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Bernadette Connors



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Republicans Win Sayreville Election

The Sayreville Republican Party captured both seats that were available, as Incumbent Donna Roberts tallied the most votes with 5,752, and her running mate Dan Balka notched 5,652. Incumbent Democrat Councilwoman Michele Cassidy Maher received 5,045 votes, and Damon Enriquez 4,832. There were also 18 write-ins. (All results are unofficial)

Thank You

**American Legion Luke A. Lovely
Post #62, of South Amboy would like
to thank everyone for supporting
their Brick Sale, and making it a
huge success. They are no longer
taking orders for bricks.**



Veterans Plaza Dedicated



Local veterans are pictured following the dedication of the new and beautiful Veterans Plaza on Bordentown Avenue in South Amboy. (Photo by Mary Szaro) See more photos on page 14.

Sayreville Selects 3 For Board

Lucille Bloom was the top vote-getter in the Sayreville Board of Education election with 5,536 votes. Chosen for the other two seats were Christopher Callahan 5,066, and Jeffrey R. Smith 4,784 votes. John Walsh netted 4,714 votes. (All results are unofficial)



3 Chosen For South Amboy BOE

In the South Amboy Board of Election, Janet Kern led a field of 4 candidates, for 3 seats to capture the most votes with 1,190. Also selected was Paula L. Taggart with 1,104 and Joan M. Conway 926 votes. Rafael Albarran notched 679 votes. (All results are unofficial)



The victorious South Amboy Democrats pictured following the election are (l-r) Council At-Large Anthony Conrad, Council At-Large/current Council President Michael "Mickey" Gross, Mayor Fred Henry. (Photo by Linda Henry)

Dems Win In South Amboy

The South Amboy Democratic candidates were victorious in the November 8th election. Incumbent Mayor Fred Henry defeated Republican challenger Geraldine Bruno, 1,409 to 980, and there were 12 write-in ballots. For Council At-Large, newcomer Anthony Conrad, and Incumbent Michael "Mickey" Gross were elected with 1,426, and 1,374 votes respectively over the Republican candidate Peter "Pedro" Pizar, who garnered 1,040 votes. (Results are unofficial)



Jill Rzepka (l) presents the keys of a four-wheel drive wrecker to South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry, in honor of her father, the late and beloved Don Rzepka, who owned Al's Auto Body for many years. Mayor Henry accepted on behalf of the City of South Amboy. (Photo submitted)

City Receives Gift of Tow Truck In Memory Of Donald Rzepka

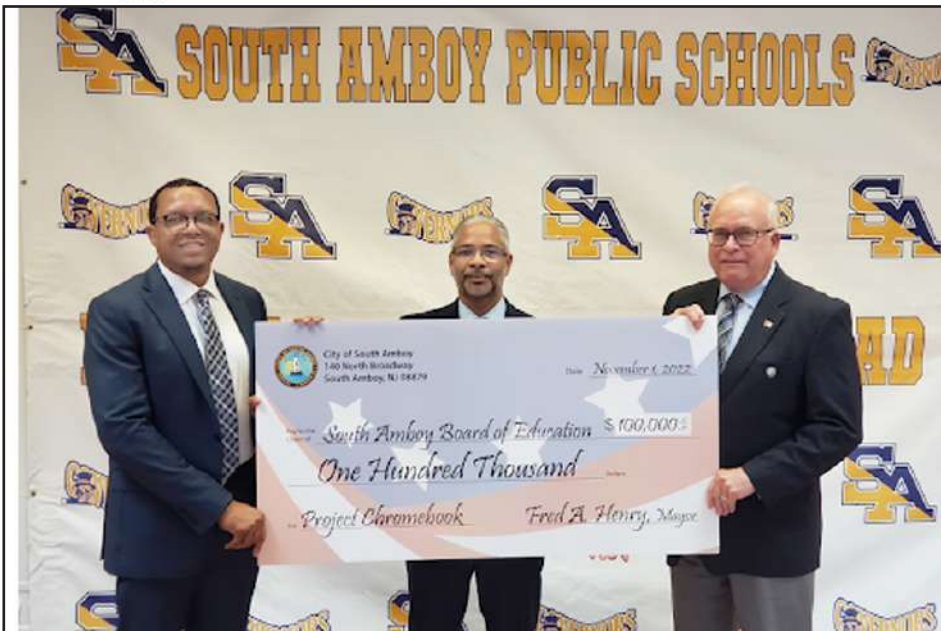
(Story submitted)

To those that knew him the loss of Donald Rzepka in May of this year was felt deeply in South Amboy. As the long-time owner of Al's Auto Body, Don was routinely engaged in quiet philanthropy for many years to the benefit of many fraternal and civic organizations in the city and surrounding communities. Continuing that spirit his daughter Jill today donated a four-wheel drive wrecker to the City of South Amboy

in his memory.

"Small communities like ours certainly have wish list items they would like to acquire. And while highly desirable, the prospects of our being able to purchase a tow truck, much less one equipped with four-wheel drive, was just not a realistic possibility", said Mayor Fred Henry. "This will be a welcome addition to our Public Works fleet

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Dr. Frederick Williams, South Amboy Superintendent of Schools (l) and Anthony Conrad BOE Vice President (c) accept the check for "Project Chromebook" from Mayor Fred Henry (r). (Photo by Brian Stratton)

South Amboy "Project Chromebook" Reaches Final Goal

(Story submitted)

As large redevelopment projects continue to bring improvements to South Amboy, City officials made good on their promise to fully fund a program to provide Chromebooks to each student in the district. In presenting the third and final one hundred thousand dollar check this morning Mayor Fred Henry reaffirmed the commitment of his administration to support projects like this through funds derived from redevelopment

projects.

"This is our third concrete step to support our school's efforts to bridge the digital divide and provide amazing opportunities for our students." Said Mayor Henry. "The City Council and I along with the South Amboy Redevelopment Agency have committed to leveraging new revenue sources from redevelopment projects to support initiatives

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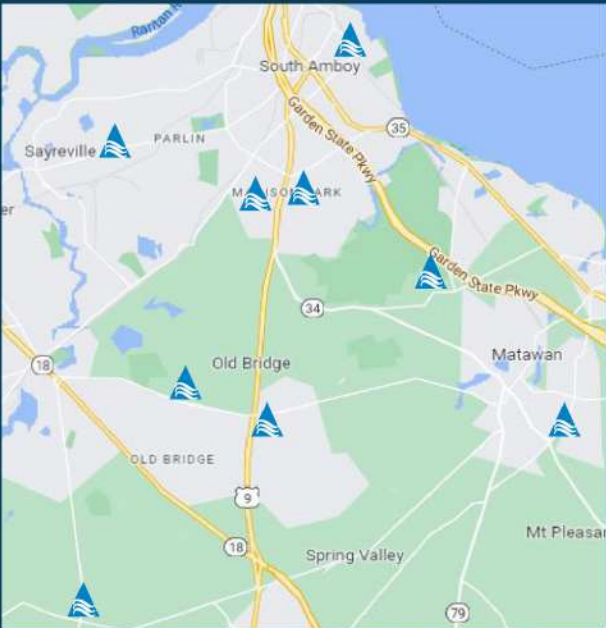
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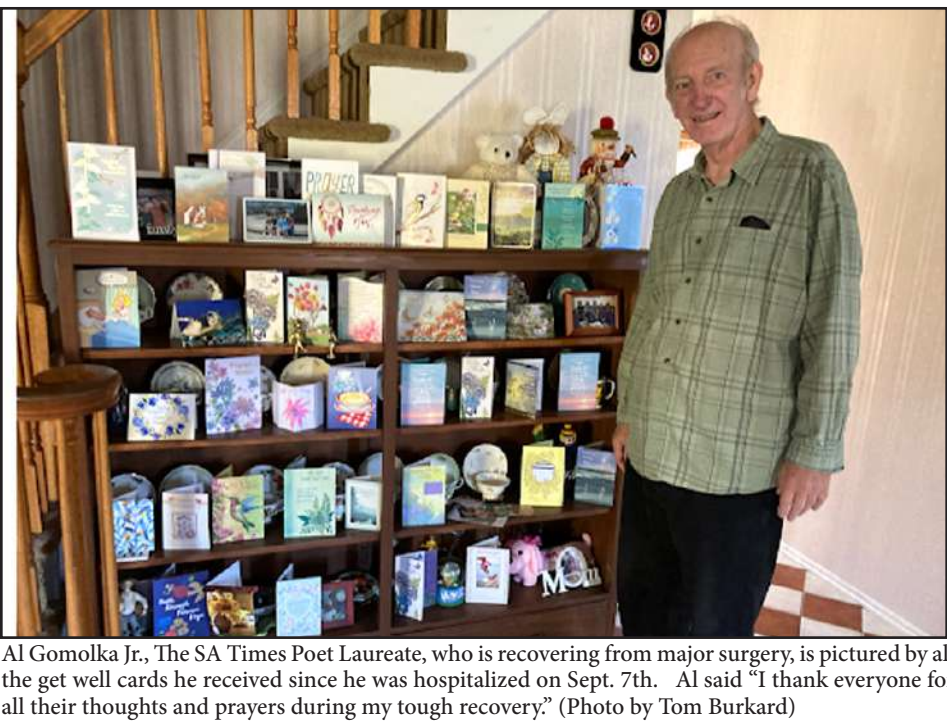
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Al Gomolka Jr., The SA Times Poet Laureate, who is recovering from major surgery, is pictured by all the get well cards he received since he was hospitalized on Sept. 7th. Al said "I thank everyone for all their thoughts and prayers during my tough recovery." (Photo by Tom Burkard)

Comfort Zone

By Albert Gomolka Jr.
SA Times Poet Laureate
C.2022

Sometimes,
life's circumstances
Can lead us far beyond
Our comfort zone...

