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At the April 6th City Council meeting Mayor Fred Henry and Council President Mickey Gross presented Police Chief Darren LaVigne, Fire Chief David Szatkowski and First Aid Squad Captain Timothy Walczak with service award ribbons for services rendered during the Covid-19 pandemic. Each member of their respective organizations received one in recognition for their time and efforts during the pandemic. (Photo/info by Jamie Norek)



The Sayreville GOP recently held a meet and greet for 6th District Congressional Candidate Rich Mehta at the South Side 35 Diner, Rt. 35 South in Morgan. Pictured (l-r) Jay Seyglinski, Sayreville Councilwoman Donna Roberts, Sayreville GOP Chair Karen Bailey-Bebert, special guest radio personality from NJ 101.5 Bill Spadea, Sergio Gatoulis Owner of South Side 35 Diner, his father Pipinos "Pepe" Gatoulis and Congressional Candidate Rich Mehta. (Photo/info by Brian Stratton)

Gumprecht Chosen Acting Police Chief

Captain Scott Gumprecht was named Acting Police Chief of the Old Bridge Twp. Police Dept. by Mayor Owen Henry. The new Acting Chief's duties began on April 1st and will extend to at least Sept. 30th. Long-time Police Chief William Volkert retired on April 1, 2021.

Gumprecht, formerly of South Amboy, will head the department of over 100 police officers. The SA Times wishes Scott the best of luck and success always!

Cruise Nights In South Amboy

The City of South Amboy will be sponsoring Cruise Nights, the second Wednesday of every month from 6-9 p.m. on the following dates: May 11, June 8, July 13, Aug. 10, Sept. 14, Oct. 12. All parking is on Broadway, and all cars are welcome. Join the fun featuring music, prizes, 50/50's, great people and their cars! Music is by the fantastic DJ Richie the Flash. For more info contact: MTOTH1@OPTONLINE.NET or (908) 930-3497.

South Amboy State of the City 2022

By Steve Schmid

South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry recently delivered his annual State of the City speech where he addressed several topics for local residents. His virtual speech mentioned the Covid-19 pandemic, renovating the Allie Clark sports complex, the state of the police and fire departments, plus continued development of the waterfront and ferry service to New York City. "It appears that the Covid pandemic is finally behind us, and many aspects of our lives are getting back to normal. I would like to begin by thanking all our first responders, our food pantries, and all of those who volunteered in so many ways for the service they provided during this natural crisis." Henry said he was thankful to those who offered their time and money to help those affected by Covid-19. He said the senior

American Legion Fundraiser

The members of Luke A. Lovely Post #62, South Amboy are conducting a fundraising event honoring fallen veterans, our members, families, friends and supporters. The funds raised by this program will be used to help with the building of a new post.

We will be selling through a custom order a 4" x 8" or 8" x 8" brick that will allow 4 lines of engraving. Supporters can have their family's names (first and last), or a comment (in memory of) etc.

On behalf of the entire membership of Luke A. Lovely American Legion Post #62, we thank you for your support.

You can order a 4" x 8" brick with up to 4 lines of engraving and up to 18 characters per line for only \$50 or an 8" x 8" for \$100.

For more information contact Robert W. Moglia, 732-236-1596 or Gary Poland 732-470-7527.

Women's History Month



As Women's History Month ends Sayreville makes history with five women on the Mayor & Council, more than ever before. Pictured (l-r) Councilwoman Dwumfour, Councilwoman Maher, Mayor Kilpatrick, Councilwoman Roberts & Councilwoman Novak. (Photo/Info Submitted)



South Amboy's old Progressive Engine Co. Engine 9 was placed on a flatbed tractor trailer for a trip to its new home at Bluff Springs Fire Company Clay County, Alabama. The 1983 Pierce fire engine was donated by the City of South Amboy to Bluff Springs whose entire firehouse and equipment was destroyed by a tornado last October. Many other local fire departments donated surplus equipment as well. (Photo/Info submitted)

City Donates Fire Truck To Alabama Town

2021 was a year of important upgrades to the South Amboy Volunteer Fire Department including the addition of two pumpers to replace equipment at both the Mechanicsville and Progressive Fire Companies. While the Mechanicsville company found a home for their old engine at the New Jersey Fire Museum the question of what to do with the 1983 Pierce pumper from the Progressive Fire

Company needed to be answered.

Fire Captain Cody Ilardi located a volunteer fire company in Alabama that was in need of a replacement vehicle for their fleet and with the approval of the Mayor and City Council the fire truck was donated to the Bluff Springs Volunteer Fire Department.

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At the March 28th South Amboy BOE meeting outgoing Superintendent Jorge Diaz was presented with a proclamation for his service to the district. Pictured (l-r) Incoming Superintendent Dr. Frederick D. Williams, Jorge Diaz, BOE President Patick Walsh and Director of Early Childhood Development and Interim Superintendent Dr. Martin Gurczeski. (Photo by Brian Stratton)

Poll Workers Needed

John Anagnostis, regional Chair of the Middlesex County Republican Organization, is seeking poll workers for the June 7, 2022 Primary Election. This year is scheduled to be an in person election so the need for poll workers is great. Poll workers are needed for Perth Amboy, Old Bridge, Sayreville, and South Amboy. There is paid training for poll workers. If interested please call 732-371-9967 and leave a message.

Yard Sale

The First Presbyterian Church of Sayreville will be having a One Day Only Church Yard Sale on Saturday, May 7th. All items will be priced to go and feel free to make an offer. You never know what treasures you may find! We have everything from accent pieces to furniture to yard tools. The Church is located at 172 Main Street, Sayreville, directly across from the Borough Hall. The hours are from 8 am until noon.

SAVE THE DATE

The South Amboy Arts Alliance and The City of South Amboy will hold their annual ARTSFEST 2022 on Sunday, September 11th (Rain date September 18th)

SAAA is looking for individuals who are willing to share, demonstrate and volunteer their time and effort for our SA Artsfest. Be a part of our planning committee. We need your thoughts, your expertise, and your joy in participating in this friendly, neighborhood family event for all to share. Call 732-727-4600 x5971 or Email: SAarts141@gmail.com and let us know of your name, phone number and/or email contact information. We will have our first meeting in May.

OLV Seniors May Meeting

The OLV Seniors will hold their May meeting on Friday, May 6, 2022 at 1PM in Monsignor Dalton Hall. Before the business portion of the meeting, we will have our annual May Crowning Ceremony. Please remember to bring your rosary. Light refreshments will be served after the meeting.

The following trip payments are due at the May meeting: the Hunterdon Hills play which is \$120.00. There is still time to sign up for the Under the Boardwalk. Half of the trip amount for the Finger Lakes trip must be paid in May and the other portion in June. Tomasillo wine trip and the American Music trip must be paid in June.

Donations of non-perishable food for St. Vincent de Paul are always welcomed.

Any questions please contact Teri Yetsko at 732-727-7639.

Rotary Club Annual Dad-Daughter Dance

The Rotary Club annual dad-daughter dance will be held on Friday, June 3rd at the VFW on Jernee Mill Road, Sayreville. If you would like to attend and/or receive more information please contact Greg at 732-721-0400 or email - greg@customfinancial.org

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Pleasant Little TRIVIA By Tom Burkard

- On July 1, 2002, this man succeeded Larry Parsons as South Amboy Fire Chief?
a. Mark Herdman b. Tim Walczak c. Steve Szatkowski
- President of Sayreville P.B.A. in '02?
a. Ptl. Doug Sprague Jr. b. Det. Alvah Cox c. Ptl. William Gottstine
- In '97, the South Amboy selected this person as its first annual "Citizen of the Year?"
a. Joseph Hoffman b. Betty Leveille c. John T. O'Leary
- Installed as pastor of St. Bernadette's, Parlin in '2002?
a. Fr. Jim Grankiewicz b. Msgr. Miguel Clemente c. Fr. Laurence Smith
- Top vote-getter in the South Amboy Board of Education election in 1997?
a. John Oldenburg b. Mary MacNertney c. Joseph Connors
- VFW Post 4699, Sayreville commander in 2002-03?
a. Don Patterson b. Rich Kosmoski c. Bob McGrath
- South Amboy Chief of Police in '02?
a. James Holovacko b. Steve Pavich c. Jim Wallis
- Received the most votes in the Sayreville Board of Education election in 1997?
a. Kevin Ciak b. Frederick Goodman c. Stephen Zuczek
- South Amboy HS valedictorian in '02?
a. Barbara Dula b. Janusz Kmiecik c. Helena Patel
- Sayreville PBA president in '97?
a. Ptl. Chuck Kelly b. Sgt. John Bartlinski c. Det. Sgt. Jeff Sprague

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

Business Of The Month
Tina M. James
Attorney At Law

Tina M. James is a local attorney. She was born and raised in Sayreville, New Jersey. She graduated from Rutgers University, Douglass College in 2006, and from Rutgers Law School in 2010. After law school, she clerked in the New Jersey Appellate Division before moving to Florida to practice law at a national law firm.

For the first part of her career, she litigated a wide variety of cases including contested estate and trust matters and disputed guardianships. Now she helps individuals and families prepare modern estate plans. She is dedicated to helping her clients create a plan that reflects their wishes and avoids disputes.

After unexpectedly losing her father, she moved back to New Jersey to be closer to her family. She met local firefighter, Andrew Fedorka, they fell in love, got married, and bought a home in South Amboy.

In 2021, Tina decided to open her own firm. Her firm focuses on drafting wills and trusts, living wills, health care directives, and powers of attorney. Tina works with families who have children with disabilities, and assists them with petitions for guardianship, special needs trusts, and special education matters. She also handles probate and estate administration, provides advice to trustees and guardians, and provides other routine legal services.



Tina M. James

Tina is a mom, a stepmom, and a cat-mom. She loves traveling, especially to Disney and on cruises. In her free time, you will find her creating art with her daughter, flower-picking, or doing fun-day trips.

Tina's office is located in the Munck Professional Building at 110 Main Street. To learn more about Tina or to contact her, you can visit her website at www.tinajameslaw.com

Messiah Lutheran Church Food Pantry

Messiah Lutheran Church is located on 3091 Bordentown Avenue in Parlin, next door to PNC Bank.

Our food pantry is open to anyone in need every second Tuesday of each month from 6-8 PM, and every third Saturday of each month from 12-2 PM. These are the days no other food pantry in the area is open.

We don't require ID, and it doesn't matter where the people are from. We have a monthly food drive on the last Saturday of each month, posting only on social media pages of surrounding communities. This helps us to replenish our pantry, besides what our congregants donate. It started slowly, but now we have been getting more and more families in need. As you know, grocery prices have increased 40% over the last several months, and more and more families are feeling the pinch. There is also a Blessing Box in our

front parking lot that is filled almost daily with nonperishables and available 24/7 to anyone in need. We keep a small donation box next to it that people use to drop off donations if no one is at the church. We are fortunate to have a full size freezer and a refrigerator that enables us to take in perishables like dairy products and meats to distribute. For Thanksgiving we had donations of turkeys and chickens to hand out with all the items to make a Thanksgiving dinner.

At Christmas there were turkeys and hams with fixings, and for Easter we had hams and chickens to hand out along with bags containing goods to make chicken soup, including a recipe. There was also a goodie bag to go with the ham and a recipe and fixings for pea soup. No one should have to worry about having enough food to feed their family. We hope to keep growing.

South Amboy Middle/High School



Here are our March winners!! Throughout the school year, the Middle/High School teaching staff nominate students for the student of the month award. The nominations are based on character, school spirit, and academic integrity. For March, we are happy to announce our winners. Pictured from (l-r) Principal - Dr. P. McCabe, students: A. Chihab - 6th grade, J. Pizarro - 7th grade, C. Sambucci - 8th grade, U. Khan - 9th grade, L. Rodriguez - 10th grade, Z. Genao - 11th grade, and D. Savage - 12th grade. (Photo/Info Submitted)

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Yearbook-Hoffman 1977

By Tom Burkard

The Bee Gees had the top hit in the U.S. with "You Should Be Dancing," when Hoffman High School Class of '77 returned for its final year in September 1976. Joseph DePasquale was principal, and some of his fine faculty included Joseph Donnelly, Thomas Gifford, Carlotta Miller, Christine Silla. Joanne Szatkowski was editor of the yearbook, which was dedicated to teachers, Tony Gonsalves and Carol McDonnell. Cindy Coughlin was president of the National Honor Society. Senior Class officers were president-Patti Dooling, vice president-Mark Costanzo, treasurer-Sharon Pawlowski, secretary-Joanne Szatkowski. Some of the fabulous Class of '77 selected randomly are; Joseph Brinkerhoff, Lynne Billich, Mary Skrynka, Michael Henke, Cheryl Bloodgood, John Eckelson, Jean Scully, Joseph Halmi, Thomas Egan, Kathy Doubt, Anne Sobush, Cathy Dyer, Cheryl Garcia, John Nowak, Patricia Hanaway, Kathleen Mulcahy, Judy Homan, Richard Stillwagon, Leda Langlois, Colette Mancini, Mary Maslowski, Kathy McGill, Louann Quinton, Butch Zamorski,

Debbie Mederios, Steven Rossi, Kathleen Ratajczak, Belinda Verchick, Melody Waltz, Joseph Scupp, Joann Wyzkowski, Lawrence Henke, James Wurth. In '77, "Star Wars" was the top movie of the year. "Roots" appeared on TV and was a huge hit. The nation suffered its coldest January in history... While on the sports scene at Hoffman, the baseball team under rookie coach Reggie Carney turned in an impressive 15-9 mark. Some of the talented senior athletes at the John St. institution were: Nancy Bloodgood, Susan DiGiambattista, Mary Ellen Donnelly, Dennis Quinlan, Patti Dooling, Greg Kardos, Guy Peters, Karen Kubinak, Judith Neumann, John Stratton, Karen Munck, Sandra Nagy, Keith Switzer, Sharon Pawlowski, Chester Zygmanski, David Newton, Joanne Szatkowski, John Conlon, Pat Eppinger. At graduation time, "I'm Your Boogie Man" was the #1 song in the nation. Sandra Nagy was valedictorian and Cindy Coughlin, the salutatorian. This class will go down in history as one of the nicest and friendliest in the school's spectacular history!

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cost to the taxpayers of South Amboy," he added. Henry also thanked Brian Noble and Tom Bikinski for their input into the design of the fields. Mayor Henry said safety is very important to city residents and noted a new emergency generator was installed at city hall. He said South Amboy received a \$1 million grant to install new lighting and cameras along Broadway and the waterfront walkway. He praised the city fire department. "Our volunteer fire department is the finest there is, and I continue to support them with the upgrades that they need to keep us safe. Last year we replaced two of our fire fighting vehicles and now that we have more revenue coming in, we replaced two of our fire chief's cars. These items cost over \$2 million," he said. Henry noted they spent tens of thousands of dollars for equipment the firefighters need and added he wanted to ensure the fire department has the best equipment that can be provided. Henry said the First Aid Squad has been reorganized under the fire department. They now have a shared agreement with Woodbridge to cover South Amboy when we can't and at no cost to the residents. A new vehicle has been budgeted for the First Aid Squad with zero increase to taxpayers. Mayor Henry said the police department is also important to public safety. "In cooperation with Police Chief Darren LaVigne there will be no "defunding the police" in South Amboy! In fact it is just the opposite. It was my honor and pleasure earlier this year to promote two new lieutenants. I congratulate Lieutenant Dan Holovacko, and Lieutenant Patti Kanecke. Patti was the first female sergeant in South Amboy history, and now the first female Lieutenant," he said. Henry said the city is planning to add more patrol officers later this year to continue making South Amboy a safe place to live and grow a family. Mayor Henry said he sees the light

of the tunnel for the ferry project. He said the city has received the waterfront permit from the Army Corps of Engineers to proceed with work on the ferry. He said paperwork and filings have been submitted and they are waiting for final approval to go out and bid for the ferry complex construction. "This has been a long process which started decades ago and has not been without a few snags along the way," he said. The mayor thanked Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin, Congressman Frank Pallone, Assemblywoman Yvonne Lopez, and Senator Joe Vitale for their continued support of the project. "We have a team of professionals who have been working diligently and we are preparing to have a temporary service this fall" he added. Mayor Henry is proud of the changes occurring in South Amboy. "Redevelopment has been an important component for the progress we have witnessed in South Amboy. It has helped bring about a transformation of our city with additions to LightHouse Bay, Ryan Homes, and Bayshore Cove (formerly Woodmont Cove). It has also brought us the YMCA and Venetian Healthcare. And now we can add Station Bay to our beautiful waterfront." Henry said. He added there were six brownfields in South Amboy when he became mayor that have been remediated or are in the process of remediation at no cost to the taxpayer. He said the city is putting residential where it should be, along the waterfront and industry, where it belongs, at the old JCP&L power plant and along lower Main Street. He said future projects include replacing our old American Legion office and building new homes for homeless veterans. He said construction of a Memorial Veterans Park near the gazebo on Bordentown Ave. is being planned to properly honor South Amboy veterans who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

Construction Engineering Contract Awarded For South Amboy Ferry

The South Amboy City Council has awarded a contract to Colliers Engineering & Design to provide engineering services during the construction of the City's Radford Passenger Ferry facility. This was the last critical step to complete prior to the project being approved to go out to bid.

