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Central Jersey Medical Center Appoints Patrick O'Leary as Chief Operating Officer



Patrick O'Leary

Central Jersey Medical Center (CJMC) is proud to announce the appointment of Patrick O'Leary as its new Chief Operating Officer.

Patrick brings six years of healthcare experience to the role, having begun his career as an intern before advancing into leadership. Prior to entering healthcare administration, he worked in the biomedical field, building a strong foundation in innovation and problem solving.

Patrick earned his Bachelor's degree in Bio-Medical Engineering with a specialization in Biomaterials, as well as a Master's degree in Healthcare Systems Management from New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT). His academic background uniquely blends clinical science with operational strategy, positioning him to lead healthcare initiatives with both technical and administrative expertise.

Under Patrick's supervision, CJMC successfully opened its Carteret satellite location, expanding access to care for underserved populations. He is currently overseeing the development of a behavioral health expansion project in collaboration with Hackensack Meridian Raritan Bay Medical Center, further strengthening the region's integrated healthcare network.

CJMC currently serves approximately 23,000 patients annually, accounting for more than 105,000 visits per year, and operates as a \$30 million healthcare organization. With Patrick's leadership, the organization is focused on continued growth and service expansion, including endocrinology, weight loss management, dental services, pediatrics, OB/GYN and more.

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South Amboy St. Patrick's Day Parade Grand Marshal John Drogatta waves to the crowd while his proud family and friends ride along with him. Congratulations John! (Photo by Brian Stratton). See More photos on pages 14 and 16.

St. Patrick's Day Parade Draws Thousands

By Tom Burkard

The Annual South Amboy St. Patrick's Day Parade was held on Sunday, March 15th, and once again, as always proved to be one of the largest, and best in the state of New Jersey. Despite the chilly, and at times windy weather, which was around 43 degrees at the step-off of the parade, people still came from all over, to watch and support the great marching bands, EMT's, first aid squads, police and fire departments, schools, scouts and so much more. Some of the local and state political leaders, who marched in the parade were; Mayor Fred Henry, who was marching for the last time as mayor, U.S. Representative Frank Pallone, NJ State Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin, Assemblywoman Yvonne Lopez, Senator Owen Henry, South Amboy

Councilman-At-Large Anthony Conrad, Sayreville Councilman Michael Colaci.

In addition, Grand Marshal John Dragotta, Deputy Grand Marshal Lee Steiner, and Honorary Grand Marshal Joe Britton were outstanding in their roles at the parade.

The South Amboy St. Patrick's Day Parade is truly a great day and social time, that everyone gets to have lots of fun and enjoyment, and looks forward to attending each year. Congratulations to Parade Committee Chairman Mickey Gross, the entire committee, volunteers, City of South Amboy workers, and everyone, who in any way helped to make this in Mickey's words, "The biggest and best parade ever."

South Amboy Seniors New Bus



Members of the South Amboy Senior Citizen's Club proudly pose with Mayor Henry and Council members in front of the new Senior Citizen's Bus. See story and additional photo on page 5. (Photo by Brian Stratton)

SWMHS HALL OF FAME - April 25th

The Sayreville War Memorial High School 2026 Hall of Fame Annual Awards Banquet is scheduled for 6PM Saturday, April 25th, at the VFW Hall on Jernee Mill Road. Join us as we celebrate the 20th Anniversary of our First HOF Induction Banquet and honor these outstanding alumni. The honorees are: Justin Iacouzzi, Class of 2000: A decorated U.S. Navy logistics specialist, Iacouzzi completed two deployments between 2003 and 2009. He is a leader in hazardous materials safety programs within both military and corporate sectors. Matt McIvor, Class of 1999: Started Proudly Serving, (burger restaurant) Recognized as one of the top burgers in Los Angeles and offers free meals to first responders and anyone displaced in the LA wildfires. Ashish Moholkar, Class of 1988: Leads Global Head Citrix Services & Storage Services as Director of AI & Innovation Technology Partnerships and plays an instrumental role in organizing fundraising efforts on behalf of the Class of 1988 for scholarships benefiting current Sayreville High School students. Kim Bright Molteg, Class of 1975: 33 Years in Surgical Education as a Certified Program Supervisor/Administrator for the General Surgery Residency Accredited Program at Rutgers RWJ Medical School and co-authored a publication in the Journal of Surgical Education. Member, Sayreville Historical Society. Eric Morrell, Class of 1990: A respected attorney named Municipal Court Practice Award recipient for 2024. Selected as a Superlawyer for Criminal Defense NJ 2020 - present. In addition, Morrell mentors law students through Rutgers' Sigma Alpha Mu fraternity. Tickets are \$70.00 each (includes dinner & open bar) and \$50.00 for children (under 21) with a choice of meals. For further information, please contact the Hall Of Fame Committee at ARTEDE4@MSN.COM

Clothing Drive

The Sacred Heart Council of Catholic Women will sponsor a clothing drive on April 18th and 19th. Your donations will be distributed by the Jersey Shore Rescue Mission in Asbury Park, NJ to those in need, or sold in their Thrift Store where proceeds from clothing sales provide funding for meals, shelter, and essential items to those in need. Please drop off your clothing on Saturday, April 18th, from 3-5PM and Sunday, April 19th, from 7:30AM-2:30PM. Please place your bagged donation in the plastic bins in front of Memorial Hall; 529 Washington Avenue, South Amboy, NJ 08879. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity!

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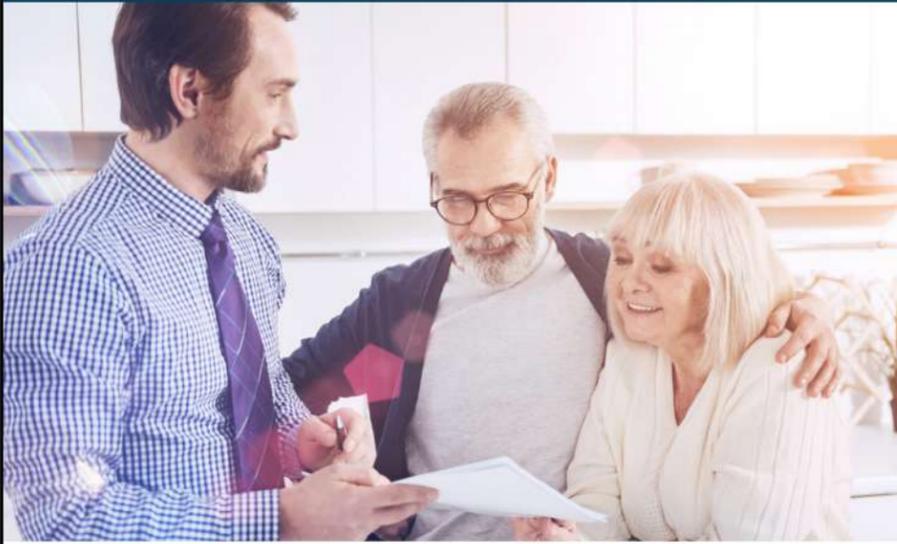


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Autoteam Car Rental Celebrates 25 Years of Service in Middlesex County



Congratulations to owner Benno Bachmann of Auto Team Car Rental, and his staff of outstanding workers on their 25th Anniversary! Benno is standing, 3rd from the left. The SA Times wishes you continued success in the future! (Photo by Tom Burkard)

Autoteam Car Rental is celebrating a major milestone this year—25 years in business—marking a quarter century of providing reliable transportation and community-focused service throughout Middlesex County.

Founded in 2001, Autoteam has grown into a leading independent car rental company with locations in South Amboy and Metuchen. The company is owned and operated by Benno Bachmann, who immigrated to the United States from Switzerland in the 1990s with the goal of becoming an entrepreneur.

With a background as a mechanic and a business school education, Bachmann combined technical expertise with business insight to build Autoteam from the ground up. He became a U.S. citizen in 2011 and has since built a life in New Jersey as a husband, father of three, and small business owner deeply invested in the local community.

From its earliest days, Autoteam focused on building strong partnerships with local garages, allowing customers to access dependable rental vehicles at competitive rates while their cars are being serviced. That customer-first approach has helped establish the company's reputation for reliability and value.

Bachmann's commitment extends beyond business. Over the years, Autoteam

has been recognized for its community support by organizations including the Sayreville PBA, the New Road School of Parlin, and local fire departments.

Today, Autoteam serves customers in need of vehicles for repairs, insurance replacements, business travel, local transportation, and leisure. In addition to rentals, the company sells its well-maintained fleet of vehicles directly to customers, offering in-house financing and flexible lease options.

As part of its continued growth and modernization, Autoteam now operates a fleet of more than 200 vehicles, including compact cars, sedans, SUVs, and passenger vans. The company has also embraced technology, implementing an electronic key box system that allows for remote pickups and returns—providing customers with faster, more flexible service.

Autoteam Car Rental is located at 2017 State Route 35 in South Amboy and 341 Amboy Avenue in Metuchen. Reservations can be made by calling 732-727-7272 or by visiting www.autoteam.com.

As Autoteam celebrates 25 years, the company remains focused on the same values that have guided it since the beginning: dependable service, innovation, and a strong commitment to the community it calls home.

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FROM THE DESK OF TOM REILLY

Though national politics often dominate the headlines, the decisions that most directly affect our daily lives -- from the introduction of our municipal budget to the safety of our neighborhoods -- are often made right here at City Hall.

During the week of April 13, the City of South Amboy will join municipalities across New Jersey in celebrating Local Government Week, a statewide effort designed to pull back the curtain on municipal operations and strengthen the bond between local governments and the community they serve.

Local government has long been considered the foundation of American democracy. Indeed, many of the protections enshrined in the Bill of Rights were originally established by colonial governments, and resulted from (often rowdy) debates in small meetinghouses in towns all throughout the thirteen colonies. In the 1830s, French political thinker Alexis de Tocqueville observed of American democracy that "town meetings are to liberty what primary schools are to science; they bring it within the people's reach." Thomas Jefferson once wrote that "the government closest to the people serves the people best." Those words still ring true today, and that philosophy continues to guide communities like ours, where engaged residents and dedicated public servants work together for the common good.

Local Government Week is not just about recognizing the work of city officials. It is also about inviting residents to better understand how their tax dollars are put to work and how they themselves can play a role in shaping the future of South Amboy. As former Speaker of the House Tip O'Neill famously said, "All politics is local," and that idea remains central to how communities thrive.

Throughout the week, the City will host a variety of events designed to be both educational and interactive for residents of all ages:

Meet and Greet Open House: On April 14, residents are invited to the Arts Building to meet city officials, learn more about municipal departments, and ask questions about the future of our community.

Fire and First Aid Address To Our Students: On April 15 at 9:00 a.m. in the South Amboy Middle/High School auditorium, members of the Fire Department and First Aid Squad will speak with students about the importance of volunteering and community service.



Open House at Independence Fire Company on Broadway: On April 15 from 4:00-7:00 p.m., representatives from the Fire Department, First Aid, and the Office of Emergency Management will be available to answer questions and educate residents about emergency preparedness and response.

Mock Council Meeting - 5th Grade Government Club: On April 15 at 6:00 p.m., the 5th Grade Government Club will conduct a mock council meeting in the Council Chambers, giving students a hands-on opportunity to experience the workings of local democracy. At 7:00 p.m., we will announce and recognize the winners of the high school essay contest, followed by a special ceremony honoring outstanding volunteers from our community.

Celebrity Story Time: On April 16 at 3:30 p.m., Business Administrator Dave Kales will read to children at the South Amboy Library. Library Director Elaine Gaber will also be present to answer questions and discuss the many programs and services offered by the library.

Beyond the festivities, Local Government Week also serves as a reminder of the essential services that often go unnoticed. Whether maintaining our roads and parks, managing city services, or ensuring rapid emergency response, municipal employees work around the clock to maintain the quality of life our residents expect and deserve.

We hope the week will inspire more residents to become involved, whether by volunteering for boards and committees, donating time to recreation programs, supporting community initiatives, or even joining our first responder organizations.

We encourage everyone to come out, learn more about how your city operates, and enjoy the festivities.

For a full schedule of events, residents can visit the city's official website at <https://www.southamboynj.gov>.

Respectfully
Tom Reilly
2nd Ward Councilman
City of South Amboy

Patrick O'Leary -continued from page 1

"Patrick's vision aligns with our commitment to providing comprehensive care for patients of all ages—from newborns to seniors—while ensuring we remain a trusted community home for health services," says Board Chairman, Joel Russo.

