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Brian Van Dongen, Sayreville Recreation Director, addresses the crowd at the New Jersey Recreation and Parks Association (NJRPA) annual awards event recently, after accepting the Programming Award for "Excellence in Special Events" for Camp Kindness Day. Congratulations Brian and the entire Sayreville Recreation Dept. for your outstanding work! (Photo/info submitted)

Sayreville Recreation Receives Award

With a very active Recreation Department the Borough of Sayreville continually works to expand its reach to provide excellent programming for their residents. That hard work was recently recognized by the New Jersey Recreation and Parks Association during their annual awards event. Sayreville was recognized for Excellence in Special Events Programming for their Camp Kindness Day Event.

The program showcases the commitment of the camp community to foster the core values of kindness, compassion, generosity, and care in an effort to integrate those values more fully in to every aspect of our society.

Sayreville Recreation Director Brian VanDongen said, "Recreation fosters the values of kindness, equity and inclusion. We are happy to celebrate a day that teaches those values to our youth. Every day at camp is special but Kindness Day is extra special to the children and our staff."

"We are exceptionally proud of Brian and his staff. Our Recreation Department is very active and is always seeking new ways to bring important and relevant programming to our young residents.", said Council Member Mary Novak. "As the chair of the Recreation committee and on behalf of the entire Council

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St. Patrick's Day Parade Grand Marshal



South Amboy St. Patrick's Day Parade Grand Marshal Mary Porcello waves to the huge crowds along the parade route. See more parade photos on page 20. (Photo by Brian Stratton)



On March 4th Protection Engine Co held a testimonial dinner for former South Amboy Fire Chief David Szatkowski who served in 2022. Over 170 people attended the dinner held at the Armory Restaurant in Perth Amboy. In the photo Chief Szatkowski (c) is receiving his Former Chief badge from his father former Chief Edward Szatkowski (r) while former Chief Steven Szatkowski (l) watches. (Photo/info by Jamie Norek)



On Feb. 26th Spring Creek Health Care Center for Sub Acute & Rehabilitation Community Educational Team offered lunch, face shields, attendance certificates, and instruction on "Hands Only CPR" to the South Amboy Seniors. Dr. Jorge Gonzalez-Gomez (l) along with South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry (r) show the room full of attendees how to properly use the procedure. Also in attendance was Spring Creek Administrator Sam Atlas and Councilwoman Zusette Dato. Many questions were answered, and much knowledge transferred with the goal of making our communities more knowledgeable and teaching them to save a life. Spring Creek is located at 1 Lindbergh Ave., Perth Amboy, NJ. (Photo/info submitted)



Peter "Pedro" Pisar

Pisar Selected By County GOP

Peter "Pedro" Pisar of South Amboy was recently endorsed by the Middlesex County Republican Organization along with Gary Hagopian of Old Bridge for County Commissioners in the upcoming June 6th Primary Election.

Pisar, a retired Middlesex County Sheriff's Officer was most recently in 2022, a candidate for Councilman-At-Large in South Amboy. Middlesex County Republican Organization Chairman Robert Bengivenga Jr. said that he and the executive board were proud of their slate for all the candidates, and was looking forward to successful efforts in the elections in June and November.

Hands Only CPR Training

The City of South Amboy and Spring Creek Health Care Center will be sponsoring a Hands Only CPR Training event on Thursday, April 27th, 6 p.m. at South Amboy Middle/High School Auditorium, 200 Governor Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy.

The Hands Only CPR Training will be presented by Dr. Jorge Gonzalez-Gomez, MPSTL, and show how you can save a life with hands only compressions. You will also learn to recognize signs and symptoms of a heart attack, and understand why heart attacks happen and how you can help.

Cruise Nights

The City of South Amboy will sponsor Cruise Nights on the second Wednesday of every month 6-9 p.m. from April-Oct. The dates are: April 12, May 10, June 14, July 12, Aug. 9, Sept. 13, Oct. 11. There will be great music by DJ Richie The Flash, fun and prizes, plus great people and their cars on Broadway.



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Officers of Luke A. Lovely American Legion Post #62 dropped off a donation of food and jackets to the First Presbyterian Church of South Amboy food pantry on Saturday March 4th, following their participation in a food distribution event sponsored by Ocean State Job Lot and Project Freedom Villages. (Photo/info submitted)

Talk Of The Towns
By Tom Burkard
Congratulations Bob “Zak” Sekerak
Commander Bob “Zak” Sekerak has stepped down after leading the Luke A. Lovely American Legion Post 62 of South Amboy for 18 years, (including the last 11 consecutively)! What a tremendous run, and such dedication for our great veterans! Congratulations, “Zak” on your outstanding service! Joe Szaro of South Amboy is the Legion’s new commander, and The SATimes wishes him much success always!

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! 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.

Quackenbush Retires
(Info submitted)
The entire Board and staff of the MCUA would like to congratulate Roy Quackenbush on his Retirement!
Mr. Quackenbush started his career at MCUA on 1/2/2008 as a Project Coordinator and continued doing remarkable work in that position, throughout his entire career at MCUA.
We wish Roy well in retirement and thank him for his hard work and dedication throughout the years!

Sayreville Recreation
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we are very proud of this accomplishment.
Kindness day will return again this year as part of the Borough’s comprehensive Summer schedule. Registration information for all of the Recreation Department’s programs can be found at <https://sayrevillenj.myrec.com/info/activities/>.

The New Jersey Recreation and Park Association (NJRPA) is dedicated to enhancing the lives of all New Jersey residents by supporting outstanding park, recreation, and natural resources management programs. Since 1928, the efforts initiated by NJRPA and its membership have resulted in tangible benefits for communities throughout the state. The mission and goals of NJRPA are pursued by the 700 volunteer members of the Association: professionals and citizens working in state, county, municipal, non-profit and private park, recreation, health and conservation agencies; students and faculty at colleges and universities; and commercial suppliers of parks and recreation products and services.

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

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Pleasant Little TRIVIA

By Tom Burkard

1. Grand Marshal of St. Patrick's Day Parade in 1998?
a. Ed Semoneit b. Mike O'Dowd c. Mary Kate Shanahan

2. In '98, where was Bayside Garden Center located in Sayreville?
a. Melrose b. President Park c. Morgan

3. The 1998 "Irishman of the Year" selected by the South Amboy Irish-American Association?
a. Seamus O'Brien b. John T. O'Leary Jr. c. Michael McDonald

4. This popular bar/restaurant was located on Cecelia St. in Sayreville back in 1998?
a. Polonaise Inn b. Big Ed's c. Sayreville Bar

5. Back in '98, this deli was located at the corner of Ridgeway Ave./Raritan St. in South Amboy?
a. New Deluxe Deli b. Miller's Corner c. Larry's Deli/Diner

6. Sacred Heart School Principal in 1998?
a. Sister Suzette Siciliano b. Sister Barbara Ann Kemmerer c. Sister Mary Charity

7. Where is Pride Landscaping located in Sayreville?
a. Ernston Rd. b. Rt. 9 South c. Jernee Mill Rd.

8. This seafood business was located at North Broadway, South Amboy in 2003?
a. SA Fish & Chips b. Off The Hook c. Bay City Fishery

9. In 2013, this person organized "Songs For Sandy," a fundraiser for the victims of Superstorm Sandy?
a. Jerry Smith b. Clem Skarzynski c. Emerson Jones

10. Grand Marshal of the Sayreville Memorial Day Parade in 2018?
a. Ed Strek b. Rich Kosmoski c. Frank Straczynski Jr.

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

Kiernan Graduates
FBI National
Academy

Sayreville Police Captain Patrick J. Kiernan has graduated as a member of the 285th session of the FBI National Academy. The graduation took place at the National Academy in Quantico, Virginia on March 16th, 2023. Captain Kiernan is the second officer in department history to complete this prestigious program. Nationally, fewer than one percent of officers have the opportunity to attend the program.

Internationally known for its academic excellence, the National Academy offers ten weeks of advanced communication, leadership, and fitness training. Participants must have proven records as professionals within their agencies to attend. On average, these officers have 21 years of law enforcement experience and usually return to their agencies to serve in executive-level positions.

The 285th session consisted of 247 law enforcement officers from 47 states and the District of Columbia. The class included members of law enforcement agencies from 28 countries, four military organizations, and 5 federal civilian organizations. To date, a total of 54,154 graduates have completed



Sayreville Police Captain Patrick J. Kiernan

the FBI National Academy since it began in 1935. The National Academy is held at the FBI Training Academy in Quantico, the same facility where the FBI trains its new special agents and intelligence analysts. Congratulations Captain Patrick J. Kiernan!



South Amboy Elementary Academic
Achievement For Trimester 2-2022/2023

FOURTH GRADE-HIGH HONOR ROLL: Thomas Downs, Meraj Mannan, and Anthony Melia.

HONORROLL: Abigail Camacho, Braylin Castillo, Taran Chinglepet, Glenn Davis, Michael Donnelly, James Eccles, Gianna Martins, Jadel Miranda, Serina Mount, Jaxon Ortiz, Emma Portuhondo, Kyle Soper, Iva Trailovic and Kallista Tsoukas.

FIFTH GRADE-HIGH HONOR ROLL: Emma Smith

HONOR ROLL: Ariana Aronowitz, Adam

Bashir, Mickaila Belle, Ayden Brexel, Harlie-Quinn Byrd, Logan Cerria, Bryce Errar, Journee Freeman, Zoey Fulham, Bob Gavino-Sanchez, Janallee Gomez, Olivia Hernandez, Austin Holovacko, Raven Jantas, Alina Joubert, Arianna Kross, Nevaeh McLeod, Kelly O'Neill, Esmeily Perez-Baez, Kyrie Piper, Nathaniel Pitsios, Ethan Rinehart, Jacob Romaniuk, Avry Roque, Antonio Sambucci, Joniel Santos Ruiz, Mohammed Shammaa, Myles Sipsis, and Zah'Kyri Whitehead Rudd.