Colliers Engineering & Design is a leading, multi-discipline engineering and architecture, consulting and design firm serving public and private sector clients nationwide. Headquartered in Red Bank, Colliers has been vested in New Jersey since 1984 through eight office locations.

"We are very excited to complete this next critical step to bringing this project to the construction phase. As we await the final notice to proceed from the State my team will be meeting with the Colliers staff to ensure we are poised to move forward at the earliest possible date", said Mayor Fred Henry.

Over the past several months the City has been completing final preparations to begin construction of this long awaited addition

to Middlesex County mass transit facilities. Through an agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation the State of New Jersey has agreed to provide needed dredging at the ferry site this summer. Once the construction bid is awarded Colliers will be providing direct project oversight until delivery of the finished facility.

"Providing a ferry service between ports in New York and New Jersey plays a vital role in connecting communities by supporting social and economic activities and access to amenities that is beneficial to both locations. We are proud to be the Construction Engineering & Inspection firm that is an integral part in facilitating this significant transportation project" said Paul Nolan PE, senior principal at Colliers.

"The Ferry project is the keystone to our continued development of the waterfront and we are working with all stakeholders to begin construction and establish an interim Ferry service at the earliest possible date" said City Administrator Glenn Skarzynski.



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On Sunday April 10th the New Jersey Volunteer Fire Chief (NJVFC) Association held their regular meeting hosted by the South Amboy Fire Dept. NJVFC President Rich Kosmoski presented Association Chaplin Fr. Stanley Gromadzki a Chaplain badge. The badge will allow easier access to emergency scenes to help administer services to members when needed. Fr. Gromadzki is pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in South Amboy. (Photo/info submitted)

Come And Pray

Submitted by Rita Priolo

Come and pray Spiritual Warfare prayers at St. Mary's Parish, South Amboy, 7 p.m. on May 5th, 12, 19th. Our Lady of Fatima needs prayer warriors. All parishioners of St. Mary's are invited. Come and be heard. We need an army of dedicated people to remove

Satan from this world. Jesus died on the cross to save us. Come and do something for Jesus. He is waiting.

For information call Rita Priolo 732-588-5272.

Fall Finger Lakes Trip

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to the Finger Lakes on October 11 - 13, 2022. The price of the trip is \$485 which includes 2 nights lodging, 2 breakfasts, 1 lunch at Belhurst Castle and 1 Dinner. Also included in the price are: tours of Corning Glass, Willard memorial Chapel, Sonnenberg Mansion and Gardens, and the National

Soaring Museum. The trip also includes a wine tasting, Finger lakes Gaming and Racetrack, and a scenic lake cruise. Mode of transportation and driver's gratuity plus all taxes and meal gratuities are included.

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Brunch With The Easter Bunny



Liam Hourahan, grandson of South Amboy Knights of Columbus #426 Warden Ed Vassallo, visits with the Easter Bunny. The "Brunch With The Easter Bunny" event also featured a fun-filled Easter Egg Hunt for the children. (Photo by Steve Schmid)



Karen Kline & Bill Mattsson of Mattsson's Auto Tech and Paul During enjoy a brief rest before they completed the special set they designed and completed for the Knights Brunch with the Easter Bunny (Photo by Gary Lattanzi)

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St. Stan's School

(Photos/Info Submitted)



St. Stan's School third grade student, Julianna Balagot, stands in front of a self designed dove holding the Ukraine flag. For a \$1.00 donation, doves were colored and then put on display in the hallway, raising \$681.00 for the Humanitarian Aid Fund for Ukraine.

Robert Grover III, eighth grade student of St. Stan's School, received the Scholar Athlete Award, a 1,000 point ball, and was named MVP for St. Stan's 7th & 8th grade basketball team at the Athletic Association's Awards Banquet. Pictured are Robert and his dad, Robert Grover, Jr.



(Photo by Allan Balagot)



Eighth grade students take a moment to pose before they teach exciting lessons to those students in grades pre-k through seventh.

(Photo by Danielle Zygmund)

Literacy Lives!



Members of the Middlesex College education honor society recently held a literacy workshop for area children and their parents. About 50 kids enjoyed hearing stories and making crafts, led by Middlesex College students, and listening to children's author and humorist Alan Katz. The program was called Literacy Alive! Gwen Harris said, "My granddaughter loves to read, and she really enjoyed the opportunity to meet the author Alan Katz in person and be encouraged by him to continue to read books and also write stories." In the photo, Jordan Gallagher (South Amboy) works with a child at Literacy Alive! (Photo/info courtesy of Middlesex College)

May Spotlight at the Dowdell Library

Whether you're looking to read the latest graphic novel, join a book club, become healthier, or become more involved in the community, the Dowdell Library is waiting to help you. Here's a tiny taste of what the Dowdell Library offers South Amboy this May!

The Teen Advisory Board (TAB) meets on May 6 and 20 from 3:30 to 4:30. TAB is a teen-led club that invites local teenagers to get more involved at the Library. TAB is for teens ages 13 - 17 that live in South Amboy. To join, please fill out an application at the Library.

Parents, grandparents, and caregivers: give yourself the gift of some much-needed R&R by bringing your little ones to the Dowdell's toddler programs! Toddler Storytime with Ms. Maryanne runs Monday, May 9 from 10:30 - 11:30 am and May 20 from 1-2:00 pm. Your little learner can join Ms. Maryanne and have fun with magnets, felt board characters, crafts, and listen to delightful stories.

As students begin preparing for the end of the school year, the Dowdell Library is working to support them! Stop by the Library or log onto Dowdell.org and use Brainfuse for free! Brainfuse offers resources for school-age individuals & adults, including powerful study tools, homework help, live academic support, access to job search tools, and live job coaches. Visit Dowdell.org today and click on the Brainfuse logo. All you need is your library card number to access the site.

March Madness continues through MAY! Each slam dunk will earn a chance to win a new basketball! Stop by the Library, take your shot and earn a ticket. The drawing will take place on the last day of the month.

After a 72-year wait, the National Archives just released the 1950 Census since the U.S. government does not publish identifiable information about individuals until 72 years after it was collected. Currently, the National Archives offers 1790 to 1950 = 160 years' worth of data. Census records include invaluable resource information that can help make connections across generations and provide your family history research building blocks.

As a strategy for locating earlier

generations, family researchers generally find it most helpful to begin with the most current census and work backward. It was also suggested to search for the last/first name of the head of the household (plus state and county of residence if known), as that surname was usually written on the form. Multiple filters can be selected to narrow your search. To access the 1950 census, visit <https://1950Census.Archives.gov>. The community is welcome to drop in the Library for assistance.

In partnership with the city of South Amboy, the senior book club will meet on Monday May 23 at 10:30 am at the Library. Social distancing will be practiced. The city can provide transportation if needed. Please fill out a registration form in the Library to join.

The Library offers programs through our community partners, such as RWJ/St. Barnabas Hospital. Attend online programs like, Stretch It!!! A stretching and flexibility workshop with chair exercises or Stress Reduction thru Guided Imagery to help you relax and destress. A new limited weekly nutrition series will be held virtually every Wednesday. Topics covered will include how to read nutrition labels and learn about healthy beverages. On May 16, The RWJUH Stroke center will present two virtual workshops. One on learning about strokes and the other on how to help prevent them. To register for any of these programs, please email Kathleen.johnson@rwjbh.org. For a complete list of programs, visit Dowdell.org.

Finally, the Dowdell Library will switch to summer hours on Saturday, May 28. Summer hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 10 am to 8 pm; and Wednesday and Friday from 10 am to 5 pm.

Current Library Hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 10 am - 8 pm, Wednesday & Friday 10 am - 5 pm, and Saturday 12-4 pm. 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.

City Donates Fire Truck - continued from page 1

The Bluff Springs Volunteer Fire Department serves the City of Ashland in Clay County Alabama. Ashland with a population of 2037, is largely rural and was the home of Associate Justice Hugo Black who served on the US Supreme Court from 1937-1971.

Mayor Fred Henry said "We are extremely happy that our old engine will be put to good use in Ashland to support the hard work of the Bluff Springs Fire Department. Like the citizens of Ashland and many communities across the country we place great value on the daily contributions our volunteer first responders make to our community."

In addition to obtaining new apparatus

South Amboy continues to reinvest in their volunteer fire department. In the past two years the City has provided two new Fire Chief vehicles, new self-contained breathing apparatus, and new turn out gear. This year will see the addition of another Chief's vehicle and the City continues to adjust its strategic plan to continue with equipment replacement.

"The men and women who give of their time and talents to keep all of our residents safe are critical to the well being of our entire community. We will continue to identify and provide the support necessary to enable the South Amboy Volunteer Fire Department to continue their critical mission" said Mayor Fred Henry.

OLDER AMERICANS MONTH



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-Free Art Collage making class (registration is limited - please call to reserve your spot) : May 4th

-Mothers Day's/Older American's Appreciation Day (cake and coffee will be served before Bingo) : May 6th

-Free health screening : May 18th

Our team of professionals (City Clerk, Tax department and Senior Services) will provide important information and answer your questions : May 23rd

Chair Yoga - Thursdays at the center from 10AM - 11AM

Join our senior walking club at the Raritan Bay County Park.

(*Pre-registration is required for all events)

For more details, interested in becoming a member or to register for any event, please call the Senior Center at (732) 525-5960.



To the surprise of parishioners, Metuchen Bishop James Checchio came to St. Stan's Church for the 10 AM Easter food blessing. The Bishop was in awe of the numerous food baskets containing ham, colored eggs, Kielbasi, and candy. The Bishop assisted by Pastor Ken Murphy blessed each basket individually and wished those in attendance a very happy Easter. (Photo/info by Steve Schmid)

Przybylowski and Kosmoski Grand Marshals For Sayreville Memorial Day Parade

(Article submitted)

The Sayreville Memorial Day Parade is going to be held on Monday, May 30, 2022 starting at 10:00 am from Washington Road at Elizabeth Street to Borough Hall. This year there will be two Grand Marshals of the parade that we are privileged to have participating in, Stanley J. Przybylowski and Richard Kosmoski.

Stanley, also known as "Stas", is a lifelong resident of Sayreville, graduating from St. Stan's School and Sayreville War Memorial High School. He served in the United States Army from September, 1969 to April, 1971, spending March, 1970 to April, 1971 in Vietnam. He was honorably discharged as Specialist Fourth Class receiving the Combat Infantry Badge, U.S. Army Good Conduct, National Defense, U.S. Army Commendation, Vietnam Campaign and Vietnam Service Medal. Stas serves on the Honor Guard of the VFW Post 4699 and has been the Commander since 2016. He is also a member of the American Legion Post 211, Disabled American Veterans Association and Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 133. Stas and his wife Joanne (Balon) will be celebrating their 45th Wedding Anniversary

this year. They have a daughter, Jessica Morelos and her husband Dave and a son Joseph Przybylowski and his wife Lori. They are loving grandparents to David, Maggie and Makenzie.

Richard Kosmoski is a lifelong resident of Sayreville. He served in the United States Navy from December, 1967 to December, 1971. Rich served two tours in the Middle East on the Guided Missile Destroyer USS Lawrence DDG-4. He was honorably discharged as a Petty Officer Second Class. Rich has been a member of the American Legion for 37 years and a Color Guard Member for 30 years serving as their First Lieutenant. He also has the honor of being a Past Post Commander. Rich has selflessly served the Borough of Sayreville as member of the President Park Fire Company for 50 years currently holding the position of Chief Training Officer. Rich has been inducted to the Sayreville Hall of Fame and is a Staff Writer for the Sayreville South Amboy Times.

The Borough of Sayreville is honored to have both these men as outstanding members of our community and we hope to see you at the parade when we honor them.

10th Anniversary Commemorative Day Of SuperStorm Sandy

The Sayreville Historical Society has announced it will be holding a commemorative day reflecting on the 10th Anniversary of SuperStorm Sandy on October 22, 2022. In preparation for the event the Society is asking residents, public officials and anyone who was affected by SuperStorm Sandy to participate.

The purpose of the program is to show Sayreville before, during and after Sandy. There will be a video, displays and artifacts.

The Society is asking any residents who would like to participate to contact the Sayreville Historical Society. There will be the availability to do a video recording of

reflections of the event. Residents can also provide written reflections, artifacts, and photos. Items given to the Museum can be donations or placed on loan. Items will be accepted at the Sayreville Historical Society Museum on Sundays when the Museum is open from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. or on Saturdays 30, 2022 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

If you are interested or have any questions you may contact Art Rittenhouse, President at ritt1@aol.com or Frank Terzino, Vice President at bomberdad71@optonline.net or leave a message at the Museum 732-390-7048.

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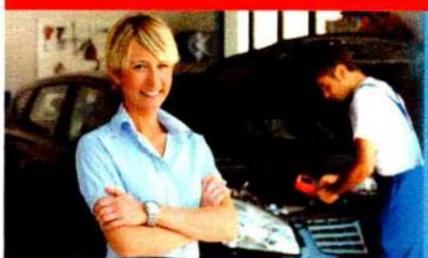
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How many remember the Howard Johnson's on Rt. 9 South near Frederick Pl. in Sayreville? Ho-Jo's as it was affectionately known added a lounge to its building called the Discovery Lounge, where local bands entertained patrons on weekends. One of the Oldies acts, "Shamus" played every weekend for the entire year in 1981. Former South Amboy resident Rick Shingola was the drummer/sang vocal harmonies, Walter "Doc" Quigley from Edison lead guitar/lead vocals, Gail Quigley, ("Doc's" sister) played bass guitar/ vocal harmonies, and The SA Times Publisher Tom Burkard was on rhythm guitar/ vocal harmonies.



JD Law is pictured playing at the B.I.C. after party at Steven's Pub. "It was an honor to be asked," said Dave Silva, outstanding drummer of JD Law, a Southern Rock Blues band, which has been anchored by South Amboy's own Silva on drums and Dr. Jim Campbell on vocals & rhythm guitar. Other members are Jeff Rufalo on Piano & Keys, Matt D. on bass, and the great Spider Daniels of the Spider Daniels Band on lead & Slide guitar. (Photo/info submitted)

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Kenny K & The Way



Kenny K & The Way will be appearing at the Blue Moon in South Amboy on Saturday, May 7th. Band members (l - r) Chris Maccock, Ken Kurczeski, Alex D'Agnese, Ted Palumbo. (Photo submitted)

Kenny K & The Way Coming To South Amboy

Get in the Way, Saturday, May 7th at the Blue Moon in South Amboy. Kenny K & The Way will be back performing their Blues and Rock 'N' Roll sounds. This band will be bringing its electrifying energy to the area, and hope to have you howling at the moon! Led by local artist, Ken Kurczeski, aka

Kenny K of Sayreville along with bandmates Alex D'Agnese, Ted Palumbo, Chris Maccock, and whoever gets in The Way. In case you can't get in The Way, on May 14th they will be at the Belmar Porch Fest, or go to: KENNYKMUSIC.com.

