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Mayor Fred Henry (l) during the ceremony with Sergeant An Wang and his family.

South Amboy Officer Promoted to Sergeant

(Photo/info submitted)

On April 1st Mayor Fred Henry administered the oath of office to Sergeant An Wang as his family and friends looked on. Wang, who has served as a Detective for the Department is a South Amboy resident, and joined the South Amboy Police Department in July 2014 after completing his Basic Recruit Training at the Monmouth County Police Academy. "One of the greatest pleasures I have as Mayor are events like this. And has been a hard-working and dedicated member of our Police Department serving as both a patrol officer and detective. In addition to his normal assignments, he has been an integral part in special projects as assigned by Chief Lavigne," said Mayor Henry.

In addition to his police duties Wang has served on active-duty status in the US Navy and currently holds the rank of Chief Petty Officer in the US Navy Reserves. His promotion will fill the void created by the retirement of Sergeant Richard "Chip" Wojaczyk who retired earlier this year.

"As Mayor I am committed to providing the highest caliber of personnel and equipment to our police department to continue their good work in our community. As we continue to grow, I will ensure that so too, shall our police roster, and that those officers I appoint will reflect the diversity of our community."

Jammin for Jaclyn

Jammin for Jaclyn, the New Jersey based benefit for those fighting cancer, will have it's 8th annual event virtually this year on Facebook LIVE, June 12th from 7-10:30pm EST. The livestream will consist of 8 talented musicians performing from the safety of their homes, as well as a 50/50 drawing at the end of the night. The funds raised by this year's event will be supporting local business owner, Brian Da Silva, who is currently battling Pancreatic Cancer. This family run benefit in a small New Jersey town came to last over seven years and raised over \$185,000 for 8 families in their ongoing fights with cancer. The organization was originally established for local New Jersey resident, Jaclyn Squillace, who was diagnosed with Stage 3 Breast Cancer while five months pregnant in 2014. Her brother, Michael Squillace, a professional multi-instrumentalist, along with her parents and co-founders, Denise and Ron Morgan, created the annual event

in order to raise funds for Jaclyn's many surgeries and treatments, but also to lift her spirits. As she went in and out of remission for several years, they continued to run the event for others fighting cancer in the community. Though Jaclyn passed in 2018, they continue to run the event in her name. This year's Featured Artists: Fern 7:00-7:25 • Levy Okun 7:25-7:50 • Sof 7:50-8:15 • Natalie Farrell 8:15-8:40 • Sahara Moon 8:40-9:05 • Jake Tavill 9:15-9:40 • Nick Ryan 9:40-10:05 • Taylor Tote 10:05-10:30 • 50/50 Drawing Donate online: Givebutter.com/JamminforJaclyn2021 or Text J4J2021 to 202-858-1233 Donate via check: Make check payable to RJC Charities, Inc and send to 292 Stevens Avenue, South Amboy, NJ. 08879 Contact info: Co-founders Michael Squillace, Denise Morgan, Ron Morgan JamminforJaclyn.org JamminforJaclyn@gmail.com 732-525-9536.

Friends Of Rose Cornhole Tournament

The 5th Anniversary of the "Friends of Rose" Co-Ed Cornhole Tournament will be held on Saturday, May 22nd at Sayreville VFW Post 4699, 575 Jernee Mill Rd., Sayreville, with registration beginning at 4 p.m. Cost is \$60 per male/female team. The event features prizes, cash bar, music. To sign up, call Eric Hausmann at 908-420-5470.

*100% of donations go to "Fight Colorectal Cancer" an organization dedicated to fighting Colorectal Cancer. www.fightcolorectalcaner.org.



John (Jack) T. O'Leary, Sr. Remembered

John (Jack) T. O'Leary, Sr., 96, of South Amboy passed away on Tuesday April 6, 2021. He died peacefully at home surrounded by his children and grandchildren. Jack was born on February 17, 1925 and he was a lifelong resident of South Amboy. He started working with his Uncle John Dooling at the age of 11 and quickly learned the electrical trade. On June 29, 1942 at the age of 16 he joined the Navy (with some finagling) and served in WWII aboard the USS Admiral RE Coontz AP-122. During the war he became a member of the "Domain of the Golden Dragon," an unofficial but highly coveted award of the US Navy. He joined the South Amboy Police Department in 1955 and served 35 years before retiring. During this time and long after retiring from the SAPD he continued his work as an electrician and became owner of Dooling Electric. Jack is a member of St. Mary's R.C. Church, South Amboy, an honorary life member of the South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426, a member of the American Legion Luke A. Lovely Post 62, South Amboy, VFW Post 335 Cranford and a charter member of the South Amboy Ancient Order of Hibernians where he was honored as Hibernian of the Year in 1998. He served as Grand Marshal of the South Amboy St. Patrick's Day Parade in 2002, received the Blue Badge Award from his peers for saving a life in 1972, a life member of the Protection Fire Dept. in South Amboy, a member of the South Amboy PBA Local 63, and NJ State PBA, Retired Local 600.

Jack was very proud of his Irish heritage. He enjoyed his horses and bringing out the sled or carriage for a turn around town. He was sometimes spotted at a local tavern bringing the pony in for refreshments. Jack always enjoyed a good joke but most of all telling one. He loved to be with family and was always up for a picnic, reunion or gathering of friends. He was a strong patriarch of his family, a good friend to all, a man who would give his shirt for a friend.

He was a good father who always took care of his children and did the best he could to teach and guide them, a loving grandfather and great-grandfather.

Jack was a strong, proud and good man. He is loved and will be missed by many!

Son of the late Thomas and Catherine



John (Jack) T. O'Leary, Sr.

(Dooling) O'Leary he is also predeceased by his wife Mary G. Lanza O'Leary in 2006; his brothers Thomas O'Leary and William O'Leary and his sisters Sr. Marie O'Leary, RSM of the Watchung Community and Joanne Donnelly and her husband John "Ace". He is survived by his daughter, Joanne Katko and her husband Kenneth of South Amboy, grandson Kenneth Katko, Jr. and his wife Susan and great-grandson Kenneth, III and granddaughter Kaitlyn Feret and her husband Christopher; his sons, The Honorable John T. O'Leary and his wife Kathleen and grandsons John, Patrick and Ryan Liam; William O'Leary and his wife Susan and grandchildren Richie, Heather & Hayley; and Thomas O'Leary and his wife Susan and grandson Thomas all of South Amboy; many nieces and nephews and dear friends too numerous to name and his cats Thelma & Louise.

Funeral services were held on Monday April 12, 2021 from The Gundrum Service "Home for Funerals" 237 Bordentown Avenue, South Amboy followed by a 10:30am Mass of Christian Burial at St. Mary's Church. Interment was in St. Gertrude Cemetery, Colonia. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Sisters of Mercy Watchung, NJ. mountsaintmary.org.

Dad-Daughter Dance

South Amboy-Sayreville Rotary Club will host their annual dad-daughter dance on Friday, June 4, 2021. It will be held at the Knights of Columbus located on Washington Road, Parlin. Dance starts at 7pm. Due to COVID regulations space is very limited. Walk-ins are not allowed. Do not mail in payment and do not leave payment with the Knights of Columbus. As space allows, registrations will be accepted in person. Cost remains the same \$60 for dad and daughter. Each additional daughter is \$25. To register contact Greg at 732-721-0400 or email-greg@customfinancial.org.

Spring Fling Dinner

South Amboy Knights of Columbus and Columbiettes are holding a Spring Fling Dinner Friday May 14 from 4 to 7 PM at the K of C at 308 Fourth St. South Amboy. You can safely dine-in or order take-out from your car. Cost of \$12 includes a choice of Italian Hot Dogs with Peppers, Onions, and Potatoes with Dessert, or one Philly Cheesesteak with French Fries and sides plus Dessert. For more information call Gary at 732-512-8923 or Vicki at 732-598-6910.



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Incoming officers for the new year were installed recently at the Elks Lodge. From (l-r): John Leo-Inner Guard, Jeanine Sieber-Loyal Knight, Barbara Maher-Secretary, Melissa Bobbins-Leading Knight, Dawn Roberts-Lecturing Knight, Ginger Olszewski-Exalted Ruler, Dave Bryson-3-year Trustee, Pat Mary Kall- Secretary, Allan Carmy, 2-year Trustee, Valentine Tarr 1-year Trustee. Congratulations to all! (Photo/info submitted)



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Sayreville Historical Society Nights At The Museum

The Sayreville Historical Society is planning three Night at the Museum events. The first was April 8, 2021 honoring the history of Industry in Sayreville. The May 13, 2021 Night at the Museum will honor Police, Fire, and EMT's. The June 10, 2021 Night at the Museum will honor our Veterans. In addition to our regular displays there will be special displays depicting each of the honored groups. The programs are open to the public and admission is free. Masks will be required and all COVID 19 protocols will be followed. The events will run from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Sayreville Historical Museum located at 425 Main Street Sayreville, NJ 08872



Two year old Lukas welcomes his little sister Elliana to the family. (Photo by Samantha Pagan)

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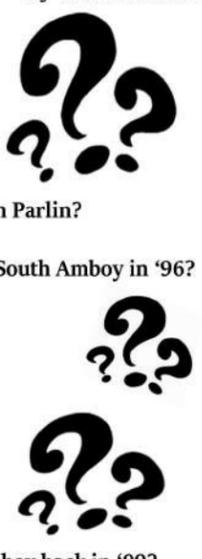
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Pleasant little TRIVIA

By Tom Burkard

1. What street is Junker St. located next to in Sayreville?
a. Washington Rd. b. Pulaski Ave. c. MacArthur Ave.
2. In 2012, retired as South Amboy Postmaster?
a. Malcolm Mandabi b. Mary Ann Mineski c. Tom Wilson
3. Who is Sayreville's current Fire Chief?
a. Ruppert Jones b. Anthony Mercado c. Luis Mercedes
4. In 1995, where was Angelo's Pizzeria Italian Restaurant located in Parlin?
a. Ernston Rd. b. Bordentown Ave. c. Washington Rd.
5. This former Senator/Democratic candidate for president visited South Amboy in '96?
a. Bill Bradley b. Hubert Humphrey c. Hillary Clinton
6. Sayreville's Police Chief in 1998?
a. Ralph Sapoznak b. John Garbowski c. Michael Martinez
7. Sayreville's Borough Clerk in '99?
a. Anna Stelmanski b. Joan Johnson c. Gladys Rzepka
8. St. Mary Regional HS Alumni/Development Director in '99?
a. Janet Gray b. Max Laimbeer c. Frank Ianniruberto
9. South Amboy's Municipal Judge in 1999?
a. John Everett b. Joseph Hoffman c. John Lucitt
10. Where was Henry Rinkewich's Barber Shop located in South Amboy back in '99?
a. North Feltus St. b. South Broadway c. Bordentown Ave.

