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## 9/11 Ceremony

The South Amboy Fire Department along with the City of South Amboy will be holding the 9/11 Ceremony on September 11th, at 11:00 am. The Ceremony will be held in front of the South Amboy Train Station. All are welcome to come out, on this 20th Anniversary, and help us commemorate the tragedies of that day.

## Legion Commander Award



At the Sayreville American Legion Post 211 Meeting, current Post Commander Joel Bloom presented on behalf of the Officers and Members of the Post, the "Legion Commander Award Plaque" to Larry Bishop (l), Past Post Commander, for Larry's 10 years of Distinguished Service as Post Commander. His name was also added to the Honor Roll Plaque that his father John "Past Post Commander 1946" and his mother Margaret "Past Auxiliary President 1948" are on. (Photo/info submitted)

## New Pastor Installed



Diocese of Metuchen Bishop James Checchio (l) is pictured with Father Mark Kehoe after the bishop formally installed the priest as the ninth pastor of Saint Lawrence Church at a recent Sunday Mass attended by church organizations and parishioners. (Photo by Steve Schmid)



The Historical Society of South Amboy (HSSA) presented a plaque to the Independence Engine and Hose Company #1 dedicating the Firehouse as South Amboy's first historic landmark. The presentation took place during the Fire Company's annual car show on August 1st. Pictured (l-r) Holly Hughes Chairwoman of the SA Historical Preservation Commission and HSSA Secretary, Mary Szaro HSSA President, New Jersey Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin and South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry, Jerry Pizzillo Vice Chairman of the SA Historical Preservation Commission.. (Photo by Brian Stratton) See more photos on page 19..



Sayreville Borough Councilwoman Donna Roberts cuts the ribbon at the recent grand opening ceremony for Nana's Pizza at ShopRite Plaza in Parlin. Pictured (l-r) are staff member Roman, staff member Edgar, owner Al Djonovic, owner Gina Djonovic, Councilwoman Donna Roberts, Adam Djonovic, Kiki Djonovic, Ariana Djonovic. (Photo/info by Steve Schmid)

## Nana's Pizza Opens To Public

By Steve Schmid

Under sunny skies and warm temperatures, Nana's Pizza held their recent grand opening celebration at their new location at Shop Rite Plaza in Parlin. Sayreville Borough Councilwoman Donna Roberts performed the ribbon cutting. Plenty of sandwiches, pizza, and desserts were available for everyone.

Owner Gina Djonovich is looking forward to serving the community for many years. Her husband and owner Al, son Adam, daughter Ariana, and daughter-in-law Kiki all are working hard to prepare old family recipes including their homemade bread.

## Firefighters Memorial Mass

On October 2nd, at the 4 p.m. Mass, a Firefighters Memorial Mass will be held at Sacred Heart Church. All firefighters from the South Amboy and Sayreville Fire Departments and their families are welcome to attend. They will be remembering members of both departments, who have passed away since last October.

## Thank You

Independence Engine & Hose fire company would like to thank the Mayor and City Council for letting us have our annual car show. We would also like to thank all the businesses for their donations towards the trophies. Thanks to all the cars who came out. Without them it would not have happened.

## ST. MARY'S CLASS OF 1974 REUNION

The Class of '74 will be having a 65th Birthday Bash on Saturday, October 9th at the Old Bridge Elks from 6-10 PM. Tickets are \$45.00 pp. Please contact Loretta Sobin on FB Messenger if you are interested in attending.

## ARTSFEST 2021 Status

(Article submitted)

For months the pandemic has brought us so much anguish and fear but we found hope with the covid vaccines. So, we decided to plan on bringing back Artsfest that first started in 2010. The outcomes were simple, the city wanted families to have a joyful day that could be shared with their community.

So, with that task met over ten years ago our present intention was to provide the same concept since we were separated over the past too many months; we began to plan our arts and crafts activities, entertainment from our local musicians and our door prize opportunities for those who sign in for a passport through Artsfest2012 at 141N Broadway.

We, also, welcome you to bring a lawn chair so you can relax and enjoy the entertainment provided by our local artists. The YMCA will offer some fun activities for the children too! Both children and adults will find arts activities for you to enjoy and share in their creation with others.

Our 'Art on Broadway' Banner Exhibition will hang on the city street light posts and will also have the artists' original artworks hang in the SA Arts Gallery at 141N Broadway. So please come and celebrate our artists who have contributed to this event and share your appreciation with them.

We know It may be a time of worry: What if? What was, what could be, what can we do? But we want you to know that South Amboy Arts Alliance is following the CDC guidelines. The festival is held outside. The only inside activity will be in the SA arts gallery. Our plan is to monitor the individuals entering the area. Throughout the event, we will also keep tables distanced for the craft activities. We want all our participants to appreciate the festival's opportunities and the joy that art can bring to their soul!

## ELKS HOST FOOD DRIVE

South Amboy Elks is hosting a Food Drive for the month of September. Drop off days are Thursday & Fridays from 5-8pm and Saturdays from 2-4pm. In addition to food, the Pantries have requested personal hygiene products, Men's and Women's toiletries and paper products. All food items must be Non-Perishable! If you need assistance dropping off or need more information, please call 732-727-7170 Thank you in advance for your donations. ELKS CARE, ELKS SHARE.



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The Historical Society of South Amboy was proud to present the members of the Enterprise Hook & Ladder Company with copies of the original meeting minutes from May and June of 1890 recording the details of how the company was organized. (Photo courtesy of Mary Szaro)



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South Amboy Elks Presented a grant and certificate from the Elks National Foundation in the amount of \$2,500 to Sayreville Brain Injured Children's summer camp activities. Such as a lizard show, a magic show, swim & camp activities. In photo from (l-r) Adult BIC ambassadors Anthony Vega, Natasha Hale, David Bosanin. Elk members P.E.R. Joyce Medvar, Jim Abbatiello, Elk National Foundation Chairman Valentine Tarr, & BIC Vice President Mark Schalch. This denotes the involvement of Elks in the community. ELKS CARE ELKS SHARE. (Photo/Info Submitted)

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South Amboy Arts Alliance is looking for individuals who are willing to share, demonstrate or volunteer their time and effort for our ARTSFEST 2021. If you have a love of community, this is the place for you! SA Artsfest will provide a day for viewing our entries for our 'Art on Broadway' Banner Competition and all original artwork will be on exhibit in the SA Arts Gallery. There will be demonstrations, performances and hands-on activities for all to enjoy. We are looking for your expertise and help demonstrating and/or performing your art. We are also looking for vendors and helpers at our registration and arts and crafts tables. If you are interested in participating, please email us at: SAarts141@gmail.com or southamboyartsalliance@gmail.com call us at 732-727-4600 ext.5971.

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## Pleasant little TRIVIA

By Tom Burkard

- He became South Amboy's new Chief of Police in 1997?  
a. Leo McCabe b. James Holovacko c. Steve Pavich
- Installed as Our Lady of Victories K of C Council #2061 Grand Knight in '97?  
a. Daniel Czernikowski b. John Schnitzer c. Joseph Notarangelo
- The new principal at Cardinal McCarrick/St. Mary's HS in 2011?  
a. Dr. Karen Juliano b. Dr. Frank Ianniruberto c. Mr. Mahalme
- In '97, where was Ferrulli's Pizza/Homemade Italian Food located in Sayreville?  
a. Rt. 35 South b. Main St. c. Washington Rd.
- In 2014, this person became the new pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church, Sayreville?  
a. Rev. Hee Sop Choi b. Rev. Hee Moon Lee c. Rev. Melanie Monotombo
- The 1st place female finisher in the 2014 Frog Hollow 5K Race?  
a. Shannon McKenna b. Marina Tarrago c. Christine Grace
- South Amboy Lions Club First Aid Person of the Year in '94?  
a. Dave Barlics b. Brian McLaughlin c. Jack Piskorski
- The CEO of Raritan Bay FCU in 1997?  
a. Thomas O'Shea b. Jonathan Little c. Joyce O'Hanley
- Where is Bello's located in Parlin?  
a. Jernee Mill Rd. b. Washington Rd. c. Roosevelt Blvd.
- Who was the South Amboy Fire Chief in 1999?  
a. Drew Newcomb b. Mark Herdman c. Steve Szatkowski

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



**Business Of The Month**  
**Route 9 Cash For Gold Buyers LLC**



Owners Rob (l) and Maureen Herndon (r) are pictured in front of their popular Route 9 Cash For Gold Buyers LLC business, which is now celebrating 14 years of service to our local communities. (Photo submitted)

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

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

**Bermuda High Sizzles Area**

By Steve Schmid

Bermuda is a beautiful island located several hundred miles off the North Carolina coast. It's a great place to go swimming, boating, fishing, and more. However in summer the phenomenon known as the Bermuda High occurs. This takes place when high pressure establishes itself near Bermuda in the Atlantic Ocean. The clockwise flow around the high pressure system causes southwesterly winds that bring in hot and

humid air. The mid August heat wave caused temperatures to spike to 93 degrees on August 11 and soared to 97 degrees the next two days before cooling down to 90 degrees on August 14. The heat index reached 106 degrees on August 12. The hazy hot and humid weather was uncomfortable because when you sweat to cool down it doesn't evaporate in these conditions. The good news is fall arrives Wednesday September 22.

**Kindergarten & Preschool Registration**

Kindergarten and Preschool registration for the 2021-22 School Year for South Amboy Public Schools is now open. South Amboy Public Schools will continue with our partnership with Acelero Learning of Monmouth and Middlesex County to expand our class offering to five preschool classrooms. Space is limited and registrations will be done completely online to minimize the possible exposure of COVID-19.

Our preschool program is a full day program which is free to all residents in the City of South Amboy. Students work with the Tools of the Mind curriculum to develop crucial literacy skills, but also engage in thematic play to grow their social, emotional, and developmental needs. Our Kindergarten program is also a full day program which is free to all residents in the City of South

Amboy. Students work with the classroom teachers to expand their knowledge of literacy through the Fountas and Pinnell Classroom system and develop essential math concepts through Ready Classroom.

To be eligible for our Preschool program children must be four (4) years of age on or before October 31, 2021, and to be eligible for our Kindergarten program children must be five (5) years of age on or before October 31, 2021. For information about registration please call Amy Wolfe (732) 525-2118 extension 2221 or email her at awolfe@sapublicschools.com. To learn more about the program or to download registration items, please go to the Early Childhood Page at [http://www.sapublicschools.com/departments/early\\_childhood\\_education](http://www.sapublicschools.com/departments/early_childhood_education).

**OLV Senior Trip to Brooklyn**

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to Brooklyn on Wednesday, October 13, 2021. The group will be visiting the beautiful Basilica of Regina Pacis. We will have a guided tour of the church, celebrate Mass together and spend time in their gift shop. After our visit to the basilica, we will enjoy a delicious lunch at the famous L&B

Spumoni Gardens. The bus will leave the lower OLV parking lot at 9AM and return approximately at 4:30PM. The cost of the trip is \$60.00 which includes bus transportation, complete lunch, and all taxes and gratuities. For more information or to reserve a seat, please contact Teri Yetsko at 732-727-7639.