As Chief Operating Officer, Patrick will continue advancing CJMC's strategic initiatives, enhancing operational goals, and expanding access to equitable, high-quality

healthcare across the communities they serve.

The Central Jersey Medical Center is a Federally Qualified Health Center dedicated to delivering comprehensive preventative and primary care services to all. To learn more about the Central Jersey Medical Center, visit www.cjmc.us or call (732) 376-9333. You may also visit one of their five locations in Perth Amboy, Carteret and Newark.



South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry and his wife Linda pose by a beautiful green balloon arch at the Mayor's Senior Citizen's St. Patrick's Day party. (Photo Submitted)



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Gomolka's Collectables Give Away!



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**Al Gomolka
As seen on
American Pickers**

Super collector Al Gomolka in conjunction with The SA Times will offer a new contest in each upcoming issue Gomolka's Collectables Give Away. Al would like to give away "FREE" portions of his collections to his fellow South Amboy/Sayreville readers of The SA Times to enhance their collections or just to make them happy.

All one has to do is to e-mail to: satimes@aol.com for the Gomolka's Collectables Give Away, and a winner will be selected via a random drawing to receive box fulls of Al's collectables for FREE! The winner will be notified via e-mail before the next newspaper comes out.

Al's next Free Give-A-Way for April 2026 will be:
Another big giveaway! Springtime and Baseball!

Boxes full of collectable sports items-including thousands of baseball, football, hockey and basketball cards, complete sets, sports books and magazines, unusual and very collectable sports memorabilia saved as far back as the 1950's. This should be the start of an instant collection for kids, grandkids or adults alike. Send in your e-mail to enter the contest, and

Happy Collecting!

Last Month's winner was: Bruce Grankowski

The winner must pick up the winning prize in person at a certain location in South Amboy or Sayreville. *The winner must be available to pick up the prize at a predetermined location and time, or the prize will be forfeited.

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Yearbook-Sayreville 1966

By Tom Burkard

As Sayreville War Memorial High School's Class of 1966 started its final year in September '65, some fabulous songs were topping the AM radio charts. "Help" by The Beatles was #1 followed closely by Dylan's "Like A Rolling Stone," The Beach Boys' "California Girls," and the beautiful "Unchained Melody" by The Righteous Brothers. Vincent Abbatiello was School Superintendent, and some of his fine faculty included: Ruth Zdanewicz, Lois Jankowski, William Mulreman, Carol Kadi, Ethel Belgard, Joseph Banket, Francis Eskra, Frank Zagata, Robert Decker, Janet Scott. Tony Jozefowicz was Senior Class President, Mike Rock-Vice President, Sue Merinsky- Secretary, Sue Paris-Treasurer. The Student Council was composed of Kathleen Campbell-President, George Armstrong-Vice President, Marge Lehnert Secretary, Chris Kwiatkowski-Treasurer. Some of the super '66 seniors were: John Bates, Ruth Boehm, Margaret Bongiovanni, Janis Breese, Steve Brignoli, Kathryn Brow, Gary Burkshot, Robert Ciak, M. Wayne Chorpita, Vernon Chevalier, Linda Coyle, Arthur Crosby, Richard Duma, Warren Eberle, Donald Fross, Glenn Giles, Carol Gull, Diane Gumpper, Thomas Gurgul, Christine Hand, Linda Jasko, Maureen Kane, Kenneth Kelly, James Kosmoski, Dennis Laffey, Joseph Lukie, John Maher, Joseph Market, William Masterson, Val McCracken, John Misiewicz, Thomas Nagle, Kathleen Nebus, Carol Obit, Patricia Obit, William Pease, Karen Peterson, Karen Salmon, Jean Snee, Robert Solook, John Wisniewski, Robert Wickley, Stan Bettner was Editor-In-Chief of the yearbook, and Sheila Miklaszewski held the same title with the school newspaper. Joyce Melnick was President of the National Honor Society. "The Sound Of Music" was a highly successful school play. Terry Marchesi was Captain of the Cheerleaders; Arlene Dziedzic was Captain of the Color Guard; Sue Merinsky was Captain of the Twirlers, and Debbie Fontana was Majorette. The talented senior athletes were: George Armstrong, Thomas Beninato, Stanley Bittner, Joseph Darmento, John DeLucia, Philip DeFort, Robert Engelhardt, Roger Feltz, Michael Gallas, Thomas Himmelreich, Dennis Jensen, Tony Jozefowicz, Joseph Kloc, James Kozlowski, Thomas Kozak, Robert Lehnert, Donald Mandy, Michael Marangio, Michael Marcinczyk, Robert McLaughlin, Robert McNeary, Harold Mertens Jr., Donald O'Such, Alfred Pawlowski, Costy Pawlowski, Donald Popowski, Todd Randall, Michael Rock, Ronald Sabat, Peter Scala, William Senkowski, Frank Toscano, Steven Wisniewski, Thomas Wisniewski, Joseph Wojcik, Leonard Zaleski, Michael Zulin. Sheila Miklaszewski was Valedictorian and Gail Sowa, Salutatorian. "Did You Ever Have To Make Up Your Mind" by The Lovin' Spoonful was one of the top songs in the nation at graduation time, and the Sayreville grads had some tough decisions to make, as to either go on to college, get a job, and in some cases, get drafted or join the military, and possibly end up in the Viet Nam War.



Bruce Grankowski (l) is the happy winner of Gomolka's Collectables Giveaway Contest. Al Gomolka (r) gave away record albums, 45's, sheet music, music books, etc. Bruce is holding a vintage Neil Diamond album, and "The Lincoln Conspiracy" album which Al sold two of on The American Pickers TV show. The record was titled "Like A Zombie," an anti-drug theme written and performed by Tom Burkard in 1987, and Al Gomolka portrayed Abraham Lincoln. Al's sister Sue Gomolka was "The Corvette Lady", and sang backup harmonies with other band members on the 5-track EP album. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

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(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. -K.A.

Councilman John's Monthly Minute



If you've driven through town lately, you know congestion is something we all deal with. There's no single switch we can flip to fix it overnight. But one thing communities have learned is that when a town gives people good reasons to stay local — to dine, shop, gather, and enjoy parks close to home — it can gradually influence traffic patterns in a positive way. In other words, the more we become a destination, the less we function as simply a pass-through community.

With that in mind, I wanted to highlight a couple of under-the-radar projects currently underway through the Sayreville Economic & Redevelopment Agency (SERA). They may not grab big headlines, but they are meaningful steps toward strengthening our local economy and improving everyday life here in Sayreville.

One initiative is the issuance of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a creative venue site along River Road. The property offers beautiful river views and sits adjacent to Buchanan Park — already one of our community's great assets. The goal is to attract a dining and entertainment venue that reflects Sayreville's character and gives residents and visitors a place to gather and enjoy our waterfront. Projects like this are about more than developing a single parcel; they're about expanding amenities close to home and creating intentional reasons for people to stop and spend time here.

Another effort underway is the plan to bring on a part-time professional dedicated to assisting new and existing business owners, particularly small businesses. Opening or expanding a business can be complicated, especially

when navigating zoning requirements, permits, and storefront availability. Having a resource to help guide business owners through the process and connect them with the right departments is a practical step that can encourage responsible growth. Just as important, this role would help promote and amplify the businesses already serving our residents.

Reducing congestion isn't only about road improvements — it's also about thoughtful community planning. By increasing amenities for our residents and encouraging small business development throughout the borough, we create more opportunities for people to stay local. Over time, that helps shift the dynamic from being known primarily as a pass-through community to being recognized as a place people choose to visit and enjoy.

These projects may be under the radar for now, but they represent steady and responsible progress. I'll continue to keep you updated as they move forward. As always, I appreciate your interest and welcome your thoughts.

With gratitude and pride,
John Zebrowski
Sayreville Councilman

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Pictured by the South Amboy Senior Citizens new bus are (l-r) Councilwoman Zusetta Dato, Council President Mickey Gross, Mayor Fred Henry, and Councilman-At-Large Anthony Conrad. (Photo by Brian Stratton)

South Amboy Welcomes New Senior Transportation Bus

South Amboy is pleased to announce the addition of a new senior transportation bus to help better serve city residents. The new vehicle will provide safe and reliable transportation for seniors traveling to appointments, shopping, and local community programs.

expand transportation services and improve accessibility for South Amboy's growing senior community. The addition reflects the city's continued commitment to supporting residents and ensuring seniors remain active and connected within the community

City officials recently gathered to welcome the new bus, which will help

Storytime At Dowdell Library

Join Dowdell Library in celebrating Government Week with an Americana Celebrity Storytime featuring South Amboy Business Administrator, David Kales. Listen to a story and make your own ice cream sundaes! Don't miss this special program on Thursday, April 16th at 3:30pm.

National Library Week is April 19-25. Celebrate with Dowdell Library by using their free wonderful online resources! Use Freegal to stream music, Kanopy to watch movies, Libby to read eBooks and listen to audiobooks, and Hoopla to access comics, magazines, and more. Just log onto dowdell.org and enter your library card number! Show your appreciation for your library this April!



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Pleasant Little TRIVIA

By Tom Burkard

- Grand Marshal of the South Amboy St. Patrick's Parade in 2018?
a. Brian Kelly b. Mickey Gross c. Mark Herdman
- In '08, where was Nico's Italian Restaurant in Sayreville?
a. Rt. 9 South b. Washington Rd. c. Main St.
- What was the first year the South Amboy "City Wide" Yard Sale held?
A. 1966 b. 1994 c. 2000
- Who received the most votes for the Sayreville Board of Education election in 1998?
a. Dr. Edward Jasionowski b. Curtis Clark c. Samuel Adams
- This movie starring Woody Allen was filmed in 1984 at South Amboy?
a. Coyote Ugly b. Mile Square Town c. The Purple Rose Of Cairo
- Selected Chairman of the Sayreville Republican Party in '98?
a. Ken Olchasky b. Edward Rappleyea c. Joseph Price
- Who was the featured writer for the "Animal Care" column in The SA Times for many years?
a. Virginia Stillwagon b. Mary Melendez c. Shakirah King
- In '03, the top vote-getter for the Sayreville Council was?
a. John Melillo b. Stanley Drwal c. Phyllis Batko
- What year did SeaStreak have its initial ferry service to New York City from South Amboy?
A. 1995 b. 2001 c. 2002
- In '03, who was the Executive Director of Sayreville Economic Development Authority?
a. Randy Corman b. Zachary Lemongello c. Willis Hayes



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



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Dowdell Library News

Celebrate National Library Week with Dowdell Library with all our great programs this April!

South Amboy Residents! Dowdell Library is pleased to offer free passes to the Museum of Modern Art (MOMA)! Contact the library at 732-721-6060 or comments@dowdell.org for more information.

To celebrate America's 250th Anniversary, watch for many library events this year! The next will take place on Tuesday, May 5 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Don't miss Medicinal Plants of the Civil War!

"After Lunch" by Seward Johnson - caught sleeping on the job! Drop in to the Dowdell Library to visit this special sculpture on loan from the Seward Johnson Atelier. In the meantime, he will be catching some ZZZZs.

Families! Join Dowdell Library for Celebrity Storytime on Thursday, April 16 with Business Administrator Dave Kales at 3:30 pm. Make your own sundaes!

Toddlers! Join Ms. Maryanne for Toddler Thursday Play Dates in April from 12:00 to 2:15 pm for games, activities, crafts, and a fun story time. Meet other parents and make new friends!

Kids! Stop by for weekly fun at the After School Fun Club on Wednesdays in April from 3:15 to 4:30 pm. Hop into the library for our Spring Break Egg Hunt on Wednesday, April 8 at 1:00 pm.

Kids and Teens! Don't miss Drop in Club this April from 3:15 to 4:30 pm on Tuesdays for Board Games and from 2:30 to 4:30 pm on Fridays for Video Games. Ages 11+.

Tweens and Teens! Stop by to register for the April Test Kitchen on Monday, April 20 for ages 13+ and Tuesday, April 21 for ages 10 to 12 at 3:00pm! Learn how to make different treats and snacks! Come and solve Edward's Route 66 Escape Room on Monday April 27 at 3:00 pm.

Seniors! Senior Tech Time will be held on Monday, April 6 at 10:30am. Come learn about a new technology topic.

The Senior Book Club will meet on Monday, April 27 from 10:30 to 11:30 am. Ask about joining! The city can provide transportation if needed.

