mostly shorts, but some bigger fish have been caught. One was caught from a party boat that went over 11 pounds. Party boats fishing out in the ocean have caught some bigger Fluke up to 12 pounds. The keeper ratio is still better in back areas behind Barnegat Bay. Other party boats are catching quite a few Chub Mackerel along with Bonito, Spanish Mackerel and Sea Bass. Beach fishing in the bay remains slow. At Island Beach, small Bluefish are being caught in the surf in good numbers. It is the same at LBI beaches along with Kingfish. Cow Nose Rays are all over so inattentiveness may result in some poles being pulled into the water. Kingfish are also being caught off Jetties and beaches further north. Party boats that fish the Mud Hole wrecks are bringing in, Ling, Sea Bass and some Porgies. Thirty miles offshore both Yellowfin and Bluefin Tuna are biting well.

Fresh Water

Best fishing bet now is Carp and Catfish due to the hot weather changing the water temperature in all the streams and lakes statewide. Largemouth Bass can be caught in early morning and evening hours. Pike continues to be caught in the Passaic River especially in the area around Fairfield. Trout are being caught in Round Valley Reservoir on live baits fished deep.





Robert Santa (l) and Chris Refano turned in an outstanding musical performance at the Brick House during the excellent pig roast held on a very sunny summer day outdoors. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

#1 Country Hits
August 29

2002-The Good Stuff-Kenny Chesney
1994-Dreaming With My Eyes Open-Clay Walker
1988-The Wanderer-Eddie Rabbitt
1973-Everybody’s Had The Blues-Merle Haggard
1966-Almost Persuaded-David Houston
1958-Blue Blue Day-Don Gibson

#1 Pop Hits
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2004-Lean Back-The Terror Squad
1995-Kiss From A Rose-Seal
1981-Endless Love-Diana Ross/Lionel Richie
1978-Grease-Valli
1965-I Got You Babe-Sonny & Cher
1959-The Three Bells-The Browns

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Some interesting videos/songs performed by well-known entertainers from long ago include “Brandy (You’re A Fine Girl)” Acappella by Elliot Lurie of the band Looking Glass & Yonge Guns Quartet...”To The Good Old Days” by Dennis DeYoung (founder/lead singer) of Styx, and Julian Lennon, son of the late Beatle John Lennon.

Thank You!



We would like to thank all who have supported this year’s Jammin for Jaclyn Benefit Concert. Although we weren’t able to do a live in-person event this year, we had an extremely successful livestream event and were able to raise \$35,260 for our two beneficiaries, Sienna Smith and the Chris Szatkowski family! Please stay tuned for next year’s event date in April 2021! Remember that we accept donations year-round and we are always looking for new sponsors! See our website at JamminforJaclyn.org or email us at JamminforJaclyn@gmail.com for further information. You may also text “Jammin” to 202.858.1233 to donate online. Thank you again to all of our supporters, past, present and future. Stay healthy and safe! (Photos/info submitted)

Classic Car Parade-Sept. 20

The City of South Amboy and South Amboy/Sayreville Rotary Club is sponsoring a Classic Car Parade on Sunday, Sept. 20 (rain date-9/27), starting at 1 p.m. near South Amboy HS at Gov. Hoffman Plaza. Listen for the DJ coming down the street! The event benefits St. Mary’s and First Presbyterian Churches. Entry fee is one bag of non-perishable food items or \$10 cash to the first 100 cars. You can vote for the best car of the parade on Facebook at: Rotary Club of SASAY page. For more information or questions, contact: SASY Rotary @gmail.com. The Parade will start and finish at the same location after traveling the main streets of South Amboy.



This new sign is at the Fisherman’s Beach gate in South Amboy, reminding people that no swimming is permitted in the bay. (Photo/info by Joe Lotkowitz)