FROM THE DESK OF
TOM REILLY

Next month is a special month for the municipal government. As many you may know, New Jersey Local Government Week is held every April, and our city is one of the many municipalities around the state that will host a variety of programs to engage residents, highlight our city's beauty, and express appreciation for the dedicated work of our volunteers and municipal staff. This is a special time for our city to encourage and celebrate civic duty and education, community strength, volunteerism, and local pride.

South Amboy will hold its events on April 19. To begin the day the Fire Department, First Aid, Police Department, and Office of Emergency Management will be conducting an open house from 4-7 pm at the Independence Fire House on Broadway. Next at 6:00, South Amboy Elementary School's 5th Grade Government Club will hold its annual mock council meeting in the city council chambers. Come down and watch our future leaders conduct a meeting and introduce their own ordinance. Just before the official meeting begins the City Council will recognize the winner of



the civic pride essay contest. Finally, the Council will issue official proclamations recognizing two extraordinary citizens for their volunteer contributions to our City. All are invited to attend.

On a related note, I hope all our residents will join me in wishing our new business administrator and former South Amboy Police Officer, Dave Kales, the best of luck in his new role.

As always, remember to patronize our local businesses and say thank you to our first responders and veterans.

Respectfully
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2nd Ward Councilman
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Yearbook-Hoffman 1973

By Tom Burkard

As the Hoffman High School Class of 1973 returned to school in September, 1972, they most likely turned up the radio dial in their cars and listened to top songs like “Brandy,” “Alone Again (Naturally),” and “Black and White” by Three Dog Night... John Olexa was the school principal, and popular teachers back in the day were Mary Ann Fortier, Robert Guido, Linda McCorkle, Nancy Smith, John Sullivan, Patricia Van Dyk... The yearbook was dedicated to Robert Bloodgood, and the Editor-In-Chief was Amy Vari. Senior class officers were President-Pamela Purcell; Vice-President-Karen Kulcsar; Secretary-Michelle Zulin; Treasurer-Amy Vari... One of the most fun social activities was The Megaton concert on Dec. 12, 1972... Kathy Dooling was the Secretary of the Student Council, and recalled being hospitalized for surgery, and missed the concert, but was thrilled when the band called her at the hospital from the concert... The Student-Faculty games were also a huge hit with students, as was the Class Trip to Mt. Airy Lodge in the Poconos for 3 days and 2 nights... How many remember the “Raised Voices” cookbook?... On the national scope in ’73, former President Lyndon B. Johnson died in January... The Energy Crisis hit, with dim outs of city lights, and there were lines for gasoline... Vice-President Spiro T. Agnew resigned, and Congress was calling for the impeachment of President Richard M. Nixon, for the Watergate cover-up... Some Class of ’73 members selected randomly include: Irene Ambroziak, Wayne Applegate, Roberta Ferencz, Glenn Hisey, Robert Kokowitz, Claudette Johnson, Kevin McCarthy, Richard Mann, Jane McCarthy, Phil Rainone, Peggy Ann Pappa, Margaret Prusakowski, Edward Szaro, Debbie Stolte, John Verchik, Colleen Tarallo, Sharon Wood, Mary Lou Ziobro... Talented senior athletes included: Thomas Szatkowski, Pamela Purcell, Laura Mundy, Mary O’Leary, Dennis Poulson, Mario Navarette, Margaret Mason, Doris Kubinak, Kerry Kojzar, Laurie Johnson, Timothy Dill, Patricia Dubial, Wayne Applegate... The prom was truly a night to remember, as Tom Szatkowski and Kathy Dooling were chosen King & Queen... “My Love” by Paul McCartney & Wings was the #1 hit in the nation during cap ‘n’ gowns time, while Hoffman High’s very interesting and energetic Class of 1973 was getting ready to make a positive impact in the world.


Citizen Of The Year-Mary Szaro



South Amboy Elks Citizen Of The Year Mary Szaro (holding plaque) is pictured with (l-r) Son Ken Kokoszka, Mary, husband Joe Szaro and her daughter in law Amy Kokoszka. (Photo Submitted)

South Amboy Elks Honor Citizen of The Year

On Saturday March 4th the South Amboy Elks Honored Mary Szaro as their Citizen of The Year. Mary was born and raised in South Amboy. She is a Professional Registered Nurse and has held several positions within the healthcare system. Mary is the President and founding member of the Historical Society of South Amboy and was the organizer of the Historic Preservation Commission of South Amboy. She currently serves as a Chairwoman of the City of South Amboy Planning/Zoning Board, where she has been a member since 2016. Mary is also a member of various organizations within the town; Luke A. Lovely American Legion Auxiliary; Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians/ Middlesex County Div.1, South Amboy; City of South Amboy Green Team; President of the NJ Chapter- Association of Professional Genealogists; Genealogical Society of New Jersey; and Daughters of the American Revolution. The South Amboy Elks is proud to congratulate Mary on all her achievements and being such an asset to the community.



Pictured (l-r) Americanism Chairperson, Phyllis Letteriello, Citizen of the Year Mary Szaro, and Exalted Ruler Melissa Bobbins. (Photo/Submitted)

Take Out Fish Fry

OLV Knights of Columbus and the OLV Columbiettes Lenten Take Out Fish Fry located at the Sayreville Knights of Columbus, 775 Washington Road, Parlin (across from the Post Office). Our menu includes Fried Flounder Platters, Fried Shrimp Platters and Combo Platters all which include Salad, Vegetable, French Fries & Dessert. Also available are Fish Sandwiches which include French Fries.

The remaining Fish Fry Dates are 3/31, & 4/7/2023. Time: 4:30 - 7:00 p.m. Reminder: this is a Take Out Only dinner. We are unable to take call ahead/phone orders. We hope to see you soon!

Wind Creek Trip April 30

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 are running a trip to Wind Creek Casino Bethlehem PA Sunday April 30. Cost of \$35 includes round trip motor coach transportation, \$25 back in slot money play, and refreshments. Bus will leave the K of C parking lot at 9 AM To reserve your seat, call Steve at 732-727-1707, or 732-721-2025 and leave a message.





The Wienermobile Visits New Jersey

By Chelle Martin

On October 16, 2022, I had the opportunity to meet and greet the Hotdoggers of the nationally renowned Oscar Mayer Wienermobile. The popular vehicle was on hand for Old Bridge Bark for Life at Mannino Park.

While local merchants manned their booths to showcase pet-themed products and services, visitors to the park were offered the opportunity to see inside the giant vehicle that sits on a motor home chassis.

The hotdog themed interior, decked out in Oscar Mayer colors, was quite plush and comfortable. And, although visitors weren't allowed behind the wheel, the dashboard controls looked very impressive.

Young and old were quite taken with this beloved iconic vehicle. Who knows what will make its way into New Jersey next—maybe the Wheel of Fortune bus?



Chelle Martin checks out the Oscar Mayer Wienermobile.

Fresh Sunflower Bouquet Sale

The Sacred Heart Council of Catholic Women will sponsor a sunflower bouquet sale. All proceeds will provide humanitarian aid to the people of Ukraine. The price of the bouquets will be \$12 each. They will be available on Saturday, April 22 from 1:30-5:30 PM and Sunday, April 23 from 7:30AM-1PM in front of Sacred Heart Memorial Hall, 529 Washington Avenue, South Amboy.

All proceeds to provide humanitarian aid to the people of Ukraine. Questions? Virginia, 732-721-1521. Sponsored by the Sacred Heart Council of Catholic Women.

Prayer & Faith Sharing Group

(Article submitted)

This is an invitation to our Prayer & Faith Sharing group to meet every 4th Wednesday starting at 11 am in St. Pat's Hall at St. Mary's Church. Many things are wrong with the world...Strength and hope will be found in Scripture. For questions or more information, please contact Pat at: 732-727-2768.



South Amboy Elks

The South Amboy Elks are having Italian Night on Saturday April 15th from 5:30-7:30pm. This is a By Reservation Only Event. Our delicious buffet will include Meat Lasagna, Eggplant Parmigiana, Pasta with Broccoli in Garlic Sauce, Salad, Garlic Bread, Desert coffee and tea. The cost is \$18 per person, you can call 732-727-7170 for reservations and advance tickets.

Smoker Raffle & BBQ

The South Amboy Elks are raffling off a Traeger Pellet Smoker/Grill as a fundraiser. Tickets are available at our lodge and are \$5.00 a chance (license# RL-23-03 Id# 4446-29541R). The Winning ticket will be drawn on Friday April 28th at 7:00 pm. during our Smokin BBQ Dinner. This dinner will start at 5:30pm and run until 7:30. On the menu is a combo of BBQ chicken and baby back ribs with homemade baked beans, mac-n-cheese, coleslaw, and cornbread. The price is \$18 in advance and \$20 at the door. Please call us at 732-727-7170 for more information, reservations and tickets, Thank you in advance for your support.

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From The Officers And Members Of The South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council #426



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Dowdell Library News

Celebrate National Library Week this month at the Dowdell Library. Our April schedule is blooming with fresh new programs and services.

The library is offering free take-home COVID tests and a chance to win a 109th birthday gardening basket for adults who participate in one of the in-person or virtual programs. The drawing will take place on April 28th during National Library Week.