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**Yearbook - St. Mary's 1986**  
 By Tom Burkard

September, 1985 began the final school year for St. Mary's HS Class Of '86. The Sisters of Mercy celebrated 100 years of loyalty and dedication to the students... Sister Margaret Waldron was Principal, and Adele Baluk her Assistant... Several teachers in the halls of Blue & Gold were: Sister Veronica, Sarah Shipman, Sharon Mantz, Gwen Orlowsky, Mona Willance, Angel Monaco, Rose Caubet... Jamie Diem was Senior Senate President, and also Layout Editor of the yearbook... Popular social events in the fall of '85 were Senior Night, and Trick or Treat for U.N.I.C.E.F. ... The yearbook was dedicated to Mr. Bill Ryan ... The seniors enjoyed one of the most heavy social activities schedules in the school's history; the first Lip Sync ever was held; Family Feud; Senior Retreat; The Christmas Ball at Lakeside Manor; Senior-Parent Dance; Battle of the Bands, which was won by "Morbid Sin;" Catholic Schools Week; Student Appreciation Day; and Teacher Appreciation Day... The '86 Spring Production was "Don't Drink the Water." ... Steve Duchlinski and Jill Carew contributed portraits to "The Cagney Wall" in the high school... The senior Christmas Party was held on Dec. 13, 1985, and everyone had a blast!... 1986 was the year that "Wheel of Fortune" with Vanna White was the top TV show, and on Palm Sunday, "Hands Across America" with 5 million participants raised money for the poor... The following are some of the class of '86: Pamela Bohinski, Kirsten Conroy, Doreen Constantino, Nancy Dennen, Kelly Fesler, James Finnegan, Kimberly Forte, Cynthia Hicks, John Hensberger, Mary Ellen Hickey, Dawn Hornick, Suzanne McNamara, Ellen McSorley, Virginia Macey, Teresa O'Meara, Alexander Orlowski, Rose Paisal, Erin Small, Zoltan Tar. Dean Lodzinski... Talented senior athletes of '86 were: Diane Ambis, Matt Blaha, Bill Blanken, Michael Brennan, Eileen Brown, Linda Bravo, Charles Connery, Jill Carew, Christine Cartwright, Raymond Drill, Ed Flanagan, Richard Fleming, Lisa Harrigan, William Hurd, Kathleen Hurley, the late Sean McCarthy, David Kennedy, Deborah Kelton, Kenneth Mayers, Eileen Murphy, Rosemary Murphy, John Nemeth, John Noble, Jean O'Toole, Richard Pall, Laura Radwanski, Steve Santangelo, Karen Scupp, Scott Thurston, Alexander Ust Jr., Kimberly Walker, Robert Waltz, Bernadette Wykpsz, Richard Zaleski, Michle Zielinski... The Senior Prom was held on May 23rd at the Woodbridge Hilton, and the theme was "Through the Years." The Class of '86 was a compassionate, caring and loving group, and appropriately chose "The Greatest Love of All" as their graduation song.



At the American Legion Sayreville Post 211 Meeting, Edward Streck (c) received a "Legion Certificate of Appreciation" award for his work during a Color Guard service for a deceased member. Post Commander Joel Bloom is pictured (r) and Past Commander Larry Bishop (l).


**LETTERS**

**Response To Letter On Beer Story**

**From: John "Flip" Phillips**  
**To: Bob Gressman**

Bob don't open those cans! I remember Billy Beer.....1978/1979? Billy was the brother of President Jimmy Carter. He was a "big" beer drinker, and some Brewery named a beer after him. Well, the beer was terrible, and soon disappeared. I had a 6 pack and kept it for about ?? 10 years. I opened the beer at a party one night and passed it around. It did not improve with age, it was terrible! The cans in your picture and the Billy Beer cans on Ebay will not make anyone rich. So.....better to keep them as collectibles, and as a reminder of the beverages that South Amboy beer drinkers enjoyed years ago. They will also make good: "The way it Was" discussions with your friends while drinking a few.... Beers!

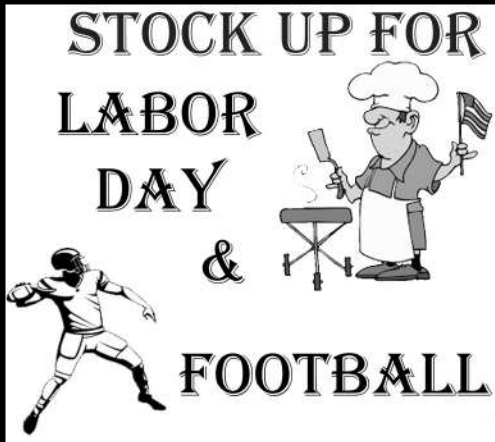
I am glad you liked my article. I enjoy writing about the things I remember from my growing up days in South Amboy. Many years ago!



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## Fall @ Dowdell

The Dowdell Library would like to thank everyone who participated in the many summer events! Everyone had so much fun creating, exploring, laughing, and of course, reading! In between all the excitement, the library has been busy planning the September calendar, and think you are going to love the events coming up!

September is National Library Card Sign-up month! Have you lost or misplaced your card? No worries! You can swing by the library all month and have it replaced for FREE! Your account needs to be in good standing with no overdue or missing books and no outstanding fines. You will also need proof of South Amboy residency: a valid driver's license or utility bill. Never got a card, just stop in anytime!

This September marks the 20th anniversary of the September 11 attacks on the nation. The Dowdell Library is honored to receive and display the poster exhibition "September 11, 2001: The Day That Changed The World." The poster exhibition is curated by the 9/11 Memorial & Museum, and it includes a series of 14 posters. The display depicts the events of September 11, 2001, the immediate aftermath of the attacks and the nine-month recovery period, and the ongoing repercussions of 9/11 to this day. Archival imagery, artifact photography, and individual stories accompany the explanatory text to give visitors a deeper understanding of a critical moment in modern American history. This poster exhibition has been made possible in part by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The Dowdell Library is also hosting a special event to commemorate the 20th

anniversary of 9/11. Are you, or do you know, a First Responder involved with the 9/11 attacks who would be willing to share their story during the live event? If so, please get in touch with the library at 732-721-6060 or email us at comments@dowdell.org. From September 7-10, patrons may bring their children in to make a first responders' badge craft.

The library will celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month in September. This year we are showcasing Hispanic and Latino culture and art. Stop in anytime during the month to create a paper flower craft and help us decorate the Frida Kahlo mural in the library. On Monday, 9/27, at 6:30 pm, join us in celebrating Hispanic music, arts, and culture during our open house event. Mrs. Marcia Mercado will be presenting a bilingual storytime with music and a craft. There will be music, Paletas- Mexican popsicles, dominoes and you can enter to win the door prize!

The library will be closed on September 6 in observance of Labor Day. Information about all the monthly programs is posted on our website Dowdell.org and shared on our social media pages. Sign up for our monthly newsletter on our website and have all the program information sent directly to your email! Expanded Fall Hours: Monday 10 am - 8 pm, Tuesday & Thursday 12 pm - 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.

## Annual Church Flea Market

The First Presbyterian Church of Sayreville will be having their Annual Flea Market on September 18, 2021 from 8am-2pm. We are located at 172 Main Street, Sayreville, directly across from the Borough Hall. There will be multiple vendors in addition to the Church Table, which will be

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## The Secret to Feeling Young Again

By Elaine Holton Scott

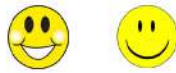
There is a way to feel Forever Young and it has a lifetime guarantee. You might be thinking it's getting your face sliced, pulled, poked, and filled with fat from your "dupah" and/or injections of Botox which paralyzes forehead muscles and makes lips look like they were filled with blubber. It's not. You might be thinking it's working out, running, and speed walking to get rid of unwanted weight and rolls of fat which somehow appeared "one day" when you weren't looking. It's not. Winning the lottery might make you feel greedy but sadly not young. Possibly, you might think it's getting foreign objects called implants everywhere and anywhere implants can be put to challenge Newton's Law of Gravity. It's not. Liposuction isn't the answer either. Falling in love is pretty darn close but can bring some unwanted insecurities about one's self-image, like the kind most of us had when we were young. So, what is the "real" secret to feeling young again you're probably asking yourself. Well, let me share it with you.

Feeling young again is so easy when you join Facebook and start getting reconnected with "kids" who shared classrooms, teachers, and the same dreaded homework. All the years just fade away while you get transported to a place in time long gone or so you had thought before joining this social website. We may not look the same as we did, but people's personalities rarely change at all. We are who we once were....just older versions. Although I never would have believed this to be true years ago, I think I was lucky to have gone to St. Mary's from Kindergarten through Sophomore year, then to Hoffman High School for my Junior and Senior years. Why was I lucky?" No...scratch that. I had been very, very lucky because I had the wonderful opportunity to meet teens my age whom I may never have met at all, if I hadn't changed schools. My young world had expanded "exponentially" as Math experts would say. Facebook has brought so many of us together...to share the good times, lament

the bad times, laugh over the ridiculous, respectfully agree to disagree on personal political choices, and get through the rough times together. My "old" Facebook Friends and I support each other through major health issues, weep together when one of us passes away, while always sending Birthday wishes and Congratulatory greetings when good fortune occurs. This past year, we have gone through a life changing, overwhelming time in history...all of us trying to survive mentally, physically, and emotionally with this on-going pandemic. Logging onto Facebook and sharing this tragic period with each other has helped make us stronger just knowing we're all in this together. Together... from the beginning of our lives to our senior years and beyond, we are all in it together, mirror images of each other. The recent loss of our old friends and classmates Maria Korlath Everhard, Madalyn Carter Purcell, Johnny Jonap, Joe Vail, and recently, Mary Kennedy McCarthy have bound us together even tighter.

My secret to staying young is actually a secret shared by all of my Facebook schoolmates from South Amboy and areas nearby: Joyce Letts Schaber, Gerard Arose, Linda Switzer Zakrzewski, Joe Zaccardi, Harold Dennen, Carol Keenan McDonnell, Carol Gorka Sullivan, Jean Glacken Feeley, Ginger Thoma Gunther, Helen Eldridge Petriello, John Gelsinon, John MacNeil, Denise Geant Sacks, Ricky O'Connor, Peggy McCarthy, Vinnie Parker, Mary Ferguson Cimino, Donna Chuilli Kennedy, Gaynell Iaccuzi O'Leary, Priscilla Gatyas Wojtanoski, Marge Howarth Przygoda, Kathy Clark-Good, Dave Boehm, Christine Zebro Kerstetter, Margery Beckner Kohl, Donald Wernett, and my newest friend from St. Mary's, Angela Larsen Pellitteri.