Prayer,
a simple thought to God
Prayer is the answer
Prayer is the strength
and peace

Prayer is the super drug
Prayer is the miracle worker
Prayer is the saving grace
Prayer is the light, the way...

Prayer, by us or for us
Will guide us back
To our true comfort zone-
"He" to whom we pray to...



Photos With Santa

On Saturday, Dec. 3rd, from 12-3 p.m., (rain date Dec. 4th), you can come and take your own photos with Santa & Mrs. Claus at 295 Gordon Rd., Matawan (next to Cheesequake State Park). Bring your own camera. There will be FREE hot dogs, soda, and marshmallows to roast over the fire pit. The event is FREE with a new unwrapped toy. All new and unwrapped toys will be donated to the U.S. Marine Corps Toys For Tots.



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PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN

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

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Pleasant Little TRIVIA

By Tom Burkard

- Sayreville War Memorial HS Homecoming Queen in 2004?
a.Mary Whitten b.Alfia Genfi c.Mildred Davis
- Elected President of South Amboy First Aid & Safety Squad for '05?
a.Lee G. Steiner b.James T. Ryan c.Robert Sekerak
- Principal of Dwight D. Eisenhower School, Sayreville in 1996?
a.Robert Decker b.Marilyn McNally c.Frederic Leonardo
- Elected Chair of South Amboy's new Main Street program in 2005?
a.Joanne Katko b.Camille Tooker c.Deborah Skwiat
- Sayreville's Fire Inspector in '96?
a.Charles Green b.Richard Kosmoski c.Sal Marconi
- South Amboy Elementary School Principal in 1996?
a.Chester Zamorski b.Sylvia Porter c.Carol Galley
- Where was The Brass Monkey located in '96?
a.Sayreville b.South Amboy c.Parlin
- Senior Queen of South Amboy HS Homecoming in 2009?
a.Brenda Valerico b.Florence Wilson c.Patty Taylor
- What section of Sayreville is Teddy's Bar located?
a.Melrose b.President's Pard c.Morgan
- Commander of American Legion Luke A. Lovely Post #62, South Amboy in 2009?
a.Bob "Zak" Sekerak b.Ed Peterson c.William Ryan

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



Talk Of The Towns

By Tom Burkard
Jaskowiak Chosen Pharmacist
Of The Year

Jackie Jaskowiak, Pharm D., BCPS, B C S P , daughter of South Amboy native and St. Mary's HS Class of 1968 grad, Joe Jaskowiak, was selected as Pharmacist of the Year at UC San Diego Health Acute Care Dept., where she works as an Inpatient Pharmacist Specialist. Congratulations Jackie, on your outstanding and well deserved honor!

Leslie Retires

Congratulations to Leslie Tighe of South Amboy who recently retired after 32 years of dedicated service with PSE&G! Have a great retirement Leslie!

Gift of Tow Truck
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and we are grateful to the Rzepka family for their continued generosity.” According to City Administrator Glenn Skarzynski the vehicle will be assigned to the Public Works Department mechanics and will enable them to handle additional tasks and road repairs “in house”. “This unexpected gift is a welcome addition to our fleet”, said Skarzynski. Once integrated into their fleet the City plans to add a graphic to the truck in memory of Don and acknowledging the generosity of the Rzepka family.



Donald Rzepka

Charity Basketball Games

The Friends of South Amboy are proud to announce their annual charity basketball games to be played on Saturday, December 17, 2022. The schedule is as follows:
12:00 noon
South Amboy boys vs Spotswood
2:00 pm
South Amboy girls vs East Brunswick Magnet School
4:00 pm
Sayreville boys vs Calvary Christian
6:00 pm
St. Joe's by the Sea Staten Island boys vs St. Joe's Metuchen
8:00 pm
St. Thomas Aquinas boys vs Oratory Prep



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. -G.V..

Sayreville Woman
Runs NYC Marathon
2022 for AITAF (Arts
in the Armed Forces)

By Clem Skarzynski

Sayreville resident Jessica Skarzynski along with 5 other runners were chosen to be “Team AITAF” for the NYC Marathon 2022 which was held this past Nov. 6th. “Arts in the Armed Forces” was started in 2008 by actor Adam Driver, himself a former Marine, to bring the best of the arts to veterans and service members. AITAF has been a charity partner of the NYC Marathon since 2019. The marathon team of 6 runners consisted of Sarah Brotons, Ian Levy, Chris Weakley, Brian Cropp, Aaron Kershner and Jessica Skarzynski. The team itself raised over \$30,000 for the organization through friends and family donations. This was Jessica’s 2nd NYC Marathon. All entrants just “applied” to the organization to be a part of the “Marathon Team” and were chosen randomly. Quite an honor within itself. Congratulations to the entire team. Thank you for your efforts both on and off the running course. And special congratulations to our daughter, Jessica, from Mom (Kathy) and Dad (Clem)...super job Jess! We are so proud of you and the team and special thanks to all of you who contributed to Jessica’s Fund Drive for this event. You all made it happen.



Jessica Skarzynski, of Sayreville shows her 2022 N.Y. Marathon Medal at the Finish Line in Central Park. Congrats! (Photo Submitted)



Jessica Skarzynski and her Team AITAF at N.Y. Marathon recently. In photo (l-r) Ian Levy, Sarah Brotons, Chris Weakley, and Jessica Skarzynski... Brian Cropp, and Aron Kershner (are not in photo)...6 Entrants were selected to run for Team AITAF... ARTS IN THE ARMED FORCES, Founded in 2008, by Actor, Adam Driver. (Photo/ Info Submitted)

A PRAYER FOR HEALING

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

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Yearbook-St. Mary's 1982

By Tom Burkard

Diana Ross & Lionel Richie's "Endless Love" topped the Pop Music charts, when St. Mary's Class of 1982 returned for its final school year in September 1981... Sister Joan Gavron was principal and Gary Schreiber, assistant principal... Some of the fine faculty included Sister Veronica Murray, Frank Yusko, Carol Januszewski, Dorothy Holliday, Sister Janet Christensen... Erin O'Toole and Kelli Quigley were Editors-In-Chief of the yearbook, which was dedicated to William Ryan... Elise Sattilaro was Editor of the Literary Magazine... Cindy Zdzienicki was president of the Honor Society... Some social activities and clubs were; Performing Arts; Folk Group; Gifted & Talented; Olympics of the Mind; the Christmas Ball; Fall Dance, and the Valentine's Day Dance at which Mary Judith Zaleski was chosen Queen... Some of the seniors selected randomly were; Terri Abbatiello, Donna Booker, Renee Bouchard, Kathy Creed, Carole Durski, John Fitzsimmons, Martin Green, Patty Latham, Kevin Lenahan, Sean Loftus, Frank Nebus, John Nebus, Jacqueline O'Connor, Nancy Orlowski, Laurie Pachkowski, Sal Piccolo, John Prusik, Hitesh Rama, Ted Roxbury, Patricia Silva, Knut Svennigsen, Stephen Tanchyk, Bill Tarallo, Maria Viglionese, Lori Woods... The Class of '82 changed its favorite hangout spot from the Bay to Horseshoe Road in Sayreville, while on

the national scene, the recession deepened, inflation grew and unemployment rose... E.T., The ExtraTerrestrial captured the nation's heart, and became the highest grossing movie in history... Princess Grace of Monaco was killed in an auto accident... Katherine Hepburn became the first person to win four Oscars for acting... St. Mary's athletic program was at its peak in '82. The school won 2 state championships, in girls' softball under rookie Coach George Micak, and the boys' tennis team under Coach Bill Ryan... Some of the many talented senior athletes included; Tim Berger, Bridget Beshada, Sandy Bravo, Tony Camporeale, Liz Caniello, Tom Connor, Mike Connors, Eileen Fallon, Mike Fitzgerald, Francisco Gallegos, Bev Godlesky, Laurie Gregor, Pat Grimley, Joe Harrigan, Tom Howarth, Tom Johnson, Ken Kopko, Regina Korkowski, Joe Kudelka, Tom Marciano, Sue Morris, John Newsholme, Tom Noble, Eileen Reilly, Darcy Onyskow, Sal Rinaldi, Joe Szaro, Theresa Tabasko, Phil Valdivia, Patricia White, Jim Ventuolo, Mary Judith Zaleski, Cindy Zdzienicki... At graduation time, the song "Ebony & Ivory" by Paul McCartney & Stevie Wonder ruled the charts. The St. Mary's Class of '82 was a respectful, gifted and fun-loving group of teenagers, who have definitely succeeded in making the world a better place.