Dowdell Library, in collaboration with Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital and RWJ Barnabas Health, offers online virtual health programs. Please register by emailing communityed@rwjbh.org. Guided Imagery Relaxation Sessions are on April 14 and 28 at 1:00 pm.

The Knitting and Crochet Club meets Mondays from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Bring your supplies, tools, and let's get started! Interested in learning how to knit? Drop in for some informal tips.

Check out the library's Freegal Music+ Service, which allows you to access a collection of over 18 million songs from more than 93,000 music labels. Or, ask about our new video streaming service, Kanopy with a collection of thousands of movies, television series, and documentaries! Both services offer a mobile app and website at no cost to ensure an easy-to-use and enjoyable experience. These are available for South Amboy cardholders and can be downloaded in the Apple® App Store and Google® Play store.

Dowdell Library's hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, from 10am-8pm; Wednesday and Friday from 10am-5pm. Saturday from 12pm-4pm. Connect on social media!

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.



Sayreville Seeks Developers' Visions for a Waterfront Restaurant

There are beautiful views of the Raritan River from the municipal boat ramp at the end of River Road. The area has huge potential as a local destination for borough residents and guests. This vacant stretch of municipal land just needs the right amenity to entice more people to visit, at River Road and Sayreville Boulevard.

The Sayreville Economic and Redevelopment Agency (SERA) is now seeking proposals for the development of a "destination-quality" waterfront bar and restaurant. It is an ideal location, just steps from Buchanan Park and a pier that overlooks glorious sunsets on the Raritan. "We are excited to partner with a developer who shares our vision for this beautiful stretch of public waterfront," said SERA Chair John Zebrowski, who also serves as president of the Borough Council. "For many years this area has had incredible potential, and we believe the right project can transform it into a welcoming destination for residents and visitors alike—while carefully protecting the environmentally sensitive areas along the riverbank and complementing the character and culture of our surrounding neighborhoods." The successful applicant will design, finance, construct, operate and maintain the restaurant, which would feature both indoor and outdoor seating as

a 12-month-a-year operation. The business would include an outside Tiki bar and dining space, a riverfront viewing deck open to the public and an inside bar/lounge area.

"SERA envisions a welcoming waterfront destination that builds on the natural beauty of the Raritan River and enhances the experience for everyone who visits our park and pier," Zebrowski said. "Our goal is to create a place that reflects Sayreville's culture, brings the community together, and provides long-term economic benefits for our residents and taxpayers. With the right partner, we believe this space can become a destination our entire community can be proud of."

It would be the responsibility of the developer to secure permits from the state Department of Environmental Protection, as the area includes wetlands that are deemed undevelopable. The land will remain publicly owned, but the project will be privately financed, with the operator paying rent as part of a long-term lease agreement with SERA.

Proposals are due by April 24 at 3 p.m. "SERA looks forward to reviewing proposals that will thoughtfully activate the waterfront, enhance public access, and create a vibrant new destination for Sayreville," added SERA Executive Director Himanshu Shah.

The Smoke Column

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

One of the best fire protective devices any homeowner can have is a home fire sprinkler system. The United States has seen a significant decrease in fires and fire-related deaths due to increased fire prevention efforts. The efforts have included improved building codes, enhanced fire suppression systems, increased awareness, and better fire prevention strategies. We know that fire behavior has changed significantly because of the changes in home construction and household materials over the years. The synthetic compounds commonly used in today's home furnishings burn more readily than legacy materials, while the open floor plans and engineering construction techniques favored in modern homes have increased the potential for early flashover and structural collapse. According to the U.S. Fire Administration, in 2022 there were more than 374,300 residential structure fires resulting in 2720 deaths. Twenty years ago, you had 15 to 17 minutes to escape from your home during a fire. Now with so many synthetic furnishings in our homes, fires can become deadly in less than TWO minutes. You have a 15% greater chance of dying in a home fire now than you did 40 years ago. In 1975, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) introduced NFPA 13D, "Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems in one and two-family Dwellings and Manufactured Homes. The purpose of this standard is to provide a cost-efficient home sprinkler system. NFPA 5000, "Building Construction and Safety Code" has mandated the installation of fire sprinklers in all one and two-family homes since the early 2000's. Believe it or not, only two states have passed mandatory legislation for this to occur in their states. New Jersey has not passed that state legislation! The Home Builders Associations have also opposed any legislation requiring these homes to have sprinkler systems installed. My thought has always been that if the structure burns to the ground, who will make a profit to re-build the home? The Home Builders Associations of course. Some fault for not fighting for mandatory sprinkler systems legislation in homes falls on the fire service itself for not



uniting throughout the entire country for this life safety system. The main purpose of NFPA 13D is to provide sprinklers in required living spaces but not in areas such as small bathrooms, closets, pantries, garages or carports, open attached structures, or concealed non-living spaces. Why not, don't these spaces have materials that can burn quickly? NFPA 13D states that sprinkler coverage is only required to buy residents time to escape and the fire department to respond to extinguish the fire. It also allows the water supply system to supply enough water to accommodate the water flow from two fire sprinkler heads operating for 10 minutes in a single-story home under 2000 sq. feet. These home fire sprinkler systems can be designed as a stand-alone system or as a multi-purpose system, where the piping that supplies the home's plumbing fixtures can also supply the fire sprinklers which makes the system more economical to install. Construction can be made using PVC piping and will require minimal maintenance. Not only will fire sprinkler systems provide you with extra minutes to escape a home fire but it may also control and confine a fire to its initial location. This fact alone may reduce the amount of damage to the home and contents, which may allow you to move back in quickly. Reports show that smoke detectors used in conjunction with home sprinkler systems reduce fire deaths by 85%! WOW, what a great life safety solution. If you reside in an older residence and plan to do some interior re-modeling, think about sprinklers when the walls are opened.

Cinco de Mayo Bingo Fiesta!

St. Stan's HSA presents our Cinco de Mayo Bingo Fiesta!

Join us on Saturday, May 9th. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., and calling begins at 7:00 p.m. Admission is \$40 per person and includes 6 games of Bingo (3 boards per game), lively music, colorful décor, and an authentic dinner.

For tickets or more information, please text Shaka at 908-370-1798 or purchase directly from the Parish Office. Don't miss an evening of fun, prizes, and community spirit!



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Women's History Month:

Celebrating the Women of South Amboy Who Served Country and Community
By Mary Szaro, Historian | American Legion Auxiliary Unit #62, South Amboy

The women of South Amboy have long played an important role in service to both country and community. From the early days of supporting returning World War I veterans, to serving overseas during World War II, to leadership in today's armed forces, generations of women from our community have stepped forward when their nation called. This Women's History Month, we honor several remarkable women whose dedication, leadership, and patriotism reflect a proud tradition of service that continues to inspire South Amboy today.

The women highlighted here represent both the present and the past of South Amboy's tradition of service. We begin with current members of the Luke A. Lovely American Legion Post #62, followed by women from earlier generations who helped forge a legacy by opening doors for future generations through their leadership and service.



Spec. Phyllis Letteriello

Specialist Phyllis Letteriello of South Amboy served in the United States Army during the post-Vietnam era. She enlisted in January 1975 and began basic training at Fort McClellan, Alabama, where recruits were still entering service as members of the Women's Army Corps before transitioning into the regular Army at the completion of training. She completed Advanced Individual Training at Fort Lee, Virginia, where she was trained in fuel operations and the proper handling and storage of military fuels. Letteriello later received a permanent duty assignment at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, where she worked in Personnel Services as an administrative specialist. She completed her enlistment in 1978 and was honorably discharged.

Following the attacks of September 11, 2001, she joined Luke A. Lovely American Legion Post #62 in South Amboy, later serving the post as Adjutant for sixteen years and remaining an active member of the Legion community.

Lt. Col. Sarah Bernal began her military



Lt. Col. Sarah Bernal

career in 1998 with the New Jersey Army National Guard. Her service includes

responding to the events of September 11, 2001, at Ground Zero and deployments to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003 and 2008. She also mobilized for several domestic operations, including the Kosovo Relief Humanitarian Operation at Fort Dix in 1999, Hurricane Floyd in 1999, Operation Noble Eagle in 2001, and the COVID-19 response in 2020.

A logistics officer throughout her career, Bernal served in multiple leadership roles ranging from platoon leader to Brigade S4 with the 44th Infantry Brigade Combat Team of the New Jersey National Guard. In 2023, she transferred to the Army Reserve and continues to serve with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. She previously served with the 9th Mission Support Command in Honolulu, Hawaii and currently serves as Battalion Commander of the 157th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion in Horsham, Pennsylvania.

In addition to her military service, Bernal volunteers to counsel veterans transitioning from active duty to civilian life and mentors New York City teenagers through the Explorers Program. A new resident of South Amboy, she is an active member of American Legion Post #62.

Turning to the past, we recognize the women whose efforts helped shape a proud tradition of service.

Cynthia Harrigfeld, the first female Post Commander of American Legion Post #62, lived in South Amboy and carried forward the proud tradition of military service among women in the community. Born in 1954, she served in the United States Air Force and was stationed in Texas. After her military service, Harrigfeld remained active in supporting local veterans. As Commander in 2002, just one year after the attacks of September 11, 2001, she led a solemn memorial ceremony at South Amboy City Hall sponsored by American Legion Post #62, honoring the victims of the terrorist attacks and the first responders who answered the call that day. Cynthia Harrigfeld passed away in 2019 and is remembered for her service to both country and community.

MSgt. Margaret "Peg" Hardy of South Amboy was born in 1918 and went on to serve with distinction during a groundbreaking era for women in the U.S. military. She enlisted in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAAC) in 1942 during World War II, when women were first being formally integrated into military service roles. Among the early pioneers of the program, Hardy served as one of the first WAAC/WAC First Sergeants at the Army training center in Des Moines in 1942, helping establish the leadership structure of the newly formed women's corps. She later continued her military career in the Women's Army Corps and the United States Air Force. With over 28 years of service, Hardy served in assignments across the United States and overseas, including Iowa, Missouri, New York, California, Newfoundland, Massachusetts, Hawaii, Washington, D.C., and Texas. She passed away in Texas in 1998.

Cpl. Claire Arose Kline of South Amboy served in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps during World War II. The Women's Army Auxiliary Corps was created on May 15, 1942, and on July 1, 1943, it was redesignated as the Women's Army Corps (WAC), becoming the official women's branch of the United States Army. Claire Kline enlisted on May 5, 1943, and served overseas in New Guinea and the South Pacific during the war. She was born in 1921 and was a lifelong resident of South Amboy. Claire Kline passed away in 2007 and is remembered for her military service to the nation.

Lt. Helen Jurewicz Curran of South Amboy was born in 1912 and served as a nurse in the United States Army Nurse Corps during World War II. After graduating from nursing school in 1939 and serving as a ward instructor, she joined the American Red Cross Overseas Nursing Service and sailed from Halifax in June 1941 with a British naval convoy bound for overseas duty. During the voyage, the convoy was attacked by a German submarine in the North Atlantic. The

ship carrying Jurewicz was struck, forcing those on board into lifeboats, where survivors were left adrift for roughly 20 hours before being rescued by other convoy vessels. Two of the nurses traveling in the convoy were killed in the attack. The incident was widely reported because it occurred months before the United States officially entered World War II, highlighting the dangers faced by American nurses already serving overseas with Allied forces.

Mrs. Annie K. Stults of South Amboy was born in 1871 and is remembered and honored as the founder of the women's auxiliary supporting Luke A. Lovely American Legion Post #62. Her husband was a founding member of the post, and in August 1919 she organized mothers, wives, sisters, and daughters of veterans to assist returning servicemen and their families following World War I. When the American Legion Auxiliary was formally established later in 1919, the group she organized was officially chartered in 1920 as Auxiliary Unit #62. Stults later helped organize the Middlesex County American Legion Auxiliary and was elected its first County President, serving from 1920 to 1927. Through her leadership, additional Auxiliary units were formed across Middlesex County, expanding community support for veterans and their families. She passed away in 1944.

South Amboy Women's Motor Corps volunteers played an important role on the home front during World War II, and this history would not be complete without acknowledging the many women who served in this effort. Using their own automobiles, these women delivered meals and supplies to soldiers stationed in the area guarding the bridges and other key transportation routes. The Motor Corps supported the New Jersey State Guard by providing transportation services after the National Guard was federalized. Volunteers regularly transported meals to guardsmen stationed at the Route 9 bridge over the Raritan River and other guard posts in the area. Members operated their own vehicles, often driving at night under wartime blackout regulations, sometimes without headlights. Volunteers were required to complete training in first aid and basic auto mechanics, including the ability to change tires in the dark. They received no pay for their service, only gas ration coupons to help cover the cost of fuel. Through their dedication and volunteer service, the women of the South Amboy Women's Motor Corps helped support the soldiers assigned to protect these strategic locations while contributing to the town's wartime efforts.