\*\*\*Oh, and don't forget to smile. It takes at least 10 years off your age.\*\*\*



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## The Smoke Column By Ex-Chief Richard Kosmoski, MS

Recently in the news we watched the rescue operations conducted by firefighters as they attempted to locate and remove trapped survivors from the collapse of the Champlain Towers South complex in Florida which killed 97 people. This incident ranks high as being one of the most significant structural collapses that is not related to terrorism.

This structural collapse is reminiscent of another incident that occurred 40 years ago on July 17, 1981, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Kansas City, Missouri. In this incident two overhead walkways collapsed killing 114 and injuring 216. The hotel's lobby had a multi-story atrium spanned by elevated walkways suspended from the ceiling. These steel, glass and concrete crossings connected the second, third and fourth floors between the north and south wings. The walkways were approximately 124 feet long and weighed 32 tons each. The fourth-floor walkway was located directly above the second-floor walkway while the third-floor walkway was offset several yards. Approximately 1600 people were gathered in the atrium for a tea dance that evening. There were roughly 60 people on the walkways currently. Just past 7:00pm, guests heard popping noises and a loud crack as the fourth-floor walkway dropped several inches before falling on top of the second-floor walkway and then both walkways crashing down into the atrium.

The Kansas City Fire Department oversaw the rescue operations which lasted over 14 hours. Survivors were buried beneath the walkway's many tons of steel, concrete, and glass. The fire department's rescue jacks were unable to lift the massive concrete sections. Requests went out to local construction companies who immediately sent in jacks, flashlights, compressors, jackhammers, concrete saws, generators, and any other equipment that was needed. The hotel's sprinkler system added to the problem when the broken sprinkler lines flooded the lobby and drowned many of the trapped victims under the rubble.

As with most first-time incidents that a fire department responds to, it becomes a learning experience. Are we ever prepared for this type of incident if it happens in our community? This incident contributed many lessons and reforms to engineering ethics, safety, and emergency management. This incident was caused by a lack of communication or failure of understanding between the architects and the steel manufacturing company who had manufactured the rods that were holding up the walkways. Apparently neither company checked that all the specifications of the supporting rods were met!

How do our local fire departments plan or train for an incident of this magnitude?

We may not have massive walkways like this incident had, but how about prefab concrete walls from a building or a warehouse that are used in the building industry today? Most fire departments are incapable of handling an incident of this magnitude by themselves. This may be due to manpower shortages or lack of the necessary rescue equipment. But there are other solutions available. Many fire departments specialize in a variety of rescues. This is where the local fire department officers must know where and how to locate these resources when needed and get them to the scene as quickly as possible. Most of these large-scale incidents are a once-in-a-lifetime incident for most responders. Luckily in New Jersey we have New Jersey Task Force-1 (NJTF-1) that we can rely on. These first responders come from various agencies throughout the state and are highly trained rescue personnel. You might have noticed during the recent Florida building collapse they were deployed to the rescue mission. They left New Jersey in a caravan of vehicles, equipment, and manpower and were able to be self-sufficient for their two-week deployment.

Just about every large-scale incident becomes a learning experience for first responders. What we learn and take away from any incident may help us in future incidents.

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## OLV Seniors September Meeting

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Donations of non-perishable food to St. Vincent de Paul will continue.

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

## Hardy Mum and Pumpkin Sale

The Sacred Heart Council of Catholic Women will hold a hardy mum and pumpkin sale the weekend of September 17-19 in front of Memorial Hall, 529 Washington Avenue (across from Sacred Heart Church).

Locally grown 8" hardy mums will be available in assorted colors. Pie pumpkins, also known as sugar pumpkins, which are used for cooking, baking and seasonal décor, will also be sold.

Please come by Friday, September 17, 3-5PM; Saturday, September 18, 12-5PM; and Sunday, September 19, 7:30AM-1PM, and support our group's fundraising. Call Virginia at 732-721-1521 with any questions.

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# FROG HOLLOW SWIM & DIVE TEAM CELEBRATES SUCCESS

By Stacey Kennedy

The Frog Hollow Swim and Dive Team recently completed a successful 2021 season finishing third overall in the NJ Swimming and Diving Conference B-League Championships that were held July 30-31. Several swimmers also qualified to compete and earned medals in the League Championship Conferences that were held August 3-4.

The 2021 season saw some fast swims with the following team members setting new team records:

- Eryk Gurdak-Boys 13-14, 50 yard Freestyle;
- Katherine Kennedy-Girls 13-14, 100 yard Backstroke, 100 yard Individual Medley, and 100 yard Freestyle;
- Henry Lynch-Boys 15-18, 100 yard Breaststroke, 50 yard Freestyle and 100 yard Freestyle;
- Jessica Zebrowski-Girls 15-18, 200 yard Individual Medley, 100 yard Freestyle, 100 yard Breaststroke, 50 yard Freestyle and 100 yard Butterfly.

The Team held its annual awards banquet under the pavilion at Frog Hollow on Thursday, August 5.

Congratulations to the following award winners:

### Swim Team:

- Most Outstanding Female Swimmer: Katherine Kennedy;
- Most Outstanding Male Swimmer: Chris Rodriguez and Henry Lynch (tie).

Note: The Most Outstanding Swimmers and Divers earned the highest number of points overall for the team at meets throughout the season.

- 8&Under MVS: Emma Kelly, Tyler Borusewicz
- 9-10 MVS: Marissa Aucone, Justin Freyer.
- 11-12 MVS: Erin Noble, Damien Oliver.
- 13-14 MVS: Kaileigh Kennedy, Eryk Gurdak.

- 15-18 MVS: Jessica Zebrowski, Chris Hulsart.

Note: Most Valuable Swimmers earned highest points in age group girl/boy.

- Coaches Awards: Maisie Moran, Joshua Cabrera, Austin Holovacko.
- Most Improved Awards: Sophia Fishman, Hailey Astarita.

### Dive Team:

- Most Outstanding Female Diver: Elizabeth Macholl.
- Most Outstanding Male Diver: Danny Kasoff.
- Mr. Mal Award: Rocco Navarria
- Coaches Awards: Nate Oliver, Brooke Bellardino.
- Most Improved Awards: Rocco Bellardino, Hailey Astarita.
- Iron Diver: Kate Corleone.

Following the awards ceremony Frog Hollow teammates, coaches and parents gathered around as graduating seniors Jessica Zebrowski, Vincent Rebak and Chris Hulsart shared stories of their time on the swim team and thanked those that helped them along the way. Congratulations, Jess, Vincent and Chris! We wish you all the best as you embark on this next adventure. Once a Frog, always as Frog!



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Morgan resident Jerry Mokar (2nd from right) with his group "Sounds Of The Street" recently performed at Raritan Bay Waterfront Park as part of the county's Music In The Park Wednesday concert series. (Photo by Steve Schmid)

**Tennis Anyone?**  
 (Photos by Brian Stratton)

The City of South Amboy sponsored a youth tennis clinic during the week of August 2nd at 6th street park. USTA certified tennis instructor and long time coach at the college level Greg Wyzykowski standing left back row ran the clinic. Also pictured are some of the students and South Amboy HS boys varsity tennis coach Tony G. standing far right.

Coach Wyzykowski instructs two students how to volley at the net.

**Song Shootout Top 12-For August**

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- Number of total views after the performers name:
- 1-Morning Has Broken-Cat Stevens 19;
  - 2-You've Got A Friend-James Taylor 18;
  - 3-Sailing-Christopher Cross 17;
  - 4-You've Made Me So Very Happy-Blood, Sweat & Tears 17;
  - 5-What Time Is It?-The Jive Five 16;
  - 6-Gloria-Shadows Of Knight 13;
  - 7-Walk Away Renee-The Left Banke 12;
  - 8-Everything I Own-Bread 12;
  - 9-Tears In Heaven-Eric Clapton 11;
  - 10-25 Or 6 To 4-Chicago 11;
  - 11-Circle-Harry Chapin 10;
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### MUSIC TRIVIA

By Tom Burkard

## Strange Titles

- |                               |                              |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Do Wah Diddy               | a. Larry Williams            |
| 2. Ooby Dooby                 | b. Sam The Sham/The Pharaohs |
| 3. Ring Dang Doo              | c. The Police                |
| 4. Alley Oop                  | d. Chumbawamba               |
| 5. Da Doo Ron Ron             | e. The Hollywood Argyles     |
| 6. The Shoop Shoop Song       | f. Manfred Mann              |
| 7. De Do Do De Da Da Da       | g. Roy Orbison               |
| 8. In-A-Godda-Da-Vida         | h. Iron Butterfly            |
| 9. Bony Moronie               | i. Patty Everett             |
| 10. Tubthumping               | j. The Crystals              |
| 11. Chirpy-Chirpy-Cheep-Cheep | k. Middle Of The Road        |

Answers

1f 2g 3b 4e 5j 6i 7c 8h 9a 10d 11k.

### SAAA Announces Artsfest 2021 Music Lineup

On Sunday, September 12, South Amboy Arts Alliance and the City of South Amboy will present Artsfest 2021 (Rain date: Sept. 19). The day will include four hours of live music from a stage set up on Broadway in front of City Hall beginning at 12 pm. Local singer/songwriters Dan Toye and Jerry Smith will share an afternoon of acoustic musical performances with Kevin McGowan, Jim Crawford, Samantha Spano, Barbara Paskin,

and Shelli Monacchio. Bring your own chairs and stay up to date by following South Amboy Arts Alliance on Facebook.

SAAA is still accepting vendors and arts and crafts tables. Volunteers are needed to help with registration. Interested parties should contact the SAAA at 732-727-4600, ext. 5971 or email SAarts141@gmail.com.

Samantha Spano, a country rock singer/songwriter and Nashville recording artist from Monmouth County, will be joining the Artsfest 2021 music cast on Sunday, September 12 (rain date Sept. 19). Samantha's compelling songwriting and powerhouse vocals offer a fresh take on country music. Presented by the South Amboy Arts Alliance (SAAA) and the City of South Amboy, the show starts at 12 pm on Broadway in front of City Hall. The SAAA suggests audience members bring their own chairs and stay up to date by following the South Amboy Arts Alliance on Facebook. (Photo by Valerie Spano)



### #1 Pop Hits August 28

- 2008-Disturbia-Rihanna
- 1992-End Of The Road-Boyz II Men
- 1985-The Power Of Love-Huey Lewis/The News
- 1977-Best Of My Love-The Emotions
- 1969-Honky Tonk Women-The Rolling Stones
- 1955-Learnin' The Blues-Frank Sinatra

### #1 Country Hits August 28

- 2005-As Good As I Once Was-Toby Keith
- 1991-You Know Me Better Than That - George Strait
- 1983-You're Going To Ruin My Bad Reputation-Ronnie McDowell
- 1970-Don't Keep Me Hangin' On-Sonny James
- 1964-Dang Me-Roger Miller
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# WHAT IS IT?????

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton



Can you identify this guitar? It is a rare one! We need the brand and model. By the way if you have one let me know I would be interested!! Send your answer to satimes@aol.com by September 13th.