Rock out with the Rock/Metal group "Self Sabotage," on Thursday, April 27 from 6:30-8 pm. The members are Garry Woods (Bass), Adrian Gonzalez (Guitar), Hannah Sanford (Guitar), and Nick DiForti (Drums). Refreshments! Make Your Own Sundae!

On exhibit this month are oil paintings by Frederick W. Klemens and unique beaded art by Connie Crystal. Stop by and admire these new exhibits!

Adults, The Senior Book Club will meet on Monday, April 24 from 10:30 am – 11:30 am Stop by the Library to pick up this month's book. Want to join? Just contact the library at 732-721-6060.

Adults and Teens! Join us for the Crocheting and Knitting Circle on Mondays from 3:30-5 pm and 6:30-8 pm. Play BINGO on Monday, April 10 from 10:30 am-11:30 am. Small, non-monetary prizes will be awarded.

Dowdell Library, in collaboration with Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital and RWJ Barnabas Health, offers online virtual health programs. Some courses include Stress Reduction through Imagery

Religious Milestones

The following sisters have taught at local Catholic schools in either South Amboy or Sayreville, or were born/raised here, and have recently celebrated religious milestones in their long and successful careers.

Mercy Sister Mary Pauline Kuntne-(75 years), was born and raised in Parlin; Mercy Sister Rose Mary Malague (75 years), was vice principal at St. Mary's HS; Mercy Sister Mary Petrina Peters (75 years), served at Our Lady of Victories (OLV) School, Sayreville; Mercy Sister Mary Amadeo Morganti (70 years), taught Mathematics and Physics at St. Mary's HS in the 60's and 70's, and also grades 6-8 at OLV; Mercy Sister Mildred Rossiter (70 years), taught at St. Mary's Grammar School in the 1960's; Felician Sister Cynthia Marie Babyak (60 years), taught at St. Stanislaus Kostka School, Sayreville; Felician Sister Rebecca Piatek (60 years), attended religious education at St. Stanislaus Kostka in Sayreville as a young girl.

Congratulations to all of the sisters on your outstanding milestones, and a huge thank you for all you have done for the youth of America, through your dedicated and caring teaching in Parochial schools and education.

OLV Senior April Meeting

The OLV Seniors will hold their April meeting on Friday, April 14th at 12 noon in Monsignor Dalton Hall. Wearing of the spring and easter colors for the April meeting. After the business portion of the meeting, we will have our traditional Easter luncheon. The price is \$15.00. Call Carmen to place and pay for your luncheon at 732-254-9425 no later than April 5th.

New trips for 2023 will be announced at this meeting. A \$20.00 deposit is required at time of sign-up. There will be a schedule of payment dates for the multi-day trips.

Food donations for St. Vincent de Paul will continue for the 2022-2023 year. Please bring your canned goods donation to the meeting.

For further questions please contact Teri Yetsko, OLV Senior Group President at 732-727-7639.

Palm Sunday Breakfast

St. Stan's Building and Grounds presents - Palm Sunday unlimited breakfast extravaganza on Sunday, April 2nd from 8 am to 11 am, in the school cafeteria. (221 Macarthur Avenue, Sayreville). Food selections include: homemade pancakes, pork roll, potato pancakes, bacon, sausage, scrambled eggs, breakfast potatoes, coffee, tea, and juice. Adults \$15, Children under 12 \$7. Tickets are now available in the parish office, before & after most masses or calling Brian at (732) 535 - 8670, Parish Office at (732) 254 -0212.



South Amboy Elks National Foundations awards committee selected Sayreville's Morgan First Aid Squad to receive a grant for \$2,000. The grant will be used to replenish the supplies used during the Covid-19 pandemic. In photo (l-r) is Elks National Foundation Chairman Valentine Tarr, member Jose Toribi, Elks Exalted Ruler Mesllia Bobbins and Vice President Jessica Guarrera. (Photo/info submitted)

My Window
By John Flip Phillips

It's amazing what you can see if you only take the time to look. Over the last several years I have had a number of medical issues including two hip and knee replacements as well as other health issues. I spend a lot of time now in my sunroom or on our patio overlooking the golf course watching the golfers here at Sea Oaks. My golf days are all but over, but I still like to watch. However, golf is not the real purpose of this little story. Over the last couple of years, I've learned to appreciate animal activity as it plays out in front of me: birds, squirrels and deer.

When I was a young guy I thought people who spent their leisure time watching birds were a little"....." I did not have time for that foolishness. After all there was basketball, baseball, hanging out with the guys and girls. And as a Marine I did not spend my off-duty time watching birds. But now those little creatures have my attention.

I purchased a few bird feeders and a bird bath and now I have a show performed in my backyard every day. I get up early (around 5am with my little puppy Gracie) and have my coffee, read the newspaper and check for e-mails. And then like magic the show begins. The birds "fuss" and chase each other as they try to get their place on the feeder. They come and go, go and come all day. Have you ever watched a bird take

a "bath"? I wondered why the bird bath kept getting empty. They splash like wild, and water splashes up and out all over the place. Then they fly off to a branch on a tree and flap their wings like crazy to dry out. So, out I go to replenish the water. I also put up several bird houses. And to my surprise they get occupied. A bird comes and checks it out, then off it goes only to return again. Then it picks up pine needles and starts to build the nest. This is a slow but steady process, but it's finally finished and before long you hear little chirps. AMAZING!

Now, let me talk about a "small" problem, squirrels. They are cute little things, but they will eat all of the bird feed in "one" sitting. So, I take great care to make sure I put the feeders in a secure place with easy access for the birds. But the squirrels keep trying and often find bird feed. And, lest I forget the deer. We live in the Pine Barrens and deer have the run of the area. In the early morning they like to use the golf course fairways as a recreation area until the golfers take over.

Some reading this might say: John (Flip) get a life! I agree, but it is what it is. I am still here. And I am happy sharing life with my wife Iris. We have been happily married for over 60 years. Iris and I are both South Amboy alumni. The city where we grew up, met and started our life's journey together..

ANNUAL SPRING FISH DINNER

The Camp Dill Foundation and the Old Timers of Troop 91 will be having their annual Spring Fish Dinner on May 9, 2023 in the parking lot of the First Presbyterian Church of South Amboy. The event will be a totally "drive-by" take-out only dinner. The time of the event will be 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and the cost is \$17.00 per dinner.

ALL TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE. For ticket information, call

732-899-6074 or e-mail djsibol@aol.com. Ticket mail orders with payment can be sent to Dan Sibol, 90 Meridian Drive, Brick, NJ 08724.

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



New Officers Selected



2023-2024 Officers of Luke A. Lovely American Legion Post #62. Standing (l-r) Adjutant Bob Moglia, Third Vice-Commander Brian McQuade, Chaplin Jan Williams, Commander Joe Szaro, Judge Advocate Ed Peterson, Historian Gary Poland, First Vice-Commander Bob "Zak" Sekerak. Kneeling (l-r) Financial Officer Ken Kokoszka, Service Officer & Sergeant-at-Arms Ryan Wilde. Missing from the photo is Second Vice-Commander Tom Noble. (Photo/info submitted)

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**Sayreville Library
News**

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Join Vinnie Bruno, rock music historian as he takes you through the story of The Beach Boys. See the story of how they rose and grew into the musical icon they are today. Complete with audio clips and behind the scenes photos, this trip through musical history is sure to rock.
Registration required.
Register Online or call 732-727-0212 Ext 112.

Career Coaching Insights
Thursday, April 6@6PM (In-Person)
Monday, April 24 @6PM (Virtual)
Join us for another interactive career development session. In this session, learn how to develop confidence in your job-searching skills using confidence building exercises and tactics.
The April 24 session is a Virtual session. Registration required to get the zoom link. Register online or call 732-727-0212 Ext 112.

Therapy Through Paint
Monday, April 17 @6PM
Art is a great form of therapy. Come and join us for this relaxing art session with Miryam Doty. Find new and fascinating ways to let go of negative thoughts, focus your energy on the positive and paint some pretty pictures. Materials will be provided. Registration Required. Register online or call 732-727-0212 Ext 112.

Tuesday Movie Matinee
Tuesday, April 18 @1PM
Join us for our monthly movie matinee. This month: Belfast, a drama directed by Kenneth Branagh. Rated PG-13/97 mins
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By Al Gomolka Jr.
Times Poet Laureate
c. 1994

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Animals roam, now
thawed from the freeze
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spring 's breeze
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To be eligible, students must reside in the South Amboy or Sayreville area and must submit an essay -- no longer than 500 words -- describing how he or she serves the community, how that service has helped enrich the lives of others as well as him/herself and how he or she hopes to continue to be service-minded after high school. Essays should be emailed to christchurchsawwp@gmail.com no later than April 15.

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The Smoke Column

By Ex-Chief Richard Kosmoski, B.A., M.S.