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



Business Of The Month Java Dave's Coffee



Java Dave's Coffee owner, Efrén Castro (r) is pictured with his assistant Erin Taylor at the popular 110 North Broadway, South Amboy business. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

Efrén Castro, owner of Java Dave's Coffee in South Amboy, has proven that determination and hard-work can help anyone become a success in America today. The popular business, located at 110 North Broadway, recently celebrated their 2nd Anniversary, and the patrons keep on coming in, even after the rough year the world went through since Covid-19 hit in 2020.

Over two years ago, Efrén was searching for a good town to open a coffee shop, and discovered South Amboy. "I was looking for the best location to open a coffee shop, and South Amboy was the best," he said.

After coming to the United States, he worked in restaurants for 21 years, and also in construction.

His father passed away, and as a kind person, and dedicated family man, he bought his mother a house and supported her. Shortly after, another difficult

challenge came his way when his beloved wife passed away, leaving him to raise his daughter, who has now gone on to college.

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Summer Bazaar & Food Fest

Due to so many uncertainties surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, St. Stan's will be hosting a Summer Bazaar & Food Fest in place of its full carnival. It will take place on Thursday, June 24th and Friday, June 25th from 5pm-9pm and Saturday, June 26th from 3pm-8pm. Our menu will be available for take-out or dine in. Limited socially distanced seating will be available or you can bring your own chair to our picnic area! The menu will include all your Carnival favorites along with our traditional Polish foods & B&T Ribs! We

will have fried fish platters on Friday. We are selling tickets for our annual Carnival Super 50/50 cash raffle for \$5 each. The drawing will be held Saturday, June 26th at 8pm. Tickets are available in the Church office, at Sunday Masses, and at the event. Last year's winner won over \$18,000! We will also have nightly 50/50s, Tricky Tray Raffles, and a Money Wheel during the Food Fest & Bazaar. Come out to support St. Stan's at the School Grounds, 221 MacArthur Avenue Sayreville. We hope to see you there!

Poll Workers Needed

John Anagnostis, Regional Vice-Chair of the Middlesex County Republican Organization is seeking Poll Workers from Perth Amboy, Sayreville, and South Amboy for the upcoming Primary Election June 8, 2021 and the General Election on November 2, 2021. If interested, call 732-371-9967 and leave a message.

Yard Sale

First Presbyterian Church of Sayreville will be having a Yard Sale in our parking lot at 172 Main Street, Sayreville (across from Borough Hall) on Saturday May 15, 2021 from 8am to 12 noon. We have great bargains on everything from clothes to housewares and anything in between. Hope to see you there.



The library is presenting an Earth Day (April 22) and World Ocean Day (June 8) program on their YouTube Channel. The World Ocean Day program will be presented by Director Elaine Gaber (pictured above). Don't miss "The Adventures of Fred the Fish!" Our ocean-our planet-our future! Log onto: dowdell.org

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Yearbook-St. Mary Regional HS 1996

By Tom Burkard

St. Mary's High School's Class of 1996 was very special in the sense that it was the 100th graduating class in the history of the school. . . John Gloss was principal, and some of his fine faculty staff included: Sister Kateri Hawley, Sister Anastasia Maher, Elaine Cunningham, Paul Lynch, Charlotte Kierst, Cele Sisti, Kevin Toth, Mary Beth Woolf. . . When school began in early September '95, for the seniors, "You Are Not Alone" by Michael Jackson topped the airwaves. . . While at St. Mary's, the following Class of '96 members were hard at work, preparing for their future: Jason Arboreen, Melissa Balut, James Britting, Kristen Bruschi, Heather Budsock, Jacqueline Campo, Lori Carhart, Brian Chang, Roshanda Coppedge, Thomas Coppola, Zeneida Cruz, Joseph Demeraski, Theodore Diaz, Gina DiBernardo, Deborah Rojewski, Tracey Dodge, Jason Dombrowski, Arienne Dowd, Michael Dunn, Diane Eldred, Carla Carla, Darren Esposito, Yvonne Fisher, Julie Gallagher, Jose Gamboa, Daniel Geist, Katie Hebron, Andrea Hado, Donna Hill, Kris Kmiec, Cynthia Kociban, Gregory Kurilla, Gabriel Lotesto, Michael McGrane, Lisa Meyers, Maureen Murphy, Angelina Petrella, Joan Rivers, Emmanuel Rosales, Michael Sabo, Ann Marie Schroll, Christopher Skok, Anthony Sparno, Mark Stolte, Adam

Szabunia, Bryan Szraga, March Szuba, Megan Tengelic, Christina Teator, Rasool Thomas, Susan Vanek, Lance Venta, Alyssa Vona, Jill Wagner, Claudia Was, Theresa Wertz, Roxanne Wright. . . Activities were plentiful at the Augusta St. school, and the students were kept very busy with events such as: The Haunted Hayride; Halloween Happening; "Hot Chili" Cook-Off; Paintball; Christmas Ball and also Rosary Day. . . . Most of the varsity sports teams were excellent, and put up impressive winning records. The boys soccer club, and girls softball team won Gold Division championships. . . The super senior athletes included: Lynette Aucone, Lisa Boriello, Ryan Davis, Michael Freeman, Elizabeth Gonzales, Michael Haughey, Jesse Holovacko, Tom Jankowski, Lisa Leonardo, Michael May, Leo McCabe, Robert McDonough, Heather McGinley, Brian Meszaros, Thomas Nadratowski Jr., Caryn Neuvirth, Patrick O'Connor, Marie Pagano, Todd Pasley, Tapan Patel, Gene Pompliano, Fred Puglisi, Amy Reina, Peter Tsilimidos, Ella Yung. . . There were 84 graduates in the Class, and at graduation time, "The Crossroads" was the #1 song in the nation. St. Mary Regional HS Class of '96 certainly was on the road to making the world a better place.

The Smoke Column

By Ex-Chief Richard Kosmoski, MS

What determines the amount of the premium for your home-owners insurance policy? Do neighboring communities have different rates? Why is the premium different for the exact same home but in different communities? The answers to these questions can be summed up with what is called the "ISO Rating".

Your home-owners insurance premium is based on the Insurance Service Office (ISO) rating for each community and all have variables. ISO creates ratings for your local fire department. Your local ISO fire score is a rating that determines how well your local fire department can protect your community and home. Insurance companies use this score to help set home insurance rates, as a home that is less likely to be severely damaged or destroyed by fire is cheaper to insure. ISO does not officially release scores, so it is not easy to look up your area's score or how it's impacting your insurance rates.

Your fire department has the greatest impact on determining the ISO rating for your town and every structure in it. The more well equipped your fire department is to put out a fire, the less likely your house is to burn down. And that makes your home less risky, and therefore less expensive to insure. An ISO fire insurance rating is a score from 1 to 10 and indicates how well protected your community is by the fire department. A score of 1 is the best possible while a score of 10 means the fire department did not meet the ISO's minimum requirements. Less than 1% of the fire departments have a fire rating of 1, while the most common rating for fire departments is a 5. According to the ISO's Fire Suppression Rating Schedule (FSRS), there are four main criteria to a fire score.

50% of the rating score comes from the quality of the local fire department

including available staffing levels, training, and proximity of the firehouse. Are there always enough firefighters available to respond 24/7? Mutual aid from a surrounding community does not play into the rating score. All firefighters must be trained and certified to a specific level to be counted in the staffing quota. Firefighters must have up-to-date PPE and it must be in good condition. Fire apparatus, pumps, ladders, and other various equipment must be tested and certified annually to qualify in the rating. Training records must be up-to-date, and all mandatory training documented. All fire hose must be tested and documented annually so that it should not burst when pressurized with water. Any area in the community that is 5 miles from a firehouse is automatically rated a "10". 40% of the rating comes from the availability of the water supply including the prevalence of fire hydrants and how much water is available for putting out a fire. If a water main bursts, is there still an adequate supply of water to fight a fire if needed? 10% of the rating is determined by the quality of the emergency communication system and the various devices used to alert firefighters when an emergency occurs. It is all about getting well trained firefighters to the scene of an emergency quickly and with the proper equipment necessary. Home-owner insurance companies offer lower rates if you have a lower ISO rating because a well-prepared fire department should be able to put out your home's fire more quickly. With that said, when your fire department is looking to upgrade apparatus or purchase new fire fighting equipment and tools, it would be in everyone's best interest to support these purchases because it may save you money and your life in the end.