The July what is it was Milton Bradley's Simon, an electronic game of memory skill invented by Ralph H. Baer and Howard J. Morrison, working for toy design firm Marvin Glass and Associates, Simon was launched in 1978 at Studio 54 in New York City and was an immediate success, becoming a pop culture symbol of the 1970s and 1980s.

Those who correctly identified it were: Vince Farina, Edna Pilch, John Gelsinon, Joe Tortora, Eleanore

Westerholm, Michael & Irene Kilcomons, Pat & Bill Scully, Mark Moniello, Betty Leveille, Mary Agnes Morris, Steve Laskiewicz, Anita Quigley, Laurie & Gary Loftus, Eileen and Len Truchan, John & JoAnn French, Pete McIntyre, Lynn Loy, Jack Piskorski, & Keith Piskorski & Lorraine Krauss, Marie English and Ed English, Dane Colburn, Gary Feret, Adele O'Hara, Craig Yetsko, Karen Kieselowsky, Steve Villig.



July What Is It?

Milton Bradley's Simon

# The Vintage Car Contest

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton



Ok this is a Ford Econoline Van made in 1976. Do you know what it was called? Bonus points if you can send us a photo of yourself in one of these vans. I know of at least two readers who had one!! Send your answer to satimes@aol.com by September 13th.

The July Vintage car was a Chrysler LeBaron (Town and Country Convertible) which was based on the Chrysler K-car platform, and powered by the company's 2.2 L four cylinder (at least it was turbocharged), but for the one year only 1986 Chrysler LeBaron Town & Country Convertible it didn't stop there. Someone (actually a group of many people) thought it would sell better if fake wood vinyl was stuck to its sides along with faux braces. Only 1,600 of the LeBaron Town & Country Convertible were ever produced so now

they've become an ironic (or at least let's hope so) collector car.

Those who correctly identified it were: Vince Farina, Edna Pilch, John Gelsinon, Michael & Irene Kilcomons, Pat & Bill Scully, Betty Leveille, Lorraine Kost, Steve Laskiewicz, Anita Quigley, Laurie & Gary Loftus, Ginny Severino, John & JoAnn French, Jack Piskorski & Keith Piskorski & Lorraine Krauss, David Mcleery, Marie English and Ed English. Pete McIntyre, Dane Colburn, Craig Yetsko, Karen Kieselowsky, Anthony Carlo, Steve Villig

## July Vintage Car



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### YMCA OF MEWSA LAUNCHES NEW 360-DEGREE DIGITAL EXPERIENCE

The YMCA of Metuchen, Edison, Woodbridge & South Amboy (MEWSA) announced today an innovative new benefit for members that matches their on-the-go lifestyles and puts healthy living at the center of 2021. Set to launch on September 1st, YMCA360 is a 360-degree seamless Y experience on mobile devices, TV and web. This service will be provided free of charge on a trial basis from September 1-October 1. Following the trial period, it will be included free with every full facility YMCA membership.

With YMCA360, healthy living for people of all ages and activity levels is possible anytime, anywhere. The robust digital experience combines immersive, healthy living with the values of the YMCA in a transformational presentation utilizing best-in-class people, programs and systems delivering the ultimate connected community. More than 300 on-demand exercise classes and programs are accessible 24/7 as well as live stream classes, to provide another way to engage with the Y from home or when a branch isn't nearby. New content will be added weekly.

"We are connecting our people, places and programs in a whole new way and giving our members the freedom to customize their health and fitness journey at our state-of-

the-art facilities as well as their own living rooms," said Rose Cushing, President and CEO of the YMCA of MEWSA. "The quality and production behind YMCA360 are unparalleled, and it is something we are very proud to be offering."

While the timing of the unveiling may suggest a link to COVID-19, the idea for YMCA360 actually predates the virus. "Even before the pandemic, we recognized the need for people to exercise or learn a new skill at their own pace and on their own schedule," explained Cushing. "We met that goal and took it a step further, creating a platform that addressed healthy living from all angles. YMCA360 is unlike anything on the market today with programs for the mind and body and it's an unbelievable value add to memberships." Beyond group exercise classes, YMCA360 offers:

- Virtual gymnastics
- basketball
- soccer training
- Nutrition and cooking classes
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- Art classes

Individuals and families who are interested in learning more about membership options and YMCA360 can visit [ymca360.org](http://ymca360.org) or speak with staff at any branch location.

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Photos By Steve Huszar, Former Regional Chief Of N.J. State Police. Taken While On Duty At Liberty State Park, Jersey City, NJ.



### Spotted Lantern Flies Invade The Area

By Lisa Grankowski

I have had several "adult" Spotted Lanternflies in my backyard and swimming pool as well (Sayreville). I usually find a few every morning for the past few days. (the "red" one is a younger nymph)

I'm attaching a photo that I recently took of an "adult" Spotted Lanternfly. The NJ.gov website has pages about it and states it is a

"serious invasive pest."

The link provided below to the NJ.gov webpage has an image that says: Join the battle, beat the bug!

Stomp it out! Stop the Spotted Lanternfly. Here is the website: <https://www.nj.gov/agriculture/divisions/pi/prog/pests-diseases/spotted-lanternfly/>



### What Exit?

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton

If you make a left off of this exit you can visit a zoo that is named after a popular movie theatre snack. If you make a right off this exit you can visit marinas and have a nice meal at a restaurant with a Captain. Send your answer to [satimes@aol.com](mailto:satimes@aol.com) by September 13th.

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At their recent food drive, the South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 collected more than 1100 pounds of food that was donated to the St. Mary food pantry. The Knights say "Thank You" to everyone who contributed to the food drive. (Photo by Steve Schmid)

**Who is it?**



Can you identify these two celebrities? Send your answer to satimes@aol.com by September 13th. (Photo by Brian Stratton)



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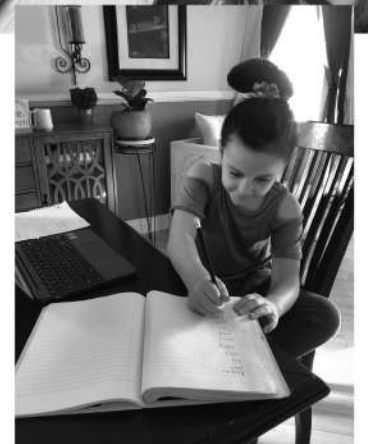


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## Rocco Constantino Returns to His New Jersey Roots as Middlesex College's New Athletics Director

Rocco Constantino has been named the new director of athletics at Middlesex College.

Constantino brings to his new role two decades of experience in education and athletics. For the past 15 years, he has worked in athletics administration on the NCAA, junior college, and high school levels. Most recently, he served as the athletics director at Santa Barbara City College, an Aspen Institute award-winning college.

While at Santa Barbara City College, Constantino was a finalist for Administrator of the Year in 2020 and 2021. Under his leadership, that school's athletic department was rated as one of the top 10 junior college athletic programs out of 107 in the state of California for the first time in 2018.

At Santa Barbara City College, Constantino managed an operating budget of approximately \$2 million and played a key role in the development of a \$40 million gym renovation and \$1.5 million football stadium upgrade.

Additionally, he oversaw all COVID-19-related health and safety initiatives during in-person athletics practices and contests.

Constantino's move to New Jersey is a homecoming for the Essex County native, a graduate of Belleville High School, New Jersey City University, where he earned a bachelor's in English/Writing, and Montclair State University, where he received a master's in educational leadership.

Prior to his move to Santa Barbara, Constantino was the athletics director for

New Providence High School.

But it was at Bloomfield College where Constantino firmly established his career in collegiate athletics. During his near decade tenure there, he served as head coach and assistant director of athletics on the NCAA Division II level.

"My time working at Bloomfield College was my most enjoyable," he said of those formative years, adding, "the possibility of returning home to New Jersey to work at a great school like Middlesex College is very appealing to me."

Given his extensive experience in all aspects of college athletics administration, Constantino is clear-eyed about the responsibilities and expectations that come with his new position.

"I am aware of the extreme hours and responsibilities of the position and am more than willing to put in the time and effort to be successful in the position," he said.

During the search for the new director of athletics, he outlined a strong vision for leadership for athletics at Middlesex College.

"I couldn't be happier to be joining the Middlesex College family," Constantino said. "I am eager to lead our coaches and staff into a new era in serving our students and community. Middlesex College athletics is poised to flourish in both the long and short term. There are so many fantastic high schools in Middlesex County and there is nothing I would love more than to help establish Middlesex College as a destination for scholar athletes ready to take the next steps in their lives."



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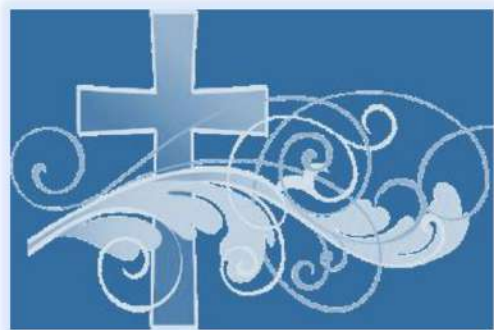
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# The Local Sports Memory Machine

By Tom Burkard

## Daylight Bakery: Two Unbeaten Seasons



In 2018, Daylight Bakery held a 50-Year Reunion to commemorate their undefeated (18-0) championship season in the South Amboy Little Fellas League. They were the first team in the league's history to go an entire season unbeaten. Pictured (l-r) Bob Scupp, Steve Makwinski, Bill D'Amico, John Ruzala, Dave Usa, Sal Richiusa, Pat Douglas, Rich Garsick, Bruce Buckiewicz, Frank Richiusa, and seated is Tom D'Amico. Missing from photo is Jerry Kotula, Rich Kurowsky, Ray Scupp, Bob and John Sharkey. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

## Daylight Bakery: The First Undefeated Season (18-0)

By Pat Douglas

In the 50's and 60's the South Amboy Little Fellas League boasted some of the most talented groups of young players in the area. They were spread amongst a dozen teams and each year a couple of teams would stand out and rise to the top. In 1968 it was Daylight Bakery and Protection Engine Company. Daylight and Protection would eventually play for the Championship (Daylight Bakery for the American League and Protection representing the National League).

Daylight would win the Championship in just two games. The second game was won by a single run which was scored in the top of the 6th. The score was 2-1. What was really special about that season was the fact that we were never beaten. We became the very first undefeated team in South Amboy Little League history. An achievement that those players on that team, all grown up now and well into their sixties, are still proud to this day. The players included Catcher Scott Douglas, Infielders Steve Makwinski, John Ruzala, Dave Usa, Jay Buckiewicz, Jerry Kotula, Rich Garsick and Ray Scupp. Outfielders Rich Kurowsky, Frank and Sal Richiusa, Bob Scupp, Bob and John Sharkey and me. Makwinski and Ruzala took on most of the pitching duties and they were lights out. There was no lonelier position than centerfield when Steve Makwinski was pitching. He struck out nearly everyone he faced. Mak went on to a stellar high school and college career and was drafted by the St. Louis Cardinals. All the players that I've been in contact with these past few years moved on to have productive lives and have made significant contributions to their communities.

