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South Amboy Transit Village Grant

The City of South Amboy has been awarded funding from the New Jersey Department of Transportation's Fiscal Year 2021 Transit Village Program for Pedestrians to Transit: Safety and Messaging in the amount of \$120,000. Funding provided will be used to enhance pedestrian safety in the areas surrounding the NJ Transit train station and will provide for the acquisition and installation of three LED signs that will provide up to date transit information.

South Amboy is one of the first four Transit Villages designated by the New Jersey Department of Transportation and works continually to advocate for and provide safe and reliable mass transit opportunities for commuters. "This funding will allow us to enhance the safety of patrons of our NJ Transit Rail Station as well as those who plan to use our upcoming Passenger Ferry Terminal" said Mayor Fred Henry. "With the support of NJDOT and in partnership with NJ Transit we will continue to improve our status as a Transit Village to provide the best possible environment for New Jersey commuters".

South Amboy remains on track to break ground on their much anticipated Passenger Ferry terminal this year. The addition of this facility will make South Amboy unique in that it will offer convenient rail and ferry transportation in close proximity in the same community.

"We are grateful for the continued support from Governor Murphy, Assembly Speaker Coughlin, and Commissioner Gutierrez-Scaccetti that allows us to make regular improvements to our capabilities as a New Jersey Transit Village", said Mayor Henry.

20th Anniversary



Autoteam Car Rental, located at Rt. 35 South in Morgan held their 20th Anniversary celebration last Saturday. Pictured (l-r) Borough of Sayreville Council President Kevin Dalina, Sayreville Democratic Organization Chairman Thomas Pollando, Autoteam Owner Benno Bachmann, Sayreville Councilman Damon Enriquez. *See Autoteam ad on page 20. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

St. Patrick's Parade Committee Announces Plans For Parade In September

(Article submitted)

The year 2020 was a stressful one and we were all looking forward to enjoying the annual South Amboy Saint Patrick's Day Parade. The stress of social isolation, virtual learning and scheduling a COVID vaccination had residents looking forward to a family day outside celebrating at the annual Saint Patrick's Day Parade previously scheduled for March 23, 2021.

Recognizing that this year's parade may draw larger crowds than in the past, the Parade Committee made the difficult decision to

postpone this year's parade with plans to hold the celebration in September or early Fall.

"The decision to postpone the parade was made after much discussion," stated Parade Committee Co-Chair Mickey Gross. "As hard as that decision was, doing what must be done to keep the residents of South Amboy and her surrounding communities safe and healthy must be our first priority."

Co-Chair Jay Elliot, went on to explain, "This event has always drawn large crowds of

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John Auto Center Helps Older Veteran

By Steve Schmid

Many people have come to know John Auto Center in South Amboy for its friendly service when taking their car in for maintenance and repairs. The national Kindness Challenge was recently held between January 25 - 29 this year. Local resident Monahan Loachra submitted John Auto Center as a participant in the Kindness Challenge. These are her words on Facebook. "As I was getting my brakes fixed today, I witnessed a beautiful Act of kindness. While I was waiting, an older gentleman with a Vietnam War hat walked in to ask about his engine light. Immediately, the two men stopped what they were doing, and attended to the older vet's car. They put coolant in the engine, checked his car and thanked him for his service. When the man asked him how much he owed them, Mr. Singh, the owner, shook his hand and walked him to his car. Thank you for being so respectful to our Veterans! John Auto in South Amboy, NJ." The Facebook post was viewed by several hundred people who agreed John Auto Center deserves a shout out. The South Amboy-Sayreville Times also wishes to thank Surjit Singh owner of John Auto Center for his act of kindness to an American veteran.

Roast Pork Dinner

The Trinity United Methodist Church at 815 Bordentown Avenue in South Amboy is holding their Roast Pork Dinner on Saturday, April 17 from 4 pm - 6:30 pm. The dinner is TAKE OUT only and includes Roast Pork, mashed potatoes, gravy, carrots, green beans, applesauce and a homemade dessert. Call Lori at 732-763- 6232 to place your orders starting April 1. Delivery options. Tickets are \$14.



W. Thomas Kross (c) proudly stands with family members and local dignitaries who were on hand to honor him for his 50 years of service.

50 Years Of Service

Story/ Photos By Jamie Norek

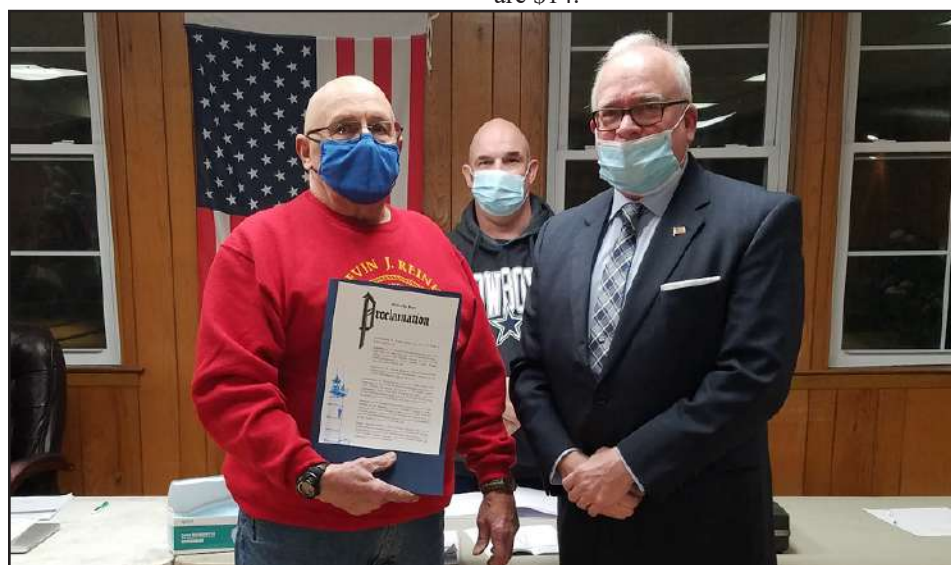
On February 15th South Amboy city officials and members of the fire department, along with family gathered at Independence firehouse to honor W. Thomas Kross, for 50 years of service in the South Amboy Fire Department. After graduating from Perth Amboy High School in 1958, Mr. Kross enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps. He later

moved to South Amboy with his wife Judy. Mr. Kross then joined the Independence Engine and Hose Co. SAFD in 1971, and went through the officer ranks serving as Captain in 1985. He also served as department photographer and a member of South Amboy Fire Police (Middlesex County). Mr. Kross was active with the Middlesex County

Fireman's League, bowling a perfect game of 300 in 1992.

Mr. Kross also coached for the South Amboy Little Fellas, and is a member of American Legion Post 62. Tom and Judy are the parents of 3 children, grandparents of 6 grandchildren and great grandparents of 3 great grandchildren.

Mayor Fred Henry presented Mr. Kross with a Mayoral Proclamation and Company President Mike Toth presented a token of appreciation from Independence Engine and Hose Co. Also present were Councilman Brian McLaughlin, Fire Chief Andrew Bielak, and Assistant Chiefs David Szatkowski and John Dragotta.



W. Thomas Kross (l) holds a proclamation he received from Mayor Fred Henry (r) honoring him for his 50 years of service in the South Amboy Fire Dept. Independence Fire Co. President Mike Toth (c) looks on.

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A Cooper's Hawk, who visits Morgan Heights every winter, is back again. (Photo by Ed English)

Spring Fish Dinner

The Camp Dill Foundation and the Old Timers of Troop 91 will be having their annual Spring Fish Dinner on May 11, 2021 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. ALLTICKETSMUSTBEPURCHASED IN ADVANCE. For ticket information, call 732-899-6074 or e-mail djsibol@aol.com. Ticket mail orders with payment can be sent to Dan Sibol, 90 Meridian Drive, Brick, NJ 08724.

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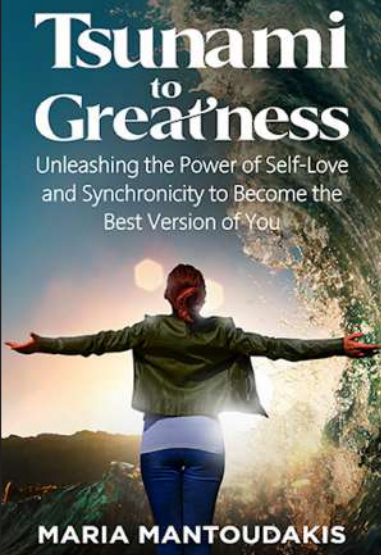
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Author Maria Mantoudakis of South Amboy had a new book recently released for purchase titled "Tsunami To Greatness Unleashing the Power of Self Love and Synchronicity to Become the Best Version of You." The book has received many outstanding endorsements from people in the literary field, and should do very well in bookstores and online sales. Congratulations Maria, and best of luck!

Congratulations!