On April 10th members of Protection Engine Co. 6 SAFD conducted a search and rescue drill. Using practice smoke and blacking out the windows of the firehouse members searched for trapped victims while wearing SCBA's (air packs). These drills maintain members skills, and assure that the equipment is working properly. (Photo/Caption by Jamie Norek)



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The Slop Chute/ Parachute Story Humor in Uniform

By John "Flip" Phillips, USMC 1958

The Slop Chute

Every branch of the military has social clubs for its personnel. From basic enlisted personnel to officers. In the Marines the enlisted club (Private to Sergeant) was called the Slop Chute? When I asked some of the "old timers" WW2 and Korean War Vets, (yes, I was in that long ago) the answer was: tradition. It had always been called the Slop Chute. My guess? when you have a large ballroom type room filled with 18, 19 and 20-year-old guys away from home for the first-time, things happen! At the Slop Chute you could get a beer, burger and a pizza at a very reasonable price, 15, 25, and 50 cents. Imagine a can of beer for 15 cents and a burger for a quarter. Even at my rank (PFC- Private First Class, \$83/month), I could afford those prices. To relax with a beer was something we looked forward to after a long day. Friday and Saturday evenings were special. The Jukebox (a nickel a song) was always playing lively R&R songs of the 50s: Jackie Wilson, Bo Diddley, Elvis, Chuck Berry, Little Richard etc. A favorite was Little Richard's "Long Tall Sally." Imagine the whole room singing along with Little Richard, a real Slop Chute Sing Along! After a few beers, some guys would go on to the open floor to do a little "dancing," yes dancing, if you wanted to call it that. A sight to see! Remember the 1957s song: "The Stroll" by The Diamonds? And the way teenagers did the dance on American Bandstand? Picture young Marines singing "let's go strolling" as they strolled up and down the line after a couple of liquid refreshments. Another sight to see. Around 9:15 or 9:30 PM the lights would blink telling us it was closing time. If

you wanted another beer, you'd better hurry. Then it was hurry back to the barracks before lights out at 10PM.

The Parachute Story:

After 13 weeks of Boot Camp and then another 6 weeks of Infantry Training, those of us that were assigned to the Fleet Marine Force (FMF) reported to our new home. For me it was the 8th Marine Regiment at Camp Lejeune North Carolina. After getting settled, a couple of us newcomers decided to go up to the Slop Chute to check it out and have a couple of beers. The room was big, big! It had a bar, pizza ovens and grill to cook burgers and hot dogs. It also had lots of tables for the guys to spread out on. When we entered the main room, I noticed that there were different colored parachutes spread out on the ceiling. I wondered what they were there for. They looked cool! About a month later I was enjoying a beer at the club with a couple of guys when a pushing and shoving "tussle" broke out in one corner of the room. Two big tables (maybe 20 guys total) were really going at it. What started it was probably a dumb comment about one platoon being better than the other, or something just as ridiculous. It could have gotten out of control if not broken up fast. One of the club's workers hustled down to the tables where the action was and untied a rope attached to the wall. That freed a couple of parachutes to float down over the tables and the guys mixing it up. It was fun watching them struggle to get out from under the parachutes. After order was restored things went back to "normal". No harm no foul. Now I knew what the parachutes were there for. Pretty cool!

St. Stan's School

(Photos/Info Submitted)



Blankets of Hope - St. Stan's School participated in a Kindness Workshop sponsored by Blankets of Hope on March 29th. The students wrote letters of hope to those in need. The letters were then attached to the blankets with a ribbon. The blankets were delivered to local organizations that help the homeless. Pictured is the 8th grade class holding their blankets of hope. (Photo by Danielle Zygmund)



Second grade student, Vanessa Girard (second from left) and her family, intently watch as Mrs. Lori Hodder, principal, burns a piece of paper containing Vanessa's sins after her First Confession.



Eighth grade student Jan Bednarz and his classmate, Emilia Colella, virtually co-teach the first grade students. Jan gives a thumbs up to a student as they show their work.

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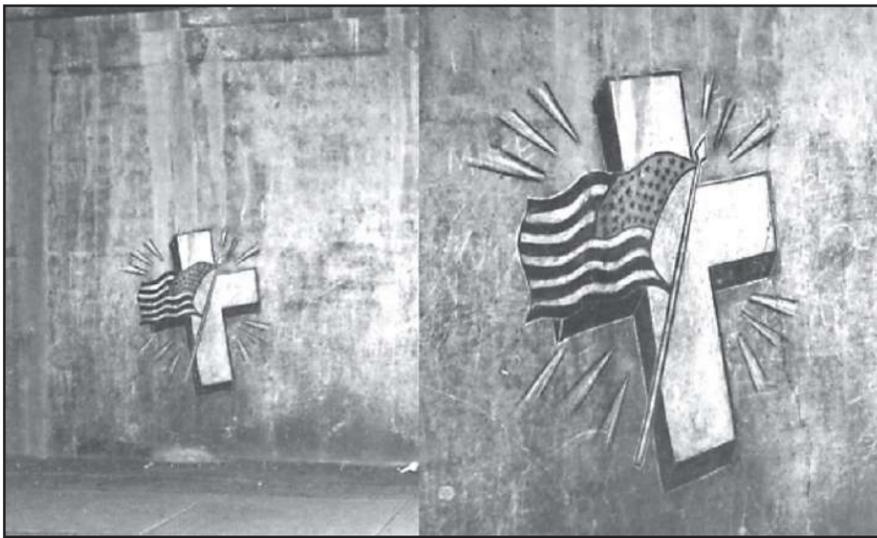
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WWW.?
By Tom Burkard



These photos were taken some years back in either South Amboy or Sayreville. Do you know where this painting was located, and any other details about it? Send your answers in to: satimes@aol.com by May 17th.

WWW.? Winners March

Last month's Mystery Photo was of Bridge Discount Liquors in Sayreville. The winners who correctly identified it were: Lynn Loy, Mary Agnes Morris, Don Zrebiec, Barbara Bockus, Betty Leveille, Michael & Irene Kilcomons, Gary Feret, Dennis Quinlan, Jim Sissick, Paul Conlon, Steve Laskiewicz, Marie English and Ed English, Jack Piskorski, Keith Piskorski & Keith Piskorski, Peggy and Steve Yuhas, Chuck Pickard, Laurie & Gary Loftus, Edna Mazur Pilch, Leon Credico, Pat & Lisa Grankowski, Mark Moniello, Adele Bill Scully, Joan Fulham, Joan Gorczyca, Eleanore Westerholm, Karen Kieselowsky, O'Hara.



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Members of the Independence Fire Company of South Amboy Fire Department had the opportunity to train with their new airbags that were purchased by the city from Continental Fire & Safety Inc. Under the watchful eye of Leandra Kane, paratech rescue specialist, she demonstrated how to use the new airbags. The fire department would like to thank the mayor and council for this upgrade to our equipment. In the photo are 1st Assistant Chief Dave Szatkowski, 2nd Assistant Chief John Dragotta along with members of Engine 7. Also in attendance was Councilman Brian McLaughlin and Mayor Fred Henry, who wanted to come out and see how the money was being put to use. After the demonstration, they were very impressed with the purchase of the new airbags. Also, thank you to Al's Auto Body for the wrecked car and use of their property. (Submitted by Asst. Fire Chief John Dragotta)

Local Wildlife

(By Tom Burkard)



Spring is here and the swans are back.



Aquatic turtles bask in the sun on an old tire.



A large frog was spotted in a local lake.



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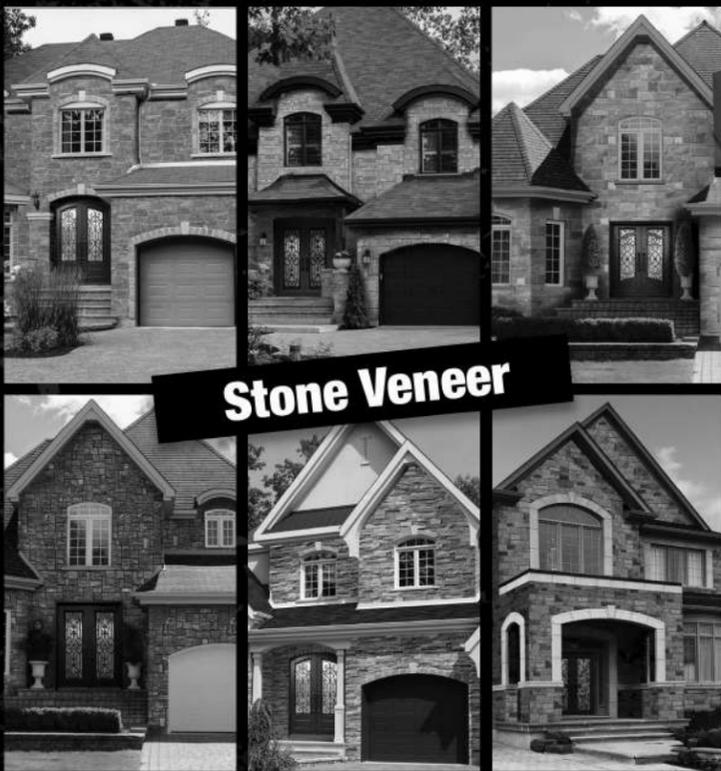
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By Elaine Holton Scott

No matter how hard I tried, I just couldn't twist open the lid on a small bottle of onion flakes. I needed those onion flakes for a recipe, so I tried and tried, using a new rubber mat made just for that purpose. No luck. I was able to flip up the lid but the top of the small bottle was covered in heavy sealing paper. So, I took a steak knife and stabbed at the paper through the little holes. Nope... onion flakes wouldn't shake through. Since my handy pliers, used now to open most of the overly tightened liter soda bottles, weren't wide enough to grip the lid of the onion flakes, I did what all women must do or should do in situations like this when no man is in the house. I put on my coat, and rang the bell at my neighbor's home. I handed him the bottle of onion flakes and with ease he twisted the lid and handed the small bottle back to me. God created men to do certain things. Yes, taking out the garbage and the recyclables, carrying the heavy bags of groceries, etc., etc. are some of them. Opening the lids on jars, soda bottles, caps on pill bottles and everything else needing a strong hand are but just a few more reasons.