The team was managed by my brother Steve Douglas who was just 18 and still a senior in High School. He was assisted by Bruce Buckiewicz, who originally played for Protection in his Little League days. Just 15 years old, Bruce kept score for my brother and helped coach us whenever he could.

## Glory Days In Local Sports

1969-Kevin Lynch fired a no-hitter, struck out 11, and stroked 2 hits to lead Sayreville to a 4-0 victory over East Brunswick. Rick Popowski ripped a 2-run single, Bob Gaspertich drilled an rbi single, and Gary Unkel laced 2 hits for the Bombers...1979-St. Mary's pounded Jamesburg, 13-3, as John Pipala blasted a long triple and drove in 5. George Murray was the winning pitcher...1985-St. Mary's girls softball squad beat Montgomery, 7-3, as Lisa Harrigan notched the victory. Karen Charmello blasted a long triple, and Eleanor Wykpisz added a two-bagger...1994-

Bruce would later play for the Sayreville Bombers, and become one of their standout players, before attending the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, and later served in the United States Marine Corp.

When Steven was asked to manage this team prior to the season, he secretly told Scott and I that this Daylight Bakery team would not only win the championship, but it would win every game it played. And he proved to be right!

Steven made sure every player on the roster contributed to the team's success. He knew how the game was supposed to be played, and did his best to pass on what he knew to us. "Steven was the brain trust behind all of the team's success. He was so dedicated to teaching us the right way to play baseball, and instilled in us a tremendous desire to be the best," said Steve Makwinski in a letter to the South Amboy Sayreville Times in 2018.

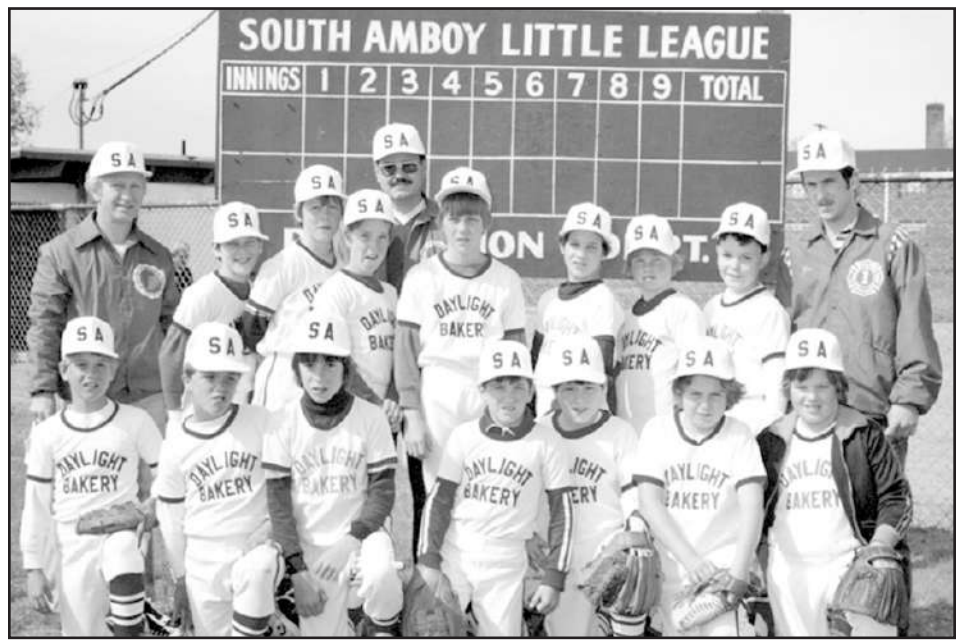
"What struck me most, was that Steven was only 18-years old. He wasn't more than a kid himself" Dr. Jay Buckiewicz explained. "He had such poise and patience and knew how to handle us." Jay continued, "He knew what to say to us, and how to talk to us."

When you combine such wonderful mentoring with great on field leadership from our catcher, Scott Douglas, some terrific defense, timely hitting, and two very talented pitchers you get a team that would refuse to lose. Allie Clark said that up to that point (1968), it was the best Little League team he'd seen. Well done teammates! It should always be something to be proud of.

In loving memory of my brothers Steven and Scott Douglas.

*\*A special thank you to Patrick Douglas for this great story. He is still very active in softball as Manager of the Vintage Bombers Senior League Softball-over 50 team, and also manager of the Prime Time Bombers Senior League Softball-over 60 team, both excellent teams.*

Sayreville girls softball team clobbered Colonia, 12-4, as Vicky Deuel drilled 2 hits and had 4 rbi. Stephanie Allocco had 2 singles and scored 4 runs...2004-South Amboy hammered Highland Park, 9-4. Joe Magnifico was the winning pitcher. Bill Wanko, Kevin Sartain and Nick Scarillo each blasted a triple... 2011-South Amboy girls softball team trounced Timothy Christian, 13-5, as Devon Carney notched the win, ripped 3 hits and stole 4 bases. Melissa McCleary added 2 hits and 2 rbi, and Jillian Buckalew laced 3 hits.



1979-Pictured is one of the greatest South Amboy Little Fellas teams in history, the Daylight Bakery team that went on to win the league championship with a perfect (17-0). Top row (l-r) Coach Charlie Walters, Michael Sharp, Bob Waltz, John Clayton, Manager Joe Pacansky, Craig Gorczyca, Joe Chrzaszcz, Brian Nash, Paul Kenny, Coach Joe Connors. Bottom row (l-r) Scott Gumprecht, David Gumprecht, Carmen Scmenza, Randy Stratton, Rob Pacansky, John Nemeth, Andy Pawlik. Many of the ballplayers went on to outstanding high school baseball careers. (Photo/information submitted)

## 1979 Daylight Bakery: A Perfect Season

By Tom Burkard

The 1979-80 Daylight Bakery team was a real powerhouse in South Amboy. The boys became the 2nd team in South Amboy Little Fellas League history to have an unbeaten season, finishing (17-0)! In the championship series in '79, Daylight swept Modern Transportation in the 3-game series behind standout pitching by John Clayton and Randy Stratton. Craig Gorczyca was outstanding at the plate, and in the final game orbited a long home run and triple. Clayton, Stratton, and Brian Nash were also

offensive standouts, getting timely, big hits for Daylight Bakery. Joe Pacansky was the manager, while Joe Connors, and Charlie Walters were the excellent coaches. The '79 roster was comprised of Clayton, Stratton, Gorczyca, Nash, Joe Chrzaszcz, Mike Sharp, Paul Kenny, Bob Waltz, Scott Gumprecht, Dave Gumprecht, Rob Pacansky, Carmen Scmenza, Andy Pawlik, John Nemeth. The following year in 1980, Daylight Bakery successfully defended its title and finished with a fine (14-3) record.

## From The Youth League Archives



1962—The South Amboy Little Fellas Team Knights of Columbus had a huge roster, wouldn't you say? Kneeling, (L-R) Pat McDonough, Marty O'Connor, Joe Smith, Ron Croddick, Bob Sharo, Ed Flannery, Pat McCarthy. 2nd Row (L-R) Dan Weinman, Neil O'Connor, Bill Fleming, Mike Lockwood, ?, Jim Croddick, Joe Wallis, Brian Flannery. 3rd Row (L-R) Jack Opiola, Al Gomolka Jr., Dan Cheeseman, Steve Skarzynski, Brian Kreiger, Fred Henry (current South Amboy Mayor), Reggie Carney, Ron Stramback, Frank McLaughlin. Top - Coaches (L-R) Tom Fitzmorris, Gerry O'Connor.

## T.H.E. Game

Year-1979

Sport-Baseball

Teams-Hoffman vs. Keyport in CJ Group I State Tourney action.

Recap-In an incredible pitchers battle that lasted 8 innings, Marty Veilleux of the Guvs fired a brilliant no-hitter and struck out 5, as Hoffman nipped the Red Raiders, 1-0. With one out in the 8th inning, Marty Carey doubled, and scored the game-winner on a single by Randy Neumann.

Player-Of-The-Game-Hoffman pitcher Marty Veilleux, who upped his record to (6-0).

## 50 Years Ago...

1971-Sayreville Bombers ace pitcher Greg Lyon fired a thrilling no-hitter in the Middlesex County Coaches Baseball Association Tournament (MCCBAT) quarterfinals, as Sayreville nipped Carteret, 1-0. In the fifth inning, Dan Hockenjos, who singled and advanced to third, scored on an attempted pickoff at second base of Tony Mancini who singled.



## Pitchers In Need

Through the years, there were three local high school pitchers, who really helped to save the baseball season for their teams. If not for their great pitching, their clubs would have done much worse.

In 1995, the Hoffman Governors finished (4-15), and their ace hurler was Charlie Honimar, who won all 4 games, and finished at (4-1). The St. Mary's Eagles finished (6-15) in '94, and if it wasn't for top pitcher Jim Christie's 6 victories, the Saints would have had to go down in history as a winless club.

Way back in 1965, St. Mary's finished (8-11). Lefty standout, Fran Fitzmorris notched 5 of those wins, and finished (5-2).

## 80 Years Ago

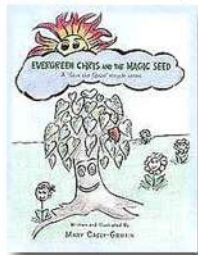
Clearly Hit 4 Home Runs In One Game June 25, 1941-South Amboy's Fran "Red" Cleary, slugging centerfielder for the Raritan Copper Works Ingots, who played in the Middlesex County Industrial League, set a league record by blasting 4 home runs in 4 at-bats. Cleary's Ruthian-like feat took place at Waters Stadium in Perth Amboy, where he smashed all 4 round-trippers over the right field fence

## BOOK SIGNING

(Photos Submitted)



Author **Mary Casey-Griffin** signs her book **“Evergreen Chris and the Magic Seed”** at the Blue Moon on August 8th.



**Dan Toye** performed his greatest hits.

## South Amboy Hurricanes At Cooperstown

(Photos by Mary Szaro)



Three generations of family and good friends who love baseball celebrate a win for the South Amboy Hurricanes (12U Blue) in Cooperstown, New York. (l-r) Joe Szaro, Kenny & Ken Kokoszka, Tommy & Tom Mierzwiak.



Two Hurricane teams made history this July as the first South Amboy teams to play in Cooperstown.



The South Amboy Hurricanes/ 12U Blue arrived July 16th.



South Amboy Hurricanes/ 12U Orange arrived the following week on July 23rd .