Allison Margaret Grady was sworn in Dec. 21, 2020 to the Pennsylvania Bar as an attorney. She is the daughter of Mitch and Peggy Hulsart Grady, formerly of Sayreville. Allison is a 2020 graduate of Penn State's Dickinson Law School, and is employed by Laurel Legal Services in Johnstown, PA. (Photo/Info submitted)

Pleasant little TRIVIA

By Tom Burkard

1. In 2006, this diner was located on Rt. 35 South in Morgan?
a. Peter Pank b. Bay Breeze c. Paramount

2. In the early 1960's the South Amboy Police Station was located at?
a. Bordentown Ave. b. John St. c. North Stevens Ave.

3. In 2001, Tahiti Sun was located in Sayreville. What was it?
a. Tanning/Nails b. Nightclub c. Diner

4. Sayreville War Memorial HS Principal in 2006?
a. James Brown b. William Cunningham c. Mary Shepherd

5. Where was Chud's Subs located in '01?
a. Parlin b. Morgan c. South Amboy

6. In '96 Arthur Rittenhouse was selected to replace this person on the Sayreville Board of Education?
a. Suzanne Segal b. Mariana Jones c. Stacy Maltzman

7. Selected Sacred Heart Holy Name Society's "Holy Man of the Year" in 1996?
a. Adam Rzepka b. Albert Gomolka Sr. c. Edward Zrebiec

8. Sayreville Fire Chief in 2016?
a. Richard Kosmoski b. Vincent Waranowicz c. George Gawron

9. Pastor of St. Mary's Church in '91?
a. Father Leonard b. Msgr. Gerety c. Msgr. Sullivan

10. In 2006, this Sayreville man was a winner on the "Who Wants To Be A Millionaire" TV show?
a. Herman Tracewski b. Jamaal Jackson c. Ed DiAngelo

11. Selected South Amboy's 2nd Ward Councilman in the '91 election?
a. John J. Kelly b. Peter J. Evtushek c. Michael Makransky

12. President of the Sayreville Emergency Squad in 2016?
a. Dexter Thomas b. Peter Salas c. Mohamed Saadeldin

13. In 1991, where was Wankoz Automotive/Used Car Sales located in South Amboy?
a. North Broadway b. South Pine Ave. c. Washington Ave.

14. Where was Soul Sisters Cakes Cafe located?
a. South Amboy b. Sayreville c. Parlin

Answers
1c 2b 3a 4a 5c 6c 7c 8b 9a 10c 11a 12a 13c 14a

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Carol Hart-Sosinski (right), director of customer service at Federal Business Centers, which operates the Raritan Center, recently delivered over 100 pounds of food donated by the Center's tenants to the Middlesex College Food Pantry. The pantry distributes food to students in need. At left is Amanda Lyons, the College's basic needs coordinator, who operates the pantry. (Photo/info submitted)

Dowdell Library

March Madness, anyone? We may not be playing basketball at the library this month, but we do have a fun, crazy schedule planned! There is a little bit of fun for everyone, from Birthday celebrations to new programs. Grab your calendar because you won't want to miss a thing!

The Dowdell Library is turning 107 years old! Drop in and grab your free (individually wrapped) birthday cake from March 15-19 (while supplies last)! We are also celebrating Read Across America on Dr. Seuss's birthday. Listen to Ms. Maryanne virtually read a special birthday book on our YouTube channel. Stop in between March 1-5 to grab a free Dr. Seuss birthday surprise take-home bag (ages 0-10)!

March 19 is Makers Day. Makers day is all about encouraging creativity and exploration using your imagination. We are holding a gumdrop engineering challenge from March 1 until March 18. Stop in and grab a take-home kit and try to create a structure strong enough to support a large textbook. Bring your creation back to the library before the 18th, and we will test its strength! One lucky winner will receive a Microscope Kit (ages 8+)! Feel like getting even more creative at home? Tune into Sadie's Studio with Ms. Laura on YouTube. She will be demonstrating how to make a real Lava Lamp!

Is the luck of the Irish with you? Adults (18+) can stop by the library and enter our Luck of the Irish Trivia Contest during the entire month of March. One lucky person will win a gift card to Shop Rite where you can purchase all your St. Patrick's Day essentials. The contest runs from March 1- 15.

The 2021 Tax season is here! The Sadie Pope Dowdell Library is pleased to support financial stability in our community. Free, contactless, tax return assistance is available to people earning less than \$64,000/year. A Dropbox is stationed inside the building. You will need to fill out the Intake and Consent Forms and provide the requested tax

documents. You MUST place your documents in an envelope prior to dropping them off. To learn more about this special program or pick up the required forms, please contact the library at 732.721.6060 or comments@dowdell.org.

New to the library this March: Brainfuse, and Libby! Brainfuse is a free online service that offers tutoring, homework help, and a full studying suite designed to help patrons of ALL ages succeed. Libby is a free app where you can borrow eBooks and digital audiobooks and magazines from your public library. You can stream with Wi-Fi or download them for offline use anytime, anywhere. Look for both the Brainfuse link and the Libby Logo on our webpage Dowdell.org.

Invest more time in yourself this year! The Dowdell Library is excited to offer a free virtual class through the Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital. Nadine Roberts, a stress management practitioner, will present A Virtual Guided Imagery Relaxation Session on March 9 & 23. Join us for a virtual relaxation session of guided imagery and creative visualization. Learn techniques to practice at home when life's daily stressors make you feel overwhelmed. The one-hour session will start at 1:00 pm, and you must be pre-registered. For more information or to pre-register, please email susan.capolongo@rwjbh.org or kathleen.johnson@rwjbh.org.

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. Due to all services being staff-assisted, walk-in service is available Monday-Friday 12-5pm and Thursday 12-5pm and 6-8pm. Grab & Go Service by Appointment- Monday morning 9:30-10:30am

Students OF THE MONTH Congratulations!



The Middle/High School teaching staff has nominated the students of the month for January, 2021. The nominations are based on character, school spirit, and academic integrity. For January, we are happy to announce our winners. Pictured in a virtual classroom setting are: From left to right: top row: N. Tavarez-Miranda (grade 12), J. Wells (grade 9), S. Roessle (grade 6), M. Thomas (grade 8). Bottom row: A. Carter (grade 10), D. Hortillas (grade 7), and C. Applegate (grade 11). The Middle/High School would like to congratulate all of our students of the month. (Photo/Info Submitted)

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Yearbook-Sayreville 1991

By Tom Burkard

Sayreville War Memorial High School's '91 yearbook was titled, "A Touch of Class-50 years." ...Dennis Fyffe was principal... Some of the talented faculty included Constance Jardula, Stewart Cress, Lori Adamowsky, Nancy Pfeil, Patricia Feltz, Rocco Lionette... The Fall drama in 1990, "Plaza Suite" was a big hit... Amy Krzyzkowski was the '90 Homecoming Queen... SWMHS offered many clubs, honor societies, and extracurricular activities for students... Keith Gallas was Editor-In-Chief of the yearbook; Nitin Moholkar was president of the Math Club; ACT was the Academic Competitors Team; Improv Troupe was a group of creative actors; The Catering Club was also popular; The Spring Musical was "Finnian's Rainbow." Randomly selected seniors from the huge Class of '91 included: Amber Adamec, Jennifer Apostle, Tara Armhold, David Barth, Nicole Batissa, Meredith Brauchle, Pamela Burdak, Kelly Campbell, Krista Corman, Paul DaSilva, Scott DeLucia, Leslie Dowling, Lynn Dudek, Melanie Dusko, Ricky Fallon, Danielle Fee, Tim Fischer, Danielle French, Angela Gamboa, Todd Garbowski, Lauren Garbowski, Jeff Gawron, Tom Holmes, Colleen Jung, Wade Kaboski, Walt Keegan, Ken Kelly, Patricia Kiernan, Greg Knable, Kevin Kosmoski, Stanley Laikowski, Brian Laniewski, Lisa Lozak, Mike Magielnicki, Jack Mason, Barbara Mayer, Kathy McCabe, Moira McCormack, Sandy McKeon, Gary Meyer, Heather Nicol, Joann Nowicki, Dawn O'Hare, Matt O'Such, Nicole Pasewark, Amy Patella, Tom Pavlik, Tracy Randall, David Selover, Nancy Sinatra, John Skwira, Matt Starace, Allison Steigel, Amy Tedesco, Tina Van Fossen, Michelle Vasquez, Brad Walsh, William Wen, Jessica Yen, Charles Zammit, Lisa Zemsky, Carolyn Zera. Sayreville was loaded with talented senior athletes in the Class of '91. Randomly selected were: Dave Americo, Dan Bartkowicz, Melanie Benintende, Loreen Bloodgood, Jason Branagan, Lori Brower, Brendan Burke, Dave Campion, Jim Cavallaro, Jennifer Chodkiewicz, Frank Cibrian, Denise Colella, Scott Conselyea, Shawn Currie, Carrie Ann Czernikowski, Alanna Doran, George Dugan, Mike Ford, Paul Gangadyal, Keith Givand, Shannon Gorka, Ann Marie Grover, Eric Haltli, Michael Hanvey, Mark Heil, Tami Heinz, Jason Kelly, John Kwitkowski, Evan Lefsy, Danielle Leitner, Mike MacLennan, Amy Muraszko, Bryan Oshiro, Tushar Patel, Elizabeth Rincon, Nancy Rochford, Melissa Ross, Nicole Ryan, Amy Sabine, Frank Sautner, Edwin Tejeda, Fred Wistuba. The Sayreville War Memorial High School Class of 1991 was multi-talented in so many areas, ranging from various sports to acting, musical and much, much more...