Have we become so paranoid that everything we buy must be wrapped and then re-wrapped a few more times making it a frustrating chore to get the items opened?? Come on...women aren't nearly as strong as men and having us struggle trying to get the cap off a bottle of soda is insulting.... discriminatory, actually. Even buying make-up isn't as much fun as it used to be because of the difficulties in removing it from the plastic cocoon in which it's sealed. Then, after we finally get it out of the wrapper, are we finished? NO!!! The items, especially lip liners and eyebrow pencils, are totally encased in a thin film which defies even a steak knife to remove it. Recently I bought a set of lamps online, unbeknownst to me they were from China. Packed in one box, just the tape alone had to have added a few pounds. I had a pile of tape, styrofoam, twist ems, and ties all over the floor when I finally got the two lamps from the box, lamps which were packed in sections and pieces. As for the styrofoam, I had the tiny things clinging to my pajamas, top and bottom, and my slippers. Why use non-biodegradable styrofoam when popcorn would be so much easier?? Oh, that's right. The popcorn would have to be sealed, wrapped, taped, and encased, too.

Once upon a time, when our seas and oceans weren't filled with plastic killing our marine life as it floated on top of the water, opening any kind of product was done with ease. Bottles, always made from glass, had caps we just popped off with a bottle opener. Pill bottles had lids easily opened, and make-up could be purchased "loose." Glass milk bottles had a little piece of cardboard to cover the top and once removed, the milk would be left "to breathe." Those days are

over. Milk in plastic containers has a piece of plastic effectively preventing the milk to be opened until a little thin seal is broken. Sometimes such a seemingly easy thing to do like that isn't so easy after all. Fading eyesight and loss of finger dexterity with age don't help either. Ironically, while an item such as a lip pencil is sealed every which-a-way, an extremely toxic product such as a certain name brand drain cleaner has a cap which isn't even tightened and has no paper sealer under it for safety! I know because I opened a new jug recently. Then there was the new bottle of mouthwash. Needless to say, I couldn't open that either.

In the world which used to be, opening anything had been easy. Children had been warned not to touch everything they saw or suffer the consequences if they disobeyed. Knowing what the consequences would be, had made kids quite obedient back then. Now, instead of childproofing, some "Unproofing" is needed for those of us who have kissed youth goodbye...a great big kiss since we all knew it was never to return. Which reminds me, what's going on with the directions on over-the-counter medicines being so small that even with a pair of glasses, a magnifying glass, and a bright light, they still can't be read. Is this some form of "Anti-aging" campaign? If it is, manufacturers better start realizing we, who are older, have the most money to spend.

****HAPPY SPRING, EVERYONE!!!!****
 p.s. If anyone would like to get in touch with me, my email address is: elaineholtonscott@gmail.com. I would love hearing from you.

Name This Church

Name That Church Winners-Central Baptist Church (Atlantic Highlands)

Our first winners who correctly named the church and location were Pat & Bill Scully, Betty Leveille, who identified the structure as Central Baptist Church in Atlantic Highlands. Congratulations!

*Incorrect answers: St. Mary's Church (pre-renovation era of the 1950's); OLV Church in Sayreville.



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On April 12th members of the New Jersey Volunteer Fire Chiefs Association held their quarterly meeting at the President Park firehouse in Sayreville. At the meeting Fr. Stanley Gromadzki of Sacred Heart Parish was made the chaplain for the organization and led members in prayer prior to the start of the meeting. Fr. Stanley will lend spiritual and moral support to members of the 110-year old organization. The NJVFC is an organization made of past and present volunteer fire chiefs and fire officers throughout New Jersey and the purpose is for collaborating new firefighter safety and public fire safety issues on a federal, state, county and local level. Pictured is Fr. Stanley Gromadzki and NJVFC President Rich Kosmoski. (Photo/Story by Jamie Norek)

Pet Of The Month



“Star” is her name and that really fits. She was truly the star of the show, while being wheeled in a carriage at a nearby park. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

Dowdell Library

In May the chill in the air has been replaced with warm sunny afternoons, and all those April showers brought us plenty of May flowers. May is a great month to take a deep breath and appreciate the people and places we surround ourselves with, and at the Dowdell Library, we are doing just that.

The library kicks off the month celebrating Children's Book Week, which is the annual celebration of books for young people and inspires the joy of reading. This year the theme is "Reading is a Superpower." Check Dowdell.org and the library's social media pages for fun activities for young readers as well as book recommendations.

Ms. Maryanne delights us with a new storytime this month all about gardening. Come along and listen and watch while she reads a story about the surprises of growing a garden. She would also love to see how your Mother's Day flower craft from April is growing. Please send in a picture of your flower to comments@dowdell.org. You can find all our virtual programs on YouTube by searching Sadie Pope Dowdell Library or find links on our website, Dowdell.org.

We have new extended hours! Every Monday we will open at 10 am! Feel free to stop in to grab a book, make copies, send a fax, or use one of our computers. While you are here, check out our virtual program schedule or learn about our vast library of online resources! As we steadily move towards more regular hours, safety is still our number one concern. We base our operating decisions

on the CDC's and our State guidelines, as well as approval from our Library Board of Directors. To ensure your safety, all our services are staff-assisted. Computers may be used for one hour and are disinfected after each use. We can't wait to say HI!

Sign up to take a free virtual health workshop through the Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital. The hospital will offer several classes in May, including Stroke Prevention, a three-part mini-series, Stretch it! A mobility workshop, Stress Reduction, Keys to Reducing Chronic Inflammation and Never Ignore Your Feet! The one-hour sessions will start at 1:00 pm, and you must be pre-registered. For more information, visit Dowdell.org or to pre-register, please email kathleen.johnson@rwjrh.org.

Looking ahead to June, the Dowdell Library is presenting a World Ocean Day (June 8) program on our YouTube Channel. "The Adventures of Fred the Fish" is presented by Director Gaber. Just log onto: Dowdell.org. Our ocean – Our planet – Our future!

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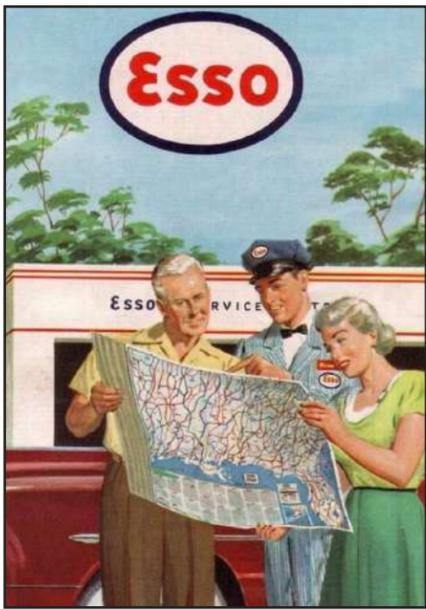
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Dennis Poulson of South Amboy proudly holds a 22-pound striped bass he caught off the South Amboy Beach recently. Congrats Dennis, that's a beauty! (Photo/info submitted)



Fishermen are currently having a field day on the beach of Raritan Bay. Tony D of Lyndhurst caught an 8 1/2 pound striper off the South Amboy beach on Tues. March 30th. (Photo by Jamie Norek)

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New Song/Music Video Shot In Sayreville

Kenny K. & The Way have a great new song/video on youtube.com titled "Shanty Town." The band, led by Kenny Kurczeski of Sayreville, features his father Richard Kurczeski singing the intro, and he is also pictured near the end of the song, which pays homage to his family's roots. The song was sung by Kenny's grandfather, father, and now Kenny K. "Shanty Town" is an upbeat and country-sounding tune. While keeping family values and hometown pride alive, Ken asks that you all "Get In The Way." "Shanty Town" along with 8 other great tunes is on the

band's new CD, titled "Ebb-N-Flow." Even though it's only April, you really have to hear the catchy "Covid Christmas," which is really a fun song, and shows the band recording in the studio. What a great hook to sing along with! The song is also on this album, and the excellent video is on youtube.com.

Another Kenny K. & The Way video to check out is "Lowdown," a real rockin' tune, in which lead singer/guitarist Kurczeski sounds like a combination of national rocker legends, Bob Seger, and George Thorogood.



Get in The Way! Lifelong Sayreville resident Ken Kurczeski and his band Kenny K & The Way have recently released their full length album "Ebb-n-Flow" to follow up the EP "Six Shooter." Kenny (l) along with his father, Richard Kurczeski (r) have a video on social media, "Shanty Town" shot on location in Sayreville.



One Hit Wonders 40 Years Ago

1981-What Are We Doin' In Love-Dottie West with Kenny Rogers; Just The Two Of Us-Grover Washington Jr. with Bill Withers; Theme From "Greatest American Hero" (Believe It Or Not)-Joey Scarbury; It's Now Or Never-John Schneider; Is It You-Lee Ritenour; Somebody's Knockin'-Terri Gibbs; Don't Stop The Music-Yarbrough & Peoples; Together-Tierra; Giving It Up For Your Love-Delbert McClinton.

#1 Pop Hits April 30

2000-Maria Maria-Santana with The Product G & B
1993-Informer-Snow
1985-We Are The World-USA For Africa
1978-Night Fever-The Bee Gees
1965-Game Of Love-Wayne Fontana/The Mindbenders
1956-Heartbreak Hotel-Elvis Presley

Remember When?



How many SA Times readers actually had one of these during The Beatles Invasion back in the 60's? Does anyone still have an original Beatle Wig?

#1 Country Hits April 30

2004-When The Sun Goes Down-Kenny Chesney/Uncle Kracker
1997-One Night At A Time-George Strait
1984-Right Or Wrong-George Strait
1970-Is Anybody Going To San Antonio-Charley Pride
1963-Still-Bill Anderson
1957-Gone-Ferlin Husky

Song Shoot-Out #5

March 16-April 3 Top 15

Songs with the most views on my Facebook page.