March 2023 marks the 112th anniversary of one of the most infamous fires in New York City History. Many firefighters have heard of this fire at sometime during their training or through training publications. This tragic loss of life occurred because of greed and the advantages taken by the owners of the company. The Triangle ShirtWaist Factory fire occurred on March 25, 1911. The building, as its name implies, is triangular in shape and is located on the corner of Greene Street and Washington Place. The factory produced women’s blouses, known at that time as “shirtwaists.” The factory normally employed about five hundred workers,

many of them working nine hours a day on weekdays and seven hours on Saturdays. The factory production facilities were located on the eighth, ninth, and tenth floors of this ten-story building. Most of the workers were Italian and Jewish immigrant women between the ages of 16 to 23. Their earnings for fifty-two hours of work ranged between \$7 and \$12 a week. A widespread practice in this factory was to lock the doors to the stairwells and exits once the workers arrived at their jobs. The reason for this practice was to prevent workers from taking unauthorized breaks and reduce theft. As the workday came to a close on the afternoon of Saturday, March 25, 1911,

a fire flared-up at approximately 4:40pm in a scrap bin under one of the cutter’s tables at the northeast corner of the eighth floor. The initial fire alarm was reported at 4:45pm by a passer-by who saw smoke coming from the eighth-floor windows. Although smoking was banned from the factory, cutters were known to sneak cigarettes, exhaling the smoke through their lapels to avoid detection which would lead to termination. Very quickly fire and smoke traveled upward into the ninth and tenth floors. The ninth floor had a number of exits, two freight elevators, a fire escape, and stairways down to the street but flames from the fire prevented workers from descending

the Greene Street stairway, and the door to the Washington Place stairway was locked to prevent theft. The foreman that had the key to the stairwell exit door had already escaped the fire conditions by another route. As employees crammed themselves into the freight elevators, the rails buckled under the intense heat of the fire and trapped them in the cars. Others attempted to escape to the roof with little success. There were 146 casualties as a result of this fire, many jumping over one hundred feet to their deaths as they tried in vain to escape the fire.

Following this tragedy, the New York State Legislature created the Factory Investigating Commission to “investigate factory conditions in this and other cities in the state and report remedial measures of legislation to prevent hazards or loss of life among employees through fire, unsanitary conditions, and occupational diseases.” As a result, sixty new laws recommended by the commission became law. The International Ladies’ Garment Workers Union (ILGWU) was established and its intent was to institute better working conditions for sweatshop workers. After the fire, the building was refurbished and sold to Frederick Brown who in 1929 donated it to NYU and was renamed in his honor. The Brown Building was added to the National Register of Historic Places and designated a National Historic Landmark on July 17, 1991. On March 25, 2003, it was named a New York City Landmark and as of 2020, it hosts classrooms and science labs. Memorial plaques to commemorate the victims of the “Triangle Shirt Waist Factory Fire” and hung throughout the building.





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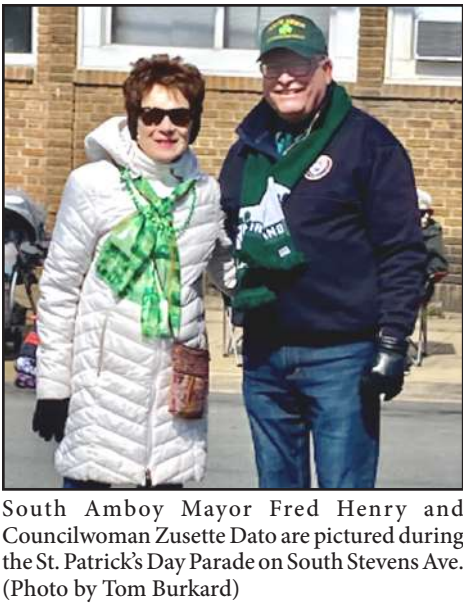


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What Exit?

This month we are looking for the Garden State Parkway exit that will take you to the Where in NJ. Send your answer to satiimes@aol.com by April 17th.



What Exit?

**By Brian and Phyllis Stratton
February What Exit:**

To get to last month's where in NJ, you would take NJ Turnpike exits 1 or 2. The following got it right:- Edna Pilch, John & JoAnn French, Pam and Mark DePazza, Thomas Harrigan, Betty Leveille, Pat Scully, Pete McIntyre, Mark Moniello, Ed English, Gary Feret, Laurie & Gary Loftus, Dane Colburn, Walter Starzec Jr.

Sadie Pope Dowdell Library
Celebrating 109 years of service during National Library Week

The Dowdell Library has continuously led the way introducing the latest technology and trends for the residents of South Amboy. The community's newly renovated, modern facility serves as a library without walls, as services are available in person or online. The library has evolved to meet the community's growing needs – such as free health, legal, tax assistance, cooking, maker space STEM programs, knitting circle, family, cultural programs, virtual programs, 3D printing, special summer programs, or toddler play dates for caregivers. Stay connected with the Wi-Fi, charge your device, meet a friend by the comfortable seating areas, or take advantage of a quiet study space. The Library is a community hub and offers programs year round for toddlers, kids, teens and adults for in-person or virtual programming through the library's YouTube channel. Lifelong learning opportunities are available 24/7/365 through the streamlined JerseyClicks information resource for K-12 and academic and business needs, BrainFuse live tutoring, in addition to online resume preparation assistance, practice SAT and citizenship tests, online genealogy resources, and computer instruction. Additionally, online access to diverse digital services such as Hoopla, eLibraryNJ and the Libby App offer free downloadable materials such as streaming movies, eBooks, eAudiobooks, digital comics, and current magazines for any device. Just log onto the library's website at dowdell.org to get started. At this time, the most frequently accessed online services are the library's digitized historical documents, high school yearbooks and local newspapers; grant funding was obtained to preserve South Amboy's history.

The library is a member of the Libraries of Middlesex Consortium, which provides library patrons access to more than 5 million items which can be delivered at no charge for South Amboy residents. Dowdell Library staff introduces South Amboy elementary school students to their public library with weekly tours and Middle/High School teachers utilize the public library after school to tutor students. Other community partners include the Dowdell Library Foundation and the City of South Amboy.

Curious how to obtain a library card with access to all the free services? Anyone who lives or works in South Amboy is eligible. Make sure to stop in! The library is offering free take-home COVID tests and a chance to win a 109th birthday gardening basket for adults who participate in one of the in-person or virtual programs.

Library hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 10 am – 8 pm; Wednesday, Friday 10 am – 5 pm and Saturday 12 Noon to 4 pm. The Library is adjacent to the South Amboy High School off John T. O'Leary Blvd. Contact the library for more information at 732-721-6060 or comments@dowdell.org.

**Christ Church Prom Dress Drive Through
April 15th**

Every teen deserves a dream prom experience, and Christ Episcopal Church South Amboy wants to make that dream a reality. You too can help by donating gently used and new prom dresses of all lengths and sizes, evening shoes, and accessories such as jewelry, purses and hair clips. Our prom dress drive runs from now through April 15th, 2023. Items can be dropped off daily from 10:00 AM to 5:00PM to Broadway Image at 104 S. Broadway, South Amboy and Sadie Pope Dowdell Public Library, 100 Governor Harold G Hoffmann Plaza, South Amboy. Items may also be dropped off at Christ Church Memorial Hall , 220 Main Street, South Amboy on Friday March 24th from 5:30PM to 7:00 PM and Saturday March 25th from 2:00PM to 4:00PM. For alternative drop off arrangements call text Linda at 908-812-7988 or Donna at 732-309-8161.

Happy Easter To All



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The Vintage Car Contest

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton



Can you identify this vehicle? Send your answer to satimes@aol.com by April 17th.

Last month's vehicle was a Mercury Lynx LS3, it was the sister car to the Ford Escort and was actually the first new car I bought! The following got it right: Ginny Severino, Edna Pilch, Mary Fitzgerald and Martin Fitzgerald, John & JoAnn French, Betty Leveille, Pat Scully, Pete McIntyre, Steve Villig, Mark Moniello, Dee Ostrowski, Ed English, Bruce Grankowski, Gary Feret, Laurie & Gary Loftus, Walter Starzec Jr.



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The current lineup for the fabulous Clem and Friends, Central Jersey's #1 Classic Rock band features (l-r) Fran Fee, Jim Heuer, Scott Bishop, Pat Mara, Matt Esposito, Craig Hoek, Clem Skarzynski.

Rumbles from the Rock and Roll Reunion

By Clem Skarzynski

Greetings Rock and Rollers, the season for “live outdoor music”is just about here! The 2023 lineup for Central Jerseys #1 Classic Rock Band, ”Clem and Friends” is set. Newest member, Pat Mara, longtime and current drummer with R.P.M., will nail down the Percussion end of the group, Scott Lee Bishop, Keyboardist with “The Paul Nagy Project”will be the “Key Man” on the ebony and ivory, Guitar guys Fran Fee and Jim Heuer ,will provide the harmonies on their 6 stringers and vocals, Matt Esposito, longtime bassist from the “Spider Daniels Blues Band,” of which I the writer had the pleasure and honor to “jam” with on some awesome Blues over the years, will provide the Classic Rock bottom end on his Fender Bass, myself, the writer, will try to assist these guys with some guitar and vocal work, while the Tenor Sax Man Supreme, Mr.Craig Hoek,who has worked with countless recording artists and groups, and endless local bands, will easily provide that “much needed Rock ‘n’ Roll Sax when playing Classic Rock..Fran Fee will see to that for certain! We’re awaiting word on South Amboy’s possible July 3rd Fireworks Show, but as of now, we’re looking forward to The Sayreville Boro’s annual “Blast from the Past” Car show on Saturday, Sept.16th from 5 to 8 pm, then, the following day, Sunday Sept.17th ”Sayreville Day” with both events being held at Sayreville’s Kennedy Park.. The Boro’s Rec Dept.Director, Brian Van Dongen, along with Jeffery Schnitzer, and Cheryl McQuade, and other staff members will certainly put together a great weekend of family entertainment. Mr.Richie “D.J.Richie ‘Hart with the Just us Cruisers Car Club, will put together a fantastic car show with clubs and classic cars and hot rods from all over N.J. and N.Y. Rain Dates for both shows are..23rd and 24th of Sept...Mark the calendar guys and gals..Sunday Oct.29th we’re on tap for St.Stan’s of Sayreville 3rd annual Car Show, on the Church Grounds, 1 to 4 pm..Last year’s show was beyond phenomenal! Over 250 cars crowded into the Church Grounds. ‘Clem and Friends” rocked the crowd with over 4 hours of Rock n Roll, along with DJ Richie Hart spinning the CD’S to the crowd's favorite “oldies”and rock n roll..A packed House ensued..just an awesome turnout, and the weather! 74 degrees! This show is to honor the late Jerry Ust, former Rec Director of Sayreville for his tireless efforts of 17 plus years of putting on the Sayreville Car Show, now being done by Brian Van Dongen, Sayrevilles current