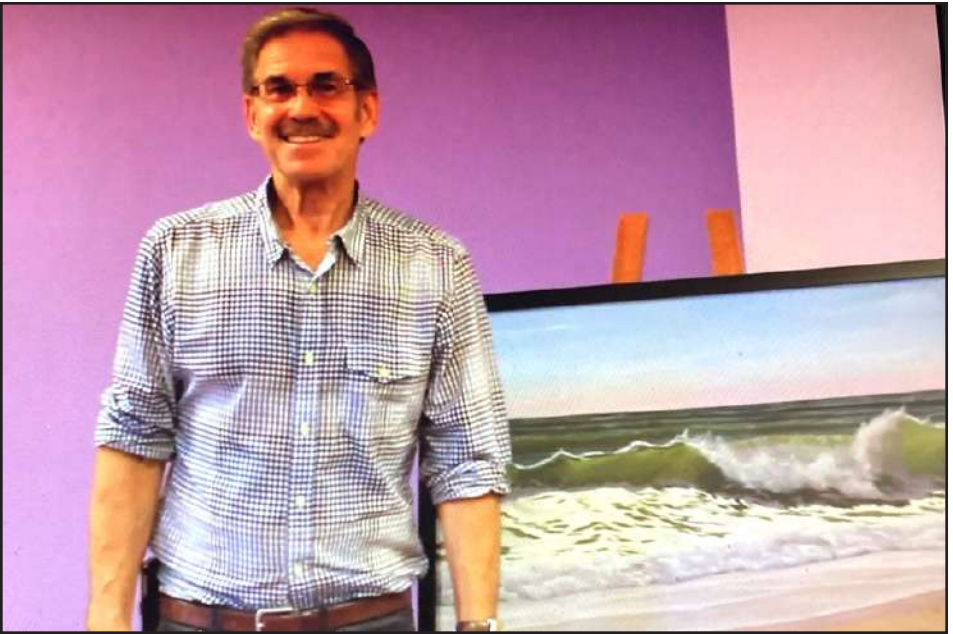
Library Hosted Art Exhibit

(Photos/story by Tom Burkard)



<https://www.facebook.com/DennisJosephYanoski/>
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Former South Amboy resident, Hoffman HS alumnus, and professional artist, Dennis Yanoski (l) is interviewed by Ms. Maryanne during his virtual Art Exhibit at the Sadie Pope Dowdell Library in South Amboy. The virtual exhibit was produced by Holly Smith. Pictured are some of his seascape oil painting masterpieces. Yanoski praised and thanked the late Hoffman HS art teacher, Mrs. Reese, "Who helped and encouraged me with oil painting, and also to get a grant to Montclair State College, where I got my degree in Fine Arts." He advises someone who is interested in painting, "You can start at any age, anytime, just pick something you are comfortable in."



Dennis proudly stands near one of his beautiful seascape oil paintings. He became interested in seascape oil painting because "I always loved the ocean, and was a surfer, and really love to have seascape paintings in my house. In my paintings, I want people to feel the motion of the ocean." Some of his paintings have been featured in the National Artist Magazine, including the ones titled "After Sandy," and "Incoming Twins." All of Yanoski's work has been done at Long Branch, and two of his other great titles are "Before Sandy," and "Back Swell."

Dennis sells his works at art fairs in Morristown, and at various galleries. You can see more, and purchase his outstanding works by going to his website at: dennis-joseph-yanoski.square.site/s/shop.



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Limitless Fitness Center held its Grand Opening on Sunday Feb. 21st. The business partners pictured (l-r): Isaiah Copes, Danny Rodriguez, NFL player Myles Hartsfield of the Carolina Panthers, and Deion Miller. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

Limitless Fitness NJ Opens In South Amboy

LimitlessFitnessNJ, an all-encompassing health and fitness company, held their grand opening for their new gym space last Sunday. Limitless is located at 7050 State Route 35, Ste 4, South Amboy, NJ 08879. This is the perfect opportunity to meet the whole Limitless Fitness team, including Carolina Panthers Defensive Back/Running Back and Sayreville, NJ native Myles Hartsfield. This is also an amazing opportunity to check out the great new indoor space that will be a part of Limitless Fitness NJ for years to come.

One notable member of the Limitless Fitness NJ staff is Myles Hartsfield. Myles attended Sayreville War Memorial High School, where he played football and ran track for the school. Myles is now in the NFL living his dream, but he and some of his friends (Deion Miller, Isaiah Copes, Danny Rodriguez) wanted to pass on the love they feel for fitness. For more info on the great training offered and more, go to: <http://www.limitlessfitnessnjllc.com/>.

The Smoke Column

By Ex-Chief Richard Kosmoski, MS

Many of you may remember the “Smoke Column” article that appeared in the July 2020 edition of the TIMES. That article referred to keyless vehicles and how they have been inadvertently left running and unattended inside a garage. This is something that can easily be done. People reading that article may have thought to themselves that a situation like that would never happen to them. It always happens to the “other guy.” Unfortunately, this is the story about the other guy, the guy who may be your next-door neighbor or the guy down the block.

On a cold and frigid Saturday morning in January 2021, just a little before 8:00am, the Sayreville Police Department received a frantic call from a resident who stated that their daughter was unresponsive. Police and the Emergency Squad along with paramedics were immediately dispatched to the scene. What they found on their arrival was the possible beginning of a tragic mass casualty incident. A family of six was living in the home, three adults and three children. At the time, the 911 call was made, it was undetermined why this female was unresponsive. The police officers arrived quickly followed by the EMT’s and the Paramedics. Upon their arrival and the condition of the residents, they suspected that this may be a case of Carbon Monoxide (CO) poisoning. Due to those suspicions, the Sayreville Fire Department was dispatched to the scene. As firefighters entered the front door with their CO meters, they were alerted to a high reading of 250 parts per million (PPM). Any reading is cause for concern and your residential CO detectors are supposed to go into alarm at 35 ppm which gives you plenty of warning. You can readily see the concern when they had readings in the hundreds. Taking additional readings throughout the house, readings of

300 ppm and rising were found in the upstairs bedroom overtop of the garage. All six of the residents were rushed to local hospitals with CO poisoning.

So now you ask, what happened? Remember that the initial call for help came in just before 8:00am. At approximately 9:00pm the night before, someone when into the garage to start up a seldom used vehicle that has not been started in a while. They wanted to run it because of the cold weather and it not being used for a while. For whatever reason, they FORGOT they had started the vehicle and with that, it was allowed to run all night. During that time, it was producing Carbon Monoxide and filling the entire house with this deadly gas. Your next question may be, “Why didn’t the CO detectors activate and alert the residents of the impending danger?” Upon further investigation of the home, the CO detector was found mounted on the wall, the door was open, and the battery was MISSING!

How can these tragic CO instances still be occurring with all the information and resources that are available to the public? Here is a case where six people are alive today by the Grace of God. They could all have perished in their sleep as there was more than enough CO throughout the house to accomplish that tragedy.

This is not one of those stories you hear happening at some distant location. NO, it happened right here in our backyard to people who are our neighbors. Unfortunately, these types in instances occur daily throughout our country with very few making headlines. After reading this article, check your CO detector, replace the batteries if necessary. If yours does not have replaceable batteries, check that the LED light is flashing, and that the unit has not yet reached its expiration date.

Drive Thru Fish Fry March 26

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 are holding a drive-thru fish fry Friday March 26 from 4 to 7 PM at the K of C parking lot on 308 Fourth St. South Amboy. Members will be on hand to take your order and deliver it to your car so you don't have to leave your vehicle. Cost of \$12 includes fish and chips plus more. For more information call Gary at 732-512-8923 or Jan at 732-553-9060.

ESL Conversation Group (Virtual)

ESL conversation classes meet Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. Typically, they meet anywhere from 10 am - 8:30 pm, depending on the availability of the tutor and students.

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Five Years Ago



On January 26, 2016 the back roof of the RollerMagic Skating Rink in South Amboy collapsed from a large amount of snow that was piled up on a section of the roof. Local emergency services turned in an exemplary job of responding to the call, and all gas and electricity was turned off as a precautionary measure. Upon getting access to the interior of the building, officials reported many broken support beams that were deteriorating, according to reports. Fortunately no one was injured at the time of the collapse. (Photos by Tom Burkard)

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WWW.?

By Tom Burkard



Does this look familiar to you? Send your answer to satimes@aol.com by March 15th.

WWW.? Winners January

Last month's WWW.? was Mel's Pet Parlor located at 137 Main St. in Sayreville. The winners were: Dennis Quinlan, Michael, Irene Kilcomons, Judy Guilfoyle, April Herrick, Leon Credico, Lauree Zaczek, Chuck Pickard, Jack Piskorski/Keith Piskorski and Lorraine Krauss, Betty Leveille, Barbara Bockus, Bill & Pat Scully, Joan Fulham, Steve Laskiewicz, Lisa Grankowski, Paul Conlon, Don Zrebiec, Karen Kieselowsky, Joe Jay, Edna Mazur Pilch, Peggy and Steve Yuhass, Joan Gorczyca, Laurie & Gary Loftus, Colleen Jurkiewicz, Mary Agnes Morris, Gary Feret, Mark Moniello, John & JoAnn French, Marie English and Ed English, Dane Colburn.