Acoustic Friday at SA Arts Gallery

South Amboy Arts Alliance, located at 141 N. Broadway, South Amboy, NJ, is a great place for like-minded people to meet for an evening of live acoustic music. The Alliance's Acoustic Friday program resumes on Friday, May 20, 2022 with performances by Tony Pileggi and Kevin McGowan. Both musicians are long-time fixtures in the local music community and have a strong social media presence.

Tony Pileggi often covers the music of Johnny Cash, Roy Orbison, and Elvis. Kevin McGowan performs his original music in addition to the songs of artists such as Harry

Chapin and Neil Diamond. Don't be surprised if Kevin offers us an Irish song or songs about growing up in the Bronx.

Doors open at 6:30 pm, and the show runs from 7-9 pm. Admission is \$5.00, and light refreshments will be available.

The Alliance seeks interested acoustic-oriented performers of any genre for future shows. For additional information, contact SA Arts at 732-727-4600, extension 5971, or by email at SAarts141@gmail.com. Watch for updates on the South Amboy Arts Alliance Facebook page.

SA Times Song Shootout

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- 2-Dominique-The Singing Nun
- 3-The Rain, The Park & Other Things-The Cowsills
- 4-I'll Never Find Another You-The Seekers
- 5-Sailing-Christopher Cross
- 6-Cat's In The Hat-Harry Chapin
- 7-Taxi-Harry Chapin
- 8-Dancing In The Moonlight-King Harvest
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- 10-Spirit In The Sky-Norm Greenbaum
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#1 Pop Hits April 30

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1992-Jump-Kris Kross
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1972-First Time Ever I Saw Your Face-Roberta Flack
1962-Good Luck Charm-Elvis Presley

#1 Country Hits April 30

- 2000-The Best Day-George Strait
1997-One Night At A Time-George Strait
1987-Rose To Paradise-Waylon Jennings
1977-She's Pulling Me Back Again-Mickey Gilley
1967-Need You-Sonny James

Mother's Day Rose Sale

Independence Engine & Hose Co. #1 will be holding a Mother's Day Rose Sale May 7 & 8 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Independence Firehouse, 127-129 North Broadway, South Amboy. 1 Dozen Roses-\$20; 2 Dozen Roses-\$35. *Cash Only. Come out and support your local Firefighters!



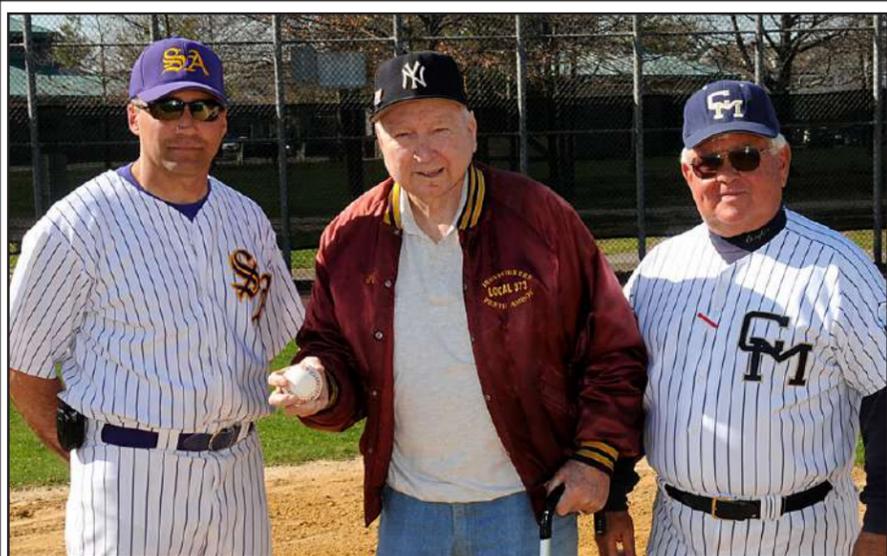
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Can you identify these baseball players/coaches? Send your answer to satimes@aol.com by May 16th. (Photo from the Brian Stratton archives)

Who is it?

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton

Last month it was the great Tommy James. In 1964 his band the Shondells covered the song "Hanky Panky" and started the amazing career of the singer, songwriter and producer. His hits have included "Crimson and Clover", "Sweet Cherry Wine", "Crystal Blue Persuasion", "I Think We're Alone Now" and "Mony, Mony" to name a few. He still performs

shows today and is the host of a weekly radio program 'Gettin Together with Tommy James' on Sirius XM Radio channel 73, 60s Gold. Although he was born in Ohio, he has resided in New Jersey since 1970.

Winners were-Jerry Smith, Patti Tengelics, Edna Mazur Pilch, B. Gregory, William Frank.



Tommy James

200 Club To Honor First Responders

The 200 Club of Middlesex County will be honoring 134 Middlesex County First Responders on May 18, 2022 at 10:30 am. The 200 Club has been honoring our First Responders since 1974. During the past 48 years over 1000 members of the Public Safety Community have been recognized for Valor-Meritorious and Community Service.

This year we will also be honoring Sayreville Chief of Police, John Zebrowski who is also the current President of the New Jersey State Chiefs of Police Association. The Awards Ceremony will be conducted like an academy graduation, so that we can keep the event to 60 minutes.

The Awards Ceremony: Wednesday May 18th, 2022, at 10:30 AM Carteret Performing Arts Center, 46 Washington Street, Carteret, NJ.

Sponsorship: Available on our website: www.middlesex200club.org. For more info contact Dennis M. Kelly, PO Box 204, South Amboy, NJ 08879. Tel. 732-261-7330.

200 Club Honorees

The 200 Club of Middlesex County local

honorees include: **Meritorious Service**- (for Man Trapped) Sayreville Police Officers-Sgt. Angela Moat, Ptl. Keith Grausam, Ptl. Joseph Batlinski, Ptl. George Lestuk, Dispatcher Brian Tierney. **Meritorious Service** (for Aggravated Assault-Armed Suspect) Sgt. Sean McGrath, Ptl. George Lestuk Sr., Ptl. George Lestuk Jr., Ptl. Thomas Pizzillo, Ptl. Jennifer Braun, Ptl. Kevin Cebulski. **Meritorious Service**-Sayreville Emergency Squad-EMS-EMT-Anthony Olson, EMT-Eugene Johnson. **Valor**- (for Armed/Suicidal Individual) South Amboy Police Det. David Keegan. **Meritorious Service**-South Amboy Police Officers-Capt. Joseph Matarangolo, Sgt. Steve Clark, Sgt. Michael Kelly, Ptl. Marvin Deausen, Ptl. Christopher Norek. **Community Award**-South Amboy First Aid EMS-First Responder James T. Ryan (64 years of service with the South Amboy First Aid Squad).

Congratulations to all, and thank you for all you do for our communities, from The SA Times!

ANNUAL SPRING FISH DINNER

The Camp Dill Foundation and the Old Timers of Troop 91 will be having their annual Spring Fish Dinner on May 3, 2022 in the parking lot of the First Presbyterian Church of South Amboy. Due to COVID, this event will be a totally "drive-by" take-out only dinner. The time of the event will be 5:00PM to 7:00PM and the cost is \$15.00 per dinner.

ALL TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED 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.

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



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Former South Amboy Resident Is TV Actor/Singer

(Photos/article submitted)

Elias Point (age 18) is a Filipino-American a well known singer, actor, model, and host in the Philippines.

Born in New Brunswick, New Jersey on September 16, 2003, he was originally a resident of South Amboy. Living and working there as a clown at an Italian restaurant on Saturdays, and a buffet on Thursdays until he was 12 where he had then moved with his family to Iligan City, Mindanao in the Philippines.

Elias Point had then started his professional musical career in 2016 at restaurants, bars and cafes in his humble Filipino town, eventually finding his way into acting in 2017, with a local theater company and moving up to modeling, large live performances and guesting throughout 2018.

In 2019, he moved to the big capital city of Manila further expanding his network and opportunities.

After many long and tiring auditions, He finally landed a spot on the week and a half long male pageant segment "Mr. Pogi 2019" on "Eat Bulaga!" (AGMA7 noontime variety show).

After competing on the show, he attained the title of 1st runner up in the grand finals and continued to work on "Eat Bulaga" on another segment called "prizes all the way" (a travel game show) until 2020.

In early 2020, before the pandemic hit, Elias, with his contract for Eat Bulaga now ended, had started performing again, and had plans for a week long line up of news meetings and performances. Unfortunately, all were canceled due to the lockdown.

Like many, Elias felt the effects of the

When Less Isn't More & More Isn't Less

By Elaine Holton Scott

My home is all electric. To save money, I lowered my thermostat and even shut the heat off in rooms I seldom enter. For a few days I had no heat at all because of the maintenance man coming here to check why four of my heating registers weren't working. When he found the problem, he forgot to turn the heat back on when he was done. So, when I got my electric bill, I couldn't believe my eyes, as it was almost \$170 more than it was for January 2021. So, I used less heat but had to pay more.

All of us are seeing and feeling the "pinch" of increased costs. Gasoline prices are eating away at our budgets and the predictions are almost ominous over how high a gallon of gas will go. Meanwhile, all the necessities of life which we had taken for granted, e.g. paper items such as toilet paper, paper towels, and paper napkins, are getting thinner and thinner. Last year when toilet paper became harder to find than the proverbial pot of gold at the end of the rainbow, paper products suddenly reappeared on store shelves. The difference was it had changed drastically. Toilet paper became thinner, paper towels became thinner, and so did paper napkins. In fact every paper product continued to become thinner except for their cost, meaning we are now getting less but paying more...in some cases, a lot more.

Has anyone else noticed how tiny our postage stamps have become? They are so small now it's getting difficult to peel them from the sheet. The stamps may have shrunk but the cost surely hasn't. It's the same with magazines. Soon, they'll be the size of the old TV Guide magazines we used to buy years ago except, although the pages in each have become less, the cost for each has skyrocketed.

I remember when I used to go for a grocery order every week. Having far, far less choices at the store, I would usually have six doubled bags of groceries to carry into the house, enough to last until the next weekly paycheck rolled around. Living on a budget, it had actually been easy back then to grocery shop as there hadn't been about 20 aisles filled with fifty different brands and sizes of the same item. How quick it was to choose from the standard 16 oz. or 8 oz. canned foods on the shelves and the 1 lb.



Elias Point

pandemic in 2020, as he was not able to work too much due to heavy restrictions in public places. Regardless, Elias did not let the pandemic stop him from continuing to improve on his craft and stay positive.

At the start of 2021, Elias Point signed up with the GMA Artist Center (currently known as "Sparkle"). A talent management agency directly under the GMA Media broadcasting company.

From there, Elias Point would regularly appear on television, and land a role in "I Left My Heart in Sorsogon" a prime time television series where he would play "James Montinola."

As of March 2022, Elias Point continues to stay active in the industry. Elias is the son of former South Amboy Police Officer/Attorney-At-Law, and Jasmin Point. Best of luck and success, Elias!

pre-packaged lunch meats we all had bought to make sandwiches, which had usually been made, wrapped in waxed paper, and placed into brown paper lunch bags for school and work. Now, unless you have enough money to buy the "artisan" bread which could blow your weekly budget to smithereens, the sandwiches of "yesterday" had been made with regular slices of white bread so big they required two hands to hold. Ever notice how small those slices have become, reduced incrementally so the shrinking size would be less noticeable? Each time a grocery product shrinks, "hidden" by new packaging and a myriad of different sizes, the cost always seems to increase.

Like my electric bill, my TV provider has recently increased its monthly bill, without warning. Since I have all electric, I'm guessing people's household gas bills also have done the same. Let's not forget greeting cards and their outrageous prices to send to friends and family with those shrinking stamps I had mentioned. The sneakiest increases, proving "less is more" can be found in some brands of toothpaste. I noticed that just yesterday. Oh, and let's not forget how flimsy a well-known brand of aluminum foil has become. Foil used to be thicker and stronger. No more. It tears while using it. I recently compared a name brand foil with a roll I had bought at the Dollar Store and saw they were equally as thin. As for the much beloved bargain hunters, the Dollar Store no doubt will be forced into being the \$1.25 Store.

By now, all of us are almost having a heart attack just looking at the cost of meat. Soon, we might be saying, "Yeah, I remember what meat tasted like." If you're a vegan, you better find a way to grow fresh produce somewhere in your home during the winter, as their cost has soared too. My father, still a teenager when the Depression began, had told me about seeing a man go to a store's counter and ask for a cup of boiling water. The waitress, without a word, handed it to him...then silently watched as he took the bottle of ketchup from the counter and stirred it into the boiling water. That desperate man had made himself ketchup soup. If these increases in food continue, and I think all of us know they will, this "ketchup soup" might end up in another cookbook of mine.

Radio and Television "Yesterday"

By John "Flip" Phillips

The Radio Part 1

I bet there are more than a few reading this story that remember those days in the late 40s and early 50s before Television took over. Yes, there was a time when we had no TV! How did kids spend their late winter afternoons after school when it was cold and dark, and evenings after homework? Did we play games or read books? Sometimes, but we probably listened to the Radio, yes, the radio! A few afternoon programs I remember were Archie, Superman, Tom Mix, Captain Midnight and Dick Tracy. There were many programs to choose from. We used our imagination to picture what was happening. I remember getting a portable radio one Christmas, and I would take it to bed with me and listen to baseball and basketball games under the covers. Many years have passed since those days, but I still remember some of the radio programs I liked. Here are a few:

The Aldrich Family Henry, Henry Aldrich....coming mother.

The Life of Riley What a revoltin' development this is.

The Shadow Who knows what evil lurks in the hearts of man...the Shadow knows.

The Lone Ranger Hi O' Silver, and his faithful companion Tonto.

Gunsmoke Yes, it was on the radio before TV.



Your Hit Parade Snooky Lanson and Dorothy Collins sang the weekly hits on the radio before TV.

Make Believe Ballroom Every Saturday morning it was: Make-Believe Ballroom Time. If you walked down the street in the summer, and the windows were open you would probably hear Martin Block playing the hits of the day...the ladies loved it! It came on the air in the 1930s and lasted until 1992.

Sports Yankees (Mel Allen), Giants (Rus Hodges) and Dodgers (Red Barber), The Knicks (Marty Glickman), The Rangers (Jim Gordon). And Giants football games (Marty Glickman). There was always a game to listen to, and your imagination followed the action.

There were a lot more radio programs to listen to back then including: Dragnet, Amos and Andy, The Thin Man, The Red Skelton show, The Falcon, Duffy's Tavern, Captain Midnight, Edgar Bergen and Charlie McCarthy. Lights Out, The Answer Man, Sherlock Holmes, Bing Crosby Hour., Name That Tune, Gang Busters, The \$64,000 Question. And a lot more!

From 1930 to 1950 has been defined as the Golden Age of American Radio.

Next Month Television Part 2

The Dowdell Library Joins Libraries Statewide in Telehealth Program

The Dowdell Library received a grant to provide the community with telehealth services. The ongoing pandemic has spotlighted inequities in the healthcare system, especially among the most marginalized members of the community. Those who suffer most are new immigrants, the elderly, and people from lower incomes who lack access to medical care, technology, and health information necessary to make informed choices about their health.