Cousin Brucie Returns To WABC

By Steve Schmid

Remember the days at the shore or the mountains when you listened on your radio to the All Americans on WABC in the 1960s and 70s? Those memories return Saturday night September 5 when legendary disc jockey Cousin Bruce Morrow returns to 77 AM WABC radio at the age of 84. He will host "Cousin Brucie's Rock & Roll Party" from 6 to 9 pm. A special re-airing of the show will be heard Labor Day from 12 to 3 pm. Cousin Bruce hosted nights at WABC from 1961 to 1974 and also worked at 66 AM WNBC and 101.1 WCBS-FM before leaving for Sirius XM Satellite radio from 2005 until this July. During his days at WABC Cousin Brucie introduced listeners to the music of the Beatles, Motown, soul, doo wop, and surfing. Morrow said this is one of the most exciting projects of his life. He said going back to WABC completes his career circle since that is where he started in New York. He added he has more energy at his age than anyone he knows. Most recently Cousin Brucie was heard for 15 years by paid subscribers on Sirius XM satellite radio where he hosted Wednesday and Saturday night shows His return to WABC allows his loyal listeners free access to his shows in the tri-state area and across the country at WABC.com.

Top 10 Hits 40 Years Ago-1980


The Billboard Top 10 Hits for the entire year were: 1.Call Me-Blondie 2.Another Brick In The Wall-Pink Floyd 3.Magic-Olivia Newton-John 4.Rock With You-Michael Jackson 5.Do That To Me One More Time-Captain & Tennille 6.Crazy Little Thing Called Love-Queen 7.Coming Up-Paul McCartney 8.Funkytown-Lipps, Inc. 9.It’s Still Rock And Roll To Me-Billy Joel 10.The Rose-Bette Midler.

Tossin’ For Mike



Two of the top Cornhole players in the state Rick Grant (l) and Bill Brower, formerly of Laurence Harbor, are pictured taking a break between games. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

Thank You!



We would like to thank the South Amboy Fire, First Aid and Police Departments, Lyons Fire Department, Sayreville Fire Department, Perth Amboy Fire Department and all the firefighters that took time out of their day to help honor Michael P. Coman with a beautiful send off. We are very fortunate to have an amazing support system and family behind us during this difficult time. We would also like to thank Hugh Rone, Ryan Rone Moran and Michael Kurtz for all their help and guidance through this difficult time. This is going to be tough but, we know with the amazing support system behind us, Michael will always be remembered and will never be forgotten!

Love,
Amy, Michael J, & Tommy Coman

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10.Wonderful Summer
11.The Boys Of Summer
12.Summer Rain

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Our Dear Friend, Maria Korlath Everhard

By Elaine Holton Scott

As I sat next to her in 2nd grade with our desks pressed together, I would always look at the ruby colored earrings Maria had worn in her tiny ears. Never having seen anyone so young wearing earrings before, just their beautiful red color almost mesmerized me. Sadly, when I asked if I, too, could get earrings, I was told in no uncertain terms I could not. Ah, but I wasn't the only one in that basement classroom taught by Sr. Brenda during the school year of 1953-1954 who had a bit of daily envy. Since Maria and I had the connecting row nearest the wall, and that wall had a ledge, each morning I would put my Hopalong Cassidy metal lunchbox directly in her sideways view. Maria had wanted a lunchbox as much as I had wanted earrings but, alas, she was a "walker" and couldn't have one. You see, she had lived in the big white house on the corner of Stevens Avenue and Bordentown Avenue while I, another "walker" had lived almost a mile away in Mechanicsville. So, while her mother, always wearing a black lacy mantilla on her head, came to walk her home each lunchtime, I had to bring lunch to school, or go hungry, hence, my Hopalong Cassidy lunchbox.

That was a long, long time ago. My dear friend who was a friend to so many, passed away on June 28th in Fort Pierce, Florida where she had been living since the mid-'80s. Her husband, Bill Everhard, an "ex" cop from Sayreville, told me she was buried in the "Boca Cemetery." I couldn't find an obituary online so her name wasn't included in July's paper. I just want to make sure she doesn't get forgotten.

I know for certain many of us who have connected again on Facebook mourn deeply for this wonderful, spicy, energetic, sassy, delightful, funny, artistic, high-spirited woman. Even though she had suffered greatly at the end she never gave in until she couldn't hold out any longer. So, my dear friend, Maria, as you make our Creator and all the angels in Heaven laugh and love you, remember your schoolmates "down here" who will always treasure your memory: Joyce Letts Schaber, Peg McCarthy, Linda Switzer Zakrzewski, Joe Zaccardi, Mary Kennedy McCarthy, Kathy Clark-Good, Harold Dennen, Priscilla Gatyas Wojtanoski, Mary Ferguson Cimino, Ricky & Judy O'Connor, Carol Keenan McDonnell, John McNeil, Jerry Arose, John Gelsinon, Gaye Iacuzzi O'Leary, Helen Eldridge Petriello, Denise Geant Sacks, Christine Zebro Kerstetter, Vinnie Parker, Amy Jonap Wiseman who is Johnny Jonap's daughter and granddaughter of Dr. Jonap who had his office and home on Main Street...and, of course, myself.