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Sayreville H.S. 80
Years Ago



1941-Sophie Suchowiecki, a junior at Sayreville H.S. was selected the school's first Drum Majorette by student voting. She won the honor in a close election over her Twirling Club co-captain Henrietta Farver.

Premier Issue



This is the first issue ever published by Sayreville High School in February 1940. The paper was 8 3/4" by 11 1/2", almost the same size as a flyer would be today. On the front page Principal John E. Lyons (l) wrote a message commenting on the school newspaper "Echo-Lites," and Supervising Principal Jesse Selover (r) also added a message regarding the new publication.

Avenel Performing Arts Center hosts Master
Class and Dance Auditions for Scholarship
Opportunity for New Jersey and New York
High School Students

Attention High School Junior and Senior Dancers!

On Thursday, February 25, 2021, the Avenel Performing Arts Center will be hosting two masterclass/auditions in the genre of contemporary ballet and offering two \$64,000.00 Dance Merit Scholarships to study at La Roche University in Pittsburgh. We will also be offering two \$1,000.00 Scholarships for Bodiography's 2021 Six Week Summer Dance Intensive. Dancers residing in New Jersey will audition from 4-5:30pm and dancers residing in New York will audition from 6-7:30pm.

For our in-person experience, on the stage of the Avenel Performing Arts Center, we will adhere to strict COVID protocols and social distancing requirements, and all our artists will be COVID tested producing a negative result. We will be reviewing dancers by region.

Dancers residing in New Jersey will have class from 4-5:30pm and dancers residing in New York will work from 6-7:30pm.

We are reaching out to dance schools in the region to invite interested students, who are juniors and seniors in high school, to register for the auditions to ensure that we can safely accommodate everyone. If

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By Al Gomolka Jr.
Times Poet Laureate
c.1983

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Autoteam Car Rental Owner Benno Bachmann (c) is pictured at the 20th Anniversary celebration of his popular business, with Sayreville dignitaries, staff and family, who attended this happy occasion. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

Catholic Schools Week At
Perth Amboy Catholic

(Photos/Captions By Caitlin Norek)



Perth Amboy Catholic School students after their holiday Mass, and opening to Catholic Schools Week at Saint John Paul II parish in Perth Amboy.



Perth Amboy Catholic School kicked off Catholic Schools Week with a procession of class flags. Each flag represents the uniqueness of grades Pre-K through 8 while displaying the unity of the school together through their Catholic faith.



On the 3rd day of Catholic Schools Week, Perth Amboy Catholic students throughout the school celebrated their nation by creating Valentines Day cards to send overseas to our troops.



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Middlesex College Receives Grant to Develop Open Educational Resources

Middlesex College is the statewide lead for a \$1.44 million federal Department of Education Open Educational Resources (OER) grant.

The three-year grant will engage a consortium of New Jersey community colleges and Rowan University to develop open textbooks in career and technical education STEM courses that align to career pathways in New Jersey’s growth industries including health services, technology, energy, and global manufacturing and supply chain management.

OER are digital teaching and learning materials that students can freely use without charge.

“We know that the cost of textbooks can be a barrier for students as they pursue a degree,” said Marilyn N. Ochoa, the College’s Library director who led the effort in securing the grant. “The grant is intended to help students in vocational and career education programs by reducing the cost of

course materials and improve student learning outcomes. In doing so, these students may be able to remain in their selected programs, and continue on their pathway to lucrative careers in STEM growth industries. There will be many opportunities for faculty and other subject experts at Middlesex and in the state to participate in curriculum and content development activities.”

Linda Scherr, vice president for academic affairs, said Ochoa and the College’s Grants Department did a great job in developing the proposal.

“We submitted an incredibly robust, thorough proposal, for which we were recognized as one of only four awarded nationally,” Dr. Scherr said.

The other colleges and universities that received grants were West Hills College Lemoore (CA), Louisiana Board of Regents (LA), and The University of Texas at Arlington.

Local Past Businesses Part 6



The Peterpank Diner on Route 9 North in Sayreville, was the most popular diner/eatery of all-time in the Borough. (Photo by Tom Burkard)



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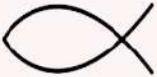


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From The Local Band Archives



1965- The Videls were formed in '64, and became a popular local group, playing at local school dances, block parties and more. Pictured (l-r) are Dennis Trautweiler, sax; Clem Skarzynski, guitar; Tom Smith, drums; Bob Wickley, bass; Mike Fabiszewski, guitar. This photo was featured in the Sat., Feb. 6, 1965 edition of the old “Perth Amboy Evening News” newspaper in its “Young Moderns Corner” section. (Photo courtesy of Clem Skarzynski)

#1 Pop Hits On Feb. 27

- 2003-All I Have-Jennifer Lopez w/LL Cool J.
- 1994-The Power Of Love-Celine Dion
- 1983-Baby, Come To Me- Patti Austin/James Ingram
- 1972-Without You-Nilsson
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- 2005-Bless The Broken Road-Rascal Flatts
- 1995-Old Enough To Know Better- Wade Hayes
- 1984-Stay Young-Don Williams
- 1973-It's Four In The Morning-Faron Young
- 1962-Walk On By-Leroy Van Dyke
- 1951-There's Been A Change In Me- Eddy Arnold
- 1946-Guitar Polka-Al Dexter

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Things are really different today
But don't forget to wear
Your green on St. Patrick's Day
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And be so proud
Tell the world you're Irish
Say it out loud
Things are really different today
But be happy anyway
It's still
St. Patrick's Day!

One Hit Wonders - 55 Years Ago

1966-Don't Think Twice-The Wonder Who? (Actually The Four Season); Flowers On The Wall-The Statler Brothers; Lies-The Knickerbockers; The Duck-Jackie Lee; The Men In My Little Girl's Life-Mike Douglas; No Matter What Shape (Your Stomach's In)-The T-Bones; The Cheater-Bob Kuban & The In-Men; Elusive Butterfly-Bob Lind; Love Makes The World Go Round-Deon Jackson; Barefootin'-Robert Parker; Oh How Happy-The Shades Of Blue; Cool Jerk-The Capitols; Doubleshot (Of My Baby's Love)-The Swingin' Medallions; Dirty Water-The Standells; Little Girl-The Syndicate Of Sound; They're Coming To Take Me Away, Ha-Haaa!-Napoleon XIV; Black Is Black-Los Bravos; Psychotic Reaction-Count Five; Winchester Cathedral-New Vaudeville Band.

Song Shootout #1 - Jan. 20-27

The Top 20 most viewed songs/videos on my Facebook page from Jan. 20-27 were:
1.God Only Knows-The Beach Boys 42; 2.Don't Let The Sun Catch You Crying-Gerry/The Pacemakers 28; 3.Precious And Few-Climax 26; 4.Hang On Sloopy-The McCoys 21; 5.Colour My World-Chicago 17; 6.Jersey Boy-Eddie Rabbitt 17; 7.Can't Find The Time-Orpheus 16; 8.Close To You-The Carpenters 15; 9.Good Lovin'-The Young Rascals 14; 10.I Got You Babe-Sonny & Cher 14; 11.Gloria-The Shadows Of Knight 13; 12.Love Can Make You Happy-Mercy 10; 13.Heaven-Los Lonely Boys 9; 14.I Love A Rainy Night-Eddie Rabbitt 8; 15.Endless Love-Lionel Richie/Diana Ross 8; 16.Time Won't Let Me-The Outsiders 8; 17.Leaving On A Jet Plane-Peter, Paul & Mary 7; 18.In The Midnight Hour-The Young Rascals 7; 19.Do You Feel It-The Young Rascals 7; 20.(I Can't Get No) Satisfaction-The Rolling Stones 6; 21.Mickey's Monkey-The Young Rascals 6; 22.What Time Is It-The Jive Five 6.

Do You Remember The Dating Game TV Show?

By Tom Burkard

The Dating Game TV show first aired on ABC TV Dec. 20, 1965. Through the years, the show was revived a total of 4 times, with the last revival running from 1996-99, and also had many seasons of reruns. Jim Lange was the first host from 1965-78, and Chuck Woolery handled the final two seasons.

Many contestants, who became world-renowned celebrities through the years, have appeared on The Dating Game. Some familiar names include: Farrah Fawcett, Suzanne Somers, Lindsay Wagner, Tom Selleck, Lee Majors, Steve Martin, Burt Reynolds, John

Ritter, Phil Hartman, Arnold Schwarzeneger, Bob Saget, Cuba Gooding Jr., The Carpenters, Leif Garrett, Mark Harmon, Jerry Mathers, Michael Jackson, Dusty Springfield, Ron Howard, Barry Williams, Sally Field, Richard Dawson, Jay North, Paul Lynde, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, George Foreman.

You can see some of these stars when they actually appeared on The Dating Game. Just type in the person's name and appearance on The Dating Game. The trip back to memory lane should be interesting for you to do on a snowy day, or any day for that matter.