1. See You In September-The Happenings
2. You Didn't Have To Be So Nice-The Lovin' Spoonful
3. Day By Day-Godspell
4. We Gotta Get Out Of This Place-The Animals
5. Always On My Mind-Willie Nelson
6. The Lonely Sea-The Beach Boys
7. In My Life-The Beatles
8. Wouldn't It Be Nice-The Beach Boys

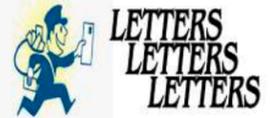
9. Old Time Rock & Roll-Bob Seger & The Silver Bullet Band
10. The Long And Winding Road-The Beatles
11. Take Me Home, Country Roads-John Denver
12. Baby, The Rain Must Fall-Glenn Yarbrough
13. Mississippi Queen-Mountain
14. Turn, Turn, Turn-The Byrds
15. Woolly Bully-Sam The Sham & The Pharaohs.

LETTERS

Letter to the Editor,

I would like to compliment my teammate from the 68-69 St. Mary's HS Basketball team Jim McCloud on his outstanding article about Mark Bratus. In addition to the accomplishments listed by Jimmy of that team that Mark led, we won the Monsignor Sullivan Christmas Tournament, defeated CBA twice that season, a rare feat, and came within seconds of holding a team scoreless for an entire quarter. I also would like to add that Mark Bratus was always a gentleman and a friend.

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The South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council #426 held a Fun Visit with the Easter Bunny on March 28th. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

MUSIC TRIVIA By Tom Burkard

Cities

1. The Night Chicago Died
2. Angel Of Harlem
3. Please Come To Boston
4. New Orleans
5. Memphis
6. Key Largo
7. Viva Las Vegas
8. Nashville Cats
9. Tallahassee Lassie
10. Philadelphia Freedom

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

- a. Dave Loggins
- b. Bertie Higgins
- c. Freddie Cannon
- d. Paper Lace
- e. Elton John
- f. Gary U.S. Bonds
- g. U2
- h. Johnny Rivers
- i. Lovin' Spoonful
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Kindly call 732-727-7170 by Wednesday 5/12 to place your order. Children's menu of chicken fingers with F.F. is available for \$6.00. Thank you in advance for your support.

Mother's Day Flower Sale

Independence Fire Company will hold a flower sale on May 8th and 9th at the firehouses on Broadway in South Amboy from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm both days. Price is \$15.00 for one dozen roses or \$25.00 for two dozen.

WHAT IS IT?????

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton
April What is it?



Can you identify this item? Send your answer to satimes@aol.com by April 18th..

Last month's What Is It? was an MTV VMA (Video Music Award) Moonman trophy.

Since the inaugural VMA award show 1984, the Moonman has been one of the most coveted trophies an artist can receive/ It was a symbol of their impact, popularity, and achievements. But where did the whole "man on the moon" concept originate, and what does it mean? To find out, we first need to rewind all the way back to 1981. On August 1 of that year, MTV launched with footage of a literal launch. The video in question showed the Apollo 11 space shuttle firing off the ground, then segued into an astronaut planting a flag emblazoned with the MTV logo on the moon's surface. A voiceover proclaimed, "Ladies and gentlemen, rock and roll." And thus, MTV was born.

Those who correctly identified it were: Dennis Quinlan, Janet Au-Krug, Leon Credico, Edna Mazur Pilch, Karen Kieselowsky, Lynn Loy, Pete McIntyre,

Chelle Martin, John & JoAnn French, Bruce Grankowski, Marie English and Ed English, Eleanore Westerholm, Peggy and Steve Yuhus, Mark Moniello, Gary Feret, Steve Villig.

*Some incorrect answers: Apollo 11 Buzz Aldrin planting flag on the moon; commemorative statue of the first moonwalk; Firstman on the moon; first man on the moon with American flag.



March What Is It? VMA (Video Music Award) Moonman trophy.

The Vintage Car Contest

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton



Can you identify this car? If so, send your answers to satimes@aol.com by May 17th.

The Isetta is an Italian-designed microcar built under license in a number of different countries, including Argentina, Spain, Belgium, France, Brazil, Germany, and the United Kingdom. Because of its egg shape and bubble-like windows, it became known as a bubble car, a name also given to other similar vehicles.

In 1955, the BMW Isetta became the world's first mass-production car to achieve a fuel consumption of 78 miles per gallon-. It was the top-selling single-cylinder car in the world, with 161,728 units sold.

Winners who correctly identified it were: John Gelsinon, Ray Andrejewski,

Mike & Irene Kilcomons, John & JoAnn French, Pat & Bill Scully, Thomas Harrigan, Jan Bednarz, Vince Farina, Edna Mazur Pilch, Karen Kieselowsky, Mark Kapes, Ginny Severino, Betty Leveille, Steve Laskiewicz, Bruce Grankowski, Marie English and Ed English, Eleanore Westerholm, Jack Piskorski, Keith Piskorski & Lorraine Krauss, T.J. Albanese, Peggy and Steve Yuhus, Mark Moniello, Anthony Carlo, Pete McIntyre, Steve Villig, Jan Williams.

Some incorrect answers: Adrian Flux, Dale Pennock Fiero Forum; Electric Smart Car.

March Vintage Car



BMW Isetta



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The Spinal Column
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 3. Use long-handled tools to keep you from hunching over while raking, digging or mowing. Don't hunch when pushing a wheelbarrow.
 4. Switch hands frequently when doing prolonged raking, hoeing or digging. Repetitive motion on one side can bring on lower back and shoulder spasms.
 5. Don't work too long in one position, especially one that is awkward or unusual? This can cause muscle imbalance.
 6. Don't over expose yourself to long periods in the sun without protection of head and body. Take frequent breaks and drink lots of water. As always, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure!
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Fishing Flashes

By Teo "Weebles" Weber



Salt Water

Raritan Bay Shore fishing for Striped Bass has improved. A few more shorts have been caught. Keepers are hard to come by. Some private boats and kayakers have caught some big ones. I know of 3 fish caught over 50 pounds. These had to be released as they were over 38 inches. I also saw 2 game wardens at Cheesquake creek on duty. Further south the Ocean at LBI has produced some Stripers in the surf. It's better fishing in the back bay areas with lures and bait. Not too many keepers but a few Black Drum have been caught. A Kingfish was caught in the surf already and more will follow. They are also catching Winter Flounder in Barnegat Bay and Shark River but it's still slow. White Perch are biting well in Toms River and southern back bay areas. Party Boat fishing is still a pick on Blackfish, some of them are large and Ling.

Fresh Water

Opening Day Trout season had a big turnout of people at all popular streams statewide with good water conditions. I wasn't able to make it out on opening day but I fished the following Tuesday for a few hours after work. I tried Peapack Brook but did nothing there so I moved to the North Branch at Far Hills Fairgrounds. I lost 2 and caught 2 Trout with one big fish at 16 inches. The Shad Run has started in the Delaware River. The Lewis Brothers fishery dropped the nets a few times and came up with a good number of Shad and other fish.

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John O'Brien Recalls Amazing Career

By Tom Burkard

(This article is dedicated in memory of Ed O'Brien, who died on Feb. 21, 2014).

Back in 1948, St. Mary's HS in South Amboy featured 3 seniors who would go on to Major League Baseball fame, and another who would play professionally in the minors. John and Ed O'Brien hit the big time as players in the early 1950's after their outstanding careers at Seattle University, where they rewrote the institution's baseball and basketball record books...Jack McKeon, was a player and later managed many different teams for 17 years in the minors, where he notched over 1,000 victories, before getting his call to the big leagues with the Kansas City Royals in 1973. In 2003, he took over the Florida Marlins, and led them to the World Series



The O'Brien twins were known as "Bonus Babies" when they signed with the Pittsburgh Pirates Major League Baseball team.

championship over the heavily-favored New York Yankees. McKeon is the only manager in history to have won over 1,000 games in the minors and also the majors...Ray Stockton pitched for a couple of seasons in the Detroit Tigers organization, and faced a young Mickey Mantle in the Kansas-Oklahoma-Missouri (K-O-M) League. Mantle hit a long homer off of him, but Stockton got him to ground out, and also struck him out.

The O'Brien twins, in John's words, were "a little small" during their freshman and sophomore years, and were cut from the St. Mary's basketball team, both years until fate stepped in. The team that was supposed to play the Eagles, did not show because of a snowfall, and Coach Charlie Eppinger pulled John and Ed out of the stands to scrimmage against his St. Mary's varsity team. The coach was very impressed by their stellar play, and immediately added them to the squad. This was the beginning of their incredible rise to NCAA fame, and All-American status at Seattle U.

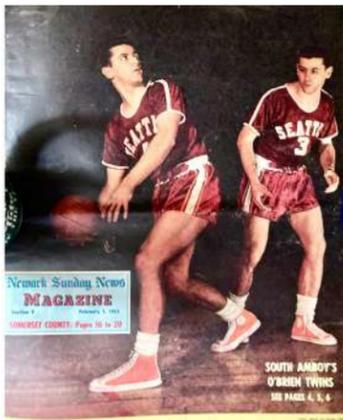
While playing varsity for the Saints, the brothers went on to become All-County selections in basketball, and received All-County honorable mention in baseball. Despite their honors, they did not receive any scholarship offers to college, so they worked, and also played for the Briggs semi-pro baseball team. While with Briggs, they were discovered by Seattle University's coach, Al Brightman, while competing in the semi-pro baseball National World Series at Wichita, Kansas.

Then it was on to Seattle, and John recalled their first day of school at the university campus, "We were the only ones wearing a suit and tie, the odd people out. College life was different from our life with the nuns in New Jersey. People laughed at our accent."