They are confronted with barriers to health equity, such as finding health information in a language or reading level that they can understand to ask their medical provider the right questions. Other barriers, such as the high cost of medical insurance or the need to work irregular shift hours, exclude some people from seeing a doctor during normal office hours. The Dowdell Library is playing a role in leveling the playing field through NJHealthConnect@Your Library so that everyone has an equal chance to live the healthiest life possible.

NJHealthConnect@Your Library addresses health inequities in the community by providing iPads that are preloaded with apps and links to telemedicine sites for doctor appointments, multilingual health information, places for mental health support for adults and teens, the latest COVID

40 Years Ago

1982-In the South Amboy Board of Education election, the three incumbents were re-elected for 3-year seats.

The voting went as follows: Margaret McCarthy 203, Tom Tice 194, Alice Kupper 167.

Vendor & Music Fair

South Amboy Columbiettes are holding an outdoor Music and Vendor Fair Saturday June 18 from 10 AM to 4 PM at the Knights of Columbus parking lot 308 Fourth St. South Amboy. Vendors can rent their space for \$25. Live music will be performed by the Cellar Dwellers from 12 Noon to 2 PM. In case of rain the event will be held inside the K of C hall. For more information call Vicki at 732-598-6910.

updates, and crisis hotlines in New Jersey.

Telemedicine is a more affordable, portable, and convenient lifeline for people with or without medical insurance to connect with a doctor. Telehealth is a skyrocketing trend that grew out of the pandemic and is here to stay with its proven patient satisfaction. It allows people, especially those most vulnerable, to obtain an early-stage diagnosis, prevent illness, seek early treatment intervention, and obtain and renew medications so that health equity is within the grasp of everyone.

Telehealth iPads are available for private telehealth appointments for South Amboy Library cardholders. Just make a reservation to ensure a time slot. Contact the library at 732-721-6060 or comments@dowdell.org. Additional information about this state program can be found online at www.njstatelibr.org/njhealthconnect.

Library Hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 10 am-8 pm, Wednesday & Friday 10 am-5 pm, and Saturday 12-4 pm. 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.

Poppy Sale

The Catholic War Veterans, Sacred Heart Memorial Post 578, South Amboy, will hold a Poppy Sale: Saturday, April 30th 3:00 PM till 7:00 PM and on Sunday May 1st, 6:00 AM till 2:00 PM in front of Sacred Heart Church, Washington Ave., South Amboy, NJ.

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LETTERS



Hi Tom,

I'm still around. Hope all is well with you. Notice you were publishing classic cars recently. Just found pictures of my 1955 Chevy I bought in 1955 after I returned from Korea and was discharged. I think I paid \$2500. At the time I think they were called hardtop convertibles. I guess I did not have color film at the time. The color was cream and turquoise.

Bob Olenczak-Olin
(Formerly of South Amboy)



Good Morning Guys,

Thank you very much for being mentioned in your article of previous Police Officers. I am extremely proud to have been a member of the South Amboy Police Department. My son Carl Jr is now at the age of 53 this year (is that possible?) retired from Sarasota, FL, he was also a member of the Key West, FL Police Department. Again thank you very much for the mention in your newspaper just feels good to be remembered.

Carl Nemeth

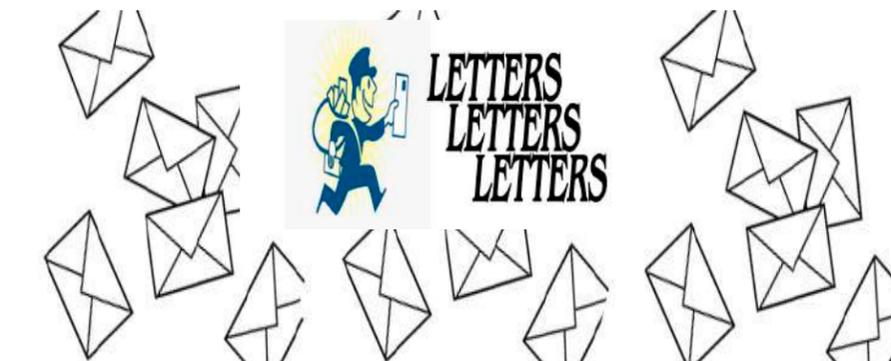


Letter to the Editor

In my last month's article, Visiting Sicily, Covid-Style, I wanted to show how uniquely different "real" Sicilian food is made. We, who have a very long history in South Amboy, especially with our interwoven DNA, it was commonplace for the "old families" to eat the same type of meals at suppertime. For us, spaghetti with meatballs and, of course, pizza when we were lucky enough to get a slice, were probably the only Italian food we had known. Yet, just an hour and a half away in Newark, my good friend, Emily Pallante's family and friends, were enjoying foods cooked so differently. I hope you enjoyed reading "all about it."

Btw, I think there was a ghost who attached the word "From" to the title. At this stage in life when I now believe in UFOs, I wouldn't doubt it.

Elaine Holton Scott



May Crowning May 7

South Amboy Columbiettes would like to invite the general public to come for the annual May Crowning event Saturday May 7 at 11 Am at the Knights of Columbus 308 Fourth St. South Amboy. Light refreshments will be available after the prayer ceremony.

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.) -S.R..

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TO ST. JUDE

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

Happy 100th!

100 Years Loved!

Victoria DeBaro, formerly of Kierst St. in Parlin, recently celebrated her 100th birthday at Anchor Care in Hazlet. Family and friends came from as far away as Florida to join in the celebration. (Photo by Anne Erbett)



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., LF



The Vintage Car Contest

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton



Can you identify this car? Here's a hint a famous angel drove this on a T.V. show she co-starred in. Send your answer to satimes@aol.com by May 16th.

Last month's Vintage Car was an Edsel Ranger. The Edsel Ranger is an automobile that was produced and sold by the newly formed Edsel Division of Ford for the 1958-1960 model years. It was built on the shorter, narrower Edsel platform, shared with Ford and Edsel Pacer models.[1]

The Ranger was the base trim model for Edsel in its first and second years as an automotive marque. It was available in two-door coupes, four-door sedans, and two-and four-door hardtops with a convertible also offered in 1960.

Ranger is one of three of Edsel's model nameplates reused by Ford Motor

Company products, Villager and Corsair being the others.

The Edsel made winners out of the following-Eleanor Westerholm, Sonia Iglesias, Marlene Letwenski, Michael & Irene Kilcomons, John Gelsinon, Karen Kieselowsky, JoAnn & John French, Pat Scully, Steve Laskiewicz, Edna Mazur Pilch, Vincent Farina, Carl Nemeth, Thomas Harrigan, Pete McIntyre, Kenneth Oleskin, Bruce Grankowski, Gary Feret, Laurie Loftus, Mark Moniello, Betty Leveille, Dane Colburn, John Malik, Steve Villig.

March Vintage Car



The Edsel Ranger

Congratulations!



BIC Banquet

The Sayreville BIC presented Amanda (l) and Butch Rustoni with an award for their continued support of the organization. The photo was taken at the BIC Banquet, which was held at the Grand Marquis. (Photo/info courtesy of Anna O'Leary)

South Amboy Elementary 7th Annual Living Museum



Fourth graders at South Amboy Elementary School “morphed” into character as a famous person in history at their 7th annual Living Museum. The living museum event took place on Wednesday, April 13 in the SAES gymnasium. Fourth graders in Mrs. Falvo, Mrs. Dennis and Ms. Tornabene’s ELA/Social Studies classes all participated. They were required to read a book about their famous person, research, write a biography report, and give an oral report in class. The living museum is the culminating event of a lot of hard work and determination! Abe Lincoln, Sally Ride, Albert Einstein, Neil Armstrong, Harriet Tubman, George Washington, Helen Keller, Anne Frank, Sojourner Truth, Alexander Graham Bell, and Thomas Edison are among a few of the historical figures represented. Parents and siblings as well as some younger grades were invited to come and see these famous figures come to life once again! It was a job well done by all and we are proud of all of the fourth graders! (Article Submitted/Photo by Brian Stratton)



Interviewing Jackie Robinson!



Students speak with Princess Diana



SAES Principal Sean Dunphy speaks with Abe Lincoln

Citizens Recognized

At the April 6th South Amboy City Council meeting the council recognized several citizens for their volunteer activities. Councilman Thomas Reilly presented City Council resolutions to Janet Kern and Mark Herdman.



Janet Kern (l), a lifelong city resident, has served on the SA Board of Education, SA PTO, Friends of South Amboy and many other organizations throughout the years. Councilman Reilly is pictured (r).



Mark Herdman (l), a lifelong city resident, has served in the South Amboy Fire Dept. 2002 as Chief, Friend of South Amboy, SA Food pantry, as well as coaching many different sports teams. He is currently serving as the city’s Emergency Management Coordinator. Councilman Reilly is pictured (r) after presenting the proclamation. (Photos/info submitted)

Opening Day!



It was opening day in South Amboy on April 9th. Pictured is South Amboy PBA Local 63 7 U team. Wishing all the SAYAA teams a great season. (Photo by Brian Stratton)

From Carnegie Hall To South Amboy



Akademus High School Choir from Lublin, Poland, performed a full concert for John Paul II Academy - Polish Supplementary School students, staff and guests on Saturday, April 2, 2022. The school’s students were thrilled to meet members of the choir and to be able to admire their hard work that resulted in achieving first place at the Carnegie Hall New York Sounds of Spring Festival on Tuesday, March 29. After the school concert, Akademus Choir helped our spirits soar during Polish mass services at Church of the Sacred Heart in South Amboy, NJ. (Photo credit Marcin Bednarz and Andrzej Sienko)

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100 Years Ago???



Bob Olenczak Olin sent in the following vintage photo believed to be about 100 years old, and said, "The lady is Anna Dziekan who married John Cross (Kryzkowski). John was my Uncle Frank Kryzkowski's brother. Frank was married to my Aunt Catherine, my father's sister. The back of the photo said that it was taken in the front yard of a home on Henry St. between Feltus and Pine Ave. Does anyone know what kind of bicycle it is?" If anyone has any information please email satimes@aol.com.

Patriots BBQ-August 6

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 are sponsoring an outing Saturday August 6 to see the Yankees Double A farm team Somerset Patriots host the Mets Double A farm team Binghamton Rumble Ponies in a 7:05 PM game. Cost of \$40 includes game ticket, all you can eat barbeque for three innings consisting of

hamburgers, hot dogs, pulled pork, veggie burgers, potato chips, macaroni and cheese, cole slaw, David's fresh baked cookies, assorted self-service fountain soda, and condiments. Post game fireworks will be held after the final out. For reservations call Steve at 732-727-1707.

Under the Boardwalk at Shore Club

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to the Under the Boardwalk show at the Shore Club (formerly Doolan's) on Wednesday June 8, 2022. The price of the trip is \$105.00 which includes a delicious lunch along with tax and gratuity, open bar

for the first hour and lively entertainment, the bus and the bus driver's gratuity.

The bus will leave OLV lower parking lot at 9:30AM and return approximately at 5 PM.

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The Sayreville American Legion Post 211, presented the American Legion "Certificate of Appreciation" to Jim the owner of Garden State Deli, 165 Pulaski Avenue, in Sayreville, for his continuing support of the American Legion. Please support this business, so they can continue to support Veterans. (Photo/info submitted)

Megan Corby Chosen State Semi-Finalist

The Borough of Sayreville Selection Committee selected Megan Corby as statewide semi-finalist in the Louis Bay 2nd Future Municipal Leaders Scholarship Competition for her essay "What My Municipal Government Does Best."

The theme "What My Municipal Government Does Best" seeks to advance the virtues of elected and volunteer members of the municipal government. "It was a difficult choice for our committee," stated Councilwoman Donna Roberts. "I am so impressed with how very involved our students already are in our community." Councilwoman Michele Maher said, "I am so proud of our students and our community regardless of who wins." Special mention to submissions by: Angel Quindes, Hamza Koroma, Matthew Corby, Oro-Oluwatoromo Ade-Festus, Edwin Morales, Jr., Khage Stephenson and John Gomolka.

The Scholarship Committee will select 15 finalists and 3 winners. The 15 finalists will each be awarded finalist certificates. The three winners will each be awarded \$1,000.00 by their mayor at a hometown ceremony. Winners' essays will also be featured in the

New Jersey Municipalities magazine.

The Louis Bay 2nd Future Municipal Leaders Scholarship Competition is for high school juniors and seniors planning to continue their education after high school. This scholarship aims to advance the virtues of elected and volunteer positions in municipal government while raising awareness of municipal government in general. This scholarship competition has been named in honor of Louis Bay 2nd who actively participated as a League Board Member and Past President for 60 years.

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6. Here's the story of a lovely lady	f. The Partridge Family
7. What you want baby I got it	g. Cheers
8. Come and listen to a story bout a man named Jed	h. The Brady Bunch
9. The end of the Civil War was near	j. Mary Tyler Moore show
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Answers
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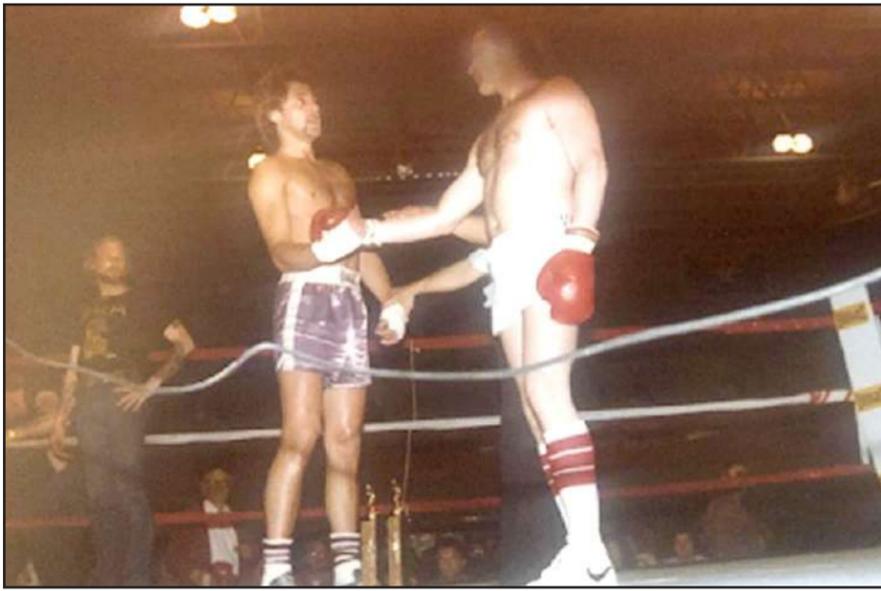
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Randy Poliny (l) and Ron Stillwagon (r) shake hands after their fundraiser boxing match for charity in 1982. (Photo courtesy of Ron Stillwagon)

40 Years Ago: South Amboy P.B.A. Helps First Aid

By Tom Burkard

April 16, 1982-Amateur Boxing matches came to South Amboy, courtesy of the South Amboy Police Dept. P.B.A. #63, in a fundraising event they organized for the benefit of the South Amboy First Aid Squad. Sgt. James Holovacko (who later became Chief of Police) along with Det. Sgt. Ray Durski, South Amboy Police Officers Steve Malkiewicz, Ken Szatkowski, and Bob McKeon, put lots of time, work and energy into making the event a huge success, and it certainly was outstanding, as over 1,000 fans attended, and more than \$1,500 was raised for the First Aid.

There were 24 boxers on the Golden Gloves sanctioned slate, and they were paired off into 12 three-round bouts from different boxing clubs including Newark, Jersey City, Trenton, Plainfield, and other hot spots throughout the state. The Sayreville Karate Association (SKA) participated in 2 bouts, winning one. Det. Steve Malkiewicz served as ring announcer, and was dressed in a black dinner jacket with a carnation in the lapel.