P.S. Maria, please tell Madalyn Carter Purcell, we miss her...oh, and say "hello" from all of us to Joe Vail, too. We love you all!!!

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Hoffman Multi Year Reunion Cancelled

The Hoffman High School Multi Year Reunion will not be held this year due to the pandemic. The committee looks forward to seeing everyone next fall 2021!

The Local Sports Memory Machine

By Tom Burkard

From The Youth League Archives



Opening Day Late 1960's-Three sluggers from the Weiss Clothing Little Fellas League baseball team in South Amboy posed in the street near their homes prior to their big game. Pictured (l-r) Mark Clark, Joe Kolakowski, and Joe Krug. (Photo/info courtesy of Mark Clark)

Diamond Dust

1979 South Amboy Little Fellas League
Lions 6 Rotary 5-Winning pitcher Frankie Dill hit a 2-run homer, and Roger Kuhn tripled in the winning run.
Daylight 10 First Aid 1-John Clayton was the winning pitcher. The hitting stars, who pounded out 2 hits apiece were Scott Gumprecht, Randy Stratton, and Craig Gorczyca.
Lions 7 Progressive 6-Tom “Tippy” Hessner notched the victory, and Brian Brennan belted his 3rd home run of the year.
1969 South Amboy Little Fellas League
Rotary 14 English Chevron 13-Winning pitcher Glenn Quinton struck out 7. Dan Wilusz drilled 3 hits for English’s.
Modern Trans 6 K of C 5-Winning pitcher Ed Slusarek slugged a single, double and home run to drive in 5 runs.
1969 South Amboy Babe Ruth League
Mechanicsville FC 15 Independence 3-Winning pitcher Glen Gerding unloaded a triple, and Rich Therkelsen also added a 3-base hit.

1947-Allie Clark, Jackie Robinson & Yogi Berra Starred In The International League

In 1947, South Amboy’s Allie Clark and Yogi Berra were teammates on the Newark Bears International League (IL) AAA team franchise of the New York Yankees. Another well-known player, Jackie Robinson, the first African-American to play in Major League Baseball (MLB), played on an opposing team, Montreal.
It was a summer to remember, as Clark battled the great Robinson for the batting title, only to lose by 5 points, .349 to .344, which tied Allie for #2 in the league with a

South Amboy Trust Co. 10 Raritan River Railroad 0-Winning pitcher Billy D’Amico was brilliant while striking out 11. Rich Krzyzanowski smashed a double and triple to drive in 2 runs.
1969 South Amboy Men’s Senior Slow Pitch Softball League
Roddy’s Tavern 7 Wonder Bar 6-Al Ust ripped 4 hits to support winning pitcher John McQuade. Ron Witkowski stroked 4 hits for Wonder Bar.
Wonder Bar 9 Amboy Madison Bank 8 (10 innings)-Winning pitcher Tom Kuc hit a sac fly to win it in extra innings. Bob Kupcha orbited a home run for the winners.
1963 Sayreville Little League
Zagata’s 7 Lions 0-Joe Gabel fired an amazing no-hitter and struck out 11, while teammate Paul Kuntne drilled a pair of doubles.
Zagata’s 8 VFW 0-Winning pitcher Joe Gabel spun a 1-hitter and fanned 15 batters, while also starring at the plate, stroking 3 hits, half of his team’s total. Tim Rhatican had the lone hit for VFW.

player named Nippy Jones. Berra finished #9 in the IL batting, with a .314 mark.
It’s interesting to note and compare the stats of these 3 standout ballplayers.
Games-Robinson 124 Clark 110 Berra 77; at-bats-Robinson 444 Clark 352 Berra 277; runs-Robinson 113 Clark 64 Berra 41; hits-Robinson 155 Clark 121 Berra 87; doubles-Robinson 25 Clark 17 Berra 14; triples-Robinson 8 Clark 6 Berra 1; RBI-Clark 70 Robinson 66 Berra 59; home runs-Berra 15 Clark 14 Robinson 3.

over the left-center field fence, was the first given up this season by the fabulous Keeter. The Saints 6 runs also marked the most scored against her this year. Keeter was red-hot at the plate as well, going 3-4 including a double and 4 rbi's. Kristy Parfianowicz and Lisa Vigilante both went 2-4. The Saints fell to a respectable (7-5).