They didn't laugh for long, as John and Ed literally put Seattle University on the national sports map, and the Chieftains were a team to be reckoned with, as they achieved respect and high-rankings in the media polls. The team records were tremendous as attested by their 3 years on varsity baseball (62-14), and basketball (90-

17). On the basketball court, John at 5-9 could really get up there and dunk the ball, plus burn the nets with superb shooting from almost anywhere, on any given night. As Seattle's starting center, it was almost a given that he would be much shorter than the opposing center, but by the end of the game, his scoring stats left most opponents on the short end of the stick. As a junior, in 1951-52, he scored 1,051 points, to become the first player in NCAA history to score over 1,000 points in a season, and as a senior he scored 957 points, and finished his varsity career with 2,733 points, 25.8 ppg. in 3 years. At the time of graduation, he was the All-Time NCAA career scoring leader. As a frosh, he tossed in 566 points, but freshmen weren't allowed to play varsity ball, and this didn't count toward his career total. If assists were kept as carefully as today, Ed would have easily set some records in that category. He could also score, and pumped in 1,237 points, 11.7 ppg in his career.

One of the many highlights during this time period came on January 21, 1952, when Seattle University shocked the world-renowned Harlem Globetrotters, 84-81 in a benefit game for the 1952 U.S. Olympic team. Keep in mind that this was when the Globies played serious basketball, and had some of the finest players in the world. John O'Brien captured game scoring laurels by blazing the nets for 43 points to lead the underdogs to victory.

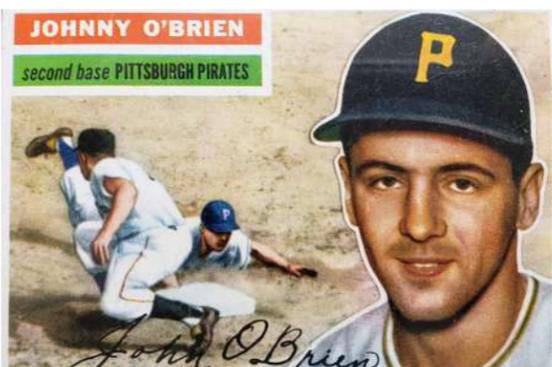


John O'Brien (l) and his brother Ed are pictured on the cover of a 1953 Newark Sunday News Magazine, which ran a huge, 3-page feature article and photos of the nationally renowned twins, during their final season at Seattle University.

He was 3rd Team AP All-American as a soph, a consensus 2nd Team All-American as a junior, and a unanimous 1st Team All-American in 1952-53, and at the time was the smallest player in history to receive this outstanding honor.

The talented duo were in demand and appeared on popular TV shows such as "The Ed Sullivan Show," "The Milton Berle Show," and "The Don O'Neill Show." John said that, "We got to meet Jimmy Durante backstage on "The Ed Sullivan Show." They met many other celebrities during their illustrious careers, including the great Bing Crosby, who was a part-owner of the Pittsburgh Pirates, and the legendary Bob Hope, who was a part-owner of the Cleveland Indians baseball team. "We were good friends with Bing, and he sent us a Christmas present every year until he died," said John.

After his playing days, John was elected and served 3 terms for 12 years as King County Commissioner and Councilman from the 1960's through 70's, and was afforded the opportunity to meet 4 U.S. Presidents including Gerald Ford, Richard Nixon, George H.W. Bush, and Ronald Reagan, "who I had breakfast with." John later became interim director/operations manager of the Kingdom in Seattle for nearly 20 years retiring in 1993.



John as he appeared on the Pittsburgh Pirates in 1956.

baseball, and John set the school record for the highest batting average in a season with an outstanding .566 mark, and career .455, which still stands today. After graduating from Seattle U., they were signed as "Bonus Babies" with the Pittsburgh Pirates, "For \$25,000 each including our first year salaries," said O'Brien. The rules said that we were to be kept on the Major League roster for 2 years. We bought a house and car for our dad, and also gave him the rest of the money. Dad never drove the car, and our sister Theresa drove him around. The first year salaries back then averaged \$6,000 as compared to today's \$577,000 for rookies on the team. We never complained though." Around this time, they were also drafted by the Milwaukee Hawks (who later became the St. Louis Hawks) NBA team, who "wanted us to play just home games for them," but they chose baseball when they got the big bonuses.

Surprisingly, the O'Brien twins never pitched in high school, and John said, "I pitched a couple of innings in college." They both saw some mound activity in the bigs, and John said that "Manager Bobby Bragan knew I could throw hard." He pitched in 25 games and had a (1-3) lifetime record, and his brother Ed was (1-0). John shared a few wonderful memories including his first strikeout who was future Hall of Famer Frank Robinson, and he also struck out the great Willie Mays, another legend who went on to the Hall at Cooperstown. John joked that "I gave up Aaron's 87th homer, and Mays' 187th career homer. When Aaron broke Ruth's record in '74, I sent him a telegram saying, "You'd be one short if it wasn't for me. I hope you hit 1,000." The note meant a lot to Henry Aaron, who kept it for over 40 years before it was discovered by someone in the Braves front office.

John and Eddie, along with their younger brother Jimmy "Troubles" were always very active in charity work for their community. The twins got involved in the "Forgotten Children's Fund" in Seattle, portraying Santa Claus for the needy at Christmas time, while delivering beautifully wrapped toys to the children, and one year delivered over 1,000 brand new bikes to the youngsters of Seattle. "We made Christmas a little better for so many. Everyone was worthy," O'Brien said. Although Ed and Jimmy have passed away, John continues with the giving tradition, always looking out for those in need. Two years ago, he was Santa, appearing at homes of Battered Mothers, and bringing Christmas spirit and cheer to those who were down on their luck. In addition, the Fund bought and built a western town, where they have 20 horses, so burn victims and people with other ailments can come visit, and enjoy a day outdoors. He also volunteered as a truck driver for the St. Francis House, another organization for the needy. He said, "Ed and

I helped out for 40 years each, and it was our way of giving back to the community and thanking people. All of the groups helped out tremendously, and that's what makes it such a success."

When I asked John, who has resided in Seattle for 72 years, about the countless awards he has received in his amazing career, he said, "They're on the third floor museum in my house. I'm more happy and proud about the humanitarian awards than any of the others. They mean as much and more to me." Beautiful words spoken by one of the really "good guys," who honestly cares about helping out, and bringing happiness to all human beings.

Interesting Facts About The O'Briens:

John is very proud of his grandson Riley O'Brien, a flame-throwing right-handed pitcher who is on the Cincinnati Reds 40-man MLB roster, and currently pitching for the Louisville Bats AAA team...John and brother Ed played with and against 52 Major Leaguers who are enshrined at the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown...The legendary Branch Rickey encouraged the Pirates to sign the O'Briens following their graduation from college...

John always admired Yankee great Lou Gehrig, and wore number 4 on his uniforms (when available) throughout his career in sports, as a tribute to his hero...He said, "Danny Murtaugh of Pittsburgh was the best manager I ever played for"...On May 10, 1953, John and Ed made Major League history by becoming the first set of twins to play together in the majors for the same team in the same game, starting at shortstop and second base for Pittsburgh in a game against the New York Giants at the old Polo Grounds...In 2011, the creation of the Ed and John O'Brien Center for Athletic Administration building at Seattle University, honored the brothers for their years of supporting the athletics program... John and Ed played 112 games together with Pittsburgh, and turned about 50 double plays, which was a record for brothers until the

1980's when the Ripkens, Cal and Billy broke it... The O'Brien twins are one of only four brother combos to play second base and shortstop on the same Major League team...John said his best game in the bigs was when he belted 2 singles and 2 doubles off of the Dodgers pitcher Billy Loes...He said the toughest pitcher he faced was Carl Erskine, also of the Dodgers...John played in the 12-inning perfect game pitched by Harvey Haddix, and went 0-for-3...When O'Brien played for the Braves, his locker was next to the great Henry Aaron... When John went to the St. Louis Cardinals, he said, "Stan Musial was the nicest guy, and the first one to welcome me when I arrived there. At Milwaukee, Aaron and Eddie Mathews were renowned for being nice to people"...

*A special thank you to my good friend, John O'Brien for taking the time to grant me this interview.



The O'Brien twins John and Ed got their start at St. Mary's HS in South Amboy, and worked their way to successful careers in Major League Baseball, and beyond.



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School Sports
By Tom Burkard
**Van Note-All
Conference**

Sayreville standout Stephanie Van Note, who finished her brilliant high school basketball career by joining the Bombers elite 1,000 point scoring club was recently chosen 1st Team All-Conference. She turned in a stellar 2020-21 season by averaging 18 points per game, 6 rebounds, 3.3 steals, and 2.4 assists. Van Note was the Bombers 7th girl in history to reach 1,000 points in her career, and totaled 1,108 points. Congratulations!

**Colo 1st Team In
Basketball**

Carena Colo was selected to the Girls Division II 1st Team in basketball for North Pocono HS in the Lackawanna League Coaches All-Stars in Pennsylvania. Carena was the team's top scorer, and a 1st team selection for the last two seasons. Colo's mother is Leeann Durski Colo, a former South Amboy resident and St. Mary's HS standout softball pitcher and basketball player. Joanne Durski of South Amboy is Carena's proud grandmother. Congratulations Carena, and best of luck in the future!

**High School Scouting
Report**

**Baseball
South Amboy**
Coach Dan Poulsen, now in his 9th season as Head Coach guided his team to a (13-8) record in 2020. The starters will most likely feature Gabriel Albarran, Andrew Juhass, Shane Murphy, Hunter Brown, Angel Barillas, Ben Hernandez, Christian Smith, Anthony Vella, Mark Stempinski, Brandon Gasiewski. Other team members include: Enrique Martinez, Steven Evanski, Isaiah Mercado, Jakob Mercado, Nicholas Murphy, Charles Murray, Marquez Garner.

Sayreville
The Bombers finished 2020 with a (9-15) mark under Head Coach Mike Novak, who is now in his 20th year at the helm. The possible starters are Diego Rodriguez, Matt Abreu, Joe Hayta, Anthony Donofrio, Dennis Whitford, Evan Drepaul, Brian Zapotoczny, Michael Colonnello, Michael Novak, Hunter Almeida, Tim Mayer, A.J. Zapotoczny. Other Sayreville players are Aaryan Mehta, Steven Farley, Brandon Fernandez, Ryan Anthony, Jake Romanello, Matt Corby, Aayush Mehta.