The women highlighted here represent the spirit of service and offer a glimpse into the many stories of dedication in South Amboy. We are forever grateful for their service, their commitment to duty, and the dedication they have given to serving both our nation and our hometown.

If you know of other women from South Amboy who have served in the United States military, provided supportive service to veterans and the military community, or were members of the South Amboy Women's Motor Corps, please send their name and a short biography to post62a-americanlegion@gmail.com so their service may also be recognized and remembered. Strong Women. Strong Service. Strong Spirit.

Country And Rock & Roll Night

The South Amboy Knights of Columbus are hosting a "Country and Rock & Roll" night to dance the night away. "Line dancing" too. Music by The Cellar Dwellers and Friends. Country line dance instructions start at 5:30pm. When: Friday May 15th 6:30-10:00pm, music starts at 7:00 pm

Where: 308 4th street South Amboy N.J. Cost: Adults \$25.00 Children under 12yrs \$10.00 under 5 free. Ticket includes a Menu of: Hot dogs, chili, pulled pork Mac. & cheese, desserts and tea and coffee. Cash bar. Reservations required call or text Bruce 732 586-9779. All proceeds benefit local charities.

Medicinal Plants of the Civil War

This year, Dowdell library will be commemorating the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States, as well as the anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The America250 initiative is led by the U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission to honor our nation's history and diversity. The Library will make history come alive with - not to miss - fun programming throughout the year, presented by various professionals. The upcoming program on Tuesday, May 5 at 6:30 pm will be presented by noted horticulturist, Lesley Parness, who has also been the Superintendent of horticultural education at New Jersey's Morris County Park Commission.

Ms. Parness will note how medicinal plants were crucial during the Civil War as well as the medicinal qualities of plants during the 19th century. One topic will be the growing of poppy, encouraged by the Confederate Army, which began the country's first opioid epidemic. Could plants have played a role in the outcome of the Civil War? Learn how important plants were in every aspect of this conflict, on battlefields and home fronts of both the North and the South. Over 30 plants are discussed and their medicinal properties noted. "Receipts," or recipes are included for popular herbal remedies such as horehound lozenges and witch hazel tonic. The history of patent medicines is explored and you will meet one of America's most important poets, the first African American physician and the man who revolutionized medical texts. Audiences are often surprised to see how many "Civil War" plants they are already growing, and the haunting historic images create a compelling tale of interest to history buffs as well as gardeners.

Don't miss this special program on Tuesday, May 5th at 6:30pm. The Dowdell Library is adjacent to the South Amboy High School - off O'Leary Blvd. in South Amboy.

For more information, contact the Dowdell Library at 732.721.6060 or comments@dowdell.org.

OLV Council 2061 65th Anniversary Celebration

Our Lady of Victory Council 2061 celebrates our council's Columbiettes® 65th Anniversary with a Charity Gala on Saturday, April 18th @7:00pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 775 Washington Rd, Parlin. This event offers an open bar, appetizers, buffet dinner, desserts, dancing and more. Live music provided by The FOG. Tickets \$50 per person. Email: knightscharity2061@gmail.com or call (732)259-7594 or (732)259-7400 for more information. Please Note: Advance purchase only - no tickets at the door.



Pictured before the St. Patrick's Day Parade is (l-r) Joe Szaro Commander of American Legion Luke A. Lovely Post 62, South Amboy, his wife Mary Szaro, who is the President of the Historical Society of South Amboy, and her son 2nd Assistant Fire Chief Ken Kokoszka. (Photo/info submitted)

Rumbles From The Rock And Roll Reunion

By Clem Skarzynski

Gotta begin this column by extending thanks to the entire membership of the Sayreville VFW Post 4699, responsible for putting together an incredible 80th Anniversary celebration, last month at the Post, and honoring a host of Veterans for their Service...Super Job! Thanks for having "The Clem and Friends Band," to entertain that appreciative crowd! OK...Spring is here, and before ya know it, Summer, and with that.. Car Shows! Yup, Saturday Sept.26th.."The Blast from the Past" Car Show, Our 19th Year and Counting. Richie Hart and the "Just Us Cruisers" Car Club, with "The Clem and Friends Band, will be at Kennedy Park, with another outstanding show...AND the 5th annual St.Stan's

Oct.25th, at the St.Stan's Fairgrounds...And Sayreville's Rec. Dept Annual "Sayreville Day", Sunday Sept.27th! More info will follow as we get closer to the dates, so,mark the calendars! This Year,we'll be bringing the "Jerry Ust Memorial" Best in Show Trophy 'Home'..to the "Blast from the Past" Car Show, which Jerry, myself and Richie Hart originated and organized over 20 years ago. We thank the St.Stan's Crew for allowing us to present and award the trophy at their show the past 4 years, and Sayreville Rec. Director Brian VanDongen for giving us the chance to bring it to the Sayreville Show, where it all began. Many thanks from The Ust Family, Richie Hart, and me, the writer ...till then..."Wake up with Music"...it'll make your day....

Halloween Car Show, on Sunday

Acoustic Friday, April 17, 2026

By Jerry Smith

South Amboy Arts Alliance is pleased to announce its next music showcase will take place on April 17, 2026 when Joseph Frame and Alejandro Ataucusi return to the gallery.

Joe Frame is a solo guitarist whose far-reaching repertoire draws from the music of the late Brazilian Bossa Nova master Antonio Carlos Jobim. Frame's meticulously developed arrangements emphasize the harmonic content of each piece he performs. He also performs original pieces that meld the influences of his various musical interests: Brazilian, classical, gypsy-jazz, and the Great American Songbook. Visit Joe Frame at www.frameworkjazz.com.

Alejandro Ataucusi is the guitarist for a New Jersey-based Afro Peruvian Jazz band called Forbidden Tropics. A multi-instrumentalist originally from Lima, Peru, Alejandro also showcases the charango and hatun charango around the world. The charango is a 10-stringed Andean lute and sounds similar to a mandolin; the hatun

charango is a form of the charango with a more extensive range and allows the interpreter to play more harmonically complex pieces. Alejandro has given lectures and concerts at many institutions in the U.S. such as the National Music Museum, New York University and the University of California - Riverside. In Europe, he has played in Italy, Austria as well as Germany, where he's performed with world renowned guitarist Tommy Emmanuel.

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 performances. 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.



MUSIC TRIVIA

Young/Old

By Tom Burkard



- 1.Forever Young
- 2.Young Girl
- 3.Only The Good Die Young
- 4.Young Blood
- 5.Young Love
- 6.Old Man
- 7.Old Days
- 8.Old Fashioned Love Song
- 9.Old Time Rock And Roll
- 10.This Old Heart Of Mine
- 11.The Night They Drove Old Dixie Down
- 12.Same Old Song
- 13.Old Hippie
- 14.It's The Same Old Song
- 15.The Old Songs
- 16.Young Americans
- 17.Oh Very Young
- 18.Yesterday When I Was Young
- 19.All The Young Dudes
- 20.Younger Girl

Answers
11 2g 3n 4d 5t 6k 7r 8s 9c 10h 11p 12e 13b 14o 15j 16i 17r 18q 19a 20m

#1 Pop Hits On March 28

- 2023-Flowers-Miley Cyrus
- 2015-Uptown Funk
-Mark Ronson feat. Bruno Mars
- 2000-Say My Name-Destiny's Child
- 1993-Informer-Snow
- 1986-Rock Me Amadeus-Falco
- 1977-Rich Girl-Hall & Oates
- 1968-Dock Of The Bay-Otis Redding
- 1955-Ballad Of Davey Crockett-Bill Hayes

#1 Country Hits On March 28

- 2025-Liar-Jelly Roll
- 2013-Sure Be Cool If You Did-Blake Shelton
- 2007-Beer In Mexico-Kenny Chesney
- 1996-You Can Feel Bad-Patty Loveless
- 1980-My Heroes Have Always Been Cowboys-Willie Nelson
- 1975-Linda On My Mind-Conway Twitty
- 1965-King Of The Road-Roger Miller
- 1958-Ballad Of A Teenage Queen
-Johnny Cash

Top Hits 100 Years Ago

- 1926-Valencia-Paul Whiteman & His Orchestra; The Prisoner's Song-Vernon Dalhart; Baby Face-Jen Garber & His Orchestra/Ben Salvin; Who?-George Olsen & His Music; Five Foot Two Eyes Of Blue-Gene Austin; When The Red, Red Robin Comes Bob, Bob Bobbin' Along-Al Jolson; Always-George Olsen/Vincent Lopez; I'm Sitting On Top Of The World-Al Jolson.

One Hit Wonders 55 Years Ago

- 1971-Signs-Five Man Electrical Band; Mr. Big Stuff-Jean Knight; One Toke Over The Line-Brewer & Shipley; Want Ads-The Honeycombs; Funky Nassau-The Beginning Of The End; Suavecito-Malo; I'd Love To Change The World-Ten Years After.

Top Golf Fundraiser

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The Impact Of The Stevens Family In South Amboy And Christ Church History

By Kurt Nelson Kvist

A long time ago, in a galaxy.....Wait, wait, wrong story. A long time ago in South Amboy's very early history there was John Stevens. Born in New York City January 1st. 1749 and was raised in Perth Amboy, NJ. He graduated from Kings College (Now Columbia University) with a Law degree in 1768. He was the treasurer of NJ and made the rank of Colonel in George Washington's army during the revolutionary war. After the war, being a lawyer really bored him and he followed his heart and became interested in Steam propulsion. There was this guy John Fitch in Philadelphia who was playing with steam. John Stevens had better ideas as to harness the true power of steam. Twin screws and vertical boilers added a lot more power to his river going vessels. Heard of Robert Fulton? A light weight compared to John Stevens. John Stevens invented the first steam ship to travel via the Atlantic Ocean to Philadelphia being the first steam powered ocean going vessel. He developed the first steam ferry from Hoboken to NYC run by his eldest son, John Cox Stevens. Why Hoboken, you say? Well, after the Colonies won the revolutionary war the government kicked out the owner William Bayard from "Bayard's Farm at Hobuck." He thought the British were going to win the revolutionary war. He was wrong. The state confiscated his property and at a public auction, John Stevens bought the farm and the property from the state of NJ. He paid \$90,000 in May of 1784. He then created the City of Hoboken, a more fitting name in tribute to the Lenape Indians. He built Castle Stevens overlooking NYC which later became Stevens Tech. created by his son Edwin Stevens. He also petitioned the United States Congress, and created the American Patent office to protect inventors, such as himself. They were tired of getting ripped off by imposters and copycats. On April 10, 1790, the patent office was enacted by congress.

As you can see, this guy was busy! His success in steam power motivated him to build the very first steam locomotive in the United States on his property in Hoboken, NJ. It consisted of a circular track that was not used commercially. Kind of like Keansburg, but much bigger.

This working model motivated him to build the "John Bull", a powerful steam locomotive which would travel between Camden and South Amboy. The Amboy Camden Railroad.

This was the first train in America! It carried people and coal from (Philly,) Camden to South Amboy. He purchased the Boiler parts from England and it arrived at Camden in crates without instructions. (I've assembled Christmas toys like that.) He created the first railroad in America, the Amboy Camden Railroad. That in and of itself, put South Amboy on the map and a lot of money in his pocket. People came from all over to work in the Coal yard. (My great grandfather included. He emigrated from Denmark to work on the coal docks in the 1880s.) The sleepers that supported the tracks were large stone boulders. Prisoners at Sing Sing prison drilled the parallel holes in the stones to hold

the railroad tracks in place using crude spikes. When they expanded the Ernston Road train bridge in Sayreville, they uncovered several of these large sleeper stones.

Stevens had a boatload of children, thirteen in total. Have you ever heard of Catherine Street? John, Augusta, Stevens Ave? How about Conover St. and Stockton St. Commodore Stockton cost JC Stevens \$10,000.00 Dollars (tell you more in a little bit) and Commodore Conover was J.C.'s brother in law.

Yeah, those are not coincidental street names. I'm going to focus on one of them, John Cox Stevens. He was the first born. He lived in a beautiful mansion on the property right behind Christ Church, built in the late 1840's.