Who Is It Winners for January

In the Jan. photo: (l-r) Assemblyman John Wisniewski, Gov. James Florio, and South Amboy Mayor Jack O'Leary. The photo was taken at the dedication of the new South Amboy Middle/High School in 1996. A perfect score was 13 points.
Winners-Edna Mazur Pilch 13, Karen Kieselowsky 13, Craig Yetsko 13, Michael & Irene Kilcomons 13, Dane Colburn 13. They were followed by Marie & Ed English 12.5, Pete McIntyre 8, Laurie & Gary Loftus 7, T.J. Albanese 4, Jack Piskorski/Keith Piskorski/and Lorraine Krauss 3, Debra Carling 3, Betty Leveille 3, Pat & Bill Scully 3, Peg/Steve Yuhas 3, Sheila Knudsen 2. Congrats to all!
*Incorrect answers-Mayor James Zagata, Senator Bill Bradley; The year of the event was '96 not '97.

WHAT IS IT?????

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton

February What is it?

Some Incorrect answers were 2 string guitar; a piola; 2 string cigar box guitar, lute, Tub Bass, Balalaika.



Can you identify this item? Send your answer to satimes@aol.com by March 15th..
Last month's What is it? was a Morin Khorin or Horse Headed Violin an instrument that originated in Mongolia. The following correctly identified it:Michael & Irene Kilcomons, John & JoAnn French, Gary Vrabel, Karen Kieselowsky, Edna Mazur Pilch, Michael Moe, Gary Feret, Mark Moniello, Steve Villig.



January What Is It?
Morin Khorin or Horse Headed Violin



MUSIC TRIVIA By Tom Burkard

HEART

- 1.Heart Of Glass
- 2.Heart Of Stone ♡
- 3.Piece Of My Heart
- 4.Hearts
- 5.Heartache Tonight
- 6.Heartbreak Hotel
- 7.Heart Of Gold
- 8.Heart To Heart
- 9.Heart And Soul ♡
- 10.Heartbeat ♡

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

- a.Big Brother & The Holding Co.
- b.Blondie
- c.The Rolling Stones
- d.Neil Young
- e.The Eagles
- f.Don Johnson
- g.Elvis Presley
- h.Huey Lewis
- i.Kenny Loggins
- j.Marty Balin

Honoring Pvt. Martin J. Bailey



On February 19th the U.S. Army 78 Division presented a plaque to members of Protection Eng. Co. honoring Pvt. Martin J. Bailey who was killed in action October 21, 1918, during the battle of Aronne-Meuse. Bailey also was a member of SAFD Protection Eng. Co. Staff Sergeant Julio Marciano of the 78th Division, also a member of Protection made the presentation to SAFD Asst. Chief David Szatkowski, Protection company Captain Thomas Szatkowski Jr. and President Larry Parsons.

The plaque reads "Dedicated to Private Martin J. Bailey of Company G, 310th Infantry, 78th Division for giving the Ultimate Sacrifice on Oct 21, 1918. Private Bailey was one who fought gallantly and assisted in giving inspiration to comrades which had much to do with the victory in the Argonne-Meuse campaign." The plaque will be placed on the wall of honor within the firehouse. (Photo/Caption by Jamie Norek)



The Y Helps Children Learn to be Safe Around Water

YMCA of Metuchen, Edison, Woodbridge & South Amboy increases availability of water safety and swim lessons in underserved communities

As part of the Y's commitment to reduce drowning rates and keep kids safe in and around the water, the YMCA of Metuchen, Edison, Woodbridge & South Amboy will provide scholarships for swim instruction and water safety to children from underserved communities in our service areas.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, fatal drowning is the second-leading cause of death for children ages one to 14 years old. In ethnically diverse communities, the youth drowning rate is two to three times higher than the national average, according to a USA Swimming study. Additionally 64 percent of African-American children, 45 percent of Latino children, and 40 percent of Caucasian children have no or low swimming ability.

"Educating children how to be safe around water is just as important as teaching them to look both ways before they cross the street," said Rose Cushing, President & CEO of the YMCA of Metuchen, Edison, Woodbridge & South Amboy. "The Y's teaches children of all ages and backgrounds that water should be fun, not feared, and this practice not only saves lives it builds confidence."

The Y believes this is especially true following 2020's COVID-19 shutdowns. "We know there are children in our community

who are now more at risk due to the need to maintain social distancing in 2020 and we want to make every effort we can to reach those kids this year. In order to maintain a safe and healthy environment while COVID-19 is still present, the Y is limiting the number of people in the pool at any one time through a reservation system, having instructors teach from the deck during classes, and having all staff and volunteers wear face masks and face shields.

The Y has been a leader in providing swim lessons and water safety for almost 100 years. The YMCA of MEWSA continues to help youth and adults experience the joy and benefits of swimming, so they can be healthy, confident and secure in the water. There are a variety of programs to choose, including lap swim, family swim, junior lap swim and private and semi-private lessons.

In addition to learning lifesaving water safety skills, children can increase their physical activity by swimming. Swimming also motivates children to strive for self-improvement, teaches goal orientation and cultivates a positive mental attitude and high self-esteem. It also teaches life lessons of sport and sportsmanship, so that children can learn how to work well with teammates and coaches and how to deal with winning and losing—skills that last a lifetime.

To learn how to qualify for financial assistance, please contact Alexis Brown at 732-548-2044 or at alexis.brown@ymcaofmewsa.org.

St. Patrick's Parade (Continued from page 1)

participants and spectators which may make following precautionary social distancing and masking measures intended to stem the spread of the virus more difficult to enforce. We cannot, in good conscience, put thousands of people at risk for exposure."

Fun Visit With the Easter Bunny March 28

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 will have a fun visit with the Easter Bunny Sunday March 28 from 11 AM to 2 PM at the K of C on 308 Fourth St.

The Parade Committee is hoping to be able to provide a parade, although on a much smaller scale in September. We will all have to wait and see if current efforts to stem the spread of the virus and to vaccinate residents of New Jersey will allow them to do so.

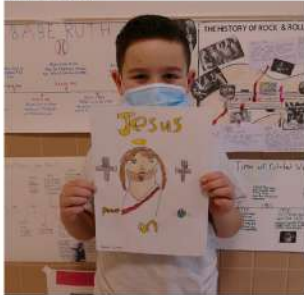
South Amboy. Bring your cameras so your children can be photographed with the Easter Bunny. For more information call Gary at 732-512-8923 or Jan at 732-553-9060.

St. Stan's School

(Photos/Info Submitted)



Sixth grader, Matthew Baczor, uses a triple beam balance and ruler to find the density of everyday objects. (Photo By Katie Pagnotta)



James Girard, fourth grade student, shows his interpretation of how Jesus looks and how he wishes there will be peace on earth.



Third grade students team up with a New York radio station, 94.7 FM, to create Valentines For The Troops. (Photo By Lisa Grover)



Kindergarten students celebrate the 100th day of school by dressing up as the 101 Dalmations. (Photo By Paula Giannace)

The Vintage Car Contest

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton



Can you identify this car? Send your answer to satimes@aol.com by March 15th.

Last month's Vintage Car was a 1970 Plymouth Superbird. A very rare bird indeed as only 1200 were made and only in 1970. The following correctly identified this beauty: Michael & Irene Kilcomons, Betty Leveille, Ginny Severino, Gary Vrabel, Kathy Lee Kolb, Steve Laskiewicz, Edna Mazur Pilch, Laurie & Gary Loftus, Mark Moniello,

Marie English and Ed English, Dane Colburn, Pete McIntyre, Steve Villig.

Some Incorrect Answers were '71 Plymouth Superbird; 1969 Dodge Charger; '69 Dodge Charger Daytona.

February Vintage Car



1970 Plymouth Superbird







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The
Spinal
Column
By
Dr. John Misiewicz

To Mask or Not to Mask

The immune system is a complex network of organs, cells, tissues and molecules, which protect the body. It is the defense department that is constantly working to protect us from bacteria, fungi, viruses and other toxins that can harm the body.

The cells of the immune system are made in the bone marrow and circulate to the organs, tissues and cells throughout the blood and lymphatic system. This system maintains a non-specific barrier that stops harmful invaders from entering our bodies. These barriers include skin, mucus, which traps foreign bodies, stomach acid, which destroys antigens, enzymes in our sweat and tears that help create antibacterial and antiviral compounds that attack these foreign invaders. When viruses and foreign invaders penetrate the immune system they are attacked by our white blood cells and a healthy immune system can recognize millions of invading foreign bugs and produce what is necessary to combat and eradicate them.

You must build your immune system. To begin with, a healthy lifestyle consists of diet and exercise. A diet rich in vitamins, minerals and antioxidants that are found in fruits, vegetables, spices, nuts, and whole grains to keep your autoimmune system working to protect you from infection.

Constantly wearing a mask is not in the best interest of your autoimmune system. Times to wear a mask are when you are out in public, with a group of people, food stores, shopping malls and areas that are enclosed. When you are outside in the fresh air, let your immune system work for you and do its job, take the mask off. If you weaken your autoimmune system, you will be more susceptible to other viruses and colds that your body would normally fend off. A healthy immune system is supported by exercise and nutrition. It will then react and maintain the appropriate response at the right time to stay healthy.