**Softball
Sayreville**
First year Head Coach Amanda Moken inherits a club that turned in a (5-12) record last year. Returning players include Destiny Gonzalez, Jordan Wehrle, Paige Roberts, Jessica Wasko, Madison Szatkowski, Megan McKay, Nyla Scott, Olivia Vranica, Ava Vona, Skylar Pabon, Dylan Arena, Jaclyn Indrawis, Arianna Velez. The Bombers newcomers include: Caydence Barton, Lily Poulson, Jillian Bourbeau, Daniella Romero, Emily Bernal, Kayla Sokolow.

South Amboy
Head Coach Lindsay Durant is back for her third season after finishing (9-11) in 2020. Returning players include: Alison McLaughlin, Nala Gawroriski, Evalise Perez, Jada Berry, Iyanni Twiggs, Soraya Pina. The Lady Guvs newcomers are Faith Nemeth and Kayla Buchanan.

**Back In Those
College Days**

Amanda Moken (Sayreville) played Division I softball for Indiana Purdue University at Fort Wayne.

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 -BS, PS, MM, ML.

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. -MS, SS, SP, NP

The Local Sports Memory Machine

By Tom Burkard

From The Youth League Archives



1970-The talented South Amboy Little Fellas League All-Star team pictured top row (l-r) Mike Kelly, Coach Dennis Rufus, Mike Grimley, Jerry Kotula, Pat Douglas, Joe "Moose" McCarthy, ?, Frank Richiusa, Coach Frank Grimley, Tom Billich. Bottom row (l-r) ?, Jerry McAndrew, Ron Stillwagon, Curt Jankowski, George Bongiorno, ?, Pat Eppinger. If anyone knows who the ? (question marks are, please let us know).

Sayreville Basketball: T.H.E. Game Year-1960

Four Amazing Years

Sayreville Bombers legendary basketball coach John Gutkowski had arguably the best 4 years run in the school's history from 1949-53. The 1949-50 team finished (17-3); 1950-51-(20-3), and the school's first Group I state championship; 1951-52-(24-1), and second straight state crown; 1952-53-(16-6). The Bombers record for the 4 seasons, (77-13). Wow!

Sport-Baseball Teams-Hoffman (7-9) vs. St. Mary's (5-6) in Game #2 of City Series action.

Recap-Junior Jack Seaman fired a brilliant 2-hit shutout, while fanning 9 for the victory. Frank Ruzala had a perfect 3-for-3 game with an RBI triple, and Jim Heffernan drilled a 2-run, two-bagger. The Eagles also scored on 4 walks in the bottom of the fourth, for the final score of 4-0.

Co-Players-of-the-Game- Jack Seaman, Frank Ruzala, Jim Heffernan.

Diamond Dust

1970

Morgan AA Midget League

Matty's Auto Parts 4 Morgan Pharmacy 0-Teddy Picchini was the winning pitcher and struck out 16. Dan O'Neill had 2 hits for the Pharm boys.

Morgan Lions Club 2 Harrison Realty 0-Mark Evaldi notched the victory.

South Amboy Midget League

Yanks 7 Orioles 2-The winning pitcher was Tim Walczak, as Bob McCarthy stroked 3 hits for the winners.

Mets 5 Giants 4-Dean Kenny racked up the pitching win, and Len Entrabartolo laced 3 hits for the victors.

South Amboy Little Fellas League

First Aid 1 Daylight Bakery 0-Ron Stillwagon fired a beautiful no-hitter and struck out 13.

Enterprise 8 Weiss 0-Winning pitcher Mike Kelly tossed a 4-hit shutout, while striking out 11. Mike also ripped 3 hits to help his own cause.

South Amboy's Men's Slow Pitch Softball J & B Trucking 18 Enterprise 10-Bill Wozniak ripped 4 hits, and winning pitcher Ed Witkowski added 3 for J & B.

Bottle Stop 10 Mike's Corner 9-Jerry Drill banged 4 hits to aid winning pitcher Henny "Henny The DJ" Conroy.

Glory Days In Local Sports

1946-St. Mary's downed Perth Amboy St. Mary's, 6-1 behind winning pitcher Ray Stockton, a sophomore, who tossed a 4-hitter...1957-Ron Kuran blasted a 2-run homer, his third home run in 2 days, but to no avail, as undefeated South River (8-0) thumped Sayreville, 11-4...1965-St. Mary's Eagles nipped Madison Twp., 4-3 in 8 innings, as future Major Leaguer, freshman Tom Kelly's clutch single with 2 outs won it. Lefty Fran Fitzmorris was the winning hurler, while Joe Vail drilled an RBI single, and Jim Fritz chipped in with 2 hits...1970-Dennis Yanoski

making his first start for Hoffman pitched a sparkling 2-hitter, as the Guvs downed Henry Hudson, 2-1, as Jim Croddick's 2-run single was the big hit...1980-Hoffman downed Monroe, 5-1 in baseball behind winning pitcher Marty Veilleux, who fired a 4-hitter, and also belted a single and double. Freshman DH Tim Bloodgood ripped a 2-run single...1998-Sayreville nipped St. Joseph's, 8-7 in 10 innings. Matt Rubio went 3-for-5 with a 2-run homer, David Santiago got 2 hits, Charlie Bowden drove in 2 runs, and Nick Spiewak was the winning pitcher.

60 Years Ago



1961 English Sunoco South Amboy Little Fellas League team pictured top row (l-r) Manager Joe Beshada, Fran "Cigus" Vanni, Dennis McCloud, Ron Dennen, George Gundrum, Jim Lyons, Gene Cross, Bob Eginton. Bottom row (l-r) Jim Nebus, Ray Leonard, Joe Cuprzinski, Mark Norek, Bill Gundrum, Bernie Poulson, John O'Brien, Tom Wortley, Tom Burkard. Missing from photo: Joe Jaskowiak. English Sunoco was the first baseball team sponsored by business owner Franklin English in the South Amboy Little Fellas League. In '60, the team was previously under the sponsorship of the P.B.A., and finished with an (0-18) record. The '61 English Sunoco club, which featured several players from the young and previously winless team, showed some slight improvement with a (3-12) mark. The following year, with the name changed to English Chevron, and after lots of practice and patience, they continued to improve, and went on to win a 2nd place trophy in the National League (NL). The inspired and dedicated '63 club, captured the NL pennant, overtaking the Tom Kelly-led Enterprise team, before bowing in the playoffs, to a talented First Aid squad that featured ace pitcher Joe Noble, and many other excellent players.

80 Years Ago

1941-The Sayreville Bombers baseball team opened the season with a 20-3 rout over Rutgers Prep. Capt. Steve Jannos was the winning pitcher and struck out 5. John Kotarski went 4-for-5 including a triple, and first sacker Stan Pekarski unloaded a 3-run homer, while Kwitkowski garnered 2 hits.

The Bombers lineup was as follows: Tom Wisniewski 3b Blaszka 2b Nick DeBiase lf Pekarski 1b Kwitkowski ss Kotarski cf Coyle rf Litz c Jannos p. Reserves-McVeagh 3b Fabiszewski 3b Helpa cf Pietruski p Prusakowski rf Andrejewski c MacFarlan rf.

Bratus Broke Record

1968 - Mark Bratus scored 35 points to set a new St. Mary's single game record, as the Eagles ripped Perth Amboy St. Mary's, 86-54. Bratus' stellar performance consisted of 15-for-23 from the floor, and 5-for-10 from the foul line. The previous record of 34 was jointly held by Tom Farrell and Tom Triggs. *A special thanks to avid SA Times reader, "Pistol" Pete McIntyre for reminding us that this article previously appeared many years ago in one of our issues of The South Amboy-Sayreville Times.

85 Years Ago

1936-Hoffman's baseball team under great baseball coach Eugene "Jimmy" Dobrzynski won their season opener over Jamesburg, 6-3. Winning pitcher Henry Conroy was dominant, firing a 2-hitter and striking out 14. Ed Lagoda smashed a 3-run double, while Art Jensen and Pete Pavich stroked 2 hits apiece.

95 Years Ago

1926-South Amboy stopped South River, 10-6 in baseball behind winning pitcher Baranowski. Reiner, the first baseman/leadoff batter, ripped 3 hits, left fielder Holman also got 3 hits, and second baseman Sheppard added 2 hits.

Baseball Players From Middlesex/Monmouth County Were Selected

1972-In the '72 Major League Baseball (MLB) Draft, four players from Middlesex County were selected. Jim Flannery, of St. Peter's New Brunswick, a shortstop was selected #161 in round 7 by the Dodgers; pitcher Jeff Grose of Colonia #325, round 14, by the Mets; Allen Szaroleta, a pitcher for St. Joseph's Metuchen was #565 in round 24, and pitcher Len Glowzenski of Mater Dei, #601 in round 26.

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Bielak Off To Fast Start With Astros

Sayreville's Brandon Bielak is off to a fine start in his second Major League Baseball season with the Houston Astros. He has pitched 2 games in relief so far in the new season, racking a victory, as Houston romped, 9-2 over the Oakland A's. Brandon has hurled 5.2 innings and struck out 4, and has a 3.18 ERA. Keep up the great work, Brandon!

Thank You

We wish to thank everyone for their many acts of kindness and support that we received in memory of Frank.

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Frank Paczkowski,

Frank Paczkowski, age 52 of Sayreville, passed away Thursday, April 22, 2021 at his home. Born in South Amboy, he was a lifelong resident of Sayreville. Frank was a 1987 graduate of Saint Mary's High School in South Amboy. From a young age, he excelled at both baseball and basketball. After high school, he continued playing baseball on several area teams including American Legion and enjoyed his co-ed softball teams. He will be most remembered for his outstanding pitching ability.