Now right about 1850, John Cox Stevens and his brother Edwin got it in their heads to build a racing yacht named "America". They dragged it across the pond to England to compete in a long-standing yacht race around the Isle of Wight. The race was 52 nautical miles and a prize of 100 guineas'. (A guinea is a quarter ounce of gold at the time.)

J C piloted the boat to victory, beating all 52 competitors' boats by an incredible 18 minutes. Queen Victoria asked the question, "who came in second?" "No one, your majesty," was the answer. She thought something was rotten in Denmark and asked to see the yacht to inspect for a propeller or other propulsion device to create such an advantage.

She was wrong. They won the race fair and square. John and Edwin sailed back to America with the prize money and the trophy in hand.

John Cox Stevens took the trophy home and became the first commodore of the New York Yacht Club. He then went on to create the Americas Cup Race.

The Americas Cup Race is the oldest national sporting event. It continues to this day, but has grown internationally. The New York Yacht club held the trophy in the club house for over a hundred years. In 1890 Marconi transmitted from the north tower of the twin light house at Sandy Hook, the America's Cup race. The second broadcast ever to be transmitted to the world. (The first was some boring Navy maneuvers a few days earlier.)

John Cox Stevens took after his father. Like his father, John Cox Stevens sought to build a mansion on the highest point in South Amboy to overlook the Raritan Bay and beyond. He chose the property directly behind where Christ Church is located. This acreage was owned by the Amboy Camden Railroad. It consisted of 40 plus acres. This is the highest point in South Amboy. His estate was designed by the famous Architect, Alexander Jackson Davis, when in the late 1840's upon completion, the estate was named Stevensdale. AJ Davis also designed and built Christ Church and later on, the Rectory.

Stevensdale was a beautiful property complete with a 5-acre lake, winery, a caretaker's cottage, horse stables, observatory and band shell. From 4th street to near the

HOLE IN THE WALL, up to behind Christ Church and down the hill towards the river was the Stevensdale estate. He would look down the hill to his yacht Maria, This extremely fast craft was named after his wife who had passed away in February of 1855.

After his wife's death his sister and brother in law moved into the Stevensdale mansion with him. (Oh joy.) His brother in law was Commodore Thomas A. Conover who commanded the USS Constitution. (Old ironsides.) The ship's decisive victories were a determining factor in the war of 1812. Its solid oak construction got its namesake from cannon balls bouncing off its hull. Commodore Conover was not there, just the ship.

There is a story published in the Alexandria Gazette, Alexandria Virginia newspaper of a kink of a millionaire, John Cox Stevens. A polite way to call him a kook. He went to task on the property ripping huge pine trees and stumps out of the ground in a most unusual way. Grabbing one of dad's powerful steam locomotives he utilized giant blocks and tackle to rip the trees out of the ground with ease. He would shout "stand from under!" as the locomotive made short work of pulling the trees and stumps out of the ground and launching them some 60 feet into the air. The neighbors were thrilled.

To acquire this property, which was described as a sandy waste land with pine trees, scrubs and stumps, Daddy's railroad was going to give the property to him in 1847. The railroad tracks to this day circle the property and travel over the HOLE IN THE WALL at Mechanicsville. But there was an objection voiced by Commodore Stockton who was part of the railroad Rat Pack at the time. He stated, "Charge him \$10,000.00 dollars." If you don't, he'll never touch it", he exclaimed. He was wrong.

John C. probably had the cash in his pocket, licked his thumb, and counted it off. Ever hear of California? That is a Commodore Stockton story, he fought for and won it. Ever hear of Stockton California? And our own Stockton Street, yeah, that's him.

The women were the driving force behind Christ Church's history. J. C Stevens wife Maria would drive a "horse car" down Bordentown Ave to St Peters in Spotswood on Sundays for Church services. Some just went for a ride in the country. (As of this writing Saint Peters is 260 years old.) J.C.'s Sister Catherine in the summer of 1833, had the railroad build a wooden structure where Christ Church is currently located.

This wooden building became the first church and the first school in South Amboy, teaching the 3 R's and the bible. Then in 1852 the rail road deeded the parish the property. Yeah!

This included the existing cemetery as seen in old church photos. I have a list of the 50 people buried there. Sister Sophia Stevens built the Episcopal infant school in 1856. (The brick wall is still there today next to the church, go look.) It was later called the orphan home for girls.

The wooden church and school were

replaced by the current stone church. The first service was held on Easter Sunday April 4th. 1858 by Rev. Charles Little.

My Great grandfather, Nils Nelson Kvist got off the boat in the mid 1880's to work for The Amboy Camden Railroad. With Great Grandma Cecil Margret, they traveled from Denmark with 2 baby girls, and one in the oven. They had 7 more crumb crunchers and attended Donne's Chapple located at Christ Church Cemetery. Donne's Chapple was a Sunday school and extended parish of Christ Church. It blew up in 1918 from the Gillespie munitions explosion, which also blew out windows at Christ Church and a lot of South Amboy. There is a photo of a National Guardsman patrolling Broadway at the time. It was then that Great Gramps and Great grandma attended Christ Church on Main Street. My grandfather, Thomas N. Kvist Sr. my father Thomas N. Kvist Jr. and I along with my sister Lynn, daughter Krista, were all baptized and married in Christ Church. My son Taylor Nelson was married there as well. 5 generations and counting.

It is there that I feel the presence of God and family. Its medieval gothic revival architecture by Alexander Jackson Davis, brings you back in time. It is so warm and peaceful. The stained glass windows represent the talents of a lost generation. Each window tells the story of Jesus Christ. Stained glass was created to teach illiterates like me the story of Jesus Christ. (The first cartoons I guess.) The Church's windows are extraordinary. The colors explode (No pun intended) every Sunday as we gather there. This April we celebrate our 168th year. Our first service was on April 4th 1858 in this gothic structure. This year Easter is on April 5th. Yeah, pretty close to exactly 168 years to the day and still rockin'!

Several of the Stevens family are buried in the subterranean crypt under the first pews in the church. The entrance is a secret location near the pulpit. Oops! I shouldn't have said that. John Cox Stevens, his wife Maria, Sophia Stevens, Ester Bows Stevens along with Commodore Conover and his wife Catherine. (JC's sister.) All eternally rest there. We recently added in the past ten years, my bestie, Thomas Shipley Thomas's ashes to the crypt. His father was the Rev. John Thomas. The first interment in 158 years. Hi Ship!



Christ Church



Stevensdale in its original location, The distinctive dentil trim around the balcony is an AJ Davis trademark.



Main Street South Amboy, on the left is the relocated Stevensdale mansion which became the first South Amboy Hospital. You can see the America's Cup Trophy replica on the roof. This site is now home to Kurzawa Funeral Home.

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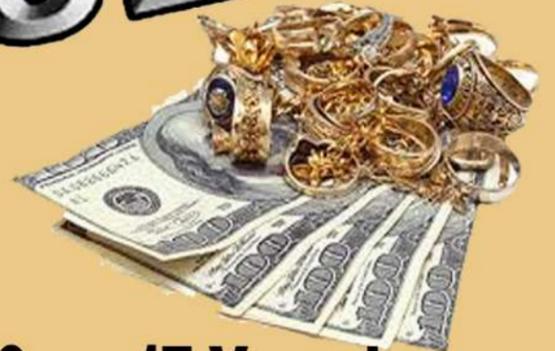


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Luke A. Lovely American Legion Post #62 lead the parade.
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South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry and wife Linda wave to the crowd.
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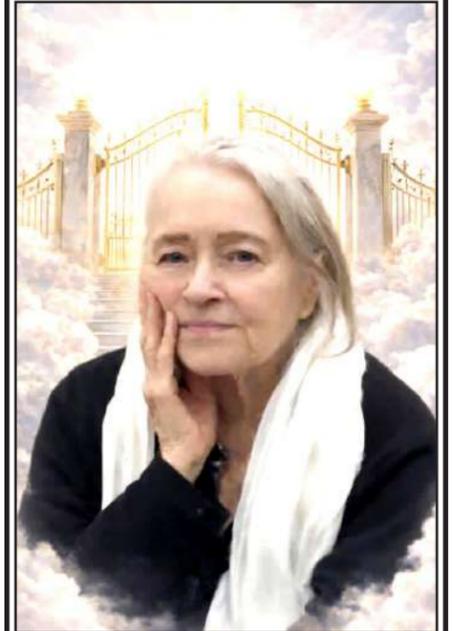


The Uptown String Band.



These youngsters had a blast at the parade! (Photo by Samantha Pagan)

Mary Drill



Mary Drill of Parlin, NJ passed away peacefully the morning of March 10, 2026. She was born on April 15, 1948, in South Amboy, New Jersey. Mary was a devoted mother to her children Raymond, Michael and Sandra and mother-in-law to Cindy and Melissa. Mary was a proud grandmother to Raymond, Collin, Emily and Oliver, each of whom brought her immeasurable joy. She is also survived by a step-grandson Errol Beutell, goddaughter Tara Seamanik and cousins James, Tom and Bill Brown. Mary was a cherished lifelong friend of Judy and Leo McCabe of Port St. Lucie, Florida. She was preceded in death by her father Harry Brown, mother Ethel Brown and sister Louise Brown.

Mary lived a full life. As a young wife with an entrepreneurial spirit she started Center Deli of South Amboy then was a financial aid counselor at Devry, director of sales at Days Inn and a loss consultant in the salvage industry.

Mary had diverse interests and hobbies which included enjoying summers at the Jersey Shore, strolling the boardwalks, researching genealogy, Hungarian cooking, playing cards with friends, attending Tricky Tray fundraisers with family, digging for diamonds at Crater of Diamond State Park, perusing social media and attending Catholic Mass on Sundays. It was her idea to be a host-grandmother to over 30 foreign exchange students and touched countless lives. Mary was always on the go in her younger years, but found a quiet life at home surrounded by her pets and close family to be a relaxing retirement.

Mary was an extraordinary woman, profoundly authentic and unapologetically passionate. She taught her children strength, resilience and resourcefulness. She passed peacefully at UAMS hospital in Little Rock, Arkansas with her daughter and Jesus by her side and is joyfully reuniting with loved ones who have gone before her.

Mary desired no funeral service and wanted direct cremation. If you wish, in lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Sammyvale Animal Sanctuary of Montclair, NJ - a cause that reflects Mary's enduring love for stray animals.

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Saturday, April 11-Sunday, April 12 | 10 am-4 pm; Opening Weekend at East Jersey Old Town Village and Cornelius Low House Museum

Kick off the historical interpreter season (April–October) with a free, family-friendly celebration featuring historical reenactments, 18th-century music, traditional trades, children’s crafts, food trucks, and more.

Sunday, April 26 | noon-4 pm; Exhibit Opening Reception: Caught in the Crossfire: Divided Loyalties in Middlesex County The Middlesex County Division of History and Historic Preservation will tell the County’s story in the American Revolution through a new exhibition at the Cornelius Low House Museum, Caught in the Crossfire: Divided Loyalties in Middlesex County. Explore never-before-exhibited artifacts, archival materials, interactive displays, and commissioned artwork. Light refreshments will be served. The exhibition runs from Saturday, April 11, 2026, to Sunday, December 31, 2028.

Saturday, May 2-Sunday, May 3 | 10 am-4 pm; Union Muster at East Jersey Old Town Village. Experience Civil War–era life through reenactments, musket and artillery demonstrations, live 19th-century music, children’s crafts, and food trucks — honoring the legacy of the 80,000 New Jersey soldiers who served.

Saturday, May 16 | 10 am-4 pm; History Day at East Jersey Old Town Village and Cornelius Low House Museum. Spend the day immersed in history at East Jersey Old Town Village and the Cornelius Low House Museum, featuring exhibits, living-history reenactors, music, children’s crafts, and food. Local, state, and national organizations will also table under the history tent on the

center green to show off 250th events in their communities.

Saturday, July 4 | 8 am-4 pm; A Revolutionary Celebration: Independence Day on the Raritan. Celebrate Independence Day on the banks of the Raritan River at East Jersey Old Town Village. This free, family-friendly event begins with a Revolutionary Celebration 5k run, followed by a fun day featuring historical stories, patriotic-themed music, fife-and-drum performances, historical weapons demonstrations, and food vendors.

Saturday, March 28 | 2-3:30 pm; Lenape: Here, then Where? Their Legacy. Presented by the New Brunswick Free Public Library, enjoy this free event in the Carl T. Valenti Community Room, presented as part of the library’s celebration of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, along with our Revolution 250 exhibit showcasing the events and people that have made up the history of New Brunswick. **Saturday, April 11-Sunday, April 12 | 10 am-4 pm;** Public History Class with Rutgers University. At Opening Weekend at East Jersey Old Town Village, meet Rutgers Public History Program students as they share their research projects on objects and topics of the American Revolution.