Top 25 Song Shootout

The Top 25 most-viewed songs/videos on our Facebook page were: 1-Happy Together-The Turtles; 2-Country Roads-Kenny K & The Way; 3-I’m Your Captain-Grand Funk Railroad; 4-Cats In The Cradle-Harry Chapin; 5-Surfer Girl-The Beach Boys; 6-Baby Don’t Get Hooked On Me-B.J. Thomas; 7-Everything Is Beautiful-Ray Stevens; 8-The Living Years-Mike & The Mechanics; 9-It’s My Life-The Animals; 10-Still The Same-Bob Seger/The Silver Bullet Band; 11-Sweet Child O’ Mine-Guns N’ Roses; 12-Sweet Caroline-

Director at the Kennedy Park location. Brian and Tony Jackowski and their staff at St. Stan’s were gracious enough to have us there to assist in their efforts and to present trophies to car owners in the name of Jerry Ust and Tommy Samuels for their individual efforts ..their efforts came to fruition with an awesome packed house and successful show for St. Stan’s..Paul Nagy Project doing well..Successful show at last years Dec.10th show, and there March 11th show was a great nite of “classic rock”..Local icon and 1 of the “Godfathers of local rock,” Mr.Darryl James, guitarist from the legendary “Roger Johnson and the Hubcaps,” is in the process of writing a book on his years with the band from the late 50’s to 1967..a band which I had the honor of being a part of from 1965 thru 1967, and again in 1998, being dubbed” an honorary member,”by Mr.Roger Johnson. I've been assisting Darryl with info and pics and history of local groups i've gathered since the early 90’s, to help him with his project.. The book will talk of “The Caps” beginning adventures and gigs throughout the years.. He's also adding a chapter or 2 on “Megaton,” the local group with the most “longevity” in our area..Gonna be a fun book..I've been helping with the editing, etc., as local icons, Glenn Giles, and Greg Origo, will also be doing..when done I'll pass it along to you, the readers..And to close out, sad day, Tuesday March 7th, end of an era-HyWay Music on Rt.18,East Brunswick,closed its doors after over 60 years serving us local musicians for all our musical needs. I, the writer, had the opportunity to work there from 1969 to the mid 70’s, with Sonny Paige, and John Kunilich. After various other managers. came and went, John Orlick took over the reins until its closing. John was a “Master Repairman.” I had many lessons under his watchful eye over the years, as I began my shop in 1969, and progressed through the years, learning from John Kunlich, and mostly from John Orlick. He was always willing to show you any repair procedure, and all “his tricks”..a true gentleman! John’s list of repair customers is “endless,” who will all miss his expertise, friendliness, and being there for you when needed! More to follow on John and his career at “Hyway” in my next column..John, we all wish you nothing but the best for an enjoyable retirement, and John, my shop..is your shop. You are welcome here to continue your magic for your years of customers..Till next issue..be well,safe and happy!

Neil Diamond; 13-Desperado-The Eagles; 14-We’re All Alone-Boz Scaggs; 15-Havin’ A Party-Southside Johnny/The Asbury Jukes; 16-You’ve Got A Friend-James Taylor; 17-I’ll Have To Say I Love You In A Song-Jim Croce; 18-Maggie May-Rod Stewart; 19-We Just Disagree-Dave Mason; 20-Gimme Some Lovin’-The Spencer Davis Group; 21-Sweet City Woman-The Stampeters; 22-More Than Words-Extreme; 23-Sunshine (Go Away Today)-Jonathan Edwards; 24-Every Rose Has A Thorn-Poison; 25-Reach Out Of The Darkness-Friend & Lover.

Second Time Around

St. Bernadette’s Knights of Columbus will be presenting a special fundraising event with “Second Time Around” a NJ duet that will feature music of the 50’s/60’s/70’s on May 20th at 7 pm (doors open at 6:15). Bring your own refreshments. Advance ticket sales are \$25 p/p. Tickets may be purchased by check or PayPal. Mail checks payable to: St. Bernadette K of C and send to: Bill Bathe, 3711 Wells Dr., Parlin, NJ 08859. All purchased tickets will be available at the door. All proceeds will go to charity.

#1 Pop Hits-March 31

- 2009-Right Round-Flo Rida
- 1995-Take A Bow-Madonna
- 1980-Another Brick In The Wall-Pink Floyd
- 1972-A Horse With No Name-America
- 1966-The Ballad Of The Green Berets-SSgt. Barry Sadler
- 1959-Venus-Frankie Avalon

One Hit Wonders 45 Years Ago

1978-Short People-Randy Newman; Because The Night-The Patti Smith Group; King Tut-Steve Martin; Magnet And Steel-Walter Egan; Fool (If You Think It’s Over)-Chris Rea; Love Is In The Air-John Paul Young; Hot Child In The City-Nick Gilder; I Love The Nightlife-Alicia Bridges.

Elvis Tribute April 22

The great Richie Santa of Sayreville, who is one of the top Elvis Tribute Artists (ETA) in the country, will be back by popular demand at Garvey’s Pub, 405 Spotswood-Gravel Hill Rd. on Saturday, April 22 at 7 p.m. Call 732-521-3311 for reservations, as his last show was sold out. Cost is \$10 p/p at the door.

Riley’s Touch A Truck

Remember to save the date for Riley’s Touch A Truck, which will be held on Sunday May 7th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at South Amboy High School. The event is sponsored by The Rone Family and South Amboy HS baseball team. Don’t miss it!

#1 Country Hits March 31

- 2004-Watch The Wind Blow By-Tim McGraw
- 1993-When My Ship Comes In-Clint Black
- 1988-Turn It Loose-The Judds
- 1970-The Fightin’ Side Of Me-Merle Haggard
- 1968-A World Of Our Own-Sonny James
- 1957-There You Go-Johnny Cash

My Memories From The 60’s

By Robert W. Eginton
It was baseball and Ballanatine,
The Beatles singing “I Feel Fine,”
Muhammad Ali stinging like a bee
My high school prom,Vietnam,
The Munsters on TV
Playing Mousetrap and Monopoly,
Roger Maris hitting #61,
Ben Stiller, Barney Miller,
Bruce Lee and The Flying Nun.
Astronauts walking on the moon,
Was all over the news,
There was Doris Day, JFK,
And Jimi Hendrix recreating the blues.
It was beatniks and politics.
And hippies doing what hippies do,
Woodstock, psychedelic rock,
Long hair, Sonny and Cher,
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By Tom Burkard

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2.Night Moves

3.Angel Of The Morning

4.Oh Happy Day

5.Day Tripper

6.Morning Has Broken

7.Beautiful Day

8.All Through The Night

9.All Day And All Of The Night

10.Day By Day

11.Every Morning

12.All Night Long

a.Sugar Ray

b.Bob Seger/The Silver Bullet Band

c.U2

d.The Rascals

e.The Kinks

f.Godspell

g.The Edwin Hawkins Singers

h.Cat Stevens

i.The Beatles

j.Cyndi Lauper

k.Lionel Richie

l.Juice Newton

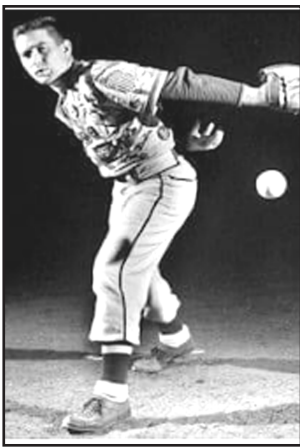
Answers

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Who is it?

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton

Last month's mystery duo was none other than Davey and Goliath. Davey and Goliath is a Christian clay-animated children's television series, whose central characters were created by Art Clokey, Ruth Clokey, and Dick .. Many reader's remembered watching this show early on Sunday mornings. The following got it right: Bruce Grankowski, Kathy McMahon, Debbie Keegan, George Virgilio, Steve and Cindy Miglin, Joseph W. Blaha, Jr., Patti Tengelic, Linda Ricci, Leah Kloc, Debbie Zakrzewski, Eileen Coman, John Gelsinon, Edna Pilch, Renee Parsons, Mary Fitzgerald and Martin Fitzgerald, John & JoAnn French, Vincent Farina, MaryAnn Oleskin., Pam and Mark DePazza, Thomas Harrigan, Betty Leveille, Pat Scully, Joan Fulham, Pete McIntyre, Micheline Bonnefin, Steve and Karen Kieselowsky, Steve Villig, Mark Moniello, Emily Popp, Lynn Loy, Ed English, Chelle Martin, Gary Feret, Laurie & Gary Loftus, Dane Colburn, Walter Starzec Jr. *Incorrect answers: David and Goliath. **Last month we missed Chelle Martin who guessed Liberace.



Can you identify this athlete? He is a King in his sport! Send your answers to satimes@aol.com by April 17th.

February Who is it?



Davey and Goliath

WWW.?