Eagles Rip Guvs

1995-St. Mary's boys baseball club riddled the young Hoffman squad, 14-4, to sweep this year's City Series. Second sacker, Leo McCabe was a perfect 4-4 with a double and 3 rbi's. Mike Gall and Mark Giacona each knocked in 2 runs, Brian DeYoung, Pat Rock,

and winning pitcher Jim Christie each had an RBI. Christie allowed 7 hits and fanned 8. Hoffman frosh, Chris Smith knocked in a run for the Guvs. St. Mary's improved to (5-11). Hoffman dropped to (3-9).

Yogi-isms

Legendary New York Yankee Hall of Famer Yogi Berra, expressed some very smart things in the funniest ways. Here are some more Yogi-isms:
-”Never answer an anonymous letter.”
-”You can observe a lot by watching.”
-”It’s not too far, it just seems like it is.”
-”You’ve got to be careful if you don’t know where you’re going, ‘cause you might not get there.”
-”If you don’t set goals, you can’t regret not reaching them.”

T.H.E. Game

Year-1975
Sport-Baseball
Teams-St. Mary’s (8-13-1) vs. Sayreville (8-14-1)
Recap-The Eagles rode a beautiful 4-hitter by Ray Linderoth, to defeat the Bombers and pitcher Ed Tyler, 3-1. Joe Kolakowski belted a 2-run double and triple, and Bill Volkert drove in Kolakowski with a single for the Saints.
Co-Players-of-the-Game-Joe Kolakowski and Ray Linderoth.

Glory Days In Local Sports

1950-Sayreville pounded Long Branch, 16-7 in baseball play. Winning pitcher Charlie Kolakowski drilled 2 singles and a double, and Walt Kurczewski also ripped 2 singles and a double...1962-The Bombers mauled Metuchen, 12-4 in baseball. Jack Barko was the winning pitcher. Ed Kozicki drilled 3 hits, and Bob Kupcha smacked a single and triple...1979-St. Mary’s nipped Spotswood, 1-0 in baseball, behind John Inman’s brilliant 1-hitter. Tom O’Leary drove in the only run, and Mike Noble belted a two-base hit...1985-Hoffman’s baseball team, who started off with 6 straight victories, was knocked from the ranks of the unbeaten by Woodbridge, 4-1, despite a solo homer and double by slugger Scott Gumprecht...1998-South Amboy girls softball team won a 1st round GMCT game over Highland Park, 9-7, on a clutch 2-run, tie-breaking single by Gina Rae Miller. Kim Peterson whacked 2 singles and a double to drive in 2 runs, Sue Rowley hit a single and double, and Nicole Magnifico was the winning pitcher...2004-Cardinal McCarrick’s Ricky McCutcheon won his first pitching start, as the Eagles outlasted Perth Amboy Tech, 14-10. McCutcheon hurled 5 innings, struck out 8, and also went 2-for-4 with 2 RBI. Kyle Babulak belted a single and double, to knock in 2 runs.

45 Years Ago

Guvs Fall In CJ Group I Final
1975-In the CJ Group I championship game, heavily-favored Hoffman (15-7) battled Manville (12-6) to a 5-inning, rain-shortened 0-0 tie, with the title tilt rescheduled. The Guvs fireballing lefty ace, George Bongiorno was fantastic allowing 1 hit, while striking out 9, that included 7 in a row from the 3rd inning. George Hubbs and Danny Lewis had the Purple & Gold’s only hits...
The Hoffman dreams of bringing a championship home to town were ruined in the rescheduled game, as they dropped a heartbreaking 1-0 game. In the bottom of the 7th, Manville scored the only run on a mishandled relay throw from the outfield. Rudy Neumann hurled a fine 3-hitter, and struck out 4, but the Guvs offense was halted. Hoffman threatened in the 7th when Jerry Kotula and Dante walked, and Jack Conlon beat out an infield single, but the next batter struck out to end it. The locals came close to scoring in the 4th inning, when Bongiorno was thrown out at the plate, trying to score from second base on Ron Stillwagon’s single.