Monday, May 25-Sunday, July 5; Thinkery & Verse’s Liberty Madness. This free, family-friendly theatrical production explores the fraught relationship between Benjamin Franklin and his son William during the Revolution. Using shadows, illumination, storytelling, and live music, the show brings to life the people who lived through the conflict 250 years ago. Performances will be held in Perth Amboy, New Brunswick, and at East Jersey Old Town Village.

For more information on 250th anniversary events and programs throughout Middlesex County, visit middlesexcountyculture.com.

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

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.B..

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The Miraculous Prayer
Dear Heart of Jesus, in the past I have asked for many favors. This time I ask you this my special one intention favor. Take it, Dear Jesus, and place it within your own broken heart, where your Father sees it. Then in His merciful eyes, it will become your favor, not mine. Amen. (Say this prayer for 3 days, promise publication and your favor will be granted. Never known to fail). C.P.

Prayer to St. Gerard
O good St Gerard, powerful intercessor before God and wonder worker of our day, confidently I call upon you and seek your aid. On Earth you always fulfilled God’s designs, help me now to do the holy will of God. Implore the Master of Life, from whom all paternity proceeds, to render me fruitful in offspring, that I may raise up children to God in this life, and in the world to come, heirs to the Kingdom of His Glory. Amen.. K.H.

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By Philip

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Feathered preachers from above
Singing songs with notes divine
That touch the heart and soothe the mind,
Like pieces of a symphony
Playing from a nearby tree.
Who can doubt His loving care
When a robin’s song fills the air;
Or when a Cardinal, scarlet red,
Shows his color overhead!
The birds of love our Father gives
Remind us that our God still lives;
He beckons us from every tree
With the feathered preachers symphony.*

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Happy Easter To All



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South Amboy

St. Patrick's Day Parade

3/15/2026

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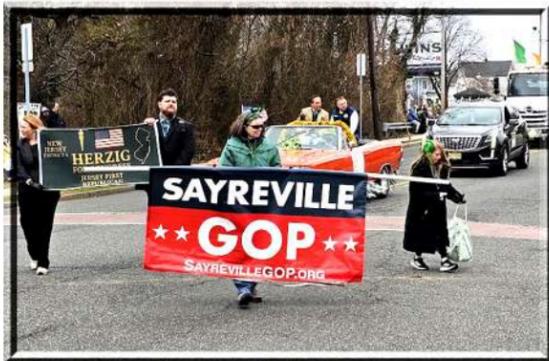


South Amboy Councilman Larry Lenahan (l) & NJ State Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin.



South Amboy Councilmen Anthony Conrad (front) and Tom Reilly.

Scenes From The South Amboy St. Patrick's Day Parade!



Notice the Xylophone player marching!
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Photo from l-r: Nick Jenkins (Sayreville Recreation Leader) Brian VanDongen (Recreation Director) and Katie Frey (NJRPA President). The Borough of Sayreville received the prestigious Daniel M. Gasalberti Excellence in Recreation Programming Award for their Operation Honk-Goose Patrol. Congratulations Brian, Nick and the entire staff!

Sayreville Recreation Receives NJRPA Excellence Award

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The Daniel M. Gasalberti Award recognizes excellence in creative, impactful, and community-centered recreation programming. Operation Honk exemplifies these values through its innovative, youth-driven approach to environmental education and civic engagement.

“This program is a shining example of what happens when a department truly listens to its community—even its youngest voices,” said Awards Committee Member Theresa Miller during the ceremony. “Operation Honk turned a simple concern into an inspiring and educational initiative that empowers students and strengthens community pride.”

The program began during Read Across America Day, when third-grade students at Arleth Elementary School shared concerns with the Mayor about the growing geese population at Kennedy Park. Rather than dismissing the issue, Sayreville’s leadership collaborated with Parks and Recreation, the Recycling and Clean Communities Coordinator, and school staff to develop a two-part educational program focused on geese behavior, environmental responsibility, and the importance of not feeding wildlife.

Students designed awareness posters,

learned about wildlife stewardship, and were sworn in as Junior Goose Patrol Officers by a member of the Sayreville Police Department — complete with official badges. Funded through Recreation Department resources and a Clean Communities grant, the program was low-cost, high-impact, and positioned for continued expansion.

Operation Honk demonstrates how recreation programming can be responsive, collaborative, and rooted in meaningful community engagement — inspiring the next generation of environmental stewards.

The New Jersey Recreation and Park Association is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to promoting parks and recreation; enhancing the professional development of its members; advocating sound policy and stewardship related to parks, recreation, resource management, and leisure services; and increasing awareness of the value of play and preservation of the environment to interested citizens and the public.

The purpose of the New Jersey Recreation and Park Association’s Awards Program is to honor and identify dedicated leaders, employees, and volunteers in the field of Parks and Recreation, and to recognize the State’s outstanding Recreation and Park agencies for excellence in programming, publicity, and facility design. The goal of the Awards Program is to focus State attention on the achievement of Park and Recreation agencies, to recognize the continuing efforts of staff and volunteers, and to acknowledge support extended by member agencies.

Sayreville Library News

Mindful Yoga

Tuesdays in April @6:30PM

Come & join us for a relaxing evening of yoga. This basic yoga class is open to all levels of experience.

This class is designed for stress relief. Participants should be able to get down to the floor easily. Either a Yoga Mat or a towel is required. Masks are optional. Please wear comfortable clothing.

Register online or call 732-727-0212 Ext 112

Hackensack Meridian Health

Presents: Healthy Gut

Tuesday April 12 @12:30PM

Join Hackensack Meridian health for this informative seminar on promoting better digestive health. Learn about prebiotics, probiotics, fiber, and more to help with your digestive health.

Registration required.

Register online or call 732-727-0212 Ext 112

Wills and Powers of Attorney

Monday April 20 @6PM

Join Kenneth Vercammen, local attorney, for this informative seminar on estate planning. Learn about what goes into a will, powers of attorney, legal changes for 2026, and much more.

Registration required

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

Flavorful Suppers with Vanessa (Virtual)

Wednesday, April 22 @3PM

Join Vanessa Young from Thirsty Radish for another fun cooking demonstration.

This month: Learn to make warming chicken with turmeric rice and vegetables plus yogurt flatbreads as a side dish. We will explore how to incorporate spices into meals and use flavorful ingredients to make everyday suppers even more satisfying.

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

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

Patrons must provide a valid email address.

New Jersey's Revolutionary Rivalry:

by author Rick Geffken

Monday, April 27@6PM

Join, Rick Geffken, local author and historian, for this talk about his new book, detailing the intriguing and little known story of the Revolutionary War conflicts between a runaway slave named Col. Tye, fighting for the British, and his patriot foe, Joshua Huddy. Registration required. Register online or call 732-727-0212 Ext 112.



OK- Spring Training has begun, so we figured let's go with some ballplayers. We need to know all three (left to right). Send your answers to satimes@aol.com by April 17th.



Who is it?

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton

Last month our mystery man was longtime Music Director for David Letterman, Paul Shaffer. Paul also has a connection to Sayreville in that he starred in the short lived 1977 CBS sitcom with Greg Evigan A Year at the Top. It was a musical comedy produced by Don Kirshner, featuring the duo as struggling musicians.

The following knew it was him: Winners:Patti Tengelics, John F. Giaquinto, Ed Vassallo, Pam and Mark DePazza, Matt Marciano, Ed English, Thomas Harrigan, Sue Ascolese, Bill Frank, Mike Gressman, Bruce Grankowski, Edna Pilch, Tammy Duque, Elaine & Rich Angerstein, Jim & Debbie Sissick,Ralph Jurkiewicz, Walter Starzec Jr, John Meleski, Gary Feret, Pete McIntyre, Lisa Grankowski.



Paul Shaffer

WWW.?



Can you identify this business? It is long gone, but Wednesday and Where America Runs are just a couple of clues. Send your answer to: satimes@aol.com by April 17th.

WWW.? Winners

Last month WWW.? was RTB, formerly The Landmark Inn, The Corner Pub, The Sportsman’s Inn (Owned by Allie Clark & Gene O’Toole). Winners: Patti Tengelics, Don Zrebiec, Ed Vassallo, Joan Kemble, John Gelsinon, Dennis Quinlan, Sonia Iglesias, Ed English, Thomas Harrigan, JoAnn & John French, Paul Conlon, Mary Saunders, Steve Laskiewicz, Edna Pilch, John Meleski, Elaine & Rich Angerstein,

Betty Leveille, Jim and Debbie Sissick, Ralph Jurkiewicz, Mary Agnes Morris, Walter Starzec Jr, Barb Bockus, Mary Agnes Morris, Gary Feret, Jennifer Awad, Pete McIntyre, Dane Colburn.

*Betty Leveille was not listed as one of the winners last month who correctly identified Progressive Fire Co. in South Amboy. Sorry for the omission Betty, and congratulations!



RTB, South Amboy

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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Fishing Flashes

By Teo "Weebles" Weber

Salt Water

Striped Bass fishing opened up in all bays and rivers. I checked some of our local beaches nearby but saw only a few people fishing at times and no one had anything. I expected poor fishing as the heavy winter snows are melting and drop off the water temps which now are very cold. That should change later on when the water temps warm up. Some Striped Bass were caught in the upper part of Barnegat Bay, which is all I have heard of so far. There are some fish showing up in the ocean. I haven't heard of any winter flounder yet. Shark River would be a likely place to try and also upper Barnegat Bay. The recent cold weather has affected party boat fishing partly due to ice flows at the shores. When they can get out, it's a pick on Blackfish and a few Ling.

Fresh Water

Ice fishing was good, particularly in Lake Hopatcong coves. Some nice Pickerel and Large Mouth Bass were taken. That will end with the melting snow. There are some changes adopted for 2026 fish code effective as of February 17th. Opening day of the Trout season will start in the second week of April. You can only fish lakes stocked with trout prior to opening day, but not in any rivers or streams until after the mid-March closure. The 6 Trout keeper limit will remain during the stocking but has been reduced to a 2 Trout limit in June at all other times rather than 4 Trout.



Catch Any Fish Lately?

Let The SA Times and its readers share in your good day of fishing. Why not show it to everyone? Send a photo of you and your catch with a caption including your name and town, type of fish, when and where you caught it, the length and weight if you wish, or any other pertinent information. Please make sure it's a clear picture and we will be glad to publish it in The SA Times for FREE! Email your photo/caption to: satimes@aol.com.

service and commitment to helping those in need. I am also especially thankful for our first responders, including the volunteer first aid squad and fire department, and the South Amboy police department whose dedication and readiness to serve make our community stronger and safer every day. This experience was a powerful reminder that when members of a community come together with compassion and a willingness to act, real change can happen. Small acts of kindness, combined with leadership, teamwork, and genuine care, can make a profound difference in someone's life.

Sincerely,
Surjit Singh
South Amboy



Tom and Brian

Thank you for keeping us informed about our great hometown. You are the best! Congratulations to Fred Henry (St. Mary's Class of 1968) on his retirement from education and political service. Wish him well for me!

Bill Farrell
(Formerly of Sayreville)



Can't See It Comin'

By Al Gomolka Jr.
Times Poet Laureate
c.2001

I couldn't see it comin'
Winning the lottery
When you walked into my life,
A snake in the grass,
A long awaited answered prayer. . .
I didn't want to see it comin'
Children growing up,
Losing your love,
Heart attack, stroke, cancer,
Wrinkles, gray hair, old age. . .
I should of seen it comin'
Drunk driver, head on collision,
Losing my job, my pot belly,
Flat tire on the freeway. . .
I would of seen it comin'
A lightning strike,
Flash flood, a landslide,
A shooting star on a pensive night. . .
I just don't see it!
Man's inhumanity to man
Face lifts, hair transplants, breast
augmenting
Curveballs thrown life's way. . .
You'd think I could see things comin'!
Keep the eyes open
Keep the mind alert
Keep the heart in faith.

Vendors Wanted

We are looking for vendors for the 16th Annual Flea Market at the First Presbyterian Church of Sayreville. Our Flea Market will be held on June 6, 2026. The time is 8am to 2pm. The rain date is June 13, 2026. We are located at 172 Main Street, Sayreville-directly across from the Borough Hall. Spaces are available for \$25.00 for one space, \$40.00 for two. There are a limited number of tables to rent for an additional \$8.00. For information please leave a message on the church answering machine at 732-257-6353 or e-mail us at churchoffice172@optimum.net.