As always, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure!

Fishing Flashes

By Teo “Weebles” Weber



Salt Water

Party boats that sailed offshore are catching lots of big Porgies, a few Cod, Pollock and even a few Bluefish. Regular inshore is slow so far with only a few Blackfish and some Ling. Some of the Blackfish are quite big going 8 to 12 pounds. The big snowstorms finished off any ocean fishing for Striped Bass at LBI. All the Stripers are now in the back bay areas which are closed to fishing until March 1st. Likewise, in Raritan Bay for Bass and Winter Flounder. When fishing does open up on March 1st the fishing will not be good due to excessive snow run off which results in cold water temperatures. Flounder regulations appear to be the same as last year, 3 fish at 18 inches. When fishing for Striped Bass with bait, only circle hooks can be used.

Fresh Water

The recent cold weather we had brings the possibility of safe ice fishing. If the snow doesn't hamper you, a good bet would be Perch and Pickerel in various coves in Lake Hopatcong. Prior to the snowstorm there was some fishing in lakes and ponds in Ocean county for Largemouth Bass and Panfish. Wait for the snow to melt before trying for any holdover Trout.

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.) -R.S.

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Let It Snow; Let It Snow; Let It Snow
Somewhere Else

By Elaine Holton Scott

“Oh, the weather outside is frightful, but the fire is so delightful....and since we’ve no place to go, let it snow; let it snow; let it snow...” Well, first of all, most of us can’t light a fire to look delightful since it’s kind of difficult to do not having a fireplace. Ah, but once upon a time, I did have fireplaces while living in the South, but, alas, no snow which could be called frightful, or even a little bit scary.

Returning to my home state of NJ in October of 2019, I couldn’t wait until I saw “real” snow. With lots of disappointment, we only had a “dusting of it last year...not so in this year of 2021.

As I sit here typing, more snow is steadily coming down outside, but when this story gets into the newspaper, hopefully, all the snow will be gone, and good riddance to it. Good riddance? Good riddance after so many years of missing the heavy snowfalls in my memory? How could I dream of snow and then think of it as being nightmarish? Easy.

The day of the predicted Nor’easter, I was ready and waiting. My new pale pink, waterproof boots were by the front door, as were rock salt and a shovel. I had been prepared, buying what I thought I’d need months ahead of time. So, as I eagerly waited, the power suddenly went out. Since my house is totally electric, that meant I had no heat, no internet, and no landline phone. At least I had a cell pack which I bought in August, after I had lost power...but I never tested it. Thankfully, at least that worked, but nothing else did. Hearing voices outside, I quickly went to the front door, only to see my Alarm System, which I had set, was still on. Although the power went out, the alarm’s back-up system took over. I looked at the screen to disarm it, but the Disarm icon was gone! I was afraid to press too many “buttons” on the screen for a reason. Just a week prior I had gone to the garage forgetting the garage door had a “sensor” on it, and had the police at my door. I didn’t want them to come back again. So, I called the electric company and a recorded message stated that a motor vehicle hit a pole. See what can happen when the Governor declares the roads for emergency use only and someone doesn’t listen??!!

We've Seen White in February

By Steve Schmid

Sayreville and South Amboy received the most snow in the first half of February than it observed in the last two winter seasons combined. January was snowless this year until Sunday January 31 when a large slow moving snow storm began that afternoon. The snow continued heavily overnight into Monday and slackened the next evening. Light snow flurries continued until Thursday February 4. When all was said and done up to 17 inches of snow was on the ground. Other nearby towns also reported heavy accumulations. Edison reported 22.5 inches, Metuchen had 19.7 inches and South

A few hours passed by and I still waited for the power to come on. Unfortunately, my little overweight dog, Carrie, couldn’t wait. She had to “go.” So, fed up from being locked inside my home, I pressed every icon I saw and, voila, the red light stayed on the screen but the alarm wasn’t working. That meant, I probably wasn’t “locked inside” after all. About an hour or so later, the power came back on and the heat felt good as the thermometer showed it was 56 degrees in here.

The snow continued to fall almost relentlessly then began freezing. That was easy to do since the temperature dropped to the low tens during the night and wasn’t much warmer during the day. I not only got the snow I had for years dreamt of seeing again, I had gotten a Nor’easter! At least, the rock salt worked but the collapsible shovel I soon found out was worthless for snow. The next day, the top layer of snow was iced. My dog no longer broke through it from her weight. Not so me. Unable to go anywhere because of the snow, I had to follow Carrie until she found the right spot to do her duty. I was so careful. I surely didn’t want to fall. Unfortunately, I did.

I didn’t fall during the day; I waited to fall around 9:30 at night when everyone else was inside their homes. I was walking behind Carrie, stepping so carefully, when she pulled hard on her leash and for some reason I fell backwards, not forwards as you’d expect. When I landed, the top, now thick layer of ice, broke and my body went into a hole as the snow underneath still hadn’t iced. I swear, it was like being caught in a sinkhole! Each time I tried to climb out, the pressure from my leg just crumbled more ice into the hole. Finally, I was able to crawl out of it, literally crawling to the icy sidewalk near my house. Amazingly, except for an aching back, sore right elbow and left arm, I managed once again not to break any bones. I know my cousin, Ro Naughton, my Holton cousin, will be shaking her head when she reads this as, apparently, she never falls.

After that Nor’easter and more snow today, I am truly a New Jersey “girl” once again. “Let it snow; let it snow; let it snow somewhere else. I’ve had enough!

Local Winter Wonderland!

(Photos by Tom Burkard)



(Photo by Matthew Stratton)



In the middle of another snow storm some folks got out and enjoyed a day at the beach on South Amboy's waterfront. (Photo by Jamie Norek)



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Register on the Sayreville Public Library Events Calendar on our website: <http://www.sayrevillelibrary.org> so we can send you the Zoom link. Note that once you register, you do not need to re-register for each month!

Meatless Meals Fridays in Lent

St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus Council 10281 are holding Drive-Up Meatless fish dinners every Friday during Lent, except Good Friday in the church parking lot from 4:30 to 6:30 PM. You can remain in your car as members will take your order and bring you your food. Cost of \$10 includes fish with other meatless entrees. A large bowl of soup will be \$2. more. For more information call Carl at 908-601-1693.

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Lenten Fish and Chicken Dinner Fundraiser

The First Presbyterian Church of Sayreville, 172 Main Street, Sayreville, will be having a Lenten Fish and Chicken Dinner on March 19, 2021. All dinners will be take-out. Tickets are \$15.00 and may be obtained by calling the church office at 732-257-6353 or emailing us at churchoffice172@optimum.net. Chicken must be specified in advance. All meals include a 6 oz. piece of cod/chicken, french fries, green beans, coleslaw, rolls and fruit pie. Dinner pickups will be from 5-6:30pm.

The Local Sports Memory Machine

By Tom Burkard

Sayreville’s First State Champions



1950-1951-The Sayreville boys basketball team captured its first state championship in school history by beating Verona 46-36 at the Elizabeth Armory. The Bombers finished with an overall (20-3) record, and on their way to the state crown, they copped the CJ Group 1 title, by nipping Hoffman, 58-57, and then won the SJ Group 1 title, blasting Gloucester, 56-40. Pictured are front row (l-r) Coach John Gutkowski, Joe Bruno, Joe Rudy, Charley Kolakowski, Vic Krolik, Stan Bonczek. Back row (l-r) Joe Schmitt, Stan Wojcik, Podbelski, Gene Malkiewicz.

Glory Days In Local Sports

1952-Sayreville defeated Woodbridge, 12-7 in football play, as Paul Herrick raced for 2 touchdowns, one a 30-yard dash, which gave him the county scoring title with 66 points on the year. Teammates Joe Rudy tied for 2nd in the county with 48 points...1962-St. Mary’s boys basketball team shocked St. Cecelia’s of Englewood, 57-44, as Joe Jankowski led the way with 17 points. Bil Tibbitt tossed in 12 points, and Tom Fitzmorris pulled down 15 rebounds...1973-In the CJ Group IV boys basketball championship game, Colonia stopped Sayreville, 69-57, despite 23 points by Matt Walsh, and Steve Makwinski’s 12...1980-Hoffman girls

basketball powerhouse team romped over Keansburg, 63-37 in the 1st round of CJ Group I state tourney play. Sue Check fired in 17 points and grabbed 17 rebounds, while Carol Akerman tossed in 11, and her sister Sue Akerman scored 10 points and had 14 rebounds...1995-New Brunswick beat St. Mary’s girls basketball team, 51-46 in the first round of St. Mary’s Christmas Tournament. Janine Swanson topped the Lady Eagles with 17 points...2006-South Amboy’s Catie Rose, a junior center for Bishop Ahr hauled down 16 rebounds, scored 10 points, and added 3 blocks to lead her team to a 51-35 victory over Monroe in the opening round of the GMCT.

South Amboy Men’s Senior Basketball League Teams

50 Years Ago-1970-71
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Irish Drive-Up Breakfast March 14

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 will have a drive-up Irish breakfast Sunday March 14 from 9 AM To 1 PM at the K of C parking lot at 308 Fourth St., South Amboy. No need to get out of your car. Members will be there to take your order to your vehicle. Cost of \$10 includes eggs, bacon, sausage, and more. For more information call Gary at 732-512-8923 or Jan at 732-553-9060.