60 Years Ago

1960-Hoffman halted Hightstown, 5-3 behind Dennis White, who fired a 3-hitter and struck out 8. Manny Formoso stroked a single and double and drove in a run, while Jim Reick ripped a 2-run double.


80 Years Ago

1940-St. Mary’s pounded Perth Amboy St. Mary’s, 8-3 on the baseball diamond. Allie Clark unloaded a homer and triple to drive in 4 runs in support of winning pitcher Joe Conroy.

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 -M.L. & L.F..

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Robert G. Matthews, Jr.

Robert G. Matthews, Jr., 43, of South Amboy died on Sunday August 16, 2020 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy . Born in South Amboy, he lived there all his life. A U.S. Air Force veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom he was previously employed as a lineman for Verizon. An avid fan of the Pittsburgh Steelers and New York Mets, he was a huge Star Wars fan and enjoyed watching the WWE.

Son of the late Robert G. Matthews, Sr., he is survived by his mother Betty Christine Matthews; his sister Dawn Matthews-Gorczyca and her husband Kevin; his uncles William Christine, Edward Christine and his wife Susan, Albert Christine and Thomas Christine; his aunts Elvera Tidwell and Eloise Tremel and her husband William; his nephew Kevin "KJ" Gorczyca; his niece Sabrina Leff; his cousins Jennifer and Stephanie Tidwell, Curtis Michael, William Christine, Jean Marie O'Leary, Joseph Tremel, Deborah Tremel, Nicole and Jimmy Christine and his favorite cousin Melissa "Missy" White.

Visitation was held at The Gundrum Service "Home For Funerals" 237 Bordentown Avenue, South Amboy, and cremation was private.



A PRAYER FOR HEALING

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


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Estelle J. Pluskota

Estelle J. Pluskota, 79, of South Amboy, passed away peacefully at her home in South Amboy on August 17, 2020. Estelle was born in South Amboy on February 2, 1941 to Frank Burkard and Victoria Lytkowski Burkard, and was a lifelong resident. Estelle loved being at home and watching her favorite programs on TV. Some of her favorites were the vintage game show channel and cooking channels. She also enjoyed spending time outside in her yard gardening and watching local wildlife. Most of all she loved being with her family. Although she will be dearly missed, she will live on in our hearts and memories forever.

Estelle is predeceased by her husband Vincent Pluskota who passed away in March of 2004. She is survived by her daughters, Christine Pluskota and her husband Clark Gregoreski of South Amboy; Jennifer Pluskota-Schaaf and her husband Fred of South Amboy; April Pluskota-Lee and her husband Keith of South Amboy; sister, Marie Shingola of Pocomoke, MD; brother, Tom Burkard of South Amboy; grandchildren, Christopher Schaaf and Vincent Lee; niece, Ginny Pszolka of South Amboy; her grand



dogs Bruno, Bella and Boomer and many friends and extended family.

The visitation and celebration of Estelle's life was under the direction of the Raritan Bay Funeral Service, 241 Bordentown Avenue, South Amboy, and the burial was held at Christ Church Cemetery, South Amboy. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis TN 38105.

Prayer to St. Therese

St. Therese, the little Flower, please pick me a rose from the Heavenly Garden and send it to me with a message of love. Ask God to grant me the favor I thee implore and tell him I will love him each day more and more. -B.S..

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. -N.P.

Michael P. Coman

Michael P. Coman, 55, of South Amboy died on Friday August 7, 2020 at Riverview Medical Center, Red Bank. Born in South Amboy, he lived there all his life. Before retiring he was employed as Deputy Fire Chief at the VA in Lyons, New Jersey for 28 years and was later employed as a Level 2 Instructor at the Middlesex County Fire Academy. A member of St. Mary's R.C. Church, South Amboy he was a 39 year volunteer and Ex-Chief of the South Amboy Fire Department, an Exempt Member of Independence Fire Company and was previously a member of Progressive Fire Company. He considered his brothers and sisters in firefighting as his second family.