Sayreville Public Library

Medicare 101, Thursday, Dec 1 @5PM. Medicare can be daunting. Thankfully, there is help. Join Peter Hegel, Local insurance agent and Medicare specialist, for this informative workshop. Learn about the basics of Medicare plans, supplemental coverage, drug cost reduction, and more. Registration required. Register online or call 732-727-0212 Ext 112. Or contact Peter at 718-501-4627.

Sewing with Jen, Friday, Dec 2 @1PM Join us for a new sewing class. We will go over the parts of a sewing machine, how to operate it and troubleshoot common issues, then end by sewing a simple tote bag. A perfect class for beginners. Register online or call 732-727-0212 Ext 112.

Trivia Night with Dan, Monday, December 5 @6:30PM. Think you are good at trivia? Want to try and win some prizes? Dan Vetrano, Sayreville Library's own Adult Librarian and longtime trivia enthusiast will be your host for an evening of trivia. Play solo or join up with a team. Prizes offered to the winners. Open to teens and adults. Register online or call 732-727-0212 Ext 112.

Tuesday Movie Matinee, Tuesday, Dec 20 @1PM Join us for our monthly movie matinee. This month: Elf, The Christmas classic starring Will Ferrell. Refreshments will be served. Rated PG/97 mins. Register online or call 732-727-0212 Ext 112.

Slow Down For Sara Walk

Please join us in our 10th Annual Slow Down for Sara Walk, which will run through November 30, 2022. This year we are doing a Virtual Walk, so you can participate anytime and anywhere. Your support of this walk will help fund scholarships, donations to the needy in our community as well as raise awareness about Sara's Law. The link for the walk and to donate your \$10 registration fee or whatever amount you wish to contribute is: <https://givebutter.com/l4gMRP/join> You may also donate by mailing a check to the Sara Dubinin Memorial Foundation, 16 Wilbur Terrace Sayreville NJ 08872. With your registration, your name will be entered in a drawing for several gift cards and various baskets. Thank you for walking with us to honor Sara, and to promote awareness of Sara's Law. Please be safe and Enjoy your Walk!

Children's Movie Night "The Polar Express"

The South Amboy Columbiettes are sponsoring a children's movie night featuring the "THE POLAR EXPRESS" on Sunday Dec. 4, 2022 at 4:00 PM, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 308 4th St, South Amboy – Come in PAJamas and robe for the ride! Meet up with live characters along the way, tickets \$7, so get on board! Novelty gifts and prizes, snacks served with cold drinks and hot chocolate. Fundraiser for Make-a-Wish of NJ. For tickets please call Vicki 732-598-6910.

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The South Amboy Sluggers 7U Tee Ball team recently finished their fall season. The team is pictured with coaches (Standing back row l-r) Head Coach Steve , Assistant Coach Phyllis, Assistant Coach Manny. (Photo by Matthew Stratton)

Annual Fight Colorectal Cancer (FCRC)

Event Raised Funds for Colorectal Cancer Research & Advocacy

On Saturday, November 19th, Eric Hausmann and his children, Taylor and Ashley Hausmann, hosted the Annual Friends of Rose Co-Ed Softball Tournament on behalf of the organization, Fight Colorectal Cancer (FCRC). This event has not been run in over 6 years, since the passing of Eric’s wife, Rose. In the past, nearly 200 players from New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, and Delaware participated in this all-day event. This year, however, there were only four teams, as we planned to start the tournament small and grow bigger again in the years to come. The tournament followed the Amateur Softball Association of America rules, and the entry fee for each team was \$400. All proceeds from the tournament benefitted Fight Colorectal Cancer and its efforts to raise funds for colorectal cancer research and advocacy.

Fight Colorectal Cancer, based in Springfield, Missouri, is the leading national colorectal cancer advocacy organization. FCRC empowers survivors to raise their voices, trains advocates around the country, educates lawmakers and pushes for better policies. In addition to its advocacy work, FCRC offers support for patients, family members, and caregivers and serves as a resource for colorectal cancer advocates, policymakers, medical professionals, as well as healthcare providers. FCRC also does everything it can to increase and improve research at all stages of development and for all stages of colorectal cancer. Fight Colorectal Cancer demands a cure for colon and rectal cancer, and it will not rest until there is one. In fact, the FCRC advocates played a major role in lowering the colorectal screening age from 50 to 45 years old.

Rose Hausmann, who passed away in December of 2016, was diagnosed with stage four colon cancer in November 2005. Rose fought a tough battle and underwent numerous surgeries and rounds of chemotherapy for over 11 years. Although she had periods of remission, she continued to fight the cancer

that had spread throughout her body. After a recurrence in 2009, Rose found the Fight Colorectal Cancer website and connected with FCRC’s Answer Line. With her personal connection to the disease and positive experience with the organization, she knew this was a cause she wanted to support.

In November 2009, nearly four years to the day of her diagnosis, Rose and her husband Eric held their first softball tournament benefiting Fight Colorectal Cancer that raised more than \$5,000. A second tournament was held the next year doubling the amount raised in the first year. Eric and Rose also attended Fight Colorectal Cancer’s Call-on Congress in Washington, D.C. and joined the organization’s Grassroots Action Committee, which guides the grassroots annual advocacy efforts of the organization. “I am grateful for the support I was given by Fight Colorectal Cancer and am excited to do my part to give back and be part of an organization that is making a difference in the fight against this disease,” said Rose. “As an advocate, I take great pride in sharing my story and raising my voice to advocate on my own behalf and for all those affected by this disease.”

Since Rose passed away, Eric has become an Executive Board Member of Fight Colorectal Cancer and still attends most of its functions, as well as the Board’s bi-monthly meetings. Eric also still goes to Washington DC every year to advocate for FCRC, and his reasoning is simple:

Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths in the United States. 25-30% of patients have a family history of the disease, with personal history, lifestyle factors, and racial and ethnic background also playing a major role in increasing the risk of this disease. 1 in 23 men and 1 in 25 women will be diagnosed with colorectal cancer, while 60% of colorectal cancer is preventable with screening.

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



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South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry and his wife Linda are pictured following another highly-successful election. (Photo by Anthony Conrad)

Congratulations!

Laura Toth is pictured after finishing the New York City Marathon in 4 hours, 6 minutes. Congrats! (Photo/info submitted)

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

Brunch With Santa

There will be a Brunch with Santa on Saturday, December 10th at Sayreville United Methodist, 406 Main St., Sayreville, NJ on Saturday, December 10th from 11 am to 1 pm. Cost is \$12. Brunch includes: Pancakes, Sausages, Eggs, Macaroni & Cheese, Bread, Cereal, Coffee/Tea, Juice. There will be Crafts, Story Time & Gifts. Please contact Winsome 732-432-9072 for reservation.

South Amboy Elks Prime Rib Dinner

The South Amboy Elks will be Having a Prime Rib Dinner Fundraiser on Friday January 27, 2023 from 6- 8pm. The dinner will include Salad, baked potato, vegetable, and dessert for only \$25.00 per person. For the non-beef eaters, we will offer a half of a roasted chicken for \$20.00. Tickets for this dinner are IN ADVANCE ONLY. Please call 732-727-7170 or stop Thursday or Friday nights between 6 -8pm for tickets. Thank you in advance for your support.

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like this for both the schools and the City at large. Promise made and promise delivered” “This check represents the third installment of the City’s commitment to provide funding for a Chromebook for every student in the South Amboy School District. In the modern classroom this technology is indispensable for instructional delivery and learning in the modern classroom. The Board of Education is thankful to Mayor Henry, his administration, the City Council, and the South Amboy Redevelopment Agency for making good on their commitment to support our students.” Said Anthony Conrad, Board of Education Vice President. “We are grateful and appreciative for the continued support that Mayor Henry and the South Amboy Council has for our students, faculty/staff and our schools. The \$100,000 donation, from Pilot Funds, to purchase Chromebooks for our scholars will enable us to continually close the digital divide and to ensure that all of our scholars have equitable access to technology as well as applicable learning resources. On behalf of The South Amboy Public Schools, as well as the Board of Education, we humbly accept this donation on behalf of our scholars, and we look forward to continuing to strengthen our relationship as we work together to build a better and brighter future for our community of learners.” Said Dr. Frederick Williams III Superintendent of Schools.

South Amboy Elks Lodge # 784’s National foundation Grant Committee has chosen to present “PRAHD” Puerto Rican Association for Human Development, a \$4,000.00 Grant and Certificate to the Camp By The Bay program. The Kid’s program is a summer adventure at “Camp By The Bay.” At Camp By The Bay the campers will explore different fundamental and educational activities. Campers will participate in exciting trips creating wonderful memories. Camp by The Bay will also offer arts & craft, STEM activities and free NJTL tennis lessons. In the photo are some of the children that attended the program, and from left to right are Liz Gutierrez - Mi Escuelita Paraprofessional, Kim V. Ruiz - Executive Director & CEO. Jeanne Sieber - Elks Esteemed Leading Knight. Stacey Peralta - Mi Escuelita Director & Director of Youth Programs. Valentine Tarr_ Lodge Trustee, Lodge Chairman for National Foundation and Grant Coordinator. Haydee Batista - Mi Escuelita Volunteer Grandmother. Maria Palomino - Mi Escuelita Volunteer Grandmother. (Photo/info submitted)

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Bishop James Checchio of the Metuchen diocese offers prayers for the Flags for Heroes fundraiser sponsored by St. Stanislaus Kostka School. (Photo by Steve Schmid)

Flags For Heroes
By Steve Schmid

St. Stan’s School is currently displaying American flags around the school to honor those who served and are currently serving the United States as members of our military. Metuchen Bishop James Checchio blessed the flags November 10 at the school’s outdoor Veteran’s Day Ceremony before a crowd of military veterans and St. Stan’s students. The flags will remain on school

property until December 10. The flags are illuminated after dark by lighting on school property or by a solar light. Proceeds from the Flags for Heroes fundraiser will help to repair the school’s front sidewalk. A check was presented to representatives of the Menlo Park Veterans Memorial Home for their share of the second annual fundraiser.

Guinness World Record-Breaking & Annual Co-Ed Softball Tournament At Burke’s Park
(Story submitted)

On Saturday, November 19th, 2022, at 8am, Margaret “Kimmel” Miller will attempt a new world record of number of softball pitches in one hour. Margaret grew up in Sayreville and is from a large family of many brothers and sisters, most of whom were athletes and involved with sports. In fact, three of her five sisters were excellent softball players. Margaret played softball for a local recreational league and started on her High School Varsity team all four years. As a sophomore she played the outfield, as well as pitcher, with a pitching record of 9-1. When she played outfield, she had a .433 batting average, 29 runs batted in, nine stolen bases, five doubles and three triples. She never had an error in her four years on Varsity, playing with a 1000 fielding average and an overall batting average of .356. She was also selected to the Middlesex County all-conference team and suffice it to say, softball was her life. Margaret wanted to do this event in Sayreville because it has always been a softball town, particularly a women’s softball

town. She also suffered with depression most of her life, severe at times, and wanted to inspire young women who may also suffer with depression and show them that they can still thrive. She believes softball saved her as a kid and even stated: “It was hard to move sometimes but softball always gave me an out. I could not wait to win a game because I knew we would play again. This helped me look forward to something, kind of like how I knew that I would get past this year knowing I had this event coming up in November. I am 62 years old, and I can still do this.” She wants to bring back some life into the sport and hopes that kids will see this as a good event. After High School, Margaret went on to join the United States Army, where she served for 20 years and was able to make it to the highest enlisted rank, a Master Sergeant. She has two adult children as well as a new grandchild, and Margaret is always willing to help anyone who needs it. Margaret’s sister, Rose Hausmann, played softball all her life as well. *We will update this story in the December issue. Good luck Margaret!

Two Sabres Identified



SA Times readers identified 2 out of 3 young boys in a 1973 photo last month, showing the awards they won at a South Amboy Sabres banquet. Pete McIntyre and Jeanne Ryan correctly knew the boy on the left was Billy Lewis, while Jeanne Ryan also identified Mark Ryan on the right. The youngster in the middle has yet to be identified and still remains a mystery. Jeanne also told us that Mark Ryan played on the team with his brothers Doug and Chris, and her husband Richard helped coach the Sabres and painted the helmets.

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Congratulations



Past Faithful Navigator Jan Williams is all smiles at the recent PFN dinner held at Yesterday's Restaurant in Hazlet. Jan was honored by 50 guests for his three years of service as Faithful Navigator of the Monsignor John F. Brady Assembly Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree. Congratulations Jan, from The SA Times! (Photo by Kathy Vassallo)

Devils Outing
December 28

St. Mary Church and the South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 are sponsoring their annual holiday outing when the much improved New Jersey Devils host the Boston Bruins Wednesday December 28 at Prudential Center. Pick drop is 7 PM. Cost of \$80 includes game ticket and a \$20 voucher for food and beverages. To purchase and reserve your tickets call Chris at 732-735-1737 or Steve at 732-827-1707.

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.

The Birth of Autumn
By Janice Kral O'Brien
The heat of Summer
Gives gently 'way to Fall,
The earth's scorched carpet
Will renew its emerald hue,
And the last of the summer flowers
Will give 'way as the sands of time
Count out its last proud hours.
The great aging arbor
Shall don its golden gown,
Giving example to the timid sapling
Who to the wind bows down
Awed by the luster
And lost in the cluster
Surrounded by a mad swirling rainbow.
Then one cool morn
Lovely Autumn is born,
And you know by the song in your heart
That through the music of Fall
The world will go on,
Though Winter, Spring, and Summer are gone.



Maryanne Candelora once again organized the Salute to our Heroes at Dowdell Library! Participating in the program were veterans from the American Legion Post 62, the Historical Society of South Amboy, the Boy Scout Troop 95, the Girl Scouts of South Amboy/Sayreville, the Cub Scout Pack 91, as well as other local veterans. The flag folding ceremony was especially touching, as the young adults discussed the meaning behind the thirteen folds. Pictured (l-r) Jerry Pizzillo, Gary Poland and Bob Moglia. (Photo/Info Submitted)

South Amboy Arts Alliance
December Events
SA Arts at 141 N Broadway, South Amboy, 08879

On December 9th (Rain date: 12/10). The Holidays are upon us so come to **South Amboy's Tree Lighting Event** and visit us at the SA Arts Gallery to create your holiday remembrance. On Friday, December 16th from 4-9pm. Visit SA Arts' Vendor Village for some Last-Minute Shopping during the SA Trolley Rides to View of the City Lights. Local Vendors will be there for your browsing.
South Amboy Arts Alliance Congratulates Our Halloween Costume Contest Winners
The Halloween Party at the SA YMCA was filled with fun and treats. SA Arts provided Halloween crafts and face painting for all participants. A parade at the end of the

night showcased many creative, cute, scary and funny costumes. All the costumes were fantastic! The judges had to conference to decide the winners. The winners were: Most Creative: Xan, "The Spider"; Cutest: Jazlyn, The Lion"; Scariest: Austin "Chucky" and Funniest: Dante "The Stay Puft Man. It was a wonderful fun night for all who attended!
South Amboy Arts Alliance is looking for artists to showcase their original artwork and members to help create and bring our 2023 Program Events to the community. Share your talents with our community.
Contact us at 732-727-4600 x59971 or Email: SAarts141@gmail.com
**See photos of the party on page 14.*

Sumo Wrestling

Sumo Wrestling Comes to South Amboy Elks on Saturday January 21st, 2023 Come grab a table with your friends to laugh and have a good time at our Sumo Wrestling fundraiser. You can get suited up and wrestle your best friend or one of our members. Doors open at 6:30, wrestling starts at 7. The donation is \$25 per person and includes select beverages. Food will be available for purchase from 6:30 -10pm. For more information and tickets, please call 732-727-7170.



Brunch With Santa
December 18

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 are holding their annual Brunch With Santa Sunday December 18 from 10 am to 1 pm. The event will be at the K of C at 308 Fourth St. South Amboy. Breakfast and lunch food will be available. Bring your cameras so you can take pictures of the children with Santa Claus. Cost is \$12 for adults, \$6 for children 2 to 12. Under 2 are Free. For more information call Jan at 732-553-9060 or Gary at 732-512-8923.

Spotted!



Kenny Kurczeski, of Sayreville, is the lead singer/songwriter for the band Kenny K & The Way. He was recently spotted at Java Dave's Coffee shop in South Amboy, enjoying his favorite coffee. Kenny's talented group has a busy schedule coming up in the next few months into the New Year, and he expects to be working on a new album very soon. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

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 -G.V.

Thank You Novena

Lord God, we do not always remember to thank you as we ought for all you have done for us and given us. We praise you for your goodness and offer our prayers of thanksgiving to you today for all you have done for us and given us. You did not have to create man or any of creation. Out of your goodness, you chose to create the world and to make man in your own image. You have given each of us life in order that we might know, love, and serve you. We thank you for all of your blessings, and we particularly thank you today for giving us life! Help us to grow in gratitude each day, in every circumstance. Help us to grow closer to you each day of our lives. And I especially pray in this novena (mention your intentions here). Lord, hear our prayers! Amen



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By Brian Stratton
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3.In and around the lake mountains come out of the sky
4.Shadows grow so long before my eyes
5.I sure know something
6.Yesterday has been and gone
7.For those about to rock we salute you
8.Ricky was a young boy he had a heart of stone
9.I'm a cowboy on a steel horse I ride
10.Bismillah! No, we will not let you go

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A Daddy's Dream Come True
By Robert W. Eginton

To the Raggedy Ann that sits quietly upon your bedroom shelf,
To Santa and his reindeer, and your favorite elf.
And to the robot you got one Christmas, which is now collecting dust,
Whose broken arms and bent nose will soon be turned to rust.
To the puppets, and dolls, and stuffed animals, you used to hold so near,
Are just memories now of yesterday, and soon of yesteryear.
And what about the roller skates, and the boat with the broken mast,
The coloring books and Rainbow Bright, now knick knacks of the past.
To all the crayons and the story books, that used to fill your room,
Which are now being replaced by lipstick and perfume.
Here's a toast to all the games, the puzzles, and childhood toys,
Now traded in for better things, like fancy clothes and boys.
But the things we share will always be there,
Even though you are growing older.
And if you skin your knee, when you're twenty-three,
You can still cry on my shoulder.
You're growing so fast, so let's make the years last.
We have only but left a few.
It's not the time that's been sent,
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Who is it?
By Brian and Phyllis Stratton

Last month we were looking for Ron Popiel, owner of the Ronco Co. He is pictured holding a Pocket Fisherman. Several of our readers commented they had one and it worked! The following knew it was Ron: John Gelsinon, Patti Tengelics, Pete McIntyre, Dave Krempecki, Dane Colburn, Steve Laskiewicz, Mark Moniello, Martin Fitzgerald, Mary Fitzgerald, John & JoAnn French, Jeff Deverin, Eleanore Westerholm, Pat Scully, B. Gregory, Lynn Loy, Laurie & Gary Loftus, Bruce Grankowski, Edna Mazur Pilch, Betty Leveille, Gary Feret, Walter Starzec Jr.

October Who is it?



Ron Popiel, owner of the Ronco Co



Do you know who this is? You have most likely heard his voice! Send your answers to satimes@aol.com by Dec. 10th.

The Holidays @ Dowdell Library

Celebrate the holiday season @ Dowdell Library with 3D Pens, Victorian Holiday Party, Food Explorers, Storytime, After School Fun Club, Teen Hangout, and more! 'Tis the holiday season... for a celebration! Join us for the Victorian Holiday Party on Tuesday, December 13 from 6:30-8:30 pm. There will be music, refreshments and door prizes. Kids and teens! Have fun with some special activities. Spend the night with friends, neighbors and enjoy the festivities! Make an impact while you shop this holiday season with Amazon Smile. Simply shop at www.smile.amazon.com/ch/26-3176682 and AmazonSmile will donate to the Dowdell Library Foundation at no cost to you! The Dowdell Library Foundation, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation. The Senior Book Club will meet on Monday, December 19 at 10:30 am. Stop by the Library to pick up this month's book. Want to join? Just contact the library at 732-721-6060 Adults! Create a 3D ornament using a 3D Pen on Thursday, December 8 from 6:30-7:30 pm. We'll provide templates, or use your imagination to create a holiday masterpiece! Dowdell Library, in collaboration with Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital and RWJ Barnabas Health, offers online virtual health programs. Some courses include Stress Reduction through Imagery and Stretch It! Chair exercising, stretching,

and flexibility workshop. Please register by emailing Kathleen Johnson kathleen.johnson@rwjbh.org. For a complete list of the classes, please visit Dowdell.org. Kids stop by every Wednesday from 3:30-4:30 pm for the After School Fun Club. Drop in for scavenger hunts, relay races, bingo and holidays crafts. Join us for another Food Explorer's on Wednesday, December 28 from 1-2 pm for a hands-on cooking program. Make an appetizer/snack from start to finish, learn how to read a recipe, and how to measure ingredients. Ages 5-14. Registration is required. Lastly, become part of the tales and adventures in the Dungeons & Dragons Gaming Club on Thursdays, December 15 and 29 from 6:30-7:30 pm. Parents with toddlers! Join Ms. Maryanne for storytimes on Monday, December 5 and Saturday, December 10 from 1-2 pm for stories, games, activities, and crafts. Teens! Stop by and have fun with 3D pens on Friday, December 9 from 3-4 and Friday, December 30 from 1-2 pm. Do you need community service hours? Join the Teen Advisory Board (TAB) on Friday, December 16 from 3-4 pm and help us plan 2023 teen programs! The library will be closed for the Christmas holiday on Saturday, December 24 and Monday, December 26. The library will also be closed for the New Year holiday on Saturday, December 31 and Monday, January 1, 2023. Have a merry holiday season!

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

The South Amboy Elks is hosting Breakfast with Santa on Sunday December 18th, from 9-11:30 am. The Breakfast is buffet style featuring our made to order omelet station. On the buffet we serve Pancakes, French toast, scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, hash browns and much more. The cost is \$12 per person and children 7 years and under are \$6. There will be goody bags and games for the children with plenty of time for pictures sitting on Santa's lap. So save the date and get your cell phones ready to snap some memories.



What Exit?
By Brian and Phyllis Stratton

October What Exit:
Last month the correct exit was NJ Turnpike exit 3, the following got it right: Pete McIntyre, Dane Colburn, Mark Moniello, John & JoAnn French, Pat Scully, Laurie & Gary Loftus, Edna Mazur Pilch, Betty Leveille, Gary Feret, Walter Starzec Jr, Thomas Harrigan.



What Exit?
This month we are looking for the GSP exit heading that will take you the November Where In NJ. Send your answer to satimes@aol.com by Dec. 10th.



The Smoke Column

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

Dumpster fires are one of the more common and routine types of fires that firefighters respond to frequently. Dumpsters come in many sizes, shapes, and materials, none of which helps to determine the disposed items that may be present inside. These dumpsters may be located near residential structures during construction or renovation projects. They can also be found near businesses for their waste or recycled materials such as cardboard and plastics. When speaking about dumpsters, we must also consider compactors because they serve a similar purpose as a dumpster in collecting trash with many containing a larger volume of trash.

Most dumpster fires require a single response apparatus carrying enough water to extinguish the fire. Small dumpsters that have a capacity of 5 to 7 cubic yards of trash are usually found at convenient stores, strip malls, or apartment/condominium complexes. Dumpsters located at construction, manufacturing, and industrial sites can hold up to forty cubic yards of building debris.

All too often, dumpsters located in these public settings are often used for illegal dumping. This may include many hazardous materials that a person is unable to dispose of in a proper manner. This is mainly due to the cost of proper disposal procedures or available collection sites.

For aesthetic reasons, many smaller dumpsters are enclosed or fenced inside a walled structure. Some dumpsters have a locking mechanism on their lids that prevents illegal use by unauthorized persons and only able to be opened with a key or when the dumpster is turned over. Any devices that prevent or make it difficult to dispose of trash in the dumpster also becomes a hindrance to firefighters. Many of the smaller dumpsters have wheels which allow the dumpster to be rolled outside of the enclosure and nearer the collection vehicle. Some dumpsters are constructed of a plastic material which will contribute to the fire load and may be

consumed by the fire. The most common material used in dumpster construction is steel which helps to contain the fire for a limited period. The closing lids on the top of the dumpster are usually made of plastic which is quite common. They will confine the fire for a brief period before they melt and become useless. Some dumpsters may have signs on them as to which types of material or trash can be disposed of inside but they are frequently ignored. Similar to a dumpster, is the clothing donation box that is constructed of steel and is difficult to gain entry in the event of a fire.

As firefighters, we must be aware of what could have been discarded in a dumpster, public or private, and why is it now burning. My advice to you is to prepare for the unexpected. If you do not plan for the worst-case scenario of a dumpster fire, you are setting the stage for a disaster. Firefighters have been killed fighting the "routine" dumpster fire. In Wisconsin, one firefighter was killed and eight others injured when a "routine" dumpster fire exploded. In Pennsylvania, a firefighter suffered hearing loss when an exploded device went off while he was extinguishing a dumpster fire. Too many times we take for granted that it is only common household trash in the dumpster that is on fire. No two dumpster fires are alike even though we may think they are and that "thinking" is what gets us hurt. We have been trained to wear full PPE, including SCBA, at ALL fires. We do not want to be the "other guy" who gets hurt because to everyone else out there WE are that "other guy." Discarded hazardous materials are all over the place and when people do not know how to dispose of them properly, the local dumpster comes in very handy. Let us also not forget that these dumpsters may be easy targets for terrorists who want to do harm to first responders. Now is the time to plan your next response to the "routine" dumpster fire, not when things go downhill.

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Middlesex County announces the Community, Innovation, and Opportunity (CIO) Strategic Investment Plan to transform Middlesex College into a leading destination in New Jersey

As part of Middlesex County’s Destination 2040 Strategic Plan, the County, in partnership with the State of New Jersey, has finalized its Community, Innovation, and Opportunity (CIO) Strategic Investment Plan. The plan is designed to transform and bolster Middlesex College and the Magnet School System, as well as meet the diverse needs of the entire community. Announced officially to the public today, in a press conference held at the Middlesex College, County leadership along with key state and local government and school district officials spoke about the long-term economic impact this new plan will have and how it will transform the region.

Highlights of the Community, Innovation, and Opportunity (CIO) Strategic Investment Plan include: an open-air Multipurpose Community Venue for concerts, cultural events, and multiple sports such as baseball, soccer, or lacrosse; a Workforce Development & Conference Center; a new Community Park featuring an educational children’s amenity; a new Student Center which will include campus and community amenities; a new Middlesex County Magnet School, the Middlesex County Magnet School of the Future; a Destination Athletic Complex featuring 14 multi-sport synthetic fields; 16 tennis courts and a state-of-the-art recreational cricket field; and much more; an expansion of the existing exterior spaces, activating these areas by adding public art, seating, and water features.

Dignitaries shared the significance of these investments in education and infrastructure in Middlesex County and the positive impact they will have on its students, staff, parents, and the region. Today’s program included Governor Phil D. Murphy; New Jersey General Assembly Speaker Craig J. Coughlin; Middlesex County Commissioner Director Ronald G. Rios; Edison Mayor Sam Joshi; Middlesex College President Mark McCormick; Superintendent of Schools Jorge E. Diaz; Middlesex County Administrator

John A. Pulomena; and Middlesex College Alumni Trustee Anvay Patel.

“We are excited to get this significant project off the ground - and we’ll be working closely with President McCormick and the Board of Trustees at Middlesex College, as well as the Middlesex County Magnet Schools, and the Middlesex County Improvement Authority, to move a number of these initiatives forward today. From cultural to world-class recreational opportunities, from athletic to scholastic, this plan will improve the lives of so many in our community,” said Middlesex County Commissioner Director Ronald G. Rios. “This project is an unprecedented opportunity not only to cement Middlesex College’s place as one of the best two-year colleges in America by not only expanding the educational offerings of both the College and the Magnet School System, but to turn the campus into a multi-faceted destination for the community here in Middlesex County and this entire region. The Community, Innovation, and Opportunity (CIO) Strategic Investment Plan will drastically transform the outdoor activities available to families and individuals across both Middlesex County and the State of New Jersey.”

“Middlesex County has long epitomized the best our state has to offer: economic opportunity, family-oriented communities, and schools that prepare our children to reach their full potential not just as students, but as community members and future leaders,” said New Jersey Governor Phil D. Murphy. “The Community, Innovation, and Opportunity Strategic Investment Plan announced today will further promote educational opportunities, community engagement, and the arts among Middlesex College students and residents of all ages. Together, these improvements will further solidify Middlesex College as a crucial anchor in a community that will continue to grow and flourish for generations to come.”

“A continuation of the transformative projects that have taken shape in Middlesex County to boost our regional competitiveness, this strategic investment plan is another feather in the cap of our visionary county leadership,” said New Jersey General Assembly Speaker Craig J. Coughlin. “By expanding educational opportunities that inspire innovation and entrepreneurship, and providing greater access to the arts and to athletics, this project will enhance people’s quality of life now and into their futures, transforming New Jersey for the better over the decades to come.”

“We are moving Edison forward with the help of our County and State partnerships. Our Township is so thankful to the Governor’s Office and Middlesex County for investing in the future of our community,” said Edison Mayor Sam Joshi. “The cricket pitch, in particular, is an extraordinary development for Edison residents, who have been hoping for an official place to play cricket for decades.”

“Middlesex College is truly the heart of Middlesex County. With this extraordinary and transformative investment by the State and Middlesex County on and near our campus, Middlesex College can do even more to lean into and live up to its mission of providing access to a quality, affordable education for a diverse population, supporting student success for lifelong learning, and strengthening the economic, social, and cultural life of the community,” said Middlesex College President Mark McCormick. “On behalf of the faculty and staff and especially the students of Middlesex College, I want to thank Governor Murphy, Speaker Coughlin and the New Jersey legislature, and the Middlesex County Board of County Commissioners, led by Commissioner Director Rios for their vision and focus on investing in the greater Middlesex County community,”

“In keeping with our shared mission, the

Middlesex College campus is already home to one of our County Magnet Schools – the Edison Academy Magnet School – and now it will be home to a second – the Middlesex County Magnet School of the Future. With programs like environmental technology and engineering, information communication, and global logistics, the School of the Future will leverage its location at the Middlesex College campus to provide an education that is advanced both academically and practically, giving students access to college-level courses as well as the latest tools and technologies,” said Superintendent of the Middlesex County Magnet Schools Jorge E. Diaz. “In the future, our students will be able to graduate with a High School diploma and a two-year College degree. This will be game-changing for our student community. We have much work ahead of us, but I am confident that with the support of our valued partners and the community, this project will be an unparalleled success.”

“Our strategic vision for this County has been nothing short of trailblazing, it’s always been future-forward and far-reaching. Today our goals and aspirations are converging in one location and simultaneously, for the benefit of our entire community. In my 14-year career at the County, I have never experienced a time quite like this before,” said Middlesex County Administrator John A. Pulomena. “I look forward to the dramatic and positive impact that this plan will have in our community, at our educational institutions, and this entire region – as we lead together.”

“As a Trustee, I am excited by the bold new directions with which Dr. McCormick and the Board are leading our college and grateful to the Governor, State Legislature, and the Middlesex County Board of County Commissioners for their tremendous support of Middlesex College and the students we serve,” said Middlesex College Alumni

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Veterans Memorial Plaaza Dedication (Photos by Brian Stratton)

On Veterans Day November 11, 2022 the beautiful new Veterans Memorial Plaza located on Bordentown Ave. was dedicated. The land was donated by the Applegate Family and the Veteran Monument that was previously located in front of City Hall now is the centerpiece of the plaza. Luke A. Lovely American Legion Post #62 sold pavers that could be engraved to pay tribute to family members. These pavers are on the perimeter of the plaza. In addition the American Legion held the annual Veterans Day service at the end of the dedication.



Jerry Pizzillo was the Master of Ceremonies.



Father Jason Pavich



Mayor Fred Henry



NJ Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin



SAFD stand at attention to salute the flag.



Mayor Henry (I) and the Applegate Family unveil a copy of one of the several plaques that will adorn the plaza.



The color guard gives a 21 gun salute.



The memorial wreath was placed in front of the monument.



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Mayor Henry (I) with Mr. Applegate.



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South Amboy Arts Aliance Halloween Party At The YMCA

(Photos Submitted)



Local Wildlife
(Photos by Tom Burkard)



Black squirrel sightings are rare, especially around here, but this beauty paid a visit to a nearby back porch recently. According to research, there are only 1 out of 10,000 squirrels that are black. Have you ever seen any?



A white-tailed doe deer was spotted in a local backyard recently. We are getting lots of reports on deer being seen by people in South Amboy and Sayreville.

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Sayreville Trunk & Treat
(Photos by Tom Burkard)



Everyone was in the Happy Halloween Spirit at the Sayreville Trunk & Treat which was held at the Jerry Ust Sports Complex.



One of the trunks issued a warning to all who passed by (LOL).



Sayreville Democratic candidates for council, Michele Cassidy-Maher and Damon Enriquez gave out treats to all the youngsters.



Everyone had fun at the Sayreville Trunk & Treat.



Members of the Lions Club were on hand to pass out treats and happy greetings to all.



Sayreville Police Officers Charlie Teator (l) and Briana Cortez were on hand with the cool Sayreville Police car, and treats for the youngsters.

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



St. Stanislaus Kostka School honors our Veterans. Thank you to all the brave men and women who have served, and those who continue to serve.



The ATA Martial Arts School met with the students of St. Stanislaus Kostka to discuss self confidence and discipline.

The Vintage Car Contest
By Brian and Phyllis Stratton



Can you identify this car? Hint it was the last year this brand produced a car. Send your answer to satimes@aol.com by Dec. 10th.

Last month’s vehicle was made by Chevrolet, built like a pickup truck with a neat ramp on the side. It was a Corvair 95. The following got it right: John Gelsinon, Patti Tengelic, Pete McIntyre, Dane Colburn, Steve Laskiewicz, Martin Fitzgerald, Mary Fitzgerald, Mark

October Vintage Car



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Kenny K & The Way



Sayreville’s own, songwriter/lead singer, Kenny Kurczeski and his band, Kenny K & The Way will be performing on Saturday, Dec. 10th, 8:30 p.m. at Colts Neck Inn Steak & Chop House, 191 Rt. 537, Colts Neck, at a tribute for Kenny’s late friend, Santa Ray, who started an event called “Socks For Seniors” several years ago, before he passed away. He would dress as Santa, and distribute socks that were donated at his shows, to senior homes to help brighten their Christmas. If you’re in the Colts Neck area on Dec. 10th, please stop by and bring socks for the seniors Pictured (l-r) Chris Davison, Kenny Kurczeski, Alex D’Agnese, Chris Macock. The event is now called “Santa

Ray and Friends Socks for Seniors,” and if you can attend, please bring socks and they will be donated to seniors in homes.

*Note: In January, Kenny K & The Way will once again be playing at the Light of Day Winterfest Music Festival 2023 at Asbury Park to help raise money for people suffering from Parkinson’s Disease. The band is scheduled to take the stage at the Silverball Museum on Jan. 13th from 9-10 p.m. The Winterfest will run from Jan. 7-20th. The show is huge, and people come from all over the world to see their favorite musicians and help people with Parkinson’s Disease. (Photo/info submitted)

#1 Pop Hits-Nov. 24

- 2007-Kiss Kiss-Chris Brown w/T-Pain
- 1991-When A Man Loves A Woman -Michael Bolton
- 1986-You Give Love A Bad Name-Bon Jovi
- 1975-Fly Robin, Fly-The Silver Connection
- 1969-Come Together-The Beatles
- 1958-Tom Dooley-The Kingston Trio

#1 Country Hits Nov. 24

- 2003-I Love This Bar-Toby Keith
- 1996-Strawberry Wine-Deana Carter
- 1987-Lynda-Steve Wariner
- 1978-Sweet Desire-The Kendalls
- 1962-I’ve Been Everywhere-Hank Snow
- 1956-Singing The Blues-Marty Robbins

Top 20 Song Shootout

The following songs made the Top 20 by getting the most views on our Facebook page since last month:

- 1-Happy Trails-Roy Rogers/Dale Evans;
- 2-The House Of The Rising Sun-The Animals;
- 3-Dancing In The Moonlight-King Harvest;
- 4-Bad Moon Rising-Creedence Clearwater Revival;
- 5-Be My Baby-The Ronettes;
- 6-We’ve Gotta Get Out Of This Place-The Animals;
- 7-Takin’ Care Of Business-Bachman Turner Overdrive;
- 8-You & I-Eddie Rabbitt/Crystal Gayle;
- 9-Different Drum-The Stone Poneys;
- 10-Landslide-Fleetwood Mac;
- 11-Some Kind Of Wonderful-Grand Funk Railroad;
- 12-Whiter Shade Of Pale-Procol Harum;
- 13-Great Balls Of Fire-Jerry Lee Lewis;
- 14-Colour My World-Chicago;
- 15-Baby I’m A Want You-Bread;
- 16-The Wanderer-Dion;
- 17-Glad All Over-The Dave Clark Five;
- 18-Layla-Derek/The Dominos;
- 19-Ooh Baby Baby-The Miracles;
- 20-Take It Easy-The Eagles.



Roy Rogers and Dale Evans

Rumbles from the Rock and Roll Reunion

By Clem Skarzynski

(See more car show photos on page 27)

Well, one word to describe the St.Stan’s 2nd Annual Car Show on Sunday Oct.30th past...WOW! Over 230 Customs, Hot Rods, Trucks, 2 Wheelers, even a couple Of vintage ambulances from the 70’s! Organizers of the show just did not expect such an amazing turn out of cars, and spectators. Entrants were pouring into St.Stan’s Church grounds by 10 a.m. Organizers Dan Hockenjos, Annette “Sissy” Hockenkos, Jean Jackowski, Maura Samuel, Tony Jackowski, Brian Jackowski, and Chris Bardsley, were just “on top of it all with putting this show together! With that ,I the Writer wish to express to them a huge thank you, for having us, ”The Clem And Friends Band,” and of course..the man who makes it all happen, I know, I’ve done over 19 years of shows with him and his Club..Richie “Flash”Hart, and the Just Us Cruiser Car Club..But most important, giving us a platform to dedicate the show to our dear departed friend, Mr.Jerry Ust, who over 17 years ago, allowed me, the writer to begin to organize, what was and still remains, “The Blast from the Past”Car Show and Concert, for the “Adult Recreation Program” in Sayreville! And for St.Stan’s #1 Photographer for their Annual Carnival, the late Mr. Tommy Samuel.

The weather was just perfect...the cars, just beautiful..the crowd, huge and appreciative..And a huge congrats to the winners of both Memorial “Best in Show ‘Trophies..Pat Magguire, The Jerry Ust Trophy, and “PAPA,” for his “Tommy Samuel” Trophy..and the Band’s personal thank you to such an appreciative crowd and enjoying the music from the times all the cars at the show were “cruising “The

Avenues,” and my personal thank you to my bandmates for unselfishly donating their time and musical expertise to be there for Jerry and his Family..Scott Bishop, Craig Hoek, Fran Fee, Matt D’esposito, Jim Heuer, and “Friends newest member, Drummer Pat Marra.,Thank You..He was there for us for all those years..And..the D.J. “With Heart”.. Mr.Richie Hart...thanks for bringing out the cars..What a day we had! Jerry and Tommy were smiling down on us for certain!..Be Well all..We’ll talk soon...till then...MUSIC...IT MAKES IT ALL HAPPEN.



Mike Samuel presents his brother’s Tommy Samuel Memorial Trophy to “PAPA” for his 1932 Buick Roadmaster. (Photo/Info Submitted)



Richie Santa of Sayreville, who is one of the top Elvis Tribute Artists in the United States, turned in another exciting and outstanding show at the Brick House Bar & Grill, 267 Washington Rd., Sayreville on Nov. 9th. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

Classic Rock Show On Tap

By Clem Skarzynski

Hey classic rockers put Saturday, December 10th on your own music calendar. The venue is The Dunellen Movie Theatre, 458 North Ave, Dunellen, NJ. Listed as “A Night of Classic Rock “. Three bands will share the stage to play the classic rock from the 60’s thru the 80’s with “The Paul Nagy Project” opening the show with their eclectic array of the classic stuff we listened to from Procol Harum, The Beatles, Vanilla Fudge and more. Paul, the guitarist for The Project has put together a great mix of the classic rock bands for this show. The second band is “Muldread ” which consists of former members of Capricorn Recording Label doing their mix of the classics from that era. The third band up is “Paisley ” which consists of music teachers from the Somerville School of Rock. Show kicks off at 8:00 pm. Tix are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. Call Paul Nagy himself for tix at 732-309-6726. Be there for a great show!!

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.



Eileen Ust, daughter Janet, son David, and grandchildren, Ella, Jackson, and Benjamin, present the Jerry Ust Memorial Trophy to Pat Magguire, for his 34 Chevy 3 Window Coupe. (Photo/Info Submitted)

A Night Of Classic Rock

On Sat., Dec. 10, local classic rock band, The Paul Nagy Project will be performing live music at The Dunellen Movie Theater,

458 North Ave., Dunellen. The show begins at 8 p.m., and two other groups will also participate. Hope to see you there!



By Tom Burkard

Animals

- 1.Hungry Like The Wolf
- 2.Hound Dog
- 3.Fox On The Run
- 4.Paper Tiger
- 5.Crocodile Rock
- 6.Wild Horses
- 7.The Lion Sleeps Tonight
- 8.Running Bear
- 9.Rocky Raccoon
- 10.Horse With No Name
- 11.Eye Of The Tiger
- 12.Cat Scratch Fever



- a.Elvis Presley
- b.America
- c.Sweet
- d.The Beatles
- e.Survivor
- f.The Rolling Stones
- g.The Tokens
- h.Ted Nugent
- i.Johnny Preston
- j.Duran Duran
- k.Sue Thompson
- l.Elton John

Answers
1j 2a 3c 4k 5l 6f 7g 8i 9d 10b 11e 12h.

From The TIMES ARCHIVES

One of our favorite stories Elaine wrote, we are missing her since her passing in May of this year.

THANKSGIVING, BACK IN THE DAY

By Elaine Scott

Whole turkeys weren’t always so round and plump looking. Growing up in the 1950’s, I can remember our Thanksgiving turkeys as being sort of elongated and slender. That was a decade before supermarkets “appeared” selling packaged frozen turkeys with the roundish shapes we recognize today. Just google Norman Rockwell’s 1943 Thanksgiving Day painting to see what I mean. Turkey meat is for sale all year long now, available whole, ground, in bacon and sausage, at deli counters, and in frozen meat patties. That wasn’t so years ago. Except for special orders, turkeys were sold in bulk for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Somehow, the long wait had made turkey meat taste even better. There were no “Turkey Hot Lines” during the Holidays 50 and 60 years ago. None had been needed. Every woman had known all it took was some homemade dressing, a roasting pan with a lid, a turkey baster, a little water, and an oven. As for the dressing, every family had prepared its own favorite. After the dressing was stuffed into the bird, the cavity was usually sewn closed with a big needle and some strong thread, then, the legs were tied together. Guess that’s how dressing got to be known as “stuffings.” In 1972 the first box of Stove Top Stuffing Mix hit the shelves, and a lot of old recipes were “filed away.” Before the Campbell Soup Company published its Green Bean Casserole recipe in 1956, the one using cream of mushroom soup and canned French fried onions, it would have

been unthinkable to serve any food from a can on Thanksgiving Day...no frozen food either. Since ice boxes were still in use in about 50% of American homes, and ice boxes had no freezer storage space, Birdseye didn’t have a market yet for its frozen vegetables. So, it was fresh cooked or nothing. Well, there was one exception to the “no can” rule. Sold since 1912, canned cranberry sauce became standard on Thanksgiving Day tables after the Ocean Spray brand was marketed in 1930. Homemade just couldn’t compete with Ocean Spray. Before microwave ovens and electric hand mixers, making the mashed potatoes was done last. A potato masher or ricer was used to manually mash the potatoes, never failing to miss a lump or two. Instant “freeze-dried” potatoes became available for sale in 1962, and lump-free mashed potatoes “were born.” Homemade pies finished the meal, often served with heavy cream that had been whipped by a hand beater and a strong arm. In 1954, Reddi-wip hit the shelves, then, in 1967, the first Cool Whip was sold. For a Catholic, the worst day of the entire year had always been the day after Thanksgiving. Since it was still a sin to eat meat on any Friday, all we could do was smell the leftovers and dream about eating them. Just the thought of going into the confessional and hearing Monsignor Sullivan’s voice on the other side of the grate in St. Mary’s or Father Urbanik’s in Sacred Heart was enough to keep us “sinless.” HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!



Where, Oh Where, Did Our Scarecrows Go?

Many may wonder? Did they hide with fear of the pandemic? Are they a lethargic sign of the times? Where, oh where, did our scarecrows go? Supplies were given out but scarecrows never appeared! As inquiries come in, what is the answer? Will we really know? This event became a highlight of the season in the past.. Passing the scarecrows in their attire and seeing the wonderful creativity they showed put smiles on many faces that passed. Doesn’t anyone know how to create anymore or perhaps there were problems with

the construction? Each scarecrow didn't have to be perfect or even creative; the scarecrow just needed to be a part of our fall season... a season of thanks, giving, and perhaps scaring. The past scarecrows contributed to the joy of the season when passing the fall display at the plaza... each of the scarecrows’ personalitie were unique, diverse and charming with the message they sent. Please let us know your thoughts. Do we do this next year and, if so, what can we do differently? Please email: SAarts141@gmail.com

Walk To Bethlehem December 11

South Amboy knights of Columbus Council 426 will sponsor their annual Family Walk To Bethlehem Sunday December 11. It begins at 2 p.m. at the K of C at 308 Fourth St. South Amboy. Everyone walks to Christ Episcopal Church, Everlasting Strength Ministries, First Presbyterian Church, St. Mary Church, and Sacred Heart Church.

Scripture readings, homilies, and Christmas carols will be performed. Return to the Knights of Columbus for light refreshments. For more information call Pat Regan at 732-727-2768, Elaine Lopez at 732-721-7851, LoisAnn Smith at 731-266-9195, or Gary Latanzzi at 732-512-8923.

From The Times Archives



1969-Pictured in front of the Briggs Diagnostic Center on Main St. in South Amboy is St. Mary’s HS Driver Ed teacher Tom Otto (r) and next to him is Hoffman HS Driver Ed teacher Woodrow “Woody” McCarthy, the other men not identified.

Remembering Briggs Chevrolet

By Fran Fitzmorris

We have been missing Fran since his passing in June of this year.

Over the years there has always been one constant, whether you lived in South Amboy or were visiting or just passing through. Most of us entered town by way of lower Main St. and you couldn’t help but notice Briggs Chevrolet in its prime or the remains of the business today. It was a business and building that has stood the test of time. For myself, I consider Briggs to be the most iconic business in the town’s history from 1916 until sometime in the 80’s. It’s success cannot be argued owning the perfect location, and the people running it, the Briggs Family. Think Detroit! It all began around 1916, when William Briggs opened the first dealership somewhere on Broadway and a gas station type of dealership on the corner of Broadway and Main St (the open lot today). Business was good, and the car industry boomed because of Ford’s assembly line, which made cars more affordable for the average citizen. By 1931, business was so good that expansion was necessary. New glass windows were put in the front of the building and allowed an unobstructed view of the interior. This became a “new” selling point for the latest cars. Off the showroom were the new individual business offices. Part of the rear was set aside for display and storage of used cars. During the Depression and World War II, the business remained solid, and like the economy in general revived quickly in the late 40’s and early 50’s. By the mid to late 1950’s, Briggs had established itself as one of the leading car dealerships in Central NJ. They were advertising on local radio stations, and people were coming from all

over central NJ to buy automobiles. During the late 50’s, and early 60’s, the store came up with some interesting and innovative ways to advertise, and get people to at least browse if not buy. For example, Johnny Jelly Bean, star of a children’s daily TV show visited Briggs, and entertained youngsters who came along with their parents. I have no clue as to who Johnny Jelly Bean was. Whether or not it sold cars was debatable. Another interesting gimmick was glove compartment cash! There were different amounts of cash put in the glove compartments of cars, and if you bought that car, the amount of money there was yours. By 1968, Briggs had already served the town for over 50 years, and their success was peaking. They broke ground for what would be the last time. It was the most important, a 10-bay area that was added for repairs because of the demand. These new bays were close to the body shop, which gave cars direct access, and more spaces for used cars that were made available. Today, you can see the remnants of the bays as you drive by. Briggs continued to serve the town for years to come through the ‘70’s and early 80’s, but it is uncertain when it moved from South Amboy to Route 9 North in Old Bridge. After Briggs was sold, it became Century Chevrolet for a while, and later a medical transportation service that caught fire and had an explosion. Next time you ride by the ruins, remember back to a time when this one business dominated the town. You can still see the auto body building shop standing as you come up the Main Street hill near the light on North Broadway.

Mark-Joe Winter Concert

On Sunday December 18th, 2022 at 4:30 PM. Concert will be held at Messiah Lutheran Church 3091 Bordentown Avenue, Parlin. (Next door to PNC Bank) Tickets go on sale

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LETTERS

Letter to Editor:
Brian and Tom

Thanks for another great issue of the Times. Really enjoyed the articles, and Brian’s Who Is It. Also Tom’s pictures of memories in baseball, especially like seeing Jack McKeon and his continued support of SA, plus his memories of Tom’s book about his life. Cool pictures of auto shows, and two great looking Corvettes. Have a great remainder of the year.

Bill Farrell
(Formerly of Sayreville)



Letter to Editor:
Brian and Tom

Well the streak finally ended at 70 in a row! It started in July 2017. I don’t think it will be possible to get anywhere near that again. This month’s WWW picture is Camillo’s on MacArthur Ave. in Sayreville.

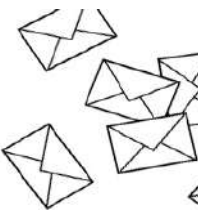
Dennis Quinlan
(Formerly of South Amboy)
Tennessee



Letter to Editor:
The American Legion Hall

While reading Editor Tommy Burkard’s article about the destruction of the American Legion building in the October issue, “old” memories and images of when I lived on lower David Street came back. We used to play something called “baseball” on the open lot next to the Legion with heavily taped bats and balls. And I remembered after the Memorial Day parade, all of the marchers including