Frank was a well known butcher loved by everyone. He began his trade directly out of high school and continued for 35 years. He built a loyal customer base from Manville to South Amboy, where he managed the Meat Department in his family owned Foodtown. His fresh made kielbasa was legendary and a favorite of NJ families at Christmas and Easter. Most recently, he was a butcher at Foodtown/Fresh Grocer in Colonia.

He is predeceased by his father, Edmund J and his brother, Jerry. Surviving are his sons, Frank and Brayden, his mother, Judith Ciol Paczkowski, his siblings and their spouses Edmund Paczkowski, Lynn and Anthony Ascione, Judy and Gregory McCabe, JoEllen and Don Sofilkanich, and Gregory and Diana Paczkowski. He was an adoring and loving uncle to his 10 nieces and nephews. Frank is also survived by many aunts and uncles and cousins.

A funeral mass will be offered on Thursday, April 29 at 10 am at Sacred Heart R.C. Church in South Amboy under the direction of the Carmen F. Spezzi Funeral Home 15 Cherry Lane, Parlin with private cremation and burial to follow.



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a volunteer for the Houston Northwest Medical Center Hospital Auxiliary, serving on that organization's Board as Finance Chairman for several years. In his youth, he was an avid skier, and as long as his health permitted, he traveled extensively, accepting in particular any invitation to spend time on a ship.

Mr. Heim is predeceased by his parents Albert J. and Nellie R. (Nolan) Heim, his sisters, Mary Ann (Heim) Nappi, and Margaret (Heim) Farley, and their husbands, John W. Nappi, Sr. and Raymond Farley, respectively, his nephew, John W. Nappi, Jr., and his niece's husband, Andrew McGinn. He is survived by his nieces, Mary Ellen (Nappi) Quirk of Red Bank, NJ, Kathy (Farley) McGinn of Jackson, NJ, Phyllis "Phoebe" Nappi of Freehold, NJ, Rose Ann (Farley) Paone and her husband, Dan, of Brick, NJ, Mary Beth (Farley) Wojtaszek and her husband, Frank, of Monroe Township, NJ, and Maureen Farley of Jackson, NJ, a nephew, James A. Nappi, of Sarasota, FL, numerous great and great-great nieces and nephews, and many cherished neighbors and friends in Spring, TX. A mass of Christian burial will be scheduled in the future, followed by a private interment service to be held at a later date. In memoriam donations may be made to the Korean War Vets Memorial in Washington, DC (<https://www.nps.gov/kowa/getinvolved/donate.htm>).



James J. Heim

James J. Heim died April 5, 2021, of natural causes, at Sunrise Senior Living located in Shrewsbury, NJ. He was 90 years old.

Mr. Heim was born on February 6, 1931, in South Amboy, NJ, to Albert J. and Nellie R. (Nolan) Heim. He was a graduate of St Mary's High School in South Amboy, NJ, and Rider College (now University) in Lawrence Township, NJ.

Mr. Heim joined the Boy Scouts at age 12 and worked his way up to Eagle Scout status. In 1951, he enlisted in the US Navy and served four years during the Korean Conflict aboard the USS Lloyd Thomas, earning the rank of Storekeeper 2nd Class. Upon his discharge he went to work for Rollo Trucking

Corp. in Keyport, NJ, where he served as a transportation manager for 15 years. In 1970, he joined NL Industries in Sayreville, NJ, as an order department manager, transferring to Houston, TX in 1990 to work as a warehouse replenishment coordinator for NL's successor company, KRONOS, Inc. He retired in 1998, but remained in Spring, TX until 2019, when he moved to the Sunrise Senior Living facility in Shrewsbury, NJ, so he could be closer to his remaining family.

Mr. Heim was a 3rd Degree member of the Knights of Columbus, Council 426 in South Amboy, NJ, an active member of the 55 Plus Group at Christ the Good Shepherd RC Church in Spring, TX, and

In Memoriam

"Ralph" Amaranto, 78, who was the owner/operator of International Auto Center on Washington Rd. in Sayreville for many years, died on Jan. 23. Robert Delikat, 72, of Sayreville died on March 26. He was an Army veteran of the VietNam War, and member of Sayreville American Legion Post 211, and Sayreville VFW Post 4699. Wayne Olsen, 74, of South Amboy died on March 28. He was a member of American Legion Luke A. Lovely Post #62, South Amboy, and a really good guy who will be missed. Wilma Zulin, 91, of Sayreville died on April 1. She retired in '92 as the Sayreville Welfare Director, and was also a Sayreville Committeewoman. Wilma was a founding member of Morgan FirstAidLadies Auxiliary, and Past-President of Morgan Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary. John Egan, 79, of South Amboy died on April 5. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Bay of Pigs and Missile Crisis under President John F. Kennedy. His favorite memory was picking up astronaut John Glenn after his mission concluded with a splash down in the Atlantic Ocean. Lorraine Holmes, 94, formerly of Parlin died on April 22. Before her retirement, she was the head dietician at South Amboy Hospital for many years. She was a member of Catholic Daughters for 55 years, and also a member of the Altar Rosary Society at St. Bernadette Church.

Luanne V. Cleary Nowak

Luanne V. Cleary Nowak, 64, of South Amboy died on Friday April 23, 2021 at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, New Brunswick. Born in the Bronx she lived in Old Bridge before settling in South Amboy and Barnhart, Missouri. She was employed as a Registered Nurse at Somerset Hospital. A member of St. Mary's R.C. Church, South Amboy and St. Joseph's R.C. Church, Imperial, Missouri she enjoyed baking, cooking and taking care of family and friends. She loved shopping, finding deals for others and taking care of her rescue dogs and grand-dogs.

Daughter of the late Thomas and Virginia Brooks Cleary she is also predeceased by her son Stacy Gary Nowak in 2011. She is survived by her husband Gary Nowak; her sons Jonathan Nowak of California, Timothy Nowak and his wife Farishta of Edison and Matthew Nowak and his wife Nicole of Wantagh; her siblings Thomas Cleary, Jr., Suzanne Cleary Drews and her husband Michael and Robert Cleary; her 3 rescue dogs Buddy, Stasha and Toby and several nieces, nephews and godchildren.

Funeral services were handled by The Gundrum Service "Home For Funerals" 237 Bordentown Avenue, South Amboy. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the ASPCA.

Anthony M. Canosa

Anthony Michael Canosa, long time resident of South Amboy New Jersey passed away peacefully at Haven Hospice March 19, 2021. "Tony", beloved husband of Margaret (Norrie), loving father to Andrew Canosa of Sayreville, New Jersey, and Timothy Canosa of Glendale, Arizona. Dear brother to sisters Roseann (Canosa) Curry and Barbara (Canosa) Moresco, Dear brother to James "Jimmy" Canosa all of New York. Anthony is preceded in death by his parents Rocco Canosa and Helen Gilmartin Canosa. Anthony is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Tony as he was affectionately known to family and friends loved watching his sons play hockey, baseball and basketball. He was an avid fisherman and enjoyed spending summers at his family's lake house in up state New Jersey. In recent years he admired and was very proud of the success of his sons and the men they grew up to be. Tony originally born in Manhattan, New York moved to South Amboy in the mid 1980's with his wife Margaret. The family still resides there.

A Private Memorial Service will be held in the near future.

Obituaries

Amaranto, Raffaele "Ralph," 78, of East Brunswick died on Jan. 23.

Barneburg, Janet L., 69, of Parlin died on Feb. 12.

Brockup, Maureen, 82, of Parlin died on April 1.

Canosa, Anthony Michael "Tony", of South Amboy died on March 19.

Cowan, Andree, 84, of Sayreville died on March 30.

Dabney, Dolores F. Durski, 81, formerly of South Amboy died on March 20.

Delikat, Robert, 72, of Sayreville died on March 26.

Egan, John T., 79, of South Amboy died on April 5.

Heim, James J. ,90, formerly of South Amboy, died on April 5.

Heisinger, Alan F. Sr., 74, of Sayreville died on March 31.

Holmes, Lorraine E., 94, formerly of Parlin died on April 22.

Jackiewicz, Rev. Frederick, 76, formerly of Sayreville died on March 30.

Kirk, Joan Stores, 89, of Sayreville died on April 19.

Klosek, Joseph, 76, formerly of Sayreville died on March 26.

Koledits, Joseph R., 60, formerly of Sayreville died on April 1.

Koons, Barbara A., 82, of Parlin died on April 19.

Kuhlthau, John L., "Pops," 85, of Sayreville died on April 11.

Leonette, Christina, 71, of South Amboy died on April 15.

Lynch, Janice, 78, formerly of Sayreville died on March 13.

MacLennan, Vivian E., 69, of Sayreville died on April 18.

Mathisen, Paul K., 62, of Sayreville died on March 15.

Maul, Martin, 63, of Sayreville died on March 24.

McArthur, Lorraine P., 89, of Sayreville died on April 13.

Morris, Margaret "Peggy," 66, of South Amboy died on April 9.

Nowak, Luanne V. Cleary, 64, of South Amboy died on April 23.

Olchasky, Francis "Bush," 89, of Sayreville died on April 7.

O'Leary, John T. "Jack" Sr., 96, of South Amboy died on April 6.

Olsen, Wayne, 74, of South Amboy died on March 28.

Paczkowski, Frank, 52, of Sayreville died on April 22.

Phillips, James F., 93, of South Amboy died on April 7.

Robertson, Richard, 83, of Parlin died on April 3.

Sanker, Marie, 93, of Parlin died on April 4.

Schwarzenberg, Donald, 76, formerly of Sayreville died on March 15.

Siecinski, Patricia, 88, of South Amboy died on April 8.

Starosciak, Josephine, 100, of South Amboy died on March 25.

Underwood, Dolores, 21, of Parlin died on March 23.

Zulin, Wilma E., 91, of Sayreville died on April 1.

Zyskowski, Anthony "TZ," 80, of Sayreville died on April 11.

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