Last month's WWW.? was Briggs Chevrolet the building was located on Main Street in South Amboy. The following got it right: Bruce Grankowski, Dennis Quinlan, Joanne Niestemski, Don Zrebiec, John Gelsinon, Edna Pilch, Jay Seyglinski, Diana Malkiewicz, Eleanore Westerholm, Renee Parsons, Bill Wozniak, John & JoAnn French, Mary Soto, Dennis Mccloud, Barb Bockus, Thomas Harrigan, Betty Leveille, Pat Scully, Pete McIntyre, Bill Billich, Lisa Grankowski, Mary Agnes Morris, Lynn Loy, Gretchen Brown, Ed English, Gary Feret, Laurie & Gary Loftus, Dane Colburn, Walter Starzec Jr.

*Incorrect answer-DCH, Rt. 9, Sayreville "Delivering customers happiness."

February WWW.?



Does this look familiar to you? If you know what it is and where it is located, send your answer in to satimes@aol.com by April 17th. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

St. Stan's Rosary Altar Society Fundraiser

Looking for a fun night out - St. Stan's Rosary Altar Society in Sayreville, NJ is having a fundraiser raffle too.

Dinner & a Show at the Avenel Performing Arts in Avenel - you will receive a \$100 gift card to a show of your choice PLUS a \$100 gift card to dinner to Curtains Restaurant. Raffle tickets are \$5.00 and you can purchase them before/after Masses 4/8, 4/9, 4/15, 4/16 or Before bingo on 4/13 and 4/16.

Drawing is April 21, 2023 at St. Stan's School at 10:00 pm during a Coach Bingo.

Questions or for tickets, call Connie 732-614-3835 or Bernadine 732-257-3077.

Christ Church Prom Dress Giveaway Sunday April 23rd 3:00PM -5:00PM

Christ Church invites girls to this Free shopping experience to select a prom dress and a chance to win hairstyling, makeup, photography and more. This prom dress giveaway will be held on Sunday April 23rd from 3:00pm to 5:00pm at Memorial Hall 220 Main Street South Amboy. The entrance on 257 4th Street is wheelchair accessible. For more information call/text Linda: at 908-812-7988 or Donna at 732-309-8161.

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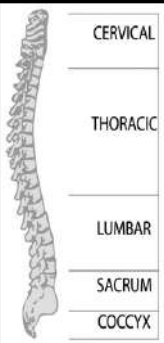
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The
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By
Dr. John Misiewicz

SPRING SAFETY FOR YOUR KIDS

Spring has arrived with the days getting longer and warmer. Children are playing outside more and more. Spring sports and activities can cause injuries.

BASEBALL

Spring fever and baseball fever go hand in hand, but injuries still happen when playing. In fact almost a half million baseball-related injuries are treated in doctors' offices and emergency rooms with the head involved more often than any other body part.

1.Always wear a batting helmet that meets the standards of the Nat'l Operating Committee on standard athletic equipment. When at bat, waiting to bat and running the bases.

2.Wear appropriate eye protection. Fielders should wear eyewear that meets the standards of ASTM, F803. Baseball batters and base runners should choose eyewear that meets ASTM standard F910.

3. Catchers should always use a catcher's mitt and wear a helmet, face- mask and throat guard, long model chest protector, protective supporter and shin guards.

4.Pitchers should follow guidelines about the number of innings pitched as recommended by their baseball league. About 4 to 10 innings per week depending upon age.

Other than wearing protective gear, there are three main areas in which sports injuries may be prevented. First and foremost is the strength of the skeletal muscles. The majority of sports injuries occur in the closing stages of the game when fatigue causes movements to become uncoordinated and accidents are more likely.

The second area is protective equipment, which tends to either support or shield parts of the body at risk. In general, sports is in itself a developmental activity, such development occurring through body parts gradually and increasingly stressed and compensating for this extra load.

The third aspect in injury prevention is the game, or contest rules themselves. Whatever athletes may think, most rules are formed by experienced competitors in order to make the game more enjoyable, demanding and safe.

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

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Recently the South Amboy First Aid Squad had ambulances units 604 and 606 inspected by inspectors from the EMS Council of New Jersey. Both passed and were issued compliance stickers for 2023. These inspections ensure the ambulances meet the equipment standards of the EMS Council for volunteer squads which are required to operate under their jurisdiction. (Photo/Info by Jamie Norek)

St. Stan's School
(Photos/Info Submitted)



One fish, two fish, red fish, blue fish!
8th Graders, Matthew, Max, Thomas,
and Chase show there's no age limit
← in celebrating Dr. Seuss.



What a bunch of characters! The preschool and kindergarten classes
dressed up as their favorite storybook characters to kick off the school's
two week Read-a-thon!



Students reverently awaited
to receive their ashes during
the school's Ash Wednesday
Mass. →



7th Grader, Penelope
Abouata, demonstrates
her STEM project to build
← a carnival game.

Acoustic Friday,
April 28, 2023

South Amboy Arts Alliance welcomes Michael Patrick and Michael Brett to its Acoustic Friday program on April 28, 2023. With five CDs to his credit, Michael Patrick is a staple in the tri-state area's country-folk-Americana music scene. He's opened for well-known performers such as Randy Travis, Clint Black, Marty Stuart, Roseanne Cash, Steve Earle, and Carlene Carter. His energetic live shows often include audience participation and spontaneous interaction. Visit Michael Patrick at www.michaelpatrick.net. Singer/songwriter Michael Brett is another mainstay in the local music community. His influences include John Lennon, Bob Dylan, and David Bowie. A musical storyteller, Brett cites "This is How You Get a Broken Heart" as his most personal song. Look for him on Spotify, Apple Music, and YouTube. SA Arts is located at 141 N. Broadway, South Amboy, NJ. Doors open at 6:30 pm, and the show runs from 7 to 9 pm. Admission is \$5.00, and complementary light refreshments will be offered. The Alliance seeks interested acoustic-oriented performers of any genre for future shows. For additional information, contact SA Arts at 732-727-4600, extension 5971 or by email at SAarts141@gmail.com. Watch for updates on the South Amboy Arts Alliance Facebook page.

OLV Senior Group
Trip to Wheeling,
West Virginia

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a Christmas holiday trip to Wheeling, West Virginia Festival of Lights from November 28 to November 30 2023. The cost of the trip is \$460.00. The price includes: 2 nights lodging, 2 breakfasts, and 1 holiday dinner. Also included: Lights tour at Oglebay Park, Colonel Oglebay's Mansion tour, Glass Museum, tour of Independence Hall, Toy and train Museum, a d Wheeling Island casino. Lastly, bus transportation and driver's gratuity are also included. For information or to reserve a seat, please contact Finita Shicoff at 732-721-5081.

Christ Church South
Amboy Tea Party

Christ Episcopal Church South Amboy annual Tea Party will be on Saturday, April 29th from 3:00PM to 5:00PM. The event will be held at Memorial Hall 257 4th Street, South Amboy which is wheelchair accessible. Parking on 220 Main Street Amboy. Featured speaker Fr. Fred Galano on "Mindfulness". Games & door prizes. Wear your best hat! Adults \$20, Kids 6-12yrs. \$10, 5yrs. and under free. Funds benefit our annual scholarship and community outreach. For more information text/call 732-598-0134/732-309-8161 Christchurchsawwp@gmail.com.

SWMHS 50th High School Reunion

Plans are underway for the 50th Reunion of the Sayreville War Memorial High School Class of 1973. It will be held on Saturday, September 23, 2023 from 3:00-7:00 p.m. at the Old Bridge Elks in Old Bridge, NJ. We are still seeking classmates who may not have been contacted. Please spread the word and reply with your contact information to

one of the Reunion Committee members: Debbie Check Lynch - dlynch6293@aol.com, Mike Comerford - comerfordmike@msn.com, Debbie Hahneman Brus - dbrus@riserealestatenj.com, Edna Mazur Pilch - edna.pilch@gmail.com, or Donna Mocarski Rosenvinge - drosenvinge@yahoo.com, or call Edna at 908-208-2358.



Where in NJ?

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton

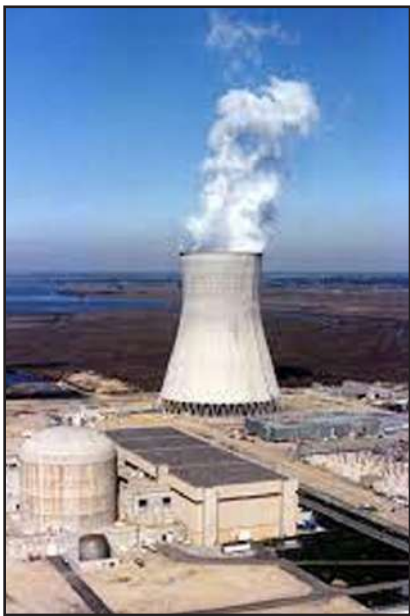


Do you know where this building is located? It's not that far from our area. Send your answer to satimes@aol.com by April 17th.

February Where in NJ?

Last month the answer was the Salem Nuclear Power Plant, Salem NJ. It is a two unit pressurized water reactor nuclear power plant located in Lower Alloways Creek Township, in Salem County, New Jersey. It is owned by PSEG Nuclear LLC and Constellation Energy. The following got it right: Leon Credico, Edna Pilch, Mary Fitzgerald and Martin Fitzgerald, John & JoAnn French, Pam and Mark DePazza, Thomas Harrigan, Betty Leveille, Pat Scully, Pete McIntyre, Steve Villig, Seve and Karen Kieselowsky, Mark Moniello, Anthony Carlo, Ed English, Gary Feret, Laurie & Gary Loftus, Dermot Scales, Dane Colburn, Walter Starzec Jr.