## 60 Years Ago Sayreville Won Little League State Championship

By Tom Burkard

On August 12, 1961, one of the most important baseball games in Sayreville history took place. The Sayreville All-Stars became the first team in Middlesex County to capture the New Jersey Little League Baseball championship, by easily defeating River Edge, 9-3, before a huge crowd of 3,500 fans. Costy Pawlowski was the winning pitcher, striking out 7, and allowing only 5 hits. He also ripped 2 hits and he received plenty of offensive support from Mike Marcinczyk who unloaded a 3-run homer, catcher Jamie Van Dyk, who blasted a 3-run double, a solo home run and single by Jim Passafiume, and 2

hits apiece from Tommy Hockenjos, and John Price. The victory was Sayreville’s eighth in a row in tournament play. The Sayreville All-Stars lineup for the title game was: Hockenjos rf Richie More 3b Passafiume lf Brian George ss Marcinczyk 1b Dale Kurowsky 2b Price cf Van Dyk c Pawlowski p. The champions were co-managed by Ken Buchanan Sr. and Herb Davis. Other roster members included: Tommy Fallon, Phil Devisa, Paul Brylinski, Stanley Zebrowski, Steve Czick, Stanley Paczkowski. An unbelievable team, with so much talent!

## Diamond Dust 50 Years Ago...Champions

### South Amboy Babe Ruth All-Stars Won Title

1971-South Amboy 6 Highland Park 5-The South Amboy Babe Ruth League All-Stars captured the Middlesex County Freeholders Babe Ruth championship. Steve Makwinski was the winning pitcher. Joe Kolakowski singled in the tying run. John D. O’Toole ripped a single and double, Jeff St. Amour and Glenn Gerding drilled 2 hits apiece for the champs. Jack Hulsart was the manager, and his coaches were Russ Stillwagon, Jim Campion, and Ray Stockton. Other standout All-Stars on the club were: Mark Clark, Ray Poulson, Steve Boychuk, Bob Stillwagon, Tom Mulcahy, Kevin Homan, Dennis Carey, Scott Douglas, Wayne Kreiger, Charlie Lange.

### Weiss Wins South Amboy Little Fellas League Crown

1971-Weiss swept the playoff championship over the Knights of Columbus, behind George Bongiorno, who fired a 1-hitter

in the first game, and also chalked up the finale with a victory, and hit a double and home run. Walt Zamorski was manager, and his coaches were Warren Rappleyea Sr., and Andy Sabine Sr. The players: George Bongiorno, John Dragotta, Tom Lakowski, Ed Sharp, Warren Rappleyea Jr., Ben Bauman, Karl Semoneit, Art Reich, Andy “A.J.” Sabine, Mike Chrzaszcz, John Hall, Phil Green, Kevin Dante, Dan Sibol, Rich Miller, Bob Bauman, Walt Zamorski Jr., John Kupcha.

### Mechanicsville Cops Second Straight Championship

1971-Manager Russ Stillwagon’s Mechanicsville F.C. captured its second consecutive Babe Ruth League championship. Pete Huryk was coach, and the talented roster consisted of Ray Linderoth, Henry Wortley, Bob Besner, Glen Gerding, Kevin Homan, James Caracappa, Ralph Dante, Bob Stillwagon, Ron Stillwagon, Gary Linderoth, Mike Switzer, John Minnick, Bob Ruiz, Jerry McAndrew, Bob Morgan.

## Pro Baseball Watch

Sayreville’s Brandon Bielak, pitching in relief for the 1st place Houston Astros, has appeared in 23 games so far. In 37.2 innings pitched, he has struck out 32, and has an ERA of 5.26, with a (3-3) won-lost record.

## Babe Ruth League All-Stars 55 Years Ago

1966- The South Amboy Babe Ruth League All-Stars, managed by the great Joe McCarthy, competed in the Area 3 District 11 Babe Ruth League State Tournament. After dropping its first game, 6-5 to Fords, SA bounced back to win 4 straight over Perth Amboy, Union, and Fords (twice). The All-Stars were: Doug Sprgaue-Morgan Lions; George Beck and Tom Downs-Komars; Tom

Kelly, Joe Jaskowiak, Jimmy Tingle, Fran “Cigus” Vanni-Mechanicsville; John Salge-Oak View Nursing Home; Larry Kurzawa and Brian Kreiger-Raritan River Railroad; Dennis Nardone, Pat McDonough, Ernie Read, Fred Henry-Independence; Jack Trenta- Sacred Heart. Manager McCarthy’s coaching staff included Frank Jankowski, Joe Kelly, and Recreation Director John Zdanewicz.

## 50 Years Ago The Place Wins Title

1971-The Place, who finished in a 3-way tie for 2nd place during the regular season, shocked the pennant-winning powerhouse Brothers Inn, to capture the South Amboy Slow Pitch Playoff Championship. The champions were led by All-City 1st team stars, pitcher Jack Gallagher, who also finished #2 in the league for the year, with a scorching .645 avg., shortstop Pat Marotta .486, and

slugging first baseman Bill Connors, .475. Other members of this legendary club were: Brian Flanagan, Gene Lopez, Charlie Bodzio, Rick Ferguson, Jerry Drill, Mike “Woody” McCarthy, Frank Pauloski, and Tony Maliszewski. Also performing occasionally were Rich Trella, Frank Leonard, Wayne Olsen, Jack Brennan, Reich, Carney.

## Do You Have This Card?



This is the T206 Honus Wagner baseball card that recently sold for \$6.606 million, shattering the previous record.

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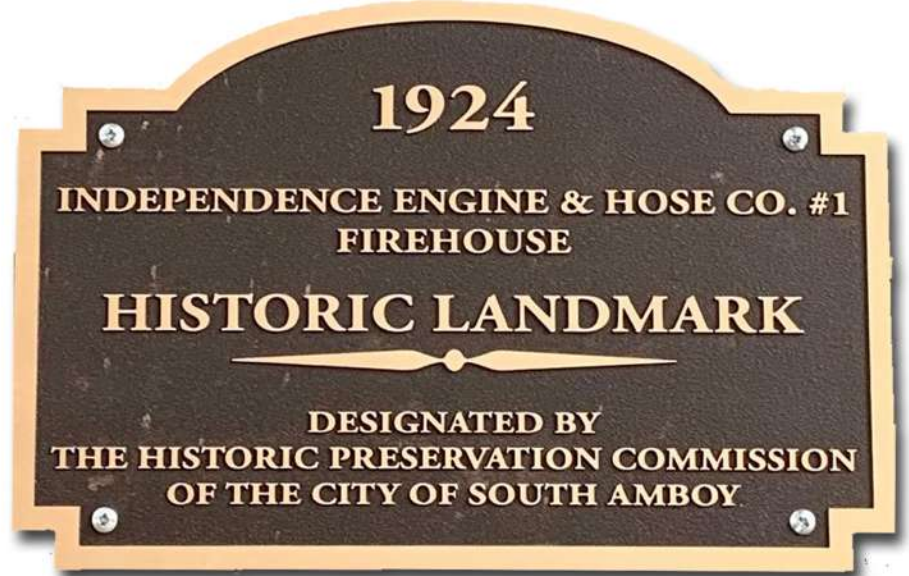
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### Historic Landmark Dedication

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The Historical Preservation Commission of the City of South Amboy dedicated a plaque designating the Independence Engine & Hose Co. #1 Firehouse located on Broadway as a Historic Landmark.



South Amboy Councilman Tom Reilly addresses the crowd prior to the plaque being unveiled.



Historical Society of South Amboy President Mary Szaro (l), South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry (c) and South Amboy Historic Preservation Commission Vice Chair Jerry Pizzillo (r) are ready to unveil the plaque.



The beautiful plaque is unveiled!



Pictured (l-r) Ex SAFD Chief Mike Toth, NJ Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin, Long Time SA Fireman Leon Letts and current SAFD Chief Andrew Bielak.

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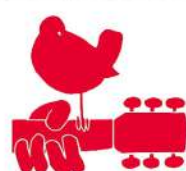


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## Middlesex College Announces COVID-19 Student Debt Relief

Students who have unpaid balances accrued from March 2020 through Summer 2021 will have their debt erased.

Middlesex College is implementing a new Student Debt Amnesty program to forgive approximately \$1.8 million of qualified student balances incurred during the pandemic, impacting nearly 2,300 students.

Under the program, all current outstanding balances incurred from March of 2020 through the summer of 2021 will be forgiven, providing students the flexibility to enroll for a future term. A similar initiative is in place to forgive a limited amount of

campus fines (library, parking tickets).

Middlesex College's Student Debt Amnesty program was made possible by the American Rescue Plan, the sweeping \$1.9 trillion economic recovery legislation passed by Congress earlier this year to address the devastating economic and health effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on states, local governments, individuals and businesses.

All eligible Middlesex College students will have their prior outstanding balance forgiven regardless of their decision to continue their education at the College, their GPA or the number of credits they

have earned.

"The College understands the financial hardship that many of our students have faced during the pandemic," Middlesex College President Mark McCormick. "We hope that students will take this opportunity to register for fall classes and continue to move forward with their studies toward graduation."

With this announcement, Middlesex College joins Bergen Community College, Hudson County Community College, Raritan Valley Community College and Salem Community College in using federal COVID-19 relief funds to forgive student

debt.

Additionally, Middlesex College students can take advantage of the New Jersey Community College Opportunity Grant Program, which offers free community college for students whose adjusted gross household income is \$65,000 or less.

Students who have questions about the Student Debt Amnesty Program are urged to contact Student Accounts (StudentAccounts@middlesexcc.edu) as well as the Academic Advising department for assistance with the registration process.

### Local Wildlife (Photos by Tom Burkard)



Great Egret



Eastern Tiger Swallowtail



Great Blue Heron

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**WWW.?**

By Tom Burkard



Does this local structure in South Amboy or Sayreville look familiar to you? If you think you know what and where it is, send your answer to satimes@aol.com by September 13th. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

**WWW.? Winners July**

The www for July was Gillette Manor located at 650 Washington Rd. Sayreville, NJ. It was built in 1992 and has 100 units and is four stories tall.

The following correctly identified it: Gillette Manor: Chuck Pickard, Julia Green, Vince Farina, Leon Credico, Dennis Quinlan, Edna Pilch, Pat & Bill Scully, Mark Moniello, Betty Leveille, Mary Agnes Morris, Barb Bockus, Steve Laskiewicz,

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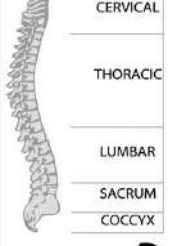
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*The Spinal Column*  
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**Exercise Can Lower the Rate of Depression in the Elderly**

Maintaining a regular exercise program can help lower the risk of depression in the elderly. Men and women who reduce their level of physical activity over an eight year period were more likely to suffer from depression than individuals who maintain or increase their level of activity, the research noted. According to the authors, "active physical exercise is associated with better mental health".