Virtual Stitchers and Knitters Anonymous

Looking to share your passion for knitting and crocheting as well as meet a few new crafting buddies? Enjoy this opportunity to pick up a few new tips from fellow craft addicts at this low-key club for folks who know the basics, but want to take their addiction to a whole new level! Have your supplies and your current craft project ready and let the fun begin!

Sponsored by the Sayreville Public Library, this group is open to all residents, adults only please. We will be meeting virtually on Thursday, February 11, at 6:30PM and every second Thursday of each month. For more information, contact Aziza at 732-727-0212. We hope to see you there!

ST CLAIRE NOVENA
Ask St. Claire for these favors, 1 buisness, 2 impossible. Say 9 Hail Mary’s for 9 days with lighted candles. Pray whether you believe in it or not. Publish on the 9th day. May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be praised, adored and glorified today and every day. Request will be granted no matter how impossible it may seem. Publication must be promised. -P.S..

T.H.E. Game

Sport-Boys Basketball
Year-1999
Teams-St. Mary’s vs. South Amboy in Game 1 of the City Series
Recap-The Eagles surprised the favored Guvs, and easily-defeated them, 54-33. Wilson Montero captured game scoring laurels, and had plenty of help from teammates Adam Ropelewski with 15 points, and Tom Boychuk, who popped in 10. South Amboy was led by Matt Martins with 17, and Ed Behnen 14 points.
Player-of-the-Game-Wilson Montero, St. Mary’s.

50 Years Ago

1971-The Hoffman boys basketball team clobbered Colonia, 74-68. Jim Keegan led the way with 22 points, followed by Gary Lange 14, Ron Croddick 13, Bob “Ozzie” Levins 13, and Doug Buckalew 10 points.

Long, Long Ago

1937-St. Mary’s boys basketball team nipped Don Bosco of Ramsey, 18-16. The Eagles were paced by Joe Crowe, Tom Weinman, and Walt “Kelly” Grembowicz, who scored 4 points apiece. Basketball games were very low-scoring during this time, with most teams scoring around 25 points in an entire game!



Drew Pearson

15 Years Ago

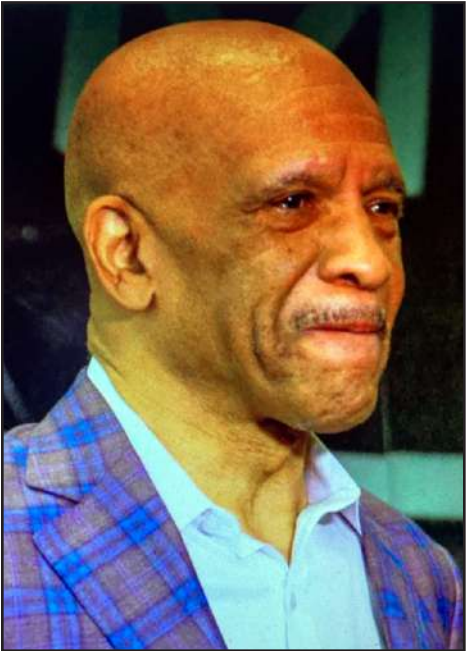
2006-Vincente Rosario of Cardinal McCarrick HS, broke George Krzyzanowski’s 36-year old school record for most points in a season (678), by firing in 27 points as the Eagles blasted Carteret, 61-41 in a first round GMCT game. Rosario finished the game with a season total of (688)...In addition during the 2005-06 season, Rosario came within a point of breaking the single game record of 50, also held by Krzyzanowski, when he tossed in 49 points, 24 on free throws, to lead (CM) to a 71-59 victory over Piscataway.

55 Years Ago

1965-66-The St. Mary’s girls varsity basketball team, nicknamed the Eaglettes, finished with a fine (8-3) record. The co-captains were Carolyn Lopes and Patricia O’Hare, and other players included freshman phenom Melanie Newcomb, Joan Cerebe, Karen McCloud, Elizabeth Dempsey, Karen Wist, Maureen Christensen, Ellen Coffey, Pat Lemmons, Christine Creed, Vaughn Duffy, Sharon Kokoszka, Sheila Nilan, Marguerite Buckley.

Back In Those College Days

In the early 1950’s, Belmont Abbey College featured three former St. Mary’s basketball players on their roster: Luke Lenahan, Frank “Butch” O’Brien, and Jim O’Connell...Al Delikat (Sayreville) played shortstop for Lafayette College in the College World Series in the late 1950’s.



Drew Pearson, who faced many Sayreville, Hoffman, and St. Mary’s HS athletes from 1965-69, while starring at South River HS, was recently selected for the National Football League (NFL) Hall of Fame at Canton, Ohio.

Pearson Selected To Hall Of Fame

By Tom Burkard
Former South River High School 3-sport star, Drew Pearson, class of ‘69, was recently selected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame. From his freshman year, 1965 through his graduation, he competed in football, basketball and baseball against our local high schools, Sayreville, St. Mary’s and Hoffman. In his earlier years, he faced many kids who played on our Pop Warner League football teams.

Al Gomolka, who was a co-captain for the South Amboy Sabres Pop Warner team with Marty O’Connor remembered that “When we played South River, Marty and I went out and met with the refs and their co-captains who were Joe Theismann and Drew Pearson, and shook hands. I made many tackles on both of those greats during our games over a few years.”

During his first two high school seasons, the great Joe Theismann was the starting quarterback, and Pearson a wide receiver, but after Joe graduated in ‘67, Drew took over as the regular quarterback, and was a standout at that position as well, on the 1967 and 1968 South River Rams.

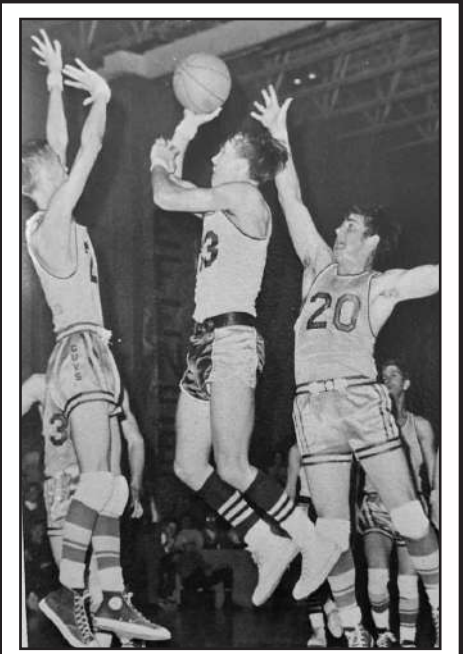
He was a talented baseball player, and in his senior season of ‘69, helped South River easily sweep 2 games from our St. Mary’s Eagles team. In the final game against the Saints, at the South River field, he got a base hit, and proudly told this first baseman who

was holding him on that, “After graduation, I got a full boat (scholarship) and I’m going to Tulsa.”

Joe Gabel, who was a standout baseball player for Sayreville recalled, “I played against Drew in baseball. He replaced Joe Theismann at shortstop after Joe graduated. Playing South River, our “next door rival” in baseball was always an exciting experience. For a small school, they were tough! Drew Pearson was one of those guys who stood out. At shortstop, he was fast, and smooth, with soft hands. One of the best I played against.”

He received a scholarship from the University of Tulsa, and as a soph, started 4 games at quarterback. He was converted to the wide receiver slot during his junior year, and excelled, right through his final season in collegiate ball. His career stats at Tulsa were: receptions-55; yards-1,119; yard avg. per reception-20.3; touchdowns-8.

Drew went on to a Hall-of-Fame career in the NFL with the Dallas Cowboys, who he played with from 1973-83, appearing in 156 games, hauling in 489 receptions, good for 7,822 yards, and had 48 touchdowns. In addition, he played outstanding football in the playoffs, racking up 8 touchdowns in 22 games throughout the years, and competed in three Super Bowl Games, winning the ‘78 Super Bowl Championship.



1969-St. Mary’s standout Jim McCloud fires in another basket, despite the strong defense from Jerry Disbrow (l) and Larry Kurzawa (r) of Hoffman. The Eagles easily swept the Governors in the City Series by scores of 75-40, and 76-44.



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Allocco Remembered

Stephanie Allocco, 42, formerly of Sayreville died on Feb. 9, after a courageous 4-year battle with cancer. Local sports fans will remember her as a 3-sport superstar in the 90's for the Bombers, who in 1995-96 was 1st Team All-County in soccer, topped the basketball team in scoring, and also was the best hitter on the softball team. She took her talents to Rowan University and excelled in those 3 sports and also played 1 season of lacrosse. In '99, she was a 1st team NJAC selection, and went on to a highly-successful coaching career, initially at Moorestown HS, and for the past 5 years as assistant softball coach at Stockton University. In 2009, Stephanie was elected to the Rowan University Hall of Fame. Stephanie Allocco was one of the most talented female athletes in the history of Sayreville HS.