Son of the late John F. and Alice Shuler Coman he is also predeceased by his father- and mother-in-law Walter and Irma Sverada; his brothers-in-law John Bell, Thomas Doherty and Richard J. Bodnar and his sister-in-law Kimberly Coman. He is survived by his wife of 22 years Amy Sverada Coman; his sons Michael J. and Tommy Coman; his brothers Sean Coman and Timothy Coman and his wife Tracey; his sisters Patricia Miller and her husband Edward, Maryann Bell, Kathleen Doherty, Eileen Coman and her husband Thomas E. Downs, IV and Jeanne Feeley and her husband Kenneth; his sisters-in-law Rose Anne Bodnar, Eileen D'Amico and her



husband Tom and Irma Lanigan and her husband Brian; his nieces and nephews Robert Blumberg, Shannon, Mikayla and Ashley Coman, Anthony D'Amico, Matthew D'Amico and his wife Kerri and Kelly and Katie Lanigan and his great-nephews Ryan and Jack Blumberg and Landon D'Amico.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, August 11, 2020 from The Gundrum Service "Home For Funerals" 237 Bordentown Avenue, South Amboy followed by a 10:30 am Mass of Christian Burial at St. Mary's R.C. Church, South Amboy. Interment was in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Obituaries

Allen, John, 84, formerly of Parlin died on Aug. 6.

Bowlby, Robert L., 87, formerly of South Amboy died on July 23.

Canaan, Carol J., 78, of South Amboy died on July 27.

Coman, Michael P., 55, of South Amboy died on Aug. 7.

Connolly, Jo Ann, 72, of Parlin died on July 31.

Cruz, Alfredo, 77, of Parlin died on July 25.

D'Amico, Pauline V., 94, of Melrose died on Aug. 18.

Devine, Patricia A. "Pam," 79, formerly of Sayreville died on July 18.

Dillon, Diane L., 79, of Morgan died on Aug. 8.

Dominik, Helen, 89, of Sayreville died on July 25.

Everhard, Maria Korlath, formerly of South Amboy died on June 28.

Godwin, Richard E., 62, of Sayreville died on Aug. 9.

Golka, Michael, 62, of Parlin died on Aug. 21.

Grabas, John, 73, of Sayreville died on Aug. 3.

Gugliotta, Frances L., 76, of Parlin died on July 5.

Hays, Allen Jr., 73, of Parlin died on Aug. 4.

Honimar, Carol Spann, 64, formerly of South Amboy died on Aug. 11.

Illes, Stephen M., 87, of South Amboy died on Aug. 16.

Juliano, Ann A., 89, of Parlin died on Aug. 9.

Kaufman, Nelly, 72, of Parlin died on July 27.

Lenahan, Marie Thompson, 96, formerly of Sayreville died on Aug. 15.

Lios, Lawrence "Larry," 66, of Sayreville died on Aug. 10.

Matthews, Robert G. Jr., 43, of South Amboy died on Aug. 16.

Miller, Deborah, 55, of South Amboy died on July 13.

Pinella, Joseph Jr., 61, of Parlin died on July 25.

Pluskota, Estelle J. Burkard, 79, of South Amboy died on Aug. 17.

Schneider, Jane, 81, of Sayreville died on Aug. 16.

Schultz, Rita A., 98, of South Amboy died on July 20.

Skwiat, Joseph R., 66, of Sayreville died on Aug. 8.

Smith, Raymond, 66, formerly of South Amboy died on July 24.

Takacs, Paul M., 48, of South Amboy died on Aug. 6.

Tarallo, Joseph J., 91, of South Amboy died on July 28.

Tarallo, Mary, 88, formerly of Sayreville died on Aug. 18.

Trpisovsky, Mary Stueber, 97, of South Amboy died on July 29.

In Memoriam

Robert Bowlby, 87, formerly of South Amboy died on July 23. In 1965, he started B & W Landscaping Co. with a \$150 pickup truck he bought. He retired from DuPont in Parlin. Joseph Tarallo, 91, of South Amboy died on July 28. He was employed by National Lead, and was also the owner of Tarallo's City Line Tavern for many years. Joe was an Exempt member of Progressive Fire Co., and also a great guy. John Grabas, 73, of Sayreville died on Aug. 3. John coached a team in the Sayreville Men's Slow Pitch Softball League, years ago, and will also be remembered by many of the people that he cordially waved to as they drove past the corner of Main St. & Standiford Ave., in Sayreville, where he would be sitting in a chair when the weather permitted. Allen Hays, 73, of Sayreville died on Aug. 4. He was the owner of Hays Bicycle Shop in Morgan for 30 years. Ann Juliano, 89, of Parlin died on Aug. 9. Before retiring, she was a Special Ed Teacher's Aid for the Sayreville Board of Education for many years. Lawrence "Larry" Lios, 66, of Sayreville died on Aug. 9. He was a member of the Sayreville American Legion Post #211 Color Guard. Pauline D'Amico, 94, of Melrose died on Aug. 18. She was always pleasant, friendly, and had a beautiful personality. She was one of the nicest people you could ever meet, and will be sadly missed.