ANNUAL SPRING FISH DINNER

The Camp Dill Foundation and the Old Timers of Troop 91 will be having their annual Spring Fish Dinner on April 28, 2026, 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 5:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. and the cost is \$20.00 per dinner.

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

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>

A Dream Called Yesterday

By Robert Eginton

Riding into the sunset
In a dream called yesterday.
To travel back in time again
Just for a little stay.
Oh, the memories and the joys
Of things I never knew
Way back when.
To make this world a better
place,
On the knowledge
I never had back then.
It's a shame they say that
Youth has to be wasted
On the young.
If they only knew back then
The ideas and opportunities
To the future
They could have brung!

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From The Staff At The Times

LETTERS

An Act of Kindness: A Community Comes Together

A few months ago, while I was working at the shop, my colleague Chris noticed an elderly, wheelchair-bound woman and her adult son in our neighborhood who appeared to be homeless. They had been sitting outside for an extended period of time with very few belongings. It was clear that the woman was physically limited and that both she and her son were struggling and in urgent need of assistance.

Without hesitation, Chris came into the shop and asked if there was anything we could do to help. He immediately used his own money to purchase food and clothing for the elderly woman, making sure she had something warm to wear and something nourishing to eat. His compassion, generosity, and willingness to act so quickly were truly inspiring. In that moment, he reminded us all that kindness does not require recognition, only heart.

Recognizing that their situation required more than temporary support, we reached out to Anthony Conrad. Councilman Conrad responded promptly and took immediate steps to contact the appropriate local authorities and services to ensure that the elderly woman and her son would receive professional assistance and access to the proper resources available to them. His swift response demonstrated strong leadership and a genuine concern for residents in need.

In addition, Judith Lizzette (Biczis) Raskoshin generously dropped off food for them, further showing how meaningful even a simple act of kindness can be during times of hardship. Her thoughtfulness reinforced the power of community support.

I would also like to sincerely thank Councilman Thomas B. Reilly and Business Administrator Dave Kales for their continued support and dedication to serving our community. The Friends of South Amboy are deeply grateful for their selfless

School Sports

By Tom Burkard

2025-26 Final Team Leaders

Boys Basketball

Sayreville (17-11)

Coach John Wojcik

Points-Sam Jones 617, Chidi Chukwurah 598, Ziyon Jones 323; Rebounds-Andrew Provenza 226, Chukwurah 222; Assists-Joe Lewis 100, Chukwurah 95, S. Jones 66; Steals-S. Jones 47, Chukwurah 35, Provenza 33.

South Amboy (16-9)

Coach Matt Wiater

Points-Darion Joubert 416, Jaydius Jimenez 327, Jadiel Vasquez 181; Rebounds-Joubert 274, Vasquez 181, Jarien Abreau 93; Assists-Wesley Lowe 84, Robert Senape 61; Steals-Lowe 44, Jimenez 40.

Girls Basketball

Sayreville (19-8)

Coach Janet Cook

Points-Weronika Glazewski 382, Natalia Glazewski 352, Avery McGrath 190; Rebounds-W. Glazewski 350, N. Glazewski 294; Assists-Dyanne Sharpe 71, McGrath 42; Steals-McGrath 68, N. Glazewski 58, Sharpe 43.

South Amboy (18-8)

Coach Jeffrey D. Gumbs Jr.

Points-Valerie Figueroa 293, Gabby Evanski 286; Rebounds-Evanski 189, Ashley Moreira-Burgos 122, Figueroa 121; Assists-Figueroa 78; Steals-Figueroa 121, Evanski 93, Olivia Rivera 69.

Sayreville Wrestlers Bow In Final Round

Four Sayreville wrestlers advanced to the final round in District 18, but all were defeated despite strong efforts from each. The weight class and wrestlers are: 126 lbs. Jorge Zapata; 132-Grady Walsh; 190-Alecko Kusraev; 285-Kacper Trzeciak. Congrats to all on giving your very best!

Boys NJSIAA State Tournament Results

CJ Group 4 Sayreville 1st Round

#7 seeded Sayreville 82 #10 South Brunswick 49-Sam Jones led the way with 29 points, and Ziyon Jones added 12. Chidi Chukwurah scored 9 and had 7 rebounds, and Joe Lewis notched 3 steals.

Quarterfinal Round

#2 Marlboro 78 Sayreville 68-Sam Jones took game scoring honors with 27 points, Chukwurah had 26 points, and 9 rebounds, and Ziyon Jones scored 15 points for the Bombers.

CJ Group 1 South Amboy 1st Round

#10 Dayton 56 #7 South Amboy 39-Jaydius Jimenez tossed in 18 points, Darion Joubert pulled in 12 rebounds, and Jadiel Vasquez added 7 rebounds and 3 blocked shots.

Girls NJSIAA State Tournament Results

CJ Group 4 Sayreville 1st Round

Freehold Twp. 71 Sayreville 42-Weronika Glazewski scored 18 points, grabbed 16 rebounds, had 2 steals and 2 blocks, while sister Natalia Glazewski scored 8 and ripped 13 rebounds.

CJ Group 1 South Amboy 1st Round

South Amboy 42 Henry Hudson 27-Gabby Evanski paved the way with 19 points, 8 rebounds, and 5 steals for the Lady Guvs. Ashley Moreira-Burgos helped out with 8 rebounds and 5 steals.

Quarterfinal Round

#5 Brearley 55 #4 South Amboy 27-Evanski scored 13 points and had 8 rebounds, and Moreira-Burgos chalked up 5 steals.



The Mayor and City Council recognized the South Amboy boys basketball team for winning the Division on March 18th at the Council meeting at City Hall. Top row left to right- Head Coach Matt Wiater, Gary Gragg, Yveson Jean Pierre, Jarien Abreu, Darion Joubert, Jadiel Vasquez, Assistant Coach Steven Herdman. Missing from photo Ryan Russo. Bottom row left to right- Robert Senape, Jaydius Jimenez, Wesley Lowe, Ethan Russo, Jose Diaz

Sofilkanich Scores 1,000 Point

South Amboy's Taylor Sofilkanich recently joined the elite 1,000 Points Scoring Club at St. John Vianney HS in Holmdel. She will be attending Duke University in September. Congrats and Best of luck always, Taylor! (Photo Submitted)

Come Honor PGK Steve Schmid

The South Amboy Knights council #426 is sponsoring an outing to the Somerset Patriots in honor of PGK Steve Schmid. The game is on May 17th, time is 1:05pm. Cost: \$65.00 pp and includes a 90 minute upscale buffet including Grilled Bourbon Chicken, Sausage and Peppers, penne vodka, baby backer potatoes, garden salad and self serve fountain drinks. Seating is at the upstairs covered canopy SK Club. For tickets Call Gary M. 732 742-7919. Proceeds benefit local charities. Tickets are non refundable.



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In Memoriam

Constance Weber Lemerich, 91, of Parlin died on Feb. 26. Her family was proud owner of Weber's Garage in Morgan for many years. Joan Ciol Golaszewski, 92, of Sayreville died on March 5. She was a past Vice-President of St. Stan's Seniors.

In Loving Memory



John T. DiPoalo
4/10/1925 - 3/23/2001

It is hard to believe that it's been 25 years

Dad... Remembering you is easy, I do every day. Missing you is the heartache that never goes away.

Love and miss you,
Christina DiPoalo Olender,
Benjamin and Ian Olender

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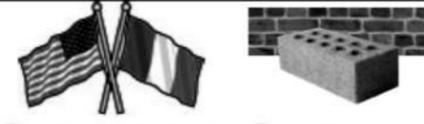
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Obituaries

Bressman, Debra A. "Debbie," 61, of Parlin died on March 7.
 Collazo, Celeste T., 83, of South Amboy died on Feb. 23.
 Drill, Mary, 77, of Sayreville died on March 10.
 Garnett, William P. II "Wild Will," 77, of South Amboy died on March 8.
 Golaszewski (Ciol), Joan, 92, of Sayreville died on March 5.
 Jasnos, Zofia "Sophie," 76, of South Amboy died on Feb. 21.
 Kellerman, Keith R., 54, of Parlin died on March 7.
 Kelly, Joseph "Jody," 73, formerly of South Amboy died on Feb. 19.

Kides, Nicholas D. Jr. "Junior," 92, formerly of Sayreville died on Jan. 20.
 Lemerich, Constance Weber, 91, of Parlin died on Feb. 26.
 Nayduch, Louise, 86, of Parlin died on March 14.
 Piscatelli, Andy, 86, of Holmdel (formerly of South Amboy) died on March 18.
 Przybylko, Leonard, 78, of South Amboy died on Feb. 7.
 Valente, Marilyn E., 64, of Sayreville died on Jan. 5.
 Waydo, Joseph A., 76, of Parlin died on March 4.
 Wells, Sharon A., 62, of Sayreville died on Feb. 27.

Joseph "Jody" Kelly

It is with profound sadness that family and friends announce the unexpected passing of Joseph "Jody" Kelly on February 19, 2026, in Belmar, New Jersey. Jody was formerly a resident of South Amboy, New Jersey, and a proud graduate of Saint Mary's High School, Class of 1970. The son of the late Joseph and Anna Kelly, he was raised on Evelyn Terrace, where he was actively involved in local sports, particularly baseball. Jody developed



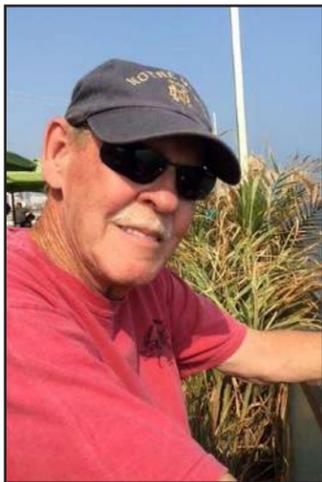
he eventually served as bar manager and became an integral part of the FSOS family. His passing leaves a tremendous void among the many friends and fellow members who knew and loved him there. Jody was predeceased by his parents, Joseph and Anna Kelly, and by his nephew, Thomas John Kelly. He is survived by his brother, Jay Thomas Kelly and his wife, Sharon, of Minnesota; his niece, Sharon Kelly-Miele and her husband, Robert,

a lifelong love of horseracing at an early age, spending many Saturdays at Freehold Raceway alongside his father. He later realized a longtime dream when he had the opportunity to drive a harness horse himself. During his years in New Jersey, Jody worked as a warehouse manager for Syntex Laboratories in East Brunswick before continuing his career in warehouse management with several other companies. In later years, Jody made his home along the Jersey Shore, where he became a devoted and active member of the Friendly Sons of the Shillelagh (FSOS) in Belmar. Known as the club's "go-to" guy,

of Florida; his grandnieces, Anna Sofia and Ava Thomas; his cousins, Richard and Joann Heisenbottle; his former wife, Terry Jankowski Kelly of New Jersey; and countless friends whose lives he touched wherever his path took him. Jody's ashes will be laid to rest in Minnesota alongside his nephew. A celebration of life was held at the Friendly Sons of the Shillelagh in Belmar on March 26. Those wishing to honor Jody's memory are invited to raise a glass in his honor and remember him in their own way. Gone too soon, remembered always, and forever loved. Rest in God's eternal peace, Joe — "In front." Cheers.

William Paul Garnett

William Paul Garnett 77, a lifelong resident of South Amboy, NJ, affectionately known as Wild Will by his friends, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on March 8, 2026 at Old Bridge Hospital.



Bill was predeceased by his father, William Garnett, mother Jeanne Mundy, stepfather Kenneth Mundy, brother and sister-in-law Gerald and Aneca Garnett and granddaughter Megan Elizabeth Garnett.

Survived by his wife Linda of 52 years, daughter Kelly Anne Trzeciak and her husband Thomas, son William Garnett and his partner Melanie Bryant, grandchildren Emily Trzeciak and her fiancé Stephen Samra, Erin Trzeciak, Maura Garnett, Will Garnett, brother-in-law and sister-in-law George and Patricia Francy and nephew Brendan Francy. Bill attended St. Mary's Elementary School and graduated from Hoffmann High School. He served his country as a Corporal in the United States Army serving in Vietnam. Bill was a member of Luke A. Lovely American Legion Post 62 where he served as finance officer for 42 years. He received an award for this service in November of 2024. He had the honor of being chosen as Grand Marshall of the 2012 Memorial Day parade in South Amboy. Bill worked for the City of South Amboy for 32 years

as a water meter reader, Animal Control Officer and Code Enforcement Officer.