Salem Nuclear Power Plant, Salem NJ



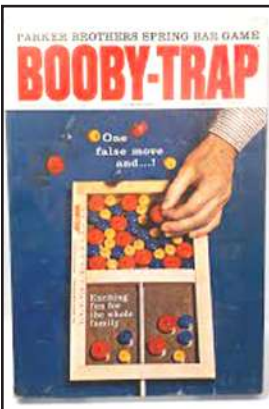
WHAT IS IT?????

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton

Last month's mystery item was Parker Brother's game Booby Trap. Quite a few readers commented that they still have theirs, come to think of it, mine is up in the attic. The following must have played this game: Pamela Lindson, Leah Kloc, Edna Pilch, Susan J Frondelli, Renee Parsons, Mary Fitzgerald and Martin Fitzgerald, John & JoAnn French, Betty Leveille, Pat Scully, Pete McIntyre, Steve Villig, Mark Moniello, Dee Ostrowski, Ed English, Chelle Martin, Gary Feret, Dane Colburn.



Any idea what this is? It could help you make music!! Send your answer to satimes@aol.com by April 17th.



February What Is It?
Booby-Trap by Parker Brothers



South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry is with council members Zusette Dato and Anthony Conrad and staff of South Amboy Kitchen. They were celebrating the 1-year anniversary of the food service business at 236 North Stevens Ave. Council President Mickey Gross attended but had to leave early and is not pictured. (Photo/info submitted)



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Fishing Flashes

By Teo "Weebles" Weber



Salt Water
Raritan Bay beach fishing for Striped Bass is off to a slow start due to the mild winter area. I checked areas at Ideal Beach and Cliffwood. Anglers I talked to didn't have any results, although I did see someone miss a fish. Eventually this fishing will improve. At Toms River some fish are being caught on both lures and bait. Some White Perch are being caught here too. In back of LBI, Stripers are being caught and there have been keepers. I also checked the area in Perth Amboy by the Victory Bridge several times, but I didn't see anyone catching anything. With Blackfish season now closed, party boats now have to scratch the bottom for a few Cod and Ling. Winter Flounder season is now open. A few are being caught in the Shark River. Fluke regulations are just about the same as last year, 2 at 17 inches and one at 18 inches. The proposed cut in Seabass is altered to one fish during July, no complete closure yet.

Fresh Water
A few Trout were caught from the shore of the boat launch area in Round Valley Reservoir. Crappie and Pickerel continue to be caught in south Jersey lakes. The heavy rains and wind were hindering all other fishing at this time. Holdover Trout are hard to find anywhere in the state because of bad weather. One proposed change in the Delaware River regulations is that the Shad Fishing limit has been cut from 6 to 2 fish. Opening day of the Trout season April 8th at 8AM.



Former Sayreville War Memorial HS teacher and coach Bill Scarola (r), caught a beautiful 23 inch, 7-8 pound male Rainbow Trout he pulled in while fishing in Georgia. Bill's guide, Scott (l) helps him hold the trophy trout. Bill taught Health, Physical Education and Driver Education for 35 years, and also was the head coach of Boys Spring Track (1985-2005), and head coach of the Boys/Girls Winter Track from (1995-2005). His wife is Patricia Vona, who is from South Amboy. Helping him hold the great catch is his guide Scott. (Photo/info submitted)



Former South Amboy resident Rick Shingola caught this large Blue Catfish near the Chesapeake Bay in Maryland. (Photo/info submitted)

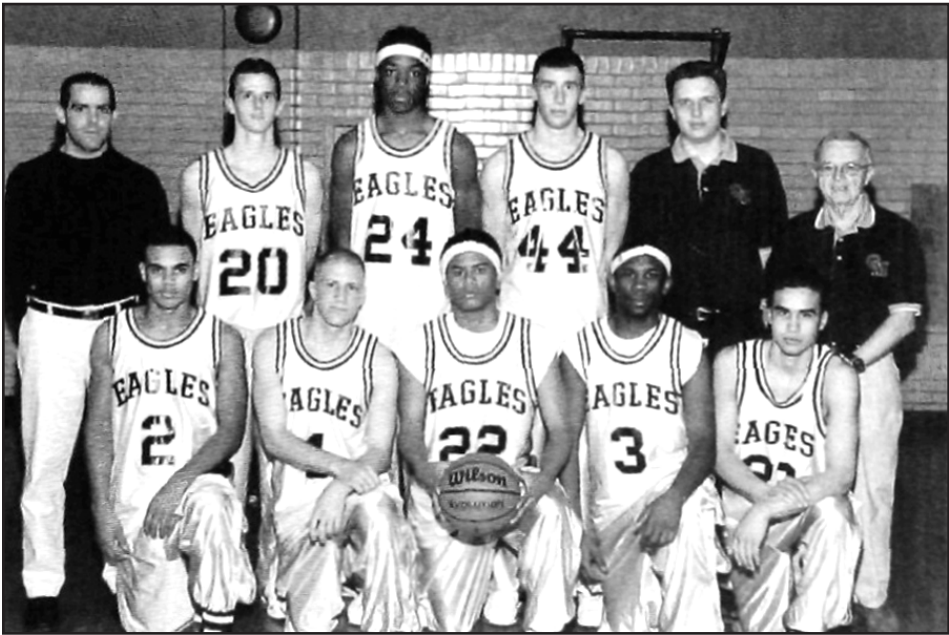
The Local Sports Memory Machine

By Tom Burkard

From The Sports Archives-Champions



2003-Cardinal McCarrick boys basketball team captured two championships, and finished with a superb (23-6) record. (Photo by Tom Burkard)



2003-The Cardinal McCarrick Eagles championship basketball team pictured Top row (l-r) Head Coach Joe Lewis, Ed Fulham, Mika Wilson, Bill Wagner, Coach Jesse Holovacko, Coach Sy Sullivan. Bottom row (l-r) Jose Rosario, James Farrelly, Mike Garcia, Kevin Baptiste-Ousley, Manny Rodriguez.

20 Years Ago -Eagles Capture Two Titles

2003-The Cardinal McCarrick (CM) Eagles boys basketball team, under the genius of Coach Joe Lewis, captured the GMCT title, and also the South Jersey Parochial B championship. In the GMCT final, McCarrick toppled the always powerful St. Joseph's of Metuchen, 67-56. Mika Wilson, the tourney MVP poured in 20 points, grabbed 18 rebounds, and blocked 4 shots. Junior forward Billy Wagner scored 16 points and had 10 rebounds. In 4 tournament games, Wilson averaged 24.8 ppg., 14 rebounds, and 5.8 blocked shots.

The scoring line for CM was: Wilson 20,

Wagner 16, Manny Rodriguez 9, Jose Rosario 8, Kevin Baptiste-Ousley 8, Ed Fulham 3, Mike Garcia 3, Jim Farrelly 0.

In the South Jersey Parochial B championship game, the Blue & Gold breezed by an always tough Wildwood Catholic club, 67-51. Wilson once again paced the champs with 32 points, 19 rebounds, and 5 blocked shots. Fulham added 10 points including two beautiful 3-pointers.

The Eagles scoring line: Wilson 32, Fulham 10, Wagner 8, Baptiste-Ousley 6, Garcia 5, Rodriguez 4, Rosario 2, Farrelly 0.

Glory Days In Local Sports

1966-St. Mary's boys basketball team lost its season opener to St. Mary's of Elizabeth, 57-52. Tom Kelly topped the Eagles with 19 points, Rick Ragula scored 17, and Dennis Bratus 10...1976-St. Mary's girls basketball team stopped St. John Vianney, 47-44. Sophomore Kathy Redling led the Blue & Gold with 17 points, and Mary Jane Pascale pumped in 15...1980-Sayreville boys basketball beat Edison, 65-57. Dan Osborne fired in 25 points, Mike Tevis 16, and Fred Krumbine added 10...1998-St. Joseph's captured the GMCT championship game by defeating Sayreville, 66-54. The Bombers were led by Leland Norris with

26 points, and Marcin Ziobron 12...2005-In a 1st round GMCT boys basketball contest, Sayreville stopped South River, 62-42, as Brian Miklaszewski poured in 29 points...2007-South Amboy Guvs all-around sports superstar, Brian Seres, finished his outstanding schoolboy basketball career with 1,628 points...2011-South Amboy girls basketball squad nipped Bound Brook, 38-36 behind Jillian Webber, who fired in 20 points, ripped 18 rebounds, and added 6 blocked shots...2014-Cardinal McCarrick/St. Mary's girls team clubbed Carteret, 58-40, with Brittany Clayton leading the way with 28 points.

20 Years Ago

2003-Nick Shaw, basketball sharpshooter for the South Amboy Governors, captured the Middlesex County scoring title by firing in 673 points in 21 games for an incredible 32.0 avg. During the season, he also set another school scoring record by scorching the nets for, would you believe, 73 points in one game against Perth Amboy Tech. The previous Hoffman/South Amboy single game record was held by John Ciol, who poured in 65 points back in 1952...Mika Wilson of Cardinal McCarrick finished #2 in the county with 659 points, 23.6 ppg.

96 Years Ago

1926-27-St. Mary's HS varsity basketball team under Coach Eppinger had a talented roster consisting of John Zdanewicz, Johnny Grimes, Vince Abbatiello, Bill Munn, Frank Farrell, Al Jankowski, Andy Hrankowski, Chris Grimley, Frank Scully, George Monaghan.

Back In Those College Days

Terry Lockwood (Sayreville) was an outstanding basketball player for St. Elizabeth College in Morristown in the 1980's.