Prayer to St. Gerard
O good St Gerard, powerful intercessor before God and wonder worker of our day, confidently I call upon you and seek your aid. On Earth you always fulfilled God's designs, help me now to do the holy will of God. Implore the Master of Life, from whom all paternity proceeds, to render me fruitful in offspring, that I may raise up children to God in this life, and in the world to come, heirs to the Kingdom of His Glory. Amen.. S.P. & M.W.

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



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Mary Stueber Trpisovsky

Mary Stueber Trpisovsky, 97, of South Amboy died on Wednesday July 29, 2020 at Bayside Manor Keansburg. Born and raised in South Amboy she lived at Bayside Manor for the past 5 years. Before retiring she was employed as the school nurse for St. Mary's Elementary school, South Amboy. She was a member of St. Mary's R.C. Church, an avid reader and a founding member of Frog Hollow Swim and Tennis Club. She also enjoyed spending her summers on LBI with her high school sweetheart and husband of 65 years.

Daughter of the late Frederick and Helen Dugan Stuebers she is also predeceased by her husband Francis Trpisovsky in 2010 and her brothers Charles and Francis Stueber. She is survived by her son Francis Trpisovsky of Ship Bottom; her daughters Peg Bowers and her husband Ian of Princeton and Helen T. Trpisovsky and her husband George Point of Princeton; her grandson Joseph Trpisovsky of Alexandria, Virginia and several nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial was offered on Friday July 31, 2020 at St. Mary's Church, 256 Augusta Street, South Amboy



followed by entombment in St. Mary's Cemetery. Visitation was held at St. Mary's Church. Arrangements were under the direction of The Gundrum Service "Home For Funerals" 237 Bordentown Avenue, South Amboy. Donations may be made to the Sadie Pope Dowdell Library, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy, NJ 08879.

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WWW.?

WWW.? July Winners

Last month’s photo was of the current Java Dave’s, 110 North Broadway, South Amboy. Through the years, it was the home of different businesses including Straub’s Meat Market; Shoemaker Shop; Music Store. If you guessed any of these names, the answer was correct.

The Winners were: Chuck Pickard, Dennis & Kathy OLeary, Eleanore Westerholm, Leon Credico, Dennis Quinlan, Maryanne Matarangolo, Joan Gorczyca, Edna Mazur Pilch, Judy Guilfoyle, Betty Leveille, Marie and Ed English, Steve Laskiewicz, John Gelsinon, Pat & Bill Scully, Jack & Keith Piskorski & Lorraine Krauss, Mary Agnes Morris, Don Zrebiec, Lynn Loy, Joan Fulham, Sheila Alexander, Mark Moniello, Gary Feret, Peggy and Steve Yuhas. Dane Colburn, Lisa Grankowski. Incorrect Answer-Connors or O’Connor’s Sweet Shop on Broadway, South Amboy.

*We left Stephen Laskiewicz off our June winners list. Sorry Stephen.



Do you think you know what this is a picture of? Send in your answer to: satimes@aol.com. Good luck!



July WWW?
Java Dave's
110 North Broadway, South Amboy

Who Is It?



This photo was taken around 1962. You can get 5 points for each person correctly identified, and the winners will appear in the September issue.

Who Is It? Winners For July

Winner Craig Yetsko-Perfect Score

Sayreville’s Craig Yetsko had a perfect score of 38 points by identifying the Who Is It? picture that featured (l-r) Woodbridge Mayor John McCormac, Carteret Mayor Daniel Reiman, Perth Amboy Mayor Wilda Diaz & South Amboy Mayor Jack O’Leary. In addition, he knew the event was held in 2008, and was the Mayor’s Trophy Billiards Tournament that took place in Perth Amboy. Craig Yetsko of Sayreville was the winner by getting a perfect score of 38 points. Following Craig’s 38 points was Jorge Diaz 28, Joan Fulham 15, Mary Agnes Morris 15, Pete McIntyre 10, Joanne Niestemski 5, T.J. Albanese 5. Congratulations Craig on an amazing feat!