In a study published in Preventive Medicine, Paine Lampinen and colleagues with the University of Finland, compared exercise and depression in 663 people aged 65 years and older. Researchers interviewed individuals 65 years and older. They were initially interviewed and then again eight years later. Exercise was divided into three types: necessary chores only, regular walking, and strenuous exercise. Results show that individuals tended to decrease their level of physical activity as they aged. This trend appeared to increase the likelihood of becoming depressed regardless of socioeconomic factors or health status.

Only 30% of those who engaged in strenuous physical activity from the beginning kept up their level. These people reported fewer depressive symptoms at both ends of the study. On the other hand, individuals who become less active over time were more depressed.

The old Chiropractic adage, states "if you don't use it you lose it" as always an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.



**Fishing Flashes**  
By Teo "Weebles" Weber



**Salt Water**  
With the hot weather, many semi tropical fish have shown up. Small northern Sennet, a kind of small Barracuda, are in the bays and inlets. A Tarpon was speared by a diver in Barnegat Inlet. He said there were more spotted. A White Marlin was seen and video taped at Mantoloking just outside the surf! Blowfish are all over Barnegat Bay, along with some keeper Fluke and a few Weakfish. The LBI surf remains the best place to catch Kingfish plus Bluefish and Fluke. Kingfish are making their way north too! I checked Shark River Inlet at the end of July but only saw one or two short Fluke. Beach fishing in the bay remains slow-only a few Bluefish here and there. Party boat Bluefish is now very good with a few bigger fish over Ten pounds caught mostly on jigs. Seabass are also mixed in at times. Ling are present on the bottom. Party boat Fluke fishing is still mostly shorts with keepers had to come by, but there are a few big ones around. Some Fluke up to 10 pounds have been taken. Water temperature continues to rise with ocean temps of 75 degrees.

**Fresh Water**  
Hot weather slows things down but there is good fishing for Channel Catfish up to 10 pounds in Lake Hopatcong. Hybrid Stripers are also being caught. Statewide, surface lures will catch Largemouth Bass in the evening and various Panfish can be caught in lakes and ponds. Trout fishing is not too good-weather is too hot.

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## National Night Out In Sayreville

(Photos by Tom Burkard)



Members of the Sayreville Police Dept. are pictured at the National Night Out event, which was held in front of the Sayreville Police Headquarters, and was a huge success. Pictured (l-r) Lt. James Novak, Chief of Police John Zebrowski, Sgt. Angela Moat, and Officer Charlie Teator.



Fun for the kids as their parents watched



The snorkel demonstration was interesting to all who attended.



President Park Fire Co. firefighters (l-r) are Joe Wright, Joe Temenski, and Tom Parsons.



The Sayreville Police Auxiliary pictured (l-r) at the Command Post trailer: Ptl. Blazej Kowalik, Cpl. Andrew Coffee, Ptl. Dawn Mancino, Lt. Curtis Ennett, Cpl. Melissa Diaz, Lt. Ken Mok.

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## Where In NJ?



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## Where in NJ?

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton

The July Where in NJ was the Grist Mill at Historic Smithville. The Oliphant's Grist Mill was built in 1798 and operated until 1937. When new sources of power replaced these things, mills were eventually abandoned for easier ways to run equipment. The mill was originally built in Gloucester County, New Jersey near Swedesboro. In 1964, the mill was moved to the Historic Smithville Village in Atlantic County. . A great place to take a day trip to.

Those who correctly identified it were: Vince Farina, Dennis Quinlan, Edna Pilch, Pat & Bill Scully, Betty Leveille, Steve Laskiewicz, Anita Quigley, Jim Malkiewicz, Laurie & Gary Loftus, Maryanne Matarangolo, Eleanore Westerholm, Deb Xanthos, Jack Piskorski & Keith Piskorski & Lorraine Krauss, Marie English and Ed English, Dane Colburn, Gary Feret, Karen Kieselowsky.



Oliphant's Grist Mill at Historic Smithville

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**If I Were A Plant**  
By AlGomolka Jr.  
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c.1978

If I were a houseplant  
Resting on some windowsill  
With someone to take care of me  
With water and sun to my fill  
All I'd do is sit there pretty  
With nothing but a simple life  
Not worrying about hustles and bustles  
Or any other human strife  
Whatever beauty I'd might show  
Due to my master's loving me  
Some satisfaction she may gain  
But that's all I'd need to be  
Day to day I'd watch the world  
Changing as I'd grow  
Time passing so securely  
And no boredom would I know  
My future I'd not care to know  
And no complaints would I  
I'd trust my master would be there  
And I'd live happy 'til I'd die



**It's A Great Day To Be Alive**

By Al Gomolka Jr.  
Times Poet Laureate  
c. 2005

Did you ever wake up  
With one of those feelings  
Where everything's going your way  
From the right side of bed  
On a roll and a high  
Let the world give what it may...  
Oh! It's a great day to be alive!  
People couldn't be nicer  
Timing is perfect  
Work satisfying and a joy  
Weather blue skies and sunshine  
Meals hot and delicious  
The whole world is yours like a toy...  
Oh! It's a great day to be alive!  
On the adverse side  
How can we neglect  
The dread in the lives of others  
Where life isn't as sweet  
Nor as healthy or wealthy  
Fear and doubt cause the day's druthers  
Is it so great to be alive?  
Of course it is!  
Say it straight from the start  
Make a difference in some small way  
Take heart-give of your heart...  
It's a great day to be alive!



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

**Gone Fishin'**



**Brian Burkard, formerly of South Amboy holds this huge 39-inch Snook he caught on the West Coast of Florida. They are catch and release only in that part of the state. (Photo submitted)**

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**20th Anniversary In Heaven**



**He was the oldest of eight**  
**Our big brother**  
**Sure was great**  
**He worked hard as a kid**  
**Until he was done**  
**Fought for the U.S.**  
**'Til the war was won**  
**Serious war injuries**  
**Never slowed him down**  
**He was our brother**  
**The best around.**  
**He's never forgotten**  
**For his kind heart and ways**  
**Always remembered**  
**Throughout the days.**

**Love & Prayers Always,**  
**Brother Tom Burkard,**  
**Relatives and Friends**

**Frank J. Burkard**  
July 16, 1926-September 21, 2001



**Rick Shingola, formerly of South Amboy, had a great day fishing on the Chesapeake Bay in Maryland, and proudly shows off his nice catch. (Photo submitted)**

### In Memoriam

Jean Godley, 98, of Parlin died on July 9. She was a volunteer at the South Amboy Memorial Hospital for many years, and always helpful with a cheery smile and greeting for all who were visiting loved ones. Stanley Scibek, 84, of Sayreville died on Aug. 8. He was very active and dedicated to the Borough of Sayreville community. Stanley was a Eucharistic Minister at St. Stan's; Board of Trustee member of Raritan Bay FCU; member of the Sayreville Recycling

Commission; Past Grand Knight/4th Degree member of Knights of Columbus #2061; a substitute teacher at Sayreville War Memorial HS; Boy Scout Troop 68 leader. Theresa Standowski, 91, of Melrose died on Aug. 14. She was a very kind-hearted lady, and before retiring worked as a seamstress at Charles Komar & Sons in South Amboy. Dr. Richard Strugala, 69, formerly of Sayreville died on Aug. 14. He worked as a Professor at Middlesex CC and also Rutgers University.

### Stacy A. Murray

Stacy A. Murray, 45 (Nee: Hicks), a lifelong resident of South Amboy, entered into eternal rest on Monday, July 26, 2021.

The world lost a beloved wife, mother, and friend, and heaven received its angel back on July 26, 2021. Stacy battled many illnesses but never let that stop her from giving herself to others and worrying more for them than herself. If you were hungry, you were fed, needed shelter, you were housed, if you needed an ear, she listened, and her answers were true and to the point. Stacy was born in November of 1975 in South Amboy, the youngest child of Charles & Janice Hicks.

Upon high school graduation, Stacy attended Katharine Gibbs College, where she graduated with honors and immediately began working in New York City at age 19. Stacy has worked for the NY Stock Exchange, where she passed her Series 7 GSRE, in the Gaming & Leisure Industry, High-end construction, and Shutz Container Systems, where she was the global administrative assistant and manager.

Stacy met her husband Jacob while he was serving in the United States Marine Corps, and they married in March of 2004. After their first child, Mary's passing, they were blessed with their son Charles, and

11 months later, their son Aaron, where Stacy sacrificed her career to be with and raise their sons, teaching them life lessons and how to appreciate life and people. That education continued when they adopted their son Nicholas, where she raised three respectable young men.

Though you may never have met her, Stacy's stories and words touched many; to some, she was 'Facebook Stacy,' but she was a friend to all.

Stacy was a warrior, a poet, and a friend to many. Stacy could make you laugh till you cried and touch you with her giving heart and soul. To Stacy, there were no strangers, just new family.

Stacy is predeceased by her parents Charles and Janice; and her daughter Mary. She is survived by her husband of 17 years, Jacob Murray, her loving sons Nicholas, Charles, Aaron, and her Australian in-laws Paul and Carolyn Murray (mom & dad).

Services were held by Kurzawa Funeral Home, and a Mass was offered at Sacred Heart Church, South Amboy. Burial took place at Sacred Heart Cemetery, Parlin. Offerings can be made to St. Jude's Children Research Hospital, <https://www.stjude.org/donate/donate-to-st-jude.html> in memory of Stacy.

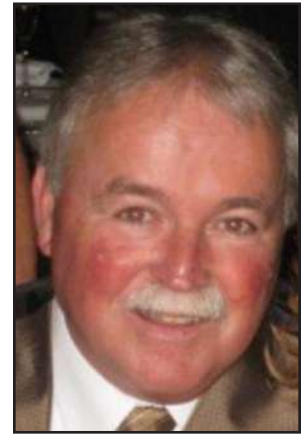


### Jack A. Vacca, Sr.

Giacomo A. "Jack" Vacca, Sr., 72, of South Amboy died on Thursday July 29, 2021 at home. Born in Bari, Italy he served the U.S. Army in the 1st Battalion, 501st Infantry during the Vietnam War where he was wounded in action. He received a Purple Heart among other commendations. He later worked as a Data Processing Manager for Harvard University and eventually became the entrepreneur of 2 successful computer repair businesses. A member of St. Mary's R.C. Church, South Amboy he was often seen riding around in his beloved 2015 blue convertible Mustang with Paulie the puppy.

Son of the late Thomaso and Carmela Vitucci Vacca he is also predeceased by his first wife Joan D'Alessio and his sister-in-law Carolyn Vacca. He is survived by his wife Mary Kate Kelly Vacca; his son Jack A. Vacca, Jr. and his wife Cheryl; his daughters Jeanette Bates and Joyce Dundale and her husband Jeff; his stepchildren Teddy Huff, Kellie Huff and Laura Schmidt; his siblings Theresa Pecunia and her husband Christopher, Anna Parese and Sam P. Vacca; his grandchildren Amber, Trent, Gabriel and Lucas; several nieces and nephews and his 2 pups Paulie and Vinnie.