Novena Prayer to St. Anthony of Padua
O Holy St. Anthony, gentlest of Saints, your love for God and charity for His creatures, made you worthy, when on earth, to possess miraculous powers. Miracles waited on your word, which you were ever ready to speak for those in trouble or anxiety. Encouraged by this thought, I import you to obtain for me (request). The answer to my prayer may require a miracle. Even so, you are the Saint of Miracles. O gentle and loving St. Anthony, whose heart was ever full of human sympathy, whisper my petition into the ears of Sweet Infant Jesus, who loved to be folded in your arms; and the gratitude of my heart will ever be yours. Amen. Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be. -M.S. & S.S..

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

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.P..

The True Story Of Fred's Bait & Tackle

By Randy "Pigeon" Poliny

30 years in Heaven, and still on that big fishing trip in the sky. Pictured on the left is Andy of Fred's Bait & Tackle, the younger brother of Fred. They both loved fishing, Andy was the man behind the founding of Fred's Bait. He made all the moves and connections to start the business. Once things got rolling, Andy quit being an ironworker for Local 373 Perth Amboy, where he was a connector--he liked being on top. In Andy's right hand is a 9-inch Buck knife. Fred's Bait & Tackle started in 1957.

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. -P.S..


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10th Anniversary In Heaven


Feb. 23, 2011



Madeline Burkard Bowerman

Always remembered with love,
and will never be forgotten.


Love,
Children Jessica and Walter,
grandchildren,
great grandchildren,
brother Tom Burkard



PRAYER TO THE BLESSED MOTHER
(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. -S.S..

In Loving Memory

on your 1-year in Heaven




Bryan Joseph Klein
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Ours of you will last forever.
The pain of losing you,
Will always stay.
Loved and remembered everyday!

Forever 30.
Always missed and forever loved.
Love,
Stephany and Colin

In Memory Of



Andrew Poliny (on left)

30 Years In Heaven On That Big Fishing Trip In The Sky.
Pictured With His Brother Fred, Of Fred's Bait & Tackle,
The Founding Fathers Of Fred's Bait & Tackle.

Sent In By Randy "Pigeon" Poliny, Andy's Son.

Happy 12th Anniversary in Heaven



Kenneth G. Kubinak
February 12m 2009 - February 12, 2021



We can no longer
see you with our eyes,
but we will feel you
in our hearts forever!

We Love You ~
Shirley, Brandon, John
Family and Friends

In Memoriam

Francis T. “Milky” Moran, 64, of South Amboy died on Jan. 17. He was a local taxi driver for many years, and well-known throughout South Amboy. Anna Bates, 74, of South Amboy died on Jan. 18. She was a seamstress for Komar in South Amboy prior to working as a hospice home health aid for VNA. Johanna Cordes, 81, of Parlin died on Jan. 20. She was a wonderful lady, who most will remember her from working at her daughter Jacqueline’s Florist business in South Amboy. She was also a former member of the Catholic Daughters. Through the years, Johanna sold Tupperware in the ‘70’s and also worked for the Home News. John Lasko, 81, of South Amboy died on Jan. 21. He was a lifetime member of South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council #426, and a Eucharistic Minister at St. Mary’s Church. Barbara Protasenia, 69, formerly of Sayreville died on Jan. 23. She was a Staff RN at South Amboy Hospital, before becoming a school nurse until her retirement in ‘17. Theresa Jancola, 95, of South Amboy died on Jan. 24. She was a lector and Eucharistic Minister at St. Mary’s Church, and also active with St. Mary’s School Caring Listeners. Dawn Banerman, 49, of Parlin died on Jan. 27. She was a secretary for the Sayreville Board of Education. Dolores Odolecki, 89, formerly of South Amboy died on Jan. 28. She was a former member of St. Bernadette’s Church, and very active as a Eucharistic Minister; Altar Rosary Society, and Senior Citizens. Stanley Kowaleski, 92, of South Amboy died on Feb. 11. He worked for NL Industries in Sayreville in various technical and supervisory positions. He was a past-president of the South Amboy Board of Education, and a member of both the South Amboy Board of Health, and also the Housing Board. In addition, he served as an usher/collector for many years at Sacred Heart Church. Marie Brow, 103, of Sayreville died on Jan. 30. Nicholas Buffalino, 93, of Sayreville died on Feb. 12. He worked in maintenance with the Sayreville Board of Education for 20 years until retiring. She was a past president of OLV Altar Society, and also past president of Raritan Valley Chapter of National Secretaries Society. Shirley Lehman, 97, of Sayreville died on Feb. 13. She was choir director at Our Lady of Victories Church for over 40 years.

Phyllis Barry Crowe

Phyllis Barry Crowe, 95, of South Amboy died on Tuesday February 9, 2021 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy. Born in South Amboy she lived there all her life. She was a member of St. Mary’s R.C. Church, South Amboy. Daughter of the late Robert and Elizabeth Donlin Barry she is also predeceased by her husband Joseph Leo Crowe in 1993 and her sister Olive Dragotta in 2015. She is survived by her sons Joseph R. Crowe and his wife Patricia, Brian B. Crowe and Kevin W. Crowe; her daughters Betty Lou Morris and Mary Jean Rappleyea and her husband Warren; 8 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. Funeral services were under the direction of The Gundrum Service “Home For Funerals”.

MIRACULOUS INVOCATION TO ST. THERESA
O Glorious St. Theresa, whom Almighty God has raised up to aid and counsel mankind, I invite your miraculous intercession. So powerful are you in obtaining every need of body and soul, our Holy Mother Church proclaims you a “prodigy of miracles, the greatest Saint of modern times.” Now I fervently beseech you to answer my petition (mention here) and carry out your promise of doing good upon earth of letting fall from heaven a shower of roses, henceforth, Dear Little Flower, I will fulfill your plea to be made known everywhere and I will never cease to lead others to Jesus through you. Amen. Say prayer every day for 9 days. By the 4th day ask for a sign, if prayer is to be answered between 4th and 9th day you will see a rose in a magazine, tv, picture or receive roses. Must promise publication. M.L..

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

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. -L.E..

Obituaries

Adelino, Carlos, 56, of Parlin died on Jan. 29.
Allocco, Stephanie, 42, formerly of Sayreville died on Feb. 9.
Banerman, Dawn, 49, of Parlin died on Jan. 27.
Bates, Anna M., 74, of South Amboy died on Jan. 18.
Bello, Kathleen, 70, formerly of South Amboy died on Jan. 20.
Brow, Marie T., 103, of Sayreville died on Jan. 30.
Buffalino, Nicholas A., 93, of Sayreville died on Feb. 12.
Capitaz, Joaquin, 77, of Parlin died on Feb. 17.
Corcoran, Brian M., 37, formerly of Sayreville died on Jan. 31.
Cordes, Johanna Sevell, 81, of Parlin died on Jan. 20.
Crowe, Phyllis Barry, 95, of South Amboy died on Feb. 9.
Daino, Patricia A., 64, of Sayreville died on Jan. 29.
Delikat, Alfred S., 83, formerly of Sayreville died on Feb. 10.
Fedor, JoAnn, 68, of Sayreville died on Feb. 12.
Flora, Brian L., 48, of Parlin died on Jan. 11.
Gentzler, Diane M., 51, of South Amboy died on Feb. 8.
Harkins, Eugene, 88, formerly of South Amboy died on April 9, 2020.
Hockenjos, Shirley, 86, of Sayreville died on Jan. 25.
Jancola, Theresa Leonard, 95, of South Amboy died on Jan. 24.
Juenemann, Erik H., 52, of Sayreville died on Jan. 23.
Kelly, Thomas Jr., 42, formerly of Sayreville died on Jan. 16.
Kowaleski, Stanley, 92, of South Amboy died on Feb. 11.
Lasko, John F., 81, of South Amboy died on Jan. 21.
Lehman, Shirley M., 97, of Sayreville died on Feb. 13.
Maliadis, Cetorius “Teddy,” 89, of Parlin died on Feb. 6.
McLean, Agnes, 90, of Parlin died on Feb. 16.
Molnar, Marjorie F. “Dolly” Croddick, 90, formerly of South Amboy died on Jan. 28.
Montanez, Raquel, 81, of South Amboy died on Jan. 24.
Moran, Francis T. “Milky,” 64, of South Amboy died on Jan. 17.
Mulcahy, Alice M., 85, formerly of Parlin died on Jan. 23.
Odolecki, Dolores Dooling, 89, formerly of South Amboy died on Jan. 28.
Ortense, Patricia A., 82, formerly of Parlin died on Jan. 26.
Protasenia, Barbara E., 69, formerly of Sayreville died on Jan. 23.
Rogers, Kenneth C. Jr., 68, of South Amboy died on Dec. 22.
Sarno, Philip “Tippy,” 85, of Sayreville died on Feb. 3.
Serafin, Bruno, 78, of Parlin died on Feb. 5.
Skarzynski, Helen A. Warga, 89, formerly of South Amboy died on Feb. 3.
Sprague, Janice Gereghty, 93, of Morgan died on Feb. 11.
Szkodny, Rose Blaszkza, 71, formerly of Sayreville died on Jan. 29.
Venturi, Catherine A. “Kitchie,” 79, of South Amboy died on Jan. 26.
Zulin, Phyllis “Maggie,” 89, formerly of South Amboy died on Feb. 13.

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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., L.P.

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