The hometown fans couldn't wait to see the match between the locals, 27-year old Randy "Pigeon" Poliny of Morgan, a left-hander, who was a former NJ Golden Gloves contender, against South Amboy's own Ron Stillwagon. The highly-anticipated bout did not last the scheduled 3 rounds, and The News Tribune, who covered the event, reported that "Randy Poliny knocked out Ron Stillwagon with a big left hook, flooring him twice in the second round." The story also said, "Before the fight, Stillwagon called it a "grudge" match, and the two boxers displayed noticeable hostility toward each other in the ring." In a recent phone interview, Stillwagon said "There were hostilities between us, and being well-known, local guys, we were used to draw a crowd for the fundraising event." There was probably a good portion of the 1,000 plus crowd from South Amboy/Sayreville on hand to root for their favorite boxer.

Holovacko said, "I think local boxers who took part were used to schoolyard or playground fights, where a couple of punches were thrown, and a lot of pushing and shoving was involved. Most of the participants found that 3 rounds of 2 minutes each, took a lot of stamina, just to stand and move around the ring with their arms raised, throwing or blocking punches. The fundraiser was quite challenging, and we all came away with a real appreciation of the effort the boxers gave."

Poliny shared his recollections of this big night, saying, "This was the first time in my life that my dad, Andy Poliny, who was the founder of Fred's Bait & Tackle Shop in

St. Mary's 50 Year Class Reunion

St. Mary's High School Class of 1972 will have its 50th Reunion on Saturday June 11 at the South Amboy Elks at 601 Washington Ave. If you are a member of the class of 1972 (or know of a friend or family member from the class of 1972) and would like more information, please contact Chris Norman at degendlek@comcast.net or call Cheryl Ruszczyk at 732-727-1707.

Morgan, came to see me compete in anything. It was like the Ali-Frazier fight. He proudly continued, "After the fight, when I walked out of there, I was on top of the world, with my girl Carrie L. on one arm, and a trophy on the other. No matter where I went that night after the fight, I owned South Amboy."

Notes: Randy Poliny boxed in the NJ Golden Gloves in 1973, turning in a (3-1) record in the Middleweight class, with the lone defeat coming on a decision in the semifinals at Elizabeth Armory. He has three boxing trophies that he is very proud of including one from the Bayonne PAL (where he trained for the Golden Gloves), a Golden Gloves trophy, and also the trophy from South Amboy P.B.A. for his victory in 1982...

Jim Holovacko praised his fellow police officers for the help they gave him in "arranging things for the event." He singled out Ray Durski, Steve Malkiewicz, Bob McKeon and Ken Szatkowski. In addition he shared that "One of the highlights each year was local fan, Louis Meszaros, who was one of the first to purchase a ringside seat. He always shadow-boxed during each match, and heartily cheered on the participants."

The P.B.A. sponsored Amateur Boxing fundraising events were held for 4 years from 1981-1984. The first one in '81 was for a local youth who was badly burned in an accident. The 1982 event was for the South Amboy First Aid Squad, while the 1983 and 1984 were for the benefit of the Scholarship Fund for St. Mary's and Hoffman High Schools.

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The Smoke Column

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

Fire safety has come a long way in the state of New Jersey over the last forty years. Before 1980, there was no state-wide recognized fire safety organization to monitor all aspects of fire safety throughout the state. There was no licensing of fire inspectors in communities, no certified training requirements for firefighters, and no single umbrella organization for all fire related personnel and activities to fall under. Each town followed rules established by their own community and there was a lot of freelancing among the people inspecting buildings. There were no legal responsibilities in place nor regulating agencies for inspections.

Deadly incidents that occurred in the early 80's brought a welcomed change to the fire service. The Division of Fire Safety under the Department of Community Affairs was established. On July 26, 1980, in the shore community of Bradley Beach, a deadly fire occurred at the Brindley Inn Boarding Home. Most of the residents had been referred to the boarding home by state mental health care institutions. Most of the residents were elderly or mentally impaired and 24 of the 38 residents died because of the fire. The fire started in a concealed space in the basement and traveled up the open stairway to the sleeping areas on the second and third floors. There were no legal requirements in effect at the time for boarding home safety inspections.

Only six months later and ten miles from Bradley Beach, 13 residents of the Beachview Rest Home in Keansburg died because of a roaring fire. This facility housed 114 residents who were mostly elderly and mentally challenged. The fire started at approximately 4:00am and was so intense that flames were coming out of the entire front of the building as first responders arrived on scene. Survivors, some naked, others in pajamas, were huddled in front of the building in sub-freezing temperatures when authorities first arrived. The building

did not have fire sprinklers because they were not required under state law at that time but did have smoke detectors. Once again, there were no state fire inspection laws in effect at the time of this disaster.

Once the Division of Fire Safety was established, Fire Bureaus were formed in all communities throughout the state. Inspections are now required in many buildings of high occupancy and high hazard. The types of inspections and the frequency of inspection depend on the use type and occupancy. Buildings now had to follow a multitude of life safety initiatives and were given a prescribed time to complete them. Credentialing of fire officials, fire inspectors, firefighters was now the norm. Courses were developed and were made mandatory for these positions. It was not just a matter of completing the course but to prove your knowledge of the material, each position required the successful passing of a 100-question state test to be certified for that position. Fire officials and fire inspectors must continue to take classes to keep their certification. Rules, regulations, and codes are constantly changing and these inspectors must keep abreast of the changes.

The benefit of the Division of Fire Safety has been a reduction in the loss of life from fires. Local fire inspectors have the responsibility of inspecting structures where people live, meet, play, and work. By inspecting these facilities for fire violations and having these violations corrected, may help to prevent a tragedy from occurring. If these provisions were in place in the early 80's, maybe those boarding homes fires would not have occurred.

So, when you see your local fire inspectors entering buildings and structures in your community, they are doing their job in protecting the residents of the community and gathering vital structural information for the fire service.

Sayreville Public Library News

Computer Classes for Beginners:

Want to learn the basics of computers? Here's your chance. Join us for this series of interactive workshops.

Tuesday, May 3 @6:30PM: Phones and E-Reader Devices

Tuesday, May 10 @6:30PM: Computer Basics

Tuesday, May 17 @6:30PM: Microsoft Office

Tuesday, May 24 @6:30PM: Microsoft Word

Register via our events calendar, or call 732-727-0212 Ext 112.



Pencil Sketching with Komal (Virtual)

Thursday, May 12 @6PM.

Join Komal for another fun art session.

This month: Learn how to make beautiful pencil sketches.

Materials will be provided.

This is a Virtual Session. Registration required to get the Zoom Link.

Register online, or call 732-727-0212 Ext 112.



How to get your writing on the page & screen with Caren Lissner (Virtual)

Thursday, May 12 @7PM

Join author Caren Lissner for this virtual workshop on turning books into movies and how to get your works published. Who knows? Maybe you will have the next great best seller or Oscar winner.

This is a virtual event. Registration is required to get the zoom link.

Register online or call 732-727-0212 Ext 112.



Cash in on Summer Decluttering with Jamie Novak (Virtual)

Thursday, May 19 @6PM

Want to make your home look cleaner and de-cluttered for the summer? Join best selling author Jamie Novak as she shares her tips for cleaning out without getting overwhelmed. You will be ready to host summer get-togethers before you know it.

This is a virtual seminar. Registration is required to get the zoom link.

Register online, or call 732-727-0212 Ext 112.



Tuesday Movie Matinee

Tuesday, May 10 @1PM

This month: The Hallmark Original: Love on the Menu Rated G-90 Minutes.



Wills and Power of Attorney (Virtual)

Tuesday, May 17 @6PM

Join Kenneth A. Vercammen, Attorney at Law, of Kenneth Vercammen & Associates for this seminar on Wills and Powers of Attorney.

All events are in Person unless stated otherwise.

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., A.S., H.S., L.S., L.P., EP.)

Local Law Enforcement Families Thru The Years-Part 2

Sayreville Police Department-SPD
Researched By Chuck Kelly;
Contributors-Tracy Weber, Joanne
Gottstine, Don Rzepka
***Designates deceased.**

Atlak, Sgt. Matthew SPD and brother, Sgt. Ronald Atlak, Old Bridge PD, brothers-in-law Det. Michael Cronin and Ptl. Christopher Cronin* and their father retired Capt. Dennis Cronin, Old Bridge PD
 Bandurski, Det. Matthew, SPD and son, Det. Matthew Bandurski, NJSP as well as his son-in-law Ptl. Brian Hyslop, South River PD
 Bardes, Ptl. Benjamin SPD and son Dean Bardes*, Deputy Sheriff, Lee County Florida
 Barth, Det. Edward, SPD and son, CO Shane Barth*, Middlesex County Dept. of Corrections Officer
 Burns, Chief Michael SPD and son, Sgt. Brian Burns, Monroe PD
 Cassidy, Lt. Thomas SPD and son, Sgt. Thomas Cassidy, East Brunswick PD
 Castlegrant, Lt. Dominick SPD and brother, Sgt. Paul Castlegrant, Middlesex County Dept. of Corrections
 Cox, Det. Alvah and son Ptl. Alvah Cox, SPD, Dispatcher Michele Cox (Sister and cousin to Al Sr. and Al Jr.).
 Connors, Capt. Ronald* and son, Lt. Kevin Connors*, SPD
 Craig, Sgt. Gary* SPD and son Det. Sean Craig, NYPD
 D'Onofrio, Ptl. Anthony SPD and step-brothers Sgt. James Ford, Old Bridge PD and Officer Michael Ford, Raleigh, NC PD
 Ellmyer, Det./Sgt. D. SPD, brother-in-law

Ptl. K. Gotta SPD
 Erla, Lt. David and brother, retired Det. Peter J. Erla, Jersey City PD
 Fischer, Disp. Walter*, son, Det. Thomas Fischer and nephew, Michael Fischer SPD
 Grover, Ptl. Robert* SPD and son Capt. Robert Grover Jr., Middlesex County Dept. of Corrections
 Golembieski, Ptl. Stanley "Bluey" and grandsons Ptl. Michael Golembieski, North Hampton PA PD and Ptl. Matthew Golembieski, Monmouth Beach PD
 Gottstine, Det. Sgt. William SPD, wife Joanne Gottstine, Administrative Secretary SPD
 Hogan, Ptl. Joseph* SPD and son, CO Mark Hogan, Middlesex County Dept. of Corrections
 Kelly, Ptl. Charles and brother, Det. Kenneth P. Kelly, SPD
 Lasko, Lt. Robert and cousin Sgt. David Lasko, SPD
 Lestuck, Ptl. George Sr. and son Ptl. George Lestuck Jr., SPD
 Marcinczyk, Capt. Bruce and brother, Ptl. Barry Marcinczyk, SPD
 Markulic, Ptl. John* and son Lt. Eugene Markulic*, SPD
 Myers, Ptl. Charles "Monk" Myers, brother Sgt. Joseph Myers, SPD and Joe's brother-in-law Disp. Raymond Betzler, SPD (Joe Myers is a Bronze Star Recipient)
 Moe, Ptl. Henrik SPD and brother, Ptl. Charles Moe, Woodbridge PD
 Novak, Ptl. James Sr. and sons, Lt. James and Ptl. Charles Novak SPD and daughter, Sgt. Jennifer Novak, South River PD (Ptl. James

Novak is a Silver Star Recipient)
 Olsen, Chief Harry* and sons Ptl. Wesley* and Det. Douglas "Ace" Olsen*, SPD
 Plumacker, Capt. Daniel and brother Ptl. Michael Plumacker, SPD
 Puccio, Ptl. Victoria, SPD, father ret. Det. Kenneth J. Puccio, Perth Amboy PD, mother ret. CO Margaret Puccio, East Jersey State Prison and sister, Officer Jillian Sofield, Montclair PD
 Satorski, Ptl. James SPD, brother-in-law Michael McCormick, North Brunswick PD and nephews Michael McCormick and NJSP and Shawn McCormick, PA State Police
 Sweeney, Chief Raymond*, brother-in-law Lt. Benjamin Boehm* and Boehm's cousin, Capt. Leo Farley* SPD
 Sztukowski, Capt. Charles, son Ptl. Jamie Sztukowski SPD and son CO Eric Sztukowski, Middlesex County Dept. of Corrections
 Taylor, Det. Jeffrey SPD and brother, Ptl. Travis Taylor, So. River PD
 Unkel, Ptl. Jaime SPD and brothers Sgt. Daniel Unkel and Sgt. Matthew Unkel, East Brunswick PD
 Wagner, Ptl. Glen and brother-in-law, Ptl. Sean Morelli, Piscataway PD
 Walczak, Ptl. Arthur and son Ptl. Matthew Walczak, Old Bridge PD
***Correction/additional info from last month-Part 1**
 Szkodny: Chief Edward, SPD, Det/Sgt. Raymond Szkodny SPD, Deputy Chief Robert Szkodny, Bridgewater PD, Det. Nicholas Szkodny Bloomsburg PA PD, Det. Brian Szkodny, SPD.

Kilcomons: Deputy Chief Joseph Kilcomons, SPD, brother Det. Edward Kilcomons SPD, Lt. William Kilcomons SPD, Major Sean Kilcomons NJSP and NJSP James "Mac" McCormick* of the Morgan section was an uncle to Joe and Ed Kilcomons and was in the first NJSP recruit class, and became one of the first motorcycle unit officers.

South Amboy Police Department-SAPD
 Cheeseman- Sgt. William-SAPD; Capt. Daniel F. Cashman-12th Precinct of Brooklyn, NY (grandfather of Sgt. William). Noble-Det. Sgt. Thomas Sr.-South Amboy PD; Ptl. William Noble-Spring Lake PD (nephew of Thomas Sr.).

Riehl-Ptl. James Sr.-East Brunswick PD; Sheriff's Officer James "Jay" Jr.-Warren County, NY (son of James Sr.).

Stratton-Lt. Randy-Green Brook PD; Ptl. Randy-Green Brook PD (son of Lt. Randy); Scott-NJ Corrections (son of Lt. Randy).

Corrections/Changes from last month Part 1: Edward Cieslarczyk was incorrectly listed as a Patrolman last month, when he was actually a Captain.

*Cieslarczyk-Capt. Edward-SAPD.

*** A HUGE SPECIAL THANK YOU goes out to all who were involved in any way with this 2-part compilation of Police Families, or contributed any names to the listings. The research was extremely extensive, so if we missed anyone please let us know, it was not intentional. To Be Continued!**

Camp Middlesex Means Summer Fun

June means school is out and it's time for fun! That's where Camp Middlesex comes in. The day camp program, which runs from June 27-August 19, includes an array of special interest activities. Campers can pick their activity from a list of dozens of activities, including theater, robotics, chess, sports, video game creation, art, cooking, computers, and much more. Each session runs for one week, mornings or afternoons. Most kids pick two camps for a full-day experience.

The camp is held on the Middlesex College Edison campus. Most camps are \$215 per half-day program.

"We find that kids love the variety of programs," said Deb Stoler, director of Camp Middlesex. "They may try a sports game in the morning, and photography in

the afternoon. Or they might prefer to mix cooking with crafts. This is a great option for working parents who want their children to be doing something fun and fulfilling. It's a wonderful experience."

A new activity offered this year is Nike Girls Soccer, which will run July 5-8. Girls in the second to sixth grade can attend in the morning. Those in the sixth to 10th grade can attend in the morning, afternoon, or all day.

"This is a really great program for girls of all skill levels," Stoler said. "The Middlesex College women's soccer coach, Adrienne Giordano, will be the instructor."

For more information please visit middlesexcc.edu/camp-middlesex or call 732-906-2556.

ICYMI: Now Law Coughlin, Mukherji, Moriarty & McKnight Legislation Helping Food Pantries Transition to Reusable Bags

Law to Give 6-Month Extension, Donate 500,000 Reusable Bags

Food banks and pantries have faced several challenges over the past two years with rising demand for food, supply chain disruptions, labor shortages, and inflation straining operational capacity.