Bill loved his grandchildren with all of his heart and enjoyed watching their sporting events and other activities of interest to them. Bill also loved coaching and coached his children's softball and baseball teams, as well as coaching Girls Varsity Softball for St. Mary's Regional High School. Always a nature lover, he enjoyed

swimming in the Catskill Creek with his children and grandchildren and spotting deer on walks at Cheesquake Park. Bill and Linda loved to travel, especially to Key West. He was a passionate Notre Dame fan and visited the campus and attended many games. Bill was a lifelong parishioner of St. Mary Star Of The Sea and served as a Democratic Committee member for many years.

Friends paid their respects to the family at the Kurzawa Funeral Home 338 Main Street, South Amboy, NJ 08879 on March 11 and March 12, 2026. A 10:30am funeral mass was offered at St. Mary Star of the Sea Church, South Amboy, NJ. Burial took place at Christ Church Cemetery, Sayreville, NJ

In lieu of flowers, please donate to St. Mary, Star Of The Sea Food Pantry or South Amboy First Aid Squad.

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Andy Piscatelli

March 30, 1939 - March 18, 2026

Andy Piscatelli of Holmdel, New Jersey, passed away peacefully in his beloved community.

Born in South Amboy, Andy attended St. Mary's Grammar School and Rutgers Preparatory School in New Brunswick, where he set several basketball records and was Captain of their 1956 State Championship Team. He later moved to Holmdel in 1971, where he built a life defined by professional success, community involvement, and dedication to family.

Andy was an alumnus of Villanova University and John Marshall Law School and went on to practice law in New York City where he contributed to legal advancements in consumer protection and insurance practices. In addition, he was also a successful international and local entrepreneur.

A passionate supporter of athletics, Andy was deeply committed to his community. He served as a volunteer coach for over 15 years with the Holmdel Youth Athletic Association and restructured the organization to its current status in which thousands of Holmdel youth have participated. He later served as an officer and legal advisor for the Holmdel Pop



Warner Football Association saving the Holmdel chapter from League dismissal after an all-out brawl occurred on the field in Keyport amongst spectators and pre-teen athletes.

He was admitted to practice before the New York Bar, the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, the Federal District Court for the Eastern District, and the United States Tax Court.

He was predeceased by his

daughter, Dr. Sandra J. Piscatelli Gatt. He is survived by his beloved wife of 64 years, the former Janet Schachel; his son, Drew and his wife, Jeana, of Holmdel; and his daughter, Pamela Faber and her husband, John, of Virginia Beach.

He was a devoted grandfather to seven grandchildren, and proudly wore his array of high school, college, and graduate school baseball hats from each academic institution they attended. They are Charles Gatt, Dr. Nathaniel Faber, Dr. Jillian Faber, Taylor Gatt, Spencer Faber, Esquire, Andrew Piscatelli IV and Paige Piscatelli, as well as his cherished granddog, Monty.

Funeral services were under the direction of Holmdel Funeral Home.

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.P., N.P., M.S., K.H., S.S.

TO ST. JUDE
 May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored and glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world. Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude gave me hope. -P.S., B.S., S.S., M.S., K.S., S.P., N.P.



The Local Sports Memory Machine

By Tom Burkard

From The Sports Archives



2003 -The South Amboy Governors talented boys varsity basketball team is pictured Top row (l-r)-Joe Bartlinski, George Kern, Bruce Martins, Coach George Krzyzanowski, Asst. Coach Gary Kuhn, John Bixby, Rob Seickendick, Andrew Lieberman, Tom Szatkowski. Bottom row (l-r)-Manny Fontanez, Nick Shaw, Alvin DeAussen, Arvid Agosto and Jacquese Chambers.

T.H.E. Game

Year-1994

Sport-Boys Basketball

Teams-St. Mary's vs. Sayreville

Recap-After a first quarter 12-12 standoff, when John Kugel scored all of the Eagles points, Sayreville took a 31-25 halftime lead, and built it to 47-38 after three. When the final buzzer sounded the score read: Sayreville 65 St. Mary's 55.

Mike Clark and Bilal King swished in 20 points each for Sayreville, and Rob Markovitch added 13. Kugel and Ross Hull scored 20 apiece for the Blue & Gold.

Co-Players-of-the-Game-Mike Clark and Bilal King

85 Years Ago

1941-Sayreville turned in their first undefeated football season under the guidance of Coach Vince Abbatiello. In their final game of the year, John Kotarski kicked a 28-yard field goal with 1:00 left in the contest to give Sayreville a thrilling 9-6 triumph.

10 Years Ago

2016-Sayreville track standout Benjamin Aidoo captured the 55H at the Indoor Track Meet of Champions with a fast 7:47 to top the 2nd place finisher who came in at 7:58.

Glory Days In Local Sports

2022-In CJ Group 4 first round action, Sayreville boys basketball team were walloped by powerhouse Marlboro, 86-50. Max Negrón scored 17 points for the Bombers, while teammates Peter Luster 13, and Santino Whitaker 12 points...2017-South Amboy girls basketball squad blasted Woodbridge Academy, 69-49 in CJ Group 1 Tournament play. Kelsey Kuhn poured in 24 points and ripped 16 rebounds, and Alissa Bikowski added 23 points and 6 rebounds...2003-Cardinal McCarrick defeated St. Joseph's of Metuchen, 67-56 to capture the prestigious GMCT boys basketball crown. Mika Wilson, the tourney's MVP pumped in 20 points, ripped down 18 rebounds and had 4 blocks. Billy Wagner

also had a big game with 16 points and 10 rebounds...1994-St. Mary's girls romped over Hoffman in City Series action, 63-33. Lady Guvs Kristy Parfianowicz copped game scoring honors with 15 points. Robin Palomo topped the Saints with 10...1984-Sayreville girls basketball club jolted JP Stevens, 69-32. Kate Briody fired in 18 points, Terry Lockwood 17 points 21 rebounds, Patty Cumber 10 points, and Vanessa Carney 10 points for the Bombers...1979-Hoffman boys basketekers belted Jamesburg, 91-81. Frank Kuziemski tossed in 26 points and hauled in 13 rebounds for the Guvs. Teammates Bill Lewis 22, Jim Bright 20, and Mike Diem 17 points respectively for the winners.

55 Years Ago

1971-In the basketball season opener, Gloucester Catholic downed the Eagles of St. Mary's, 71-67. Tom Gulick and Craig Beatty pumped in 15 points apiece.

65 Years Ago

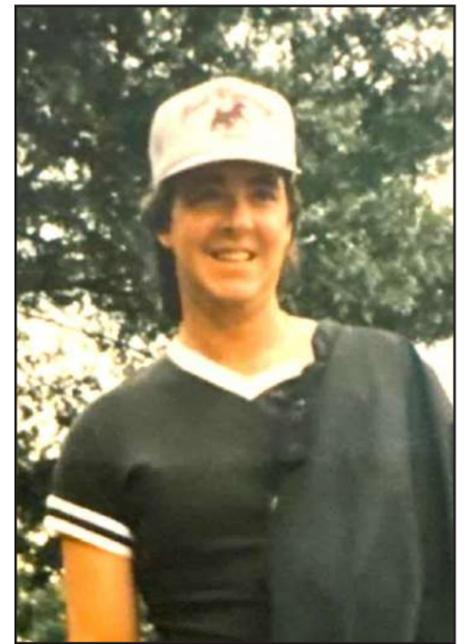
1961-In Game #2 of the City Series, St. Mary's (1-13) beat Hoffman (2-11), by a 48-38 margin. The Eagles were led by Jim Heffernan with 16 points, while Gene Lopez paced the Guvs with 19 to take game scoring honors.

5 Years Ago

2021-Sayreville girls star basketball player Stephanie Van Note scored her 1,000th career point, as the Bombers defeated Edison, 55-50. She finished the game with a career high of 30 points.

Remembering Joe "Jody" Kelly

By Tom Burkard



Joe "Jody" Kelly

Joe "Jody" Kelly, 73, formerly of South Amboy died on Feb. 19. An excellent baseball player, he worked his way up through the South Amboy Little Fellas League, playing on Enterprise Fire Co., and then moved up to Raritan River Railroad in the Babe Ruth League. As a junior at St. Mary's HS, he was a huge contributor to the 1969 Parochial B South state championship team, on which he had the 2nd highest batting average around .350, and helped lead the Eagles to their final state baseball title.

As a senior in 1970, he was an All-State outfield selection in the Parochial Schools Group.

He went on to play in the South Amboy Senior Men's Softball League with the Mystic Knights for a few years throughout the 1970's. If you were fortunate to be a teammate and know Jody through the years, you were blessed. He was truly one of the really good guys and will never be forgotten.

Pro Baseball Report Bielak Is Back

By Tom Burkard

Sayreville's Brandon Bielak, who suffered a major shoulder injury and surgery in 2025, is back in pro baseball this year after 10 months of rehab, training and quiet preparation. Brandon has played in MLB for several seasons, and is now on the comeback trail!

In late February, he showed his strong form by hitting 93 on the radar gun, and should be off to a fine start pitching for the Tecolotes de los Dos Laredos in the Mexican League, which is a prominent international league. The SA Times, and all of Brandon's fans are wishing him a healthy and great season, along with a quick trip back to pitching in the Big Show once again.

Have A Happy & Blessed Easter From The SA Times



2005-Carlos Beltran of the New York Mets, signs autographs for fans at Spring Training in Port St. Lucie, Florida. He was recently selected into the Major League Baseball Hall of Fame.



2007-Jeff Kent (c) greets two young baseball fans at Shea Stadium, as late renowned TV Host, Larry King (l) and a security official (r) look on.

South Amboy YMCA Summer Camp

South Amboy YMCA Campers Dive into a Splashy Summer While the South Amboy YMCA pool has closed, this summer's camp experience is still full of the moments families know and love, especially when it comes to swimming! Campers will enjoy at least four days of swimming each week, with two days at the Frog Hollow Swim Club right here in South Amboy and two days at Oakcrest Community Pool in Edison. These off-site locations give campers the opportunity to stay cool and build confidence in the water while making lasting memories with friends.

They'll also enjoy visits to the Raritan Rapids Spray Park at the YMCA at the Piscataway Community Center. To make the experience seamless for families, all transportation to and from swim locations is included in the cost of camp. Swimming remains a core part of the YMCA's commitment to youth development and despite the change in facilities, the focus on fun, safety and connection is stronger than ever. With new locations, trusted staff and a full schedule of aquatic fun, there really is No Place Like This Place. To learn more about Camp SAY, visit ymcaofmews.org/campsay



Sayreville War Memorial High School Seniors Sofia Muller (left) and Liana Bender (right) were recognized for their outstanding academic achievement at a February 27, 2026 "Top 10" breakfast. In a graduating class of 464 students, Sofia Muller is ranked #6 and Liana Bender is ranked #9. As Juniors, they were appointed Captains of the Girls Varsity Bowling team. They have been proud varsity members since freshman year. They epitomize the meaning of a well-rounded person. Their leadership on the alleys, in the classroom and through volunteer work in numerous service organizations demonstrate their commitment and dedication in all that they do. They are kind individuals who act as role-models in the Sayreville Community. (Photo/Info Submitted)

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Mayor Fred Henry has made his choice for South Amboy's future, proudly endorsing the South Amboy Democratic Team:

ANTHONY CONRAD FOR SOUTH AMBOY MAYOR



Anthony is a dedicated public servant focused on enhancing South Amboy by strengthening neighborhoods and enacting effective strategies to support local families and businesses. As a Council Member, Anthony has established a strong record of accessibility, active community engagement, and leadership grounded in a deep sense of pride in our City. Drawing on more than 30 years of international experience in management, finance, and banking, Anthony is ready to put his expertise and experience to work for the benefit of the South Amboy community, helping us grow stronger, together!

Anthony is stepping forward to serve South Amboy as Mayor, guiding the City to a brighter future by working hand in hand with neighbors to build a stronger, more connected South Amboy!

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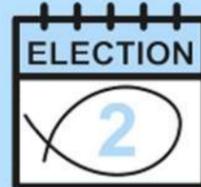
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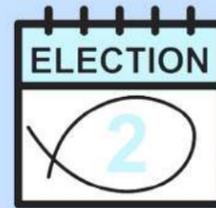
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