15 Years Ago

Lady Eagles Cop GMCT Championship

2008-The Cardinal McCarrick Lady Eagles nipped a powerful Piscataway girls team, 69-67 in double overtime, to capture the GMCT title. Tourney MVP, Lauren Zarantanello scored 13 points and grabbed 12 rebounds, and teammate Krissy Keir topped the scoring parade with 18 points.

25 Years Ago

1998-The St. Mary's Eagles, under Coach Jim Kazanjian, played their first varsity football game in 66 years, and were blasted by Monroe, 41-0...In the second game of the season, the Blue & Gold scored their first points since 1932, on a 34-yard field goal by John Matousek, in a 47-3 setback to Metuchen.

T.H.E. Game

Year-1997

Sport-Boys Basketball

Teams-St. Mary's vs. South Amboy (City Series Game 2)

Recap-The high-flying Eagles were all over the Governors with their full-court pressure defense, and stopped South Amboy, 61-47. Eddie McCabe topped the Blue & Gold scoring attack with 16 points, followed by teammates Tom Rizzo 13, and Billy Oels 12. The Purple & Gold were led by Kevin Cushing with 16 points and Eric Gromadzki 13.

Player-of-the-Game-Eddie McCabe, St. Mary's.

OLV Peddlers' Village

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a delightful Spring trip to Peddler's Village on Tuesday, May 9th. The cost of the trip is \$140.00 which includes a tour of Pearl S. Buck's home, lunch at the Cock and Bull, free time to shop, bus transportation and bus driver gratuity, and snacks. For further information or to book this trip, please contact Teri Yetsko at 732-727-7639.

65 Years Ago

1958-St. Mary's boys basketball team hammered Hoffman at the Guvs homecourt, 78-40. Jim Smelas was red-hot, torching the nets for 28 points, Pat Mullane scored 17 and Tom "Tex" Leonard 10 for the Saints. Bob Bloodgood and Paul Poetsch scored 10 points apiece to lead the Purple & Gold.

15 Years Ago

2008-Mark Simko connected on a 3-pointer from the corner to give the South Amboy Guvs boys squad its first-ever GMC Gold Division title, as they dropped Dunellen, 81-78. Simko topped all scorers with 32 points, and was followed by teammates Larry Lenahan with 28 points and 15 rebounds, and Colin Krzyzanowski 11 points,

45 Years Ago

1978-Kerry Doherty was the first female golfer for St. Mary's HS.

Record Breakers

1984-The Hoffman Lady Guvs basketball team trounced East Brunswick Tech, 87-21. Nancy Garsick set a new school record by burning the nets for 35 points, to break the old mark of 31, which was set by Mary Chris Moskal in 1979. Garsick hit 16 of 20 shots from the floor in her record breaking performance...During the same game, Barbara McCabe set a new assist record by dishing out 16 assists, to break her sister Patty's mark of 14, which was set in 1981.

Buffet Breakfast

South Amboy Elks will be having their monthly buffet breakfast on April 16th starting at 9am and run until 11:30 am. Come enjoy a made to order omelet, and many other buffet items. The price of breakfast is \$12 per person and \$7 for children 7yrs. and under, and is All U Can Eat. . You won't go home hungry! Tables of 6 or more can be reserved by calling 732-727-7170.



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Obituaries

Antonelli, George T. 66, Parlin died Feb. 23.

Alvarez, Jose Sr., 97, of Parlin died on Feb. 24.

Bella, Frank J., 67, of Parlin died on March 17.

Bulakowski, Henry “Hank” Jr., 69, of Sayreville died on Feb. 23.

Buttitta, Carolyn A., 91, of Parlin died on March 8.

Cancilla, RoseMarie “Rosie,” 84, of South Amboy died on March 21.

Cassidy, Raymond J., 74, of Parlin died on Feb. 16.

Cavanaugh, Evelyn “Honey,” 92, formerly of Sayreville died on March 8.

Coyle, James “Jimmer,” 60, of Sayreville died on March 1.

DeMarco, Rosario “Sal,” 88, of Sayreville died on Feb. 17.

DeNichlio, Jack, 88, of South Amboy died on March 19.

Figel, Edward, 83, of Sayreville died on March 14.

Gay, George “Skeeter” Jr., 75, of South Amboy died on March 22.

Gorski, Michael N. Sr., 62, of Sayreville died on March 13.

Harkins, Robert J. “Bob,” 72, formerly of South Amboy died on Jan. 3.

Harris, Gertrude F., 53, of Parlin died on March 17.

Hinds, Patricia A., Hartman, 58, of Parlin died on March 2.

Jay, Donald J., 61, of Parlin died on Feb. 15.

Johnson, Joseph H., 79, of Pt. Pleasant died on Jan. 27.

Lellig, William, 81, of Sayreville died on March 13.

Matuszewski, Robert S., 84, of Sayreville died on March 16.

McNerny, Thomas E. Jr., 89, formerly of South Amboy died on March 8.

Molteg, Mitchell W., 60, of Sayreville died on March 13.

Moran, Maryann Haak, 76, of South Amboy died on Feb. 17.

Mulligan, Ann, 90, of Sayreville died on March 7.

O’Toole, Michelle, 71, formerly of South Amboy died on Feb. 18.

Reese, Paul N. Jr., 66, of Sayreville died on March 20.

Wahler, Elena S. Zulin, 84, of South Amboy died on March 9.

Wiecek, Marguerite “Marge” A., 81, of Sayreville died on March 21.

Wisniewski, Cecelia P., 93, of Sayreville died on Feb. 22.

Zaczek, Raymond Jr., 71, formerly of Sayreville died on Feb. 23.

Zakrzewski, Irene A., 94, of South Amboy died on March 12.

In Memoriam

Former Hoffman HS English/Literature/Driver Ed teacher, Joseph Johnson, 79, of Pt. Pleasant died on Jan. 27. He taught at Hoffman HS for 25 years, and later became a realtor for 35 years, and also was an Adjunct Professor at Ocean County College. Maryann Haak Moran, 76, of South Amboy died on Feb. 17. She was a kind lady, and a very popular Crossing Guard in South Amboy until retiring in 2019. Ann Mulligan, 90, of Sayreville died on March 7. She started college at age 48, and was an honor student. She earned her Associate degree from Middlesex County College, and Bachelors from Rutgers University. Ann then began a career as a Probation Officer in Superior Court of the State of NJ in Family Court in Middlesex County, and retired at age 79. In ‘76, she was a member of the Hawks softball team during the premier season of the South Amboy Women’s Slow Pitch Softball League. William Lellig, 81, of Sayreville died on March 13. He was a member and Past President of the Sayreville Seniors Tuesday Club. Mitchell Molteg, 60, of Sayreville died on March 13. He was an electrician at MCUA for 38 years. Robert “Bob” Matuszewski, 84, of Sayreville died on March 16. He was a line worker at Hercules, and later a foreman/supervisor at E.I. DuPont. Frank Bella, 67, of Parlin died on March 17. He was a Sayreville Republican Committeeman for many years. Marguerite Wiecek, 81, of Sayreville died on March 21. She was a first grade teacher in the Sayreville Public Schools from 1962 until her retirement in 2011. George “Skeeter” Gay Jr., 75, of South Amboy died on March 22. He was an exempt member and President of Progressive Fire Co., and also a Leader of Boy Scout Pack 98.

Cecelia P. Wisniewski



Former Sayreville Court Administrator Cecelia P. Wisniewski passed away peacefully at home on February 22, 2023. She was 93 years old.

Born in the Melrose section of Sayreville on December 8, 1929, to Joseph J. and Helen (nee Rosinski) Pero, she was predeceased by her husband of 64 years, Felix E. Wisniewski and sisters Clara Pilch and Regina Kolb. She is survived by her two sons, Felix and his wife Mary Beth, John and his wife Deborah, five grandchildren: Meghan, Emily, Sarah, Felix and Rachel, many nieces and nephews and her long-time live-in caregiver, Yvonne Ampomah.

She grew up on Oak Street in the Melrose section of the Borough of Sayreville where her childhood playmates included her neighbor and future husband, Felix E. Wisniewski. She loved to travel to her summer home in Manasquan where she spent countless hours on the beach and on her front porch with her family and friends. She worked as a secretary at NL Industries in the Melrose section of Sayreville and then later for various attorneys and realtors. Afterwards she was Secretary to the Sayreville Industrial Commission and then was appointed as the Sayreville Municipal Court Administrator



from 1971 until her retirement in 2000. She was deeply involved in the spiritual and civic life of the Sayreville community. She was a communicant of Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church in South Amboy where she was a member of the Rosary Altar Society. She was elected a Democratic Committeewoman in Sayreville District 14 from 1974 until 1984. She served on and was the long time Chair of the Sayreville Shade Tree Commission from 1956 until 1984. As Chair of the Shade Tree Commission, she was frequently called upon to speak at statewide and regional conferences of Shade Tree officials and arborists. Funeral Services were held at the Carmen F. Spezzi Funeral Home at 15 Cherry Lane, Parlin, NJ, and a Mass of Christian Burial was at Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church. Interment was alongside her late husband Felix at Sacred Heart Cemetery on Johnson’s Lane, Parlin, NJ. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in her memory to the Sayreville Emergency Squad, Inc., 776 Washington Road, Parlin, NJ.

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 -K.S..

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Friends of South Amboy Irishman of the Year, Mike Reilly (Photo Submitted)



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Anna Mae waves to the crowd



Some of the cast and crew from the South Amboy Players production of Willy Wonka Jr.



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