Recognizing that the ban on single-use carryout bags could further hamper food aid operations, Assembly Speaker Craig J. Coughlin together with Assembly members Raj Mukherji, Paul Moriarty and Angela McKnight sponsor a new law (A-2065).

Signed by the Governor on Friday, it gives food banks and food pantries another six months to prepare for compliance with New Jersey's ban on single-use plastic and disposable paper carryout bags that starts on May 4th/

"The demand for food assistance persists and so what this legislation does is balance the desire to become a more environmentally friendly state with our ability to support organizations which continue to be critical in keeping people fed," said Coughlin (D-Middlesex).

The measure also provides 500,000 free reusable carryout bags for the State's food banks as part of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's information and education campaign.

"By creating this extension in addition to distributing 500,000 reusable bags, we're providing both the time and resources that we recognize pantries facing high demand need in order to be successful in making

the shift," said Coughlin. "We simply can't leave our food insecure families behind and this bill thoughtfully ensures that we don't."

"It's important to make sure we transition away from single-use plastic and paper carryout bags responsibly," said Assemblyman Mukherji (D-Hudson). "By giving organizations that help fight homelessness and food insecurity more time to prepare for the transition to reusable bags, we can ensure our residents do not lose access to critical resources they need to keep food on their tables."

"Food pantries and food banks perform a noble service in our communities. They are on the front lines in the fight against food and security," said Assemblyman Paul Moriarty (D-Camden, Gloucester). "This new law supports them as we move to reduce our reliance on the use of plastic bags throughout the state."

"Food banks and pantries do important work connecting our food insecure residents with critical assistance," said Assemblywoman McKnight (D-Hudson). "The new law gives food banks and pantries the time and resources they need to prepare for the upcoming statewide ban on single-use plastic and paper bags, ensuring they can continue helping countless New Jersey families in need."

The law passed both houses of the Legislature last Thursday, with a vote of 58-16-1 in the Assembly.

Pallone Announces New Jersey Will Receive an Estimated \$154 Million for New Transportation and Climate Investments from Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr. (NJ-06) today announced that New Jersey will receive an estimated \$154,483,918 in funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. The funding will provide more transportation options, ease congestion, and reduce carbon pollution across the state.

"The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law continues to deliver more funding for cleaner, more convenient transportation options in New Jersey," said Pallone. "At a time when oil companies are ripping off New Jerseyans at the gas pump, this funding will help slash commute times, lower costs for working

families, combat harmful carbon pollution and support good-paying jobs right here at home. I'm going to continue partnering with our state and local leaders to put these investments to work."

The funding comes from the Federal Highway Administration's Carbon Reduction Program, a new initiative established by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. The funding can be used to improve public transit services, bolster electric vehicle charging infrastructure, improve traffic flow, and construct pedestrian and bicycle trails.

15 Years Ago



Bop To The Top! The South Amboy High School Players celebrated their 20th performance as they presented Disney's High School Musical to rave reviews. Director Lynn Davis, cast and crew did a fabulous job with this modern day classic. Pictured (foreground l-r) Amanda Cuomo as "Gabriella Montez", Colin DeLucca as "Troy Bolton", Kaleigh DeLucca as "Sharpay Evans" and Jason Ryan Lehr as "Ryan Evans". (Photo by Brian Stratton)



Etcetera, Etcetera, Etcetera!!! The Sayreville High School Theatre Society presented their Spring Production "The King And I". The show was directed by Dr. Michael Piccuiro and the cast and crew did an outstanding job! Pictured (l) Caitlin Moskwa as "Anna" and Jino Gatpandan as "King". (Photo by Brian Stratton)



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The Spinal Column

By **Dr. John Misiewicz**

Age and Muscle Loss

As the years pass, our bodies change. Our body's muscle, atrophy. The muscle mass in our bodies generally shrink and strength and power decline. This is called sarcopenia, age related muscle loss. It can begin around age 35 and occurs at a rate of 1 to 2 percent per year. After the age of 60, it can increase to 3 per cent per year. On average adults who don't do any regular strength training can expect to lose 4-6 pounds of muscle per decade. However, most people don't see the numbers on the scale going down, which means they are replacing that muscle with fat! There are two types of muscle fibers, fast-twitch and slow-twitch. Fast-twitch fibers provide bursts of power which are lost at a greater rate than slow-twitch fibers, which provide steady power. This means that you're not only growing weaker, you are also getting slower!

Weak muscles speed the loss of independence putting everyday activities out of reach, such as walking, cleaning, shopping, yard work and dressing. It also limits recovery time from illness or injury. Disability is 1.5 to 5 times higher in older adults with moderate to severe muscle loss than those with normal muscle mass. Weak muscles also make it more difficult to move and balance properly.

It is not surprising that one in every three adults age 65 and older fall each year. Some of these falls can be very serious with bone fractures and admittance into long term facilities. According to the CDC, these falls lead to more than 800,000 hospitalizations per year. But strength, balance and power training help. People with stronger muscles are less likely to fall and when they do fall, they are less likely to sustain serious injuries.

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

God's Looking Down

By Al Gomolka Jr.
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A walk in the sun
On a fresh
summer's morn
Happy and healthy
With peace as my morn.
A job with good friends
A home with warm love
And God's looking down
From heaven above.
Within all the world
I'm content with life
Although there's
another side
Inhumanity
and strife.
Hunger and illness
And wars still abound
And from
heaven above
God's looking down.
It's perplexing to think
On life,
good and bad
Ones who are blessed
While others are sad.
How to explain?
We'll never know of
But God's looking down
From heaven above.

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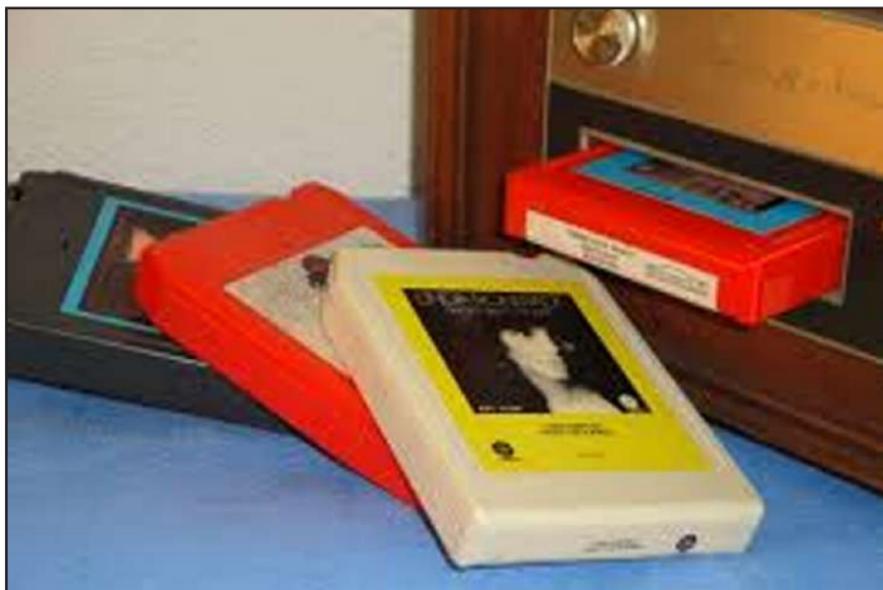
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WHAT IS IT?????

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton



Do you know what these items are? Send your answers to satimes@aol.com by May 16th.

March What Is It?

Rack-O

Last month's What Is It was Rack-O a Milton Bradley sequential-matching card game with the objective of obtaining 10 numbers, in numerical order, in one's hand. Score may be kept on a separate piece of paper, based upon either a custom system or the system provided in the rule book. Rack-O allows between 2-4 players, and is recommended for players age 8 and up. Rack-O was released in 1956 and is currently being produced by Winning Moves Games USA.

The following winners correctly identified Rack-O last month- Michael & Irene Kilcomons, Janice O'Brien, John Gelsinon, Karen Kieselowsky, JoAnn & John French, Pat Scully, Steve Laskiewicz, Edna Mazur Pilch, Steve and Cindy Miglin, Sue Dooling, Chelle Martin, Bruce Grankowski, Lynn Loy, Eleanore Westerholm, Gary Feret, Laurie Loftus, Jim Malkiewicz, Mark Moniello, Betty Leveille, Dane Colburn.



Milton Bradley Rack-O



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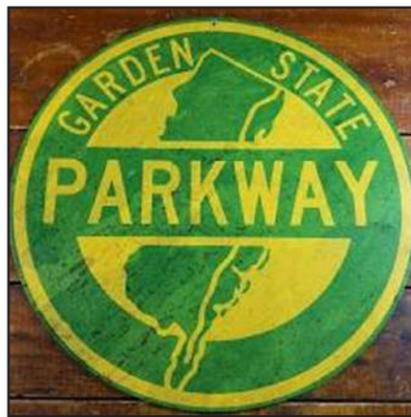
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April What Exit..

This month's exit of which there are actually two (will accept either or both) will take you to the town that the Where IN NJ is located. (Good Luck)

What Exit?

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton

March What Exit:

Last month exit 160 was the correct answer which is the location of the Nabisco Factory from the "Where In NJ" from last month.

The winners were-Michael & Irene Kilcomons, John Gelsinon, JoAnn & John French, Pat Scully, Dermot Scales, Edna Mazur Pilch, Vincent Farina, Pete McIntyre, Gary Feret, Laurie Loftus, Jim & Debbie Sissick, Betty Leveille, Dane Colburn.

Where in NJ?

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton



Can you identify this building located somewhere in New Jersey? Send your answer to satimes@aol.com by May 16th.

Last month we linked the where in NJ with what exit. The Where in NJ was the now closed Nabisco factory located in Fair Lawn off exit 160 on the GSP.

The following winners correctly identified Fair Lawn last month-Leon Credico, Michael & Irene Kilcomons, KurtADueterdick, John Gelsinon, Karen

Kieselowsky, Chuck Pickard, JoAnn & John French, Pat Scully, Dermot Scales, Edna Mazur Pilch, Vincent Farina, Thomas Harrigan, Pete McIntyre, Chelle Martin, Eleanore Westerholm, Gary Feret, Laurie Loftus, Jim Malkiewicz, Jim & Debbie Sissick, Mark Moniello, Betty Leveille, Dane Colburn.



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Salt Water

Striped Bass fishing in Raritan Bay has picked up. A charter boat caught and released a 40 inch Striped Bass by the Victory Bridge in Perth Amboy. That area is producing fish. I saw 3 short Bass caught in a row within 5 minutes. I also saw people missing bites at the usual spots at Ideal Beach, Keansburg and Cliffwood beaches. Party boat fishing is still fair for Blackfish, a few Cod and Ling. A good bet is rock jetties lining Barnegat Inlet by the light. Some nice keeper Blackfish are being caught here. The surf at both LBI and Island Beach is coming to life with a few Stripers caught in the surf. Stripers continue to bite in the back bay at LBI and the first Black Drum of the year was caught there. Some White Perch are also biting in the lagoon in that area. Striped Bass and Bluefish regulations remain the same as last year. The new Fluke regulations are a few more days added to the season with 3 fish limit. Two can be at 17 to 17.9 inches and the 3rd must be 18 inches. This rule awaits final approval.

Fresh Water

Opening day Trout season was flooded out by the recent torrential downpours. I didn't even bother to go due to the bad conditions. A few Trout may have been caught in the high swollen waters. My wife and I headed down to Spring Lake to try for the big Trout stocked there a day earlier. We seem to have caught everything but Trout. Among our catches were 3 Largemouth Bass, a Yellow Perch and a Sunfish. The biggest was a 16 inch Largemouth Bass caught by my wife. I only saw 2 Trout by other anglers. Shad are moving into the Delaware River which remains high.

Bielak At AAA



Sayreville's Brandon Bielak started the season with the Houston Astros Sugar Land Space Cowboys AAA level baseball club this season, after pitching in the bigs for the past 2 years. The Astros want to get him accustomed to being a starting pitcher for '22, and feel he would get more opportunity to prepare in this new role. In his first 2 games, he has pitched 6.2 innings, and has 8 strikeouts with a 5.40 ERA.

T.H.E. Game
Year-2011
Sport-Girls Softball

Teams-South Amboy vs. Cardinal McCarrick Recap-The Lady Eagles grounded the Lady Guvs, 12-2 in a 6-inning battle. Winning pitcher Jamie Williams fired a 2-hitter, struck out 11, and also got 2 hits. Jen Shereyka pounded 2 doubles and a single, while driving in 4 runs. Freshman phenom Brittany Clayton belted a single and double while scoring 3 runs.

Players-of-the-Game-Jen Shereyka and Jamie Williams.

The Local Sports Memory Machine

By Tom Burkard

From The Sports Archives

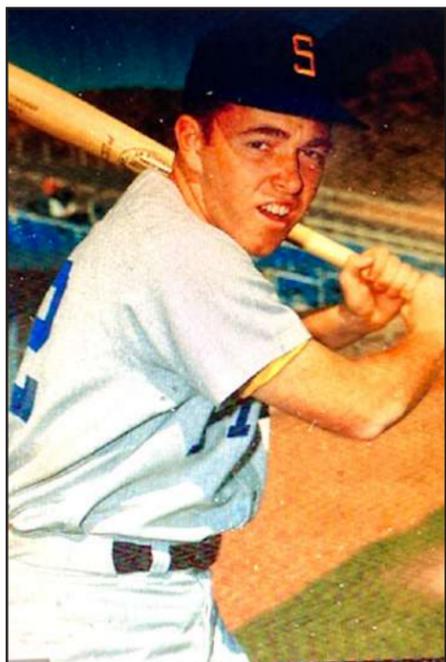


1958-The Hoffman HS varsity baseball team consisted of Standing (l-r) Bill Deutsch, Bob Martin, Ed Pietraszka, Dave Inman, Tom Adams, John Berry, Ed "Gus" Gallery, Coach John Zdanewicz. Kneeling (l-r) Jim Brinamen, George Reick, Ed Dill, George Selover, Fred Hansen-Bat Boy, Mike Charmello, Rich Moore, Tom Wojciechowski, Dennis White.

Glory Days In Local Sports

1965-St. Mary's downed JFK, 4-1 in baseball action as John Burke notched the win, and Tom "Red" Kelly ripped 2 hits including a 2-run single...1978-Steve Szatkowski drilled a 2-run single in the bottom of the 5th to give Hoffman's baseball team a thrilling 2-1 victory over Green Brook. Bob Clayton was the winning pitcher and fired a 4-hitter while striking out 9... 1985-Chuck Frobosilo fired a no-hitter for the Sayreville Bombers against East Brunswick Tech in the MCBT preliminary round. He struck out 11, and Ed Maciorowski drove in 2 runs... 1997-The Bombers nipped J.P. Stevens, 8-7 in baseball play. Matt Potenski

and Jim Osmond each ripped a single and double, while Ken Hayes drilled 2 singles. Winning pitcher Nick Spiewak fanned 7... 2003-Cardinal McCarrick won their 4th consecutive girls Blue Division basketball title by blasting Spotswood, 44-27. Meghan Langan had an outstanding game by pumping in 17 points, ripping 14 rebounds, and 2 blocks. Erin Kilduff fired in 18 points for the Lady Eagles...2011-Cardinal McCarrick pounded Perth Amboy Tech, 15-8, behind towering 2-run homers by Kevin Pacansky and Casey Fennessy. Ryan Smith also blasted a solo home run, while Kevin Savoia had a perfect 3-for-3.



1965-The St. Mary's Eagles baseball team featured two talented players named Tom Kelly in their starting lineup. Pictured batting at Veterans Field is senior Tom Kelly (r), who was a fine infielder, and the other Tom Kelly (l) was a freshman phenom, Tom "Red" Kelly an outstanding center fielder, who went on to play Major League Baseball, and managed the Minnesota Twins to 2 World Series championships in 1987 and 1991, while winning over 1,000 games during his career. He is pictured in a Seattle Pilots uniform after being selected in the MLB Draft in '68, right out of St. Mary's HS.

Local Pro Pitchers

South Amboy/Sayreville had lots of outstanding players who played pro baseball and pitched in the minors and major leagues. The following are the players, the town or school they played at, and their career won-lost records in the minors.

Minor League Records

Walt Rogers Sr. (South Amboy) 5-5; Ken Rogers (Hoffman HS) 63-37; Murray Boland (South Amboy) 9-10; Charlie Kolakowski (Sayreville) 60-65; Bob Dustal (born in Sayreville) 111-76; Ed "Lefty" Jankowski (South Amboy) 11-10; Bob Keister (Sayreville) 2-11; Tom Kelly (St. Mary's HS) 1-0; Charlie Lynch (Sayreville)

5-7; Tom Malik (St. Mary's HS) 0-1; Rudy Neumann (South Amboy) 15-13; Ed O'Brien (South Amboy) 11-11; Bill Stratton (South Amboy) 95-90; Ray Stockton (South Amboy) 10-13; Tony Tarallo (South Amboy) 4-7; John Wojcik Sr. (Sayreville) 16-30; Kevin Mulvey (Sayreville) 35-47; Bob "Whitey" Witkowski (Sayreville) 1-1; Ed "Lefty" Zebro (South Amboy) 1-0; Brandon Bielak (Sayreville) 22-13.

Major League Records

E. O'Brien 1-0; Johnny O'Brien (South Amboy) 1-3; Distal 0-1; Mulvey 0-3; *Bielak 6-7.

*Denotes still active in pro ball.

Back In Those College Days

1980-81-Bill Lewis (Hoffman HS) helped lead Nyack College to its best record in history, as they finished (17-10). The talented basketball player averaged 9 ppg., and had his best game, a 20-point performance as his team upset powerhouse St. Thomas Aquinas (21-2) by a score of 95-87.

25 Years Ago

1997-St. Mary's girls softball team trounced Woodbridge Tech 26-4. Jen Lynam was the winning pitcher, and got plenty of hitting support from freshman Jen Ferrara who ripped 2 singles and a double, Jen Swanson 3 singles and a double, and Bernadette McCreary 3 singles.

Remembering Dale Kurowsky

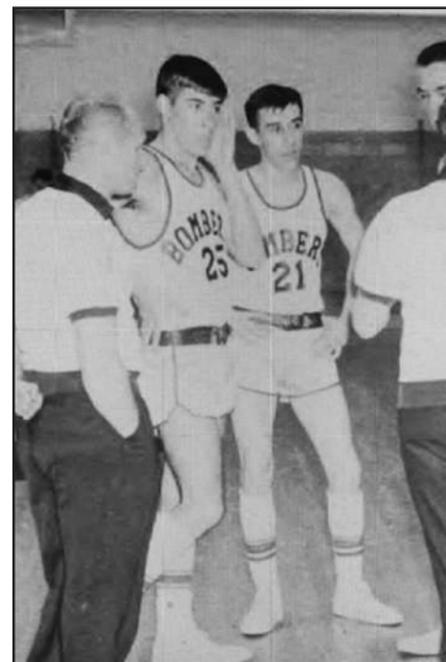
By Tom Burkard

Dale Kurowsky was one of the greatest Sayreville Bombers two-sport stars in the school's history. Five years ago on April 10, 2017, he passed away at the age of 67, and it was recently brought to our attention that this outstanding person/athlete had died.

A '67 graduate of Sayreville War Memorial HS, he set a new single game scoring record for the Blue & Gray basketball team in 1967, by pouring in 50 points. He had a great year and was rewarded by being a 1st Team All-County, All-State, and just about All-Everything selection.

In addition, Dale was amazing on the baseball diamond. He was selected 1st Team All-State, All-Groups in the Star Ledger, (which translates to the #1, best first baseman in all of NJ); 1st Team All-State Group IV; 1st Team Middlesex County All Star first baseman by the New York Daily News; 1st Team All-Middlesex in the Star Ledger; 1st Team All-County-The Evening News; 1st Team All-County-New Brunswick Home News.

Dale was an incredible athlete and team leader. I was blessed and lucky to be one of his teammates in 1967 on Coach Danny Lewis' South Amboy Carleton League baseball champions. Dale batted a superb .407 on that team. Following his stellar high school career, Dale attended Randolph-Macon College, where he starred in baseball and basketball. After graduating from college he served in the U.S. Armed Forces, was a



1967-Sayreville Bombers co-captains Warren Walerzak (#25), and Dale Kurowsky (#21) talk to referees prior to a basketball game. It was recently reported to The SA Times that Dale had passed away 5 years ago.

high school math teacher, car salesman, and college instructor for computer programming.

If you had the opportunity to know him or be a teammate of his, you would probably agree that Dale Kurowsky was one very specially gifted athlete and great guy.

Diamond Dust

1969
South Amboy Little Fellas League
Weiss 7 Knights of Columbus 0-Winning pitcher George Bongiorno fired the shutout. Joe Kolakowski blasted 2 doubles. English Chevron 9 Daylight Bakery 8-Dan Wilusz smashed 2 doubles to support winning pitcher Craig Biesiada. Protection 7 Jo-Tom's 4-Winning pitcher Fred Beaudry rocketed a 2-run homer. Lions 15 Progressive 2-Tom Billich picked up the victory, and Bob Jankovitz hit a single and home run.

South Amboy Babe Ruth League
South Amboy Trust Co. 4 Raritan River Railroad 0-Bill D'Amico spun the beautiful shutout, while Alan Pasztornyicky hit 2 singles and had an RBI. Komars 6 Sacred Heart 1-Charlie Steuber

notched the win, Bill Kurpiecki orbited a 2-run homer, and Dave Keenan drilled 2 singles and a three-bagger.

Mechanicsville 2 Komars 1-Mark Abbatiello stroked the game-winning single, as Leroy Kurtz was the winning pitcher.

SA Men's Senior Slow Pitch League
Roddy's 5 Enterprise 4 (8 innings)-Brian Flanagan singled in the winning run in the 8th. Ray Selover added a home run, and Paul Kurtz picked up the victory. Wonder Bar 12 English Chevron 7-Art Wojciechowski had 3 hits, and Tom Kuc hurled the victory. Enterprise 7 Amboy-Madison Bank 5-Winning pitcher Charlie Conroy got 3 hits. Ken Phelps rocketed a homer for Amboy-Madison Bank.

John Wojcik: A 1970's Standout

By Tom Burkard

Sayreville lost another shining light in the high school's bright history of all-time great sports stars, John Wojcik, who died on April 16th at 65 years old. A '74 graduate of Sayreville War Memorial HS, he was a standout catcher, known for his incredible defense and strong arm, that gunned down many would-be base stealers during his 3-year career with the Bombers. He received many honors from his baseball exploits including All-Conference catcher, and was legendary Sayreville pitcher Steve Makwinski's battery mate/signal caller through many of his huge victories. John was also a superb floor general as a guard on the basketball team, and finished his career with 834 points, and dished out 241 assists.

John Wojcik was a really terrific person, who loved sports, and worked for 30 years at Vince's Rentals, and later Holt Machinery in Sayreville. He will be sadly missed, but always remembered.

Mets Trip-July 23

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 are holding their annual trip to beautiful Citi Field to see the National League contending Mets host the San Diego Padres, Saturday, July 23 in a 7:10 PM game. Cost of \$150 includes round trip motor coach transportation, game tickets, refreshments, and \$24 of Mets Money you can spend anywhere in the ballpark. For reservations call Steve at 732-727-1707.



John Wojcik

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 -A.D....

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. -A.D....

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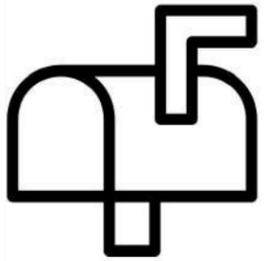
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**School Sports
(As of April 15)**

By Tom Burkard

Baseball

South Amboy (3-1) Coach Dan Poulsen
Team Leaders-Runs-Benjamin Hernandez 6,
Angel Barillas 5; Hits-Hernandez 8, Benjamin
Smith 5; Doubles-Smith 2; RBI-Hernandez
7, Nigel Johnson 3; Home Runs-Hernandez
1; Stolen Bases-Barillas 4.

Batting Avg.-Hernandez .667, Benjamin
Smith .555, Gabriel Albarron .400.

Innings Pitched-Brandon Gasiewski 11
Matthew Stempinski 5.2; Strikeouts-
Gasiewski 16, Stempinski 10.

Sayreville (1-6) Coach Mike Novak

Team Leaders-Runs-Michael Colonnello
6, Michael Novak 4; Hits-Novak 7, Hunter
Almeida 7; RBI-Novak 3, Jake Romanello
3, Colonnello 3; Home Runs-Colonnello 2;
Batting Avg.-Novak .333, Almeida .318.

Innings Pitched-Ryan Anthony 14.1,
Whitford Dennis 11; Strikeouts-Anthony
17, Dennis 12.

Softball

South Amboy (3-2) Coach Lindsay Durant

Team Leaders-Runs-Emma Kalantis 7
Evalise Perez 6, Brianna Sweatt 5; Hits-
Sweatt 7, Kalantis 5; Doubles-Kalantis 2;
Triples-Sweatt 1; RBI-Sweatt 9; Stolen Bases-
Perez 7 Kalantis 5; Batting Avg.-Sweatt .467,
Kalantis .454.

Innings Pitched-Perez 21, Sweatt 10;
Strikeout-Perez 23, Sweatt 12.

Sayreville (1-4) Coach Amanda Moken

Team Leaders-Runs-Many with 3; Hits-
Madison Szatkowski 10, Jillian Bourbeau 6,
Rose Joseph 6; Doubles-Szatkowski 5; Home
Runs-Szatkowski 1; RBI-Szatkowski 5,
Hailey Kilpatrick 3; Batting Avg.-Szatkowski
.625, Bourbeau .545, Joseph .545.

Innings Pitched-Caydence Barton 21, Jessica
Wasko 8; Strikeouts-Barton 20, Wasko 6.



**South Amboy Celebrated
Local Government Week**

At the April 6th City Council meeting, the mayor and council invited leaders of several volunteer organizations to speak to the public to explain the roles of volunteers in the city.

1st Assistant Fire Chief John Dragotta, First Aid Captain Timothy Walczak, Senior Citizen Center Kathy Kudelka and SAYA President Brian Noble spoke on each organization's activities, and the meaning of volunteering in the city. (Photos/info submitted)



John Dragotta



Tim Walczak



Kathy Kudelka



Sgt. Brian Noble

New Jersey State Legislators Coughlin & Gopal Propose Later School Start Time for NJ High Schools to Boost Teen Mental Health

New Jersey's education system continues to rank best in the nation, but following two incredibly tough pandemic years the national picture for child mental health is worsening to the detriment of students and their educational outcomes.

Beginning the work of addressing this national youth mental health crisis, Assembly Speaker Craig J. Coughlin and Senator Vin Gopal introduced legislation Thursday, which proposes to push statewide high school start times in New Jersey to no earlier than 8.30 a.m. beginning in the 2024-2025 school year.

"When students are well-rested and eat nutritious meals they're better prepared to succeed in school," said Coughlin (D-Middlesex). "Overwhelmingly the research and success stories out of other states' school districts show that the benefits of later start times to students' holistic well-being, in terms of both mental health and academic performance, easily outweigh the costs."

Biological rhythms naturally induce teenagers to get to bed later, so when first period starts too early it puts more pressure on the sleep process and can worsen sleep quality. Deepening the link between sleep and mental health, a recent study found that teens starting school before 8:30 a.m. can be at particular risk of experiencing depression and anxiety.

"Sleep is fundamental to students' mental and physical well-being," said Senator Vin Gopal (D-Monmouth). "Ensuring students are getting enough rest is an important first step toward addressing the alarming rise in student mental health issues we're seeing in New Jersey."

"The New Jersey Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (NJAAP) enthusiastically supports this bill sponsored by Speaker Coughlin and Senator Gopal, which encourages later school start times

for high schools in New Jersey," said Jeanne Craft, MD, FAAP, President of the New Jersey Chapter of American Academy of Pediatrics. "Research demonstrates that later school start times for adolescents contribute to better academic performance, quality of life, mental health and school attendance."

NJAAP's Task Force on Adolescent Sleep & School Start Times, led by Dr. Bert Mandelbaum, has long advocated for later start times and has been working to educate about the importance of improved adolescent sleep and mental health.

"Nothing has proven school districts are capable of making rapid changes to adapt and optimize student learning more than the pandemic," said Coughlin. "With clear evidence that a later start helps students, the opportunity to take action has arrived."

This legislation ties into the broader push by the Assembly Speaker to transform how child mental health policy is understood and perceived in New Jersey, and to improve access, treatment, and integration of care across settings.

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., B.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 -M.L.

Softball '22 Opening Day

The South Amboy Lady Guvs softball team started the 2022 season by nipping Wardlaw-Hartridge, 9-8. The Purple & Gold got only 1 hit, an RBI single from Alison McLaughlin, and relied on lots of walks and errors by their opponents, to pull out the victory. Evalise Perez was the winning pitcher, as she fired a 4-hitter and struck out 8. Emma Kalantis drew 3 bases on balls and scored 3 runs for the SA squad.

Colonia clubbed the Bombers of Sayreville, 10-4. Senior Madison Szatkowski ripped a single and double and drove in a run, sophomore Jillian Bourbeau went 2-for-3, and freshman Hailey Kilpatrick drilled 2 singles to knock in a run for the Blue & Gray club.

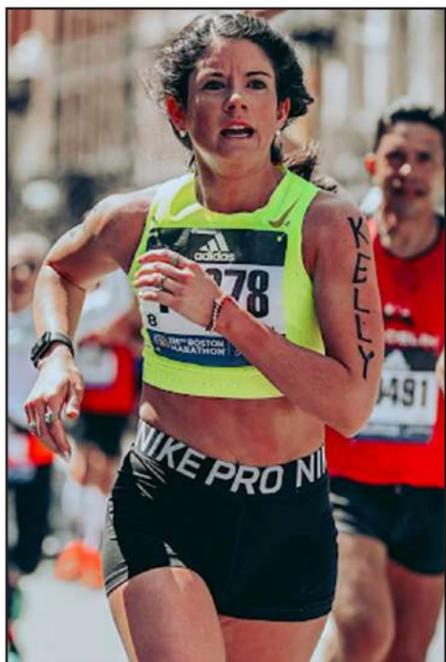
Bombers Tennis Team Bows

The Sayreville Bombers boys tennis team under Coach Michael Provenza, dropped their opening match of the season to South Brunswick, 5-0.

Baseball '22 Opening Day

Timothy Christian nipped the South Amboy Governors, 4-3. Benjamin Hernandez socked 2 hits including a double, and had 2 RBI. North Brunswick belted the Sayreville Bombers, 10-6. A.J. Zapoticzny hammered a 2 run single for the locals.

Gorman Runs Boston Marathon



Former Cardinal McCarrick/ St. Mary's track star Kelly Gorman competed in the recent Boston Marathon finishing with a time of 3 hours and 17 minutes. This was Kelly's second Marathon. She competed in the NYC Marathon in the fall and that qualified her for the Boston Marathon. Keep up the great work Kelly! (Photo submitted)



St. Stan's Basketball Team



St. Stan's basketball team had a successful season, having played together since 1st grade. Pictured (l-r) Braden Freyer, TJ Pavlonnis, Thomas Friberg, Nicholas Winfrey, Adrian Ciesla, Robert Grover, Tino Fredo, Justin Maher, Nico Aiello, Walter Christian, Chase Cannan, Matthew Baczor. (Photo/info submitted)

College Notebook



Zach Honimar

Honimar Wins First

Middlesex College pitcher Zach Honimar notched his first college victory on April 3rd vs. Bucks County. He hurled a beautiful game, throwing 5 innings, and not allowing a hit until the 4th inning, and didn't allow any runs. Up until last month, Zach had not thrown a baseball since the 3rd week of Sept. 2021. He was having some shoulder pain and they thought he had a tear and would need surgery. He underwent a total of 12 weeks of PT (2 sessions @ 6 weeks each). After the first 6 weeks, he was finally approved to get an MRI and thankfully surgery wasn't needed. Zach was medically released on March 9, two days before his team was going to Myrtle Beach. Unfortunately, he didn't get the opportunity to play while there, but the team went (6-1) on the trip. Zach slowly worked his way back into the pitching rotation, and had pitched a total of 4 innings on two separate occasions, prior to being awarded the start against Bucks County. The Middlesex College team (26-16), is ranked #13 in the country. They've remained in the National Top 26 rankings for the last 5 weeks and have room to climb with 15 regular season games remaining before the Region XIX tournament. Congratulations, Zach!

Luster, Pelkey Selected

Peter Luster of Sayreville and Gavin Pelkey of South Amboy were Honorable Mention selections for Home News Tribune's GMC All-Area boys basketball team. Congratulations Peter and Gavin!

Wrestlers Honored

Congratulations to the following Sayreville Bombers wrestlers who were honored by Home News Tribune for their outstanding 2021-22 season: All-Area-2nd Team-(215) lbs.-sr. Ryan Bouchard; 3rd Team-(113)-soph.C.J. McCrea; (150)-soph. Janiel Severino; Honorable Mention-(285) Connor Walsh

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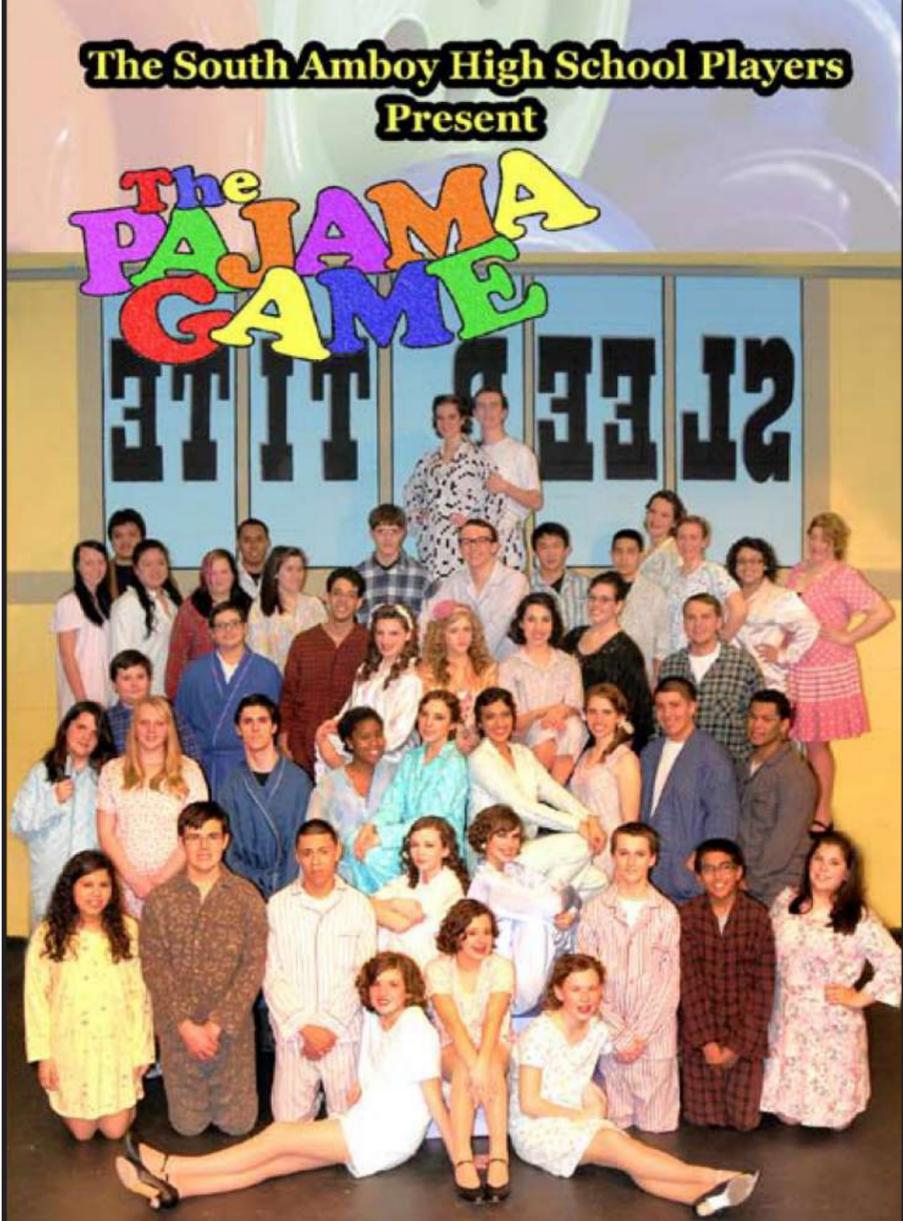
Catering For All Occasions

Open House for City's Volunteer Emergency Services

On April 6th members of the South Amboy Fire Dept. and First Aid Squad held an open house at the Broadway firehouse hoping to attract new members. Members were on hand to explain the fire trucks and ambulances and to answer any questions pertaining to joining either organization. Food and drinks were provided by South Amboy Kitchen. (Photos/info submitted)



10 Years Ago



The South Amboy High School Players presented The Pajama Game. The show was directed by Phyllis and Brian Stratton, Choreography by Samantha Stratton and Student Choreographer Sarah Wells, Music Direction by Kristi Kulcsar and Student Music Director Tyler Simko, Backstage Coordinator Paula Taggart and Costumes Anna Mae O'Connor and Phyllis Stratton. The enthusiastic audience gave the cast and crew a standing ovation both nights! Great Job!!! (Photo by Brian Stratton)



The Cardinal McCarrick/St. Mary's High School Players presented The Wedding Singer. The cast and crew did a great job! (Photo by Brian Stratton)

Pallone: New Jersey Will Receive an Additional \$12.7 Million To Help Families Lower Energy Bills

New Jersey has Received Over \$302 Million from Assistance Pallone Included in Major Funding Bills

Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr. (NJ-06) today applauded the additional \$12.7 million New Jersey will receive for home energy assistance. The state has received a total of \$302,351,448 for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) that helps families struggling with the costs of home energy bills.

"This funding will help families across New Jersey keep up with their energy bills. This comes as much-needed relief for the millions of families struggling to make ends meet," Pallone said. "I'm glad to see that we're still delivering federal dollars to New Jersey as we continue to confront the challenges that so many people are facing right now."

In January, Pallone announced that New Jersey received \$285 million from the American Rescue Plan - the highest amount for the program the state has ever received. Since then, New Jersey has received additional funding for the program from the government spending bill and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

The American Rescue Plan more than doubled LIHEAP funding nationally. In 2021, the Biden Administration and Congressional Democrats delivered a total of \$8 billion in LIHEAP funding, including the \$4.5 billion Pallone championed in the American Rescue Plan - more than doubling the typical annual appropriations. These resources are already allowing states across the country to provide more home energy relief than ever before.

WWW.?

By Tom Burkard



Does this church look familiar/ Send your answers to satimes@aol.com by May 16th. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

WWW.? Winners March

The winners for March who correctly identified E-Z Check Food Store, Main St., Sayreville are: Chuck Pickard, Leon Credico, Michael & Irene Kilcomons, Dennis Quinlan, Karen Kieselowsky, JoAnn & John French, Pat Scully, Steve Laskiewicz, Dermot Scales, Mary Agnes Morris, Edna Mazur Pilch, Vincent Farina, Barbara Bockus, Bodhi Bourke,

Joan Fulham, Eleanor Westerholm, Joan Gorczyca, Lynn Loy, Gary Feret, Laurie Loftus, Jim Malkiewicz, Jim & Debbie Sissick, Mark Moniello, Betty Leveille, Dane Colburn, Lisa Grankowski.

*Last month, Joan Gorczyca correctly identified the Munckee Bar & Grill, but was omitted from the list of winners.



E-Z Check Food Store, Main St., Sayreville



Where's the turkey? Do you see a turkey in this photo? If so let it know at satimes@aol.com (Photo submitted)



The easter bunny hopped by recently to spend some time with this local family.

Obituaries

Andreacci, Daniel M., 61, formerly of Parlin died on March 17.
 Brinamen, Joseph, 74, formerly of South Amboy died on April 8.
 Candito, Dominick F. Jr., 75, of Morgan died on March 31.
 Fee, Richard, 67, of Sayreville died on March 29.
 Foldi, Florence E. Walsh, 81, of Parlin died on March 14.
 Jones Joseph A., 84, of Tucson, AZ formerly of Morgan died on March 24.
 Kardos, Dorothy, 88, of South Amboy died on March 31.
 Kodada, Jean, 95, of Sayreville died on April 9.
 Ksiazak, Adam P., 79, formerly of Sayreville died on April 11.
 Kurowsky, Dale F., 67 formerly of Sayreville died on April 10, 2017.
 Margres, Mark S., 64, of Sayreville died on April 3.

McCarthy, Patrick "Pat," 70, of South Amboy died on April 16.
 McNeal, John "Grandpa," 80, of South Amboy died on March 25.
 Melanski, Ann Marie, 66, of Parlin died on March 21.
 Melia, Sandra R. Rowley, 61, of South Amboy died on April 7.
 Miara, Adele, 100, formerly of Sayreville died on April 17.
 Puhan, Richard, 78, of Fords died on April 14.
 Repsha, Michael C., 62, formerly of South Amboy died on Feb. 26.
 Traina, Edward P., 81, of Sayreville died on April 9.
 Weir, Susan, 73, of Parlin died on March 14.
 Wojcik, John J., 65, of Sayreville died on April 16.
 Zieba, Jakub R., 37, of Parlin died on March 26.

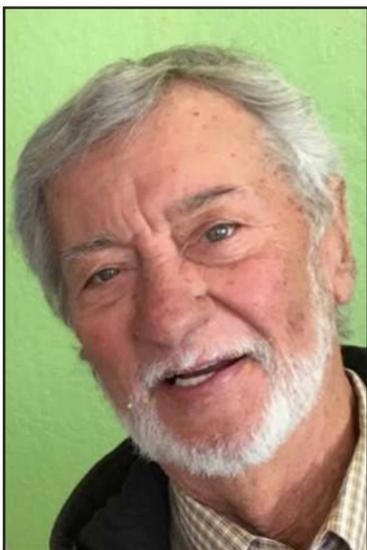
In Memoriam

Michael Repsha, 62, formerly of South Amboy died on Feb. 26. He was a NJ State Trooper for 14 years, and retired in 2003 after being injured in the line of duty. Susan Weir, 73, of Parlin died on March 14. She was the first female President of Madison Park First Aid Squad. Ann Marie Melanski, 66, of Parlin died on March 21. She was a Paraprofessional at Arleth School for 15 years. John McNeal, 80, of South Amboy died on March 25. He was a former Captain of Independence Fire Co. in South Amboy, and also a Crossing Guard. Joseph "Joe" Brinamen, 74, formerly of South Amboy died on April 8. Joe served in the U.S. Air Force for 3 years during the VietNam War. He worked for the Garden State Parkway Authority, working his way up to supervisor of the toll collectors. Joe was also a Eucharistic Minister

for his church, St. James of Woodbridge. Joe was a great guy who was loved by all, who got to know him, and will always be remembered. Richard "Richie" Puhan, 78, of Fords, died on April 14. He was a true friend of South Amboy, who worked as a toll collector on the Garden State Parkway for many years, and an avid follower of The South Amboy-Sayreville Times. Patrick "Pat" McCarthy, 70 of South Amboy died on April 16. A U.S. Navy veteran, who once served with the South Amboy Police Dept., was employed by Middlesex County College as a dispatcher, and when he retired, he went on to work for The Gundrum Service "Home For Funerals." One of the really special "good guys," he enjoyed going to flea markets, toy, antique and car shows. Pat will be missed and remembered by everyone who knew him.

Joseph A. Jones

Joseph Arthur Jones passed away peacefully on March 24, 2022 at the age of 84. Joe is survived by his wife of 54 years, Marilee Anne "Maize" (Ciszewski) Jones, and his children Jeremy Quinton Jones (w. Heather and grandchildren Madelyn and Devin Jones), and Maggie Ann Jones Fields (h. Todd and grandchildren Jaxon and Weston Fields). Joseph is also survived by his four sisters Delia, Katherine, Frances, and Marjorie, and numerous nieces and nephews.
 Joseph served in the United States Air Force after graduating from High School. He earned several degrees in business and engineering from Rutgers University, New Jersey Institute of Technology, and Loyola



University Maryland. He enjoyed playing golf, volleyball, and loved following various sporting activities. Joseph loved traveling to visit his grandchildren and being at their birthday parties. He enjoyed the tranquility of the ocean and made many wonderful memories with his family while vacationing at the beach. He was a member of the Saddlebrooke Rotary and was an active participant on many committees.
 A memorial service was held on March 31, at Santa Catalina Catholic Church, Catalina, Arizona. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the American Heart Association or The American Kidney Foundation.

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 -T.B...

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Mayor Fred Henry is a lifelong resident of South Amboy and a retired educator in town. He began his career as a Social Studies teacher at St. Mary's Elementary School in South Amboy and retired as the South Amboy Board of Education Dean of Students in 2015. Mayor Fred Henry has served on the South Amboy City Council since 1992 and was elected Mayor in 2010.

MAYOR FRED HENRY HAS DELIVERED STRATEGIC GROWTH AND INVESTMENTS FOR SOUTH AMBOY:

- ✔ Paved more than 60% of the roads in town, including Stevens Ave., Bordentown Ave., and Lower Main St.
- ✔ Invested \$3 million in capital improvements for two additional fire pumpers, one new ambulance, and new fire equipment for first responders.

- ✔ Arranged to receive \$300,000 in redevelopment funds to be allocated toward new laptops for each child in South Amboy School District in the last two years.
- ✔ Obtained a \$1 million grant to fund the expansion of the City's waterfront walkway and added new lighting and cameras for added security.
- ✔ Made smart development decisions by resisting a new industrial port near residential areas. Instead, Mayor Henry is negotiating with clean energy companies to make South Amboy a green energy hub, all of which will be built by 100% union labor.

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Democrats for Council At-Large



RE-ELECT COUNCIL PRESIDENT MICKEY GROSS

Mickey has served on the City Council since 2011, and for the past seven years, he **has served as South Amboy City Council President**. He's served numerous community roles, including as the Chairman of the South Amboy St. Patrick's Day Parade for almost 20 years. Outside of the City Council, Mickey is a licensed NJ Health Officer with extensive experience in the field. At the height of the pandemic, **Mickey was among the coordinators who organized the county's testing operations and vaccination sites.**

ELECT ANTHONY CONRAD

Currently, Anthony is serving his fifth year on the School Board, where he has worked to fully **fund the 1-to-1 Chromebook Initiative for the South Amboy public school district**. Anthony also serves as a Commissioner on the South Amboy Redevelopment Agency, where he uses his **financial expertise** to evaluate potential projects. **He'll bring that experience to the City Council to keep taxes stable while ensuring our City makes smart investments.**



FRED HENRY FOR MAYOR MICKEY GROSS & ANTHONY CONRAD FOR COUNCIL

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