A Mass of Christian Burial was offered at St. Mary's Church. Cremation was private. Visitation was at The Gundrum Service "Home For Funerals" 237 Bordentown Avenue, South Amboy. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the South Amboy First Aid Squad, PO Box 328, South Amboy or the South Amboy PBA, PO Box 122, South Amboy.



### John R. "Jack" Phillips

John R. "Jack" Phillips passed away on Friday, August 13, 2021. Jack was the first born to John A. "Jack" Phillips and Lois (Pellinger) Phillips of Laurence Harbor. He attended St. Mary's High School in South Amboy, and was an alumnus of Villanova University, receiving both his Bachelor's degree and Master's degree.

Jack was a life-long educator who started his career as a teacher in Jonas Salk Middle School, in Old Bridge. It was there that he met the love of his life, Julie Scarpulla Phillips and married her in 1979. He served as Vice Principal at Salk Middle School, before serving as the Principal of M. Scott Carpenter School in Old Bridge, until his retirement in 2012.

Jack was not just a guiding light to the students of Old Bridge, but the core of his family. His most proud achievements in life were his son, Jack (John Robert Jr.) and daughter, Jessica.

Jack enjoyed playing softball and golfing in his younger years, he was an avid racehorse fan, and he loved to watch the Mets and the Giants. In 2018, he was selected by The SA Times as one of the "Top 20 Most Outstanding Slow Pitch Softball Players of All-Time in South Amboy." In addition, Jack was one of the key stars for the only team to win the championship 3 years in a row-1974 & 1975 as Frank's Cafe, and the team changed its name in '76 to Regency, and captured the crown for the third straight year.

The way Jack passed was just as he lived: surrounded by family and friends, ensuring his wife, children, grandchildren, and sister knew how much they were loved. He lived life with purpose and deliberate understanding of what was important — being present, heartfelt encouragement, steadfast loyalty, and unwavering support.

He will be sorely missed by his family, and anyone who had the good fortune of knowing this fine gentleman.

#### PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN

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

**God, grant me the laughter  
To see the past with perspective,  
To face the future with hope,  
And to celebrate today...  
Without taking myself too seriously.**

#### A PRAYER FOR HEALING

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

### One Year Anniversary In Heaven



**Estelle Burkard Pluskota**  
Feb. 2, 1941-Aug. 17, 2020

*You're sadly missed  
Along life's way  
But always remembered  
Each and every day  
No longer in our lives to share  
But you're in our hearts  
You'll always be there.*



**Love & Miss You Forever,  
Daughters Chrissy, Jenn, April,  
grandsons, "C.J." and "Vinnie",  
brother Tom Burkard,  
relatives and friends.**

### In Memoriam 25 Years Ago

#### Our Pitcher A Eulogy

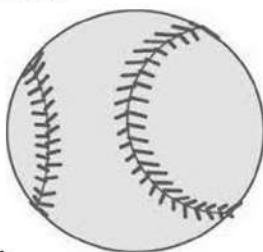
By Al Gomolka, Jr. Times Poet Laureate  
c. 1996

Our team took the field for this city league game  
Our pitcher strode out to his mound  
We played with a zeal 'til that fifth inning came  
When our pitcher fell quick to the ground  
We cried, we prayed, we begged God's accord  
"Kobe" died playing the game he adored...  
It seems his life's calling was dedication to his family and friends - foremost  
But his joy and edification was to pitch - utmost  
A man of decency and religious conviction  
Truly loved by all was "Kobe" Son, brother, workmate, friend,  
Whatever depiction none nicer on all of this globe  
His only foes were opponents lineups  
Who'd respect and admire his fame  
But to those who know, it was on the field of life  
Where "Kobe" pitched his perfect game.

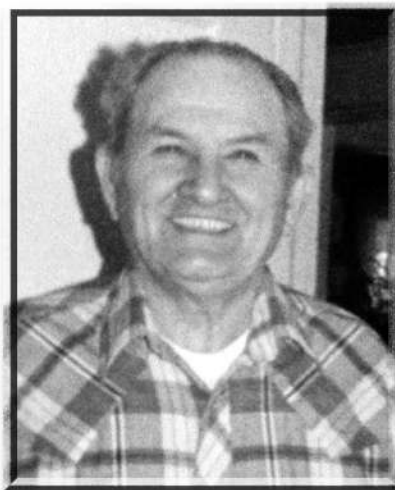
\*Dedicated in memory of my teammate and dear friend, John Kaboski



**John Kaboski - Aug. 23, 1996**

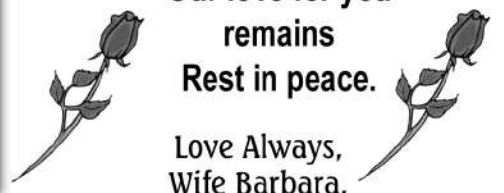


### In Memoriam



**Richard A. Brower**  
April 13, 1922-Aug. 16, 2001

**It has been 20 yrs  
since you left us  
So many things have  
changed  
You're always in our  
hearts and minds  
Our love for you  
remains  
Rest in peace.**



**Love Always,  
Wife Barbara,  
Children Richard, William & Debra  
Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren**



**Kevin S. Grodzki  
(1955 – 2021)**

Kevin S. Grodzki, beloved husband, son, brother, father and grandfather, passed away at his home in Barrington, IL on August 3rd, 2021 at the age of 66. Kevin was born in New Brunswick, NJ on May 29, 1955 to parents Louise (nee Ziemba) and Stephen Grodzki. He is survived by his mother, sister Mary Lou, wife Marcella (née Mahal), two sons: David (Gail) and Ryan (Caroline), and two grandchildren: Colette and Celia.

Kevin treasured his time at St. Francis University in Loretto, PA where he played basketball and football, and met his wife in 1974. His career spanned more than 40 years, most notably with DuPont and Brunswick Corporation, where he enjoyed roles focused on business development, communications and sustainability. He took great pride in his contributions to health and wellness during his time at Brunswick's Life Fitness, and his zeal for travel led his family to assignments across the US, England and Germany before settling in the Chicago area in 2001.

He became a friend and role model to many and will be deeply missed for his kindness, honesty, and steadfast yet gentle leadership. Many colleagues who admired Kevin for his acumen and drive became lifelong friends due to his warmth, principles, and values. He consistently made time to mentor young graduates and frequently returned to his alma mater to teach & inspire a new generation of business leaders. Kevin loved all forms of exercise, gardening, and traveling, as well as spending time with family at his retirement home in South Carolina.

His family was shocked to learn of a late-stage pancreatic cancer diagnosis in June 2021, but Kevin handled his battle with the consummate grace and strength with which he faced all challenges. He was loving, humorous, and giving until the very end, and passed on surrounded by family as he wished. Kevin was a wonderful husband, father, and grandfather. He will be deeply missed. His life exemplified supreme integrity and will provide an enduring example of what it means to be a good man to all those who knew him.

His family would like to express deep gratitude for the outpouring of love and support they have received. Memorial services will be private, and in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society or St. Francis University's Red Flash Futures. For information, please contact Davenport Family Funeral Home, Lake Zurich, 847-550-4221. For online condolences please visit, [www.davenportfamily.com](http://www.davenportfamily.com).

**Obituaries**

- Alimonti, Joseph, 93, of South Amboy died on July 12.
- Balaskiewicz, Arlene, 83, of Sayreville died on Aug. 8.
- Barton, Seth, 83, formerly of South Amboy died on Aug. 15.
- Borup, Raymond E. Jr., 85, of Parlin died on July 21.
- Bruno, John A., 81, formerly of Parlin died on Aug. 6.
- Dusak, Beatrice T., 89, of South Amboy died on July 19.
- Fedor, Dorothy S., 95, of Sayreville died on Aug. 5.
- Godley, Jean P., 98, of Parlin died on July 9.
- Grodzki, Kevin S., 66, formerly of Sayreville died on Aug. 3.
- Hunt, Nellie, 97, of Parlin died on Aug. 9.
- Jaikisson, Aminarine, 55, of Parlin died on July 26.
- Lagoda, Helen M., Kuzdzal, 94, formerly of Sayreville died on July 27.
- Murray, Stacy A. Hicks, 45, of South Amboy died on July 26.
- Pagoda, Debbie, 61, of Parlin died on Aug. 3.
- Phillips, John "Jack," 71, formerly of Laurence Harbor died on Aug. 13.
- Rojewski, Patricia A., 85, of Sayreville died on Aug. 14.
- Ryan, Constance M., 90, of South Amboy died on August 16,
- Satorski, Donald, 82, of Sayreville died on Aug. 7.
- Scibek, Stanley M., 84, of Sayreville died on Aug. 8.
- Standowski, Theresa, 91, of Melrose died on Aug. 14.
- Strugala, Dr. Richard A., 69, formerly of Sayreville died on Aug. 14.
- Wojcik, Bernadine Lapa, 99, of Sayreville died on July 22.
- Zaleski, Eleanor, 93, of Sayreville died on July 29.
- Zrebiec, Loretta, 74, of Sayreville died on July 18.

**Beatrice T. Dusak**

Beatrice T. Dusak, 89, of South Amboy, NJ, passed away peacefully at her home in South Amboy with her dear family at her side. Beatrice was born in Elizabeth, NJ in September of 1931 to Joseph and Beatrice Kwiatek. She worked in the food service industry most of her life before retirement however her true enjoyment was cooking and baking for those she loved. She also enjoyed traveling, one of her favorite places to visit was California and she was also an active member of the Sayreville Senior Citizens Organization. She will be deeply missed by all her family and friends.

Beatrice is predeceased by her parents, Joseph and Beatrice Kwiatek; husband, Robert J. Dusak, Sr.; brothers, Joe, Frank, Tony, John, Fred, and Lou Kwiatek; sister, Ann Boronski. She is survived by, her daughters, Ellen Graves and her husband Brent of Manalapan, NJ and Lorraine Armenti and her husband Joe; Son, Robert Dusak Jr. and his wife Krista; grandchildren, Charles Esposito, Ed Schissel, Michael Jordan and Jennifer Bianco; great grandchildren, Natalie and George Esposito, Olivia and Alexis Jordan, Vincent and Gina Bianco.

**Constance M. Ryan**

Constance M. Ryan, 90, of South Amboy died on Monday August 16, 2021 at home. Born in South Amboy she lived there all her life. Before retiring she was employed as Nursing Supervisor for St. Joseph Hospital, Livingston and previously at Perth Amboy General Hospital. She was a member of Sacred Heart R.C. Church, South Amboy.

Daughter of the late Richard and Frances Ginter Ryan she is also predeceased

by her brother Richard Ryan; her brother-in-law Joseph Bartlinski and her sister-in-law Shirley Ryan. She is survived by her siblings Annrita Bartlinski, Elizabeth "Marcey" Ryan, Catherine Ryan and Thomas Ryan; her sister-in-law Jeanne Ryan and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held on Friday August 20, 2021 under the direction of The Gundrum Service "Home For Funerals" 237 Bordentown Avenue, South Amboy.

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