Blinded By The Beautiful Sun

By Al Gomolka Jr. - Times Poet Laureate, c.2008

I'm blinded by the
beautiful sun
Blinded by this beautiful sun
Praying as this
new morn's begun
As I walk on my way
On a glorious day
I'm blinded by the
beautiful sun
Warming its world as it comes
I find it inspiring and fun
As I walk on my way
Let life bring what it may

My hands have to
rim both my eyes
As the brightness
beams out of the sky
Greeting everyone to arise
At the start of this day
As I walk on my way
I'm blinded by the
beautiful sun
Blinded by this beautiful sun
Feeling like I've already won
The gift of this day
By its radiant rays.

The Vintage Car Contest



Can you identify this car?
Let us know the make,
model and year. Send your
answers to satimes@aol.
com by September 14th..

July's Vintage Car

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton

The Vintage Car for July was a 1955 Ford Customline. The winners who correctly identified it were: Kurt Kapes, Marie and Ed English, Pete McIntyre, Steve Laskiewicz, T.J. Albanese.

Some incorrect answers 1955, Ford Fairlane, 1957 Ford Mainline, 1956 Chevy, 1955 Ford Sedan, (we asked for make, model and year).



July Vintage Car
1955 Ford Customline

WHAT IS IT?????

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton

WHAT IS IT? Winners

The following correctly identified the Hand Crank Grinder as the What Is It for July: Sheila Knudsen, Chuck Pickard, Dennis & Kathy OLeary, Dawn Dykeman, Joanne Niestemski, Leon Credico, Dennis Quinlan, Lavinia Trimmer, John Gelsinon, Ray Andrejewski, Maryanne Matarangolo, Sharon Frank, Judy Guilfoyle, Eleanore Westerholm, Betty Leveille, Marie and Ed English, Pete McIntyre, Steve Laskiewicz, Pat & Bill Scully, Mary Agnes Morris, JoAnn & John French, Don Zrebiec, Lynn Loy, Joan Fulham, Jack Piskorski, Keith Piskorski & Lorraine Krauss, Chelle Martin, Mark Moniello, Gary Feret, Peggy and Steve Yuhas, T.J. Albanese. Dane Colburn, Don Munn, Jan Williams, Bill McSpedon, Steve Villig,



Does this item look familiar? Send your answer to satimes@aol.com by September 14th.



July What is it? Hand
Crank Grinder

LETTERS

Hello!

This is a grinder. They were made in a couple of sizes. They were used for grinding meat, vegetables, for eating right away or for canning. There are a couple of sizes -fine, medium and coarse - of settings. I have ground meat, tomatoes, and other vegetables for canning and eating.

Lavinia Trimmer, Parlin

Dear SA Times,

I would just like to comment about the article written by Joe Jaskowiak, in which he compares television baseball in the past to the way it is now. I really enjoyed reading it!

Elaine Holton Scott, (Formerly of South Amboy/Parlin)

Dear SA Times,

The WWW.? photo in the July edition is of Java Dave's coffee shop at 110 North Broadway in South Amboy. I enjoy going there and talking with the owner, Effren (nice guy). This building was also the location of Straub's Market many years ago. I was recently reading about South Amboy's 1950 explosion when I came across an article about the explosion's investigation report. The man who would become the Chairman of the Disaster Committee, Rev. W. N. Pike, happened to be at Straub's (where Java Dave's is now) the day of the incident. It was here, just five hours before the explosion, he first learned explosives were being shipped from the South Amboy piers. I thought perhaps you might find this tidbit of South Amboy history interesting.

Don Zrebiec

South Amboy Elks Food Drive

South Amboy Elks is having a drive through food drive on September 20, 2020 in the lodge parking lot at 601 Washington Ave. South Amboy from 9am until 1pm. Just drop and go! No need to leave your car, our members will assist in taking your items.

All items collected will be distributed to local food pantries. Items must be non-perishable and within their sell by date. Gift

cards to grocery stores will also be accepted. Help us in giving back to the community. For additional information call 732-727-7170.

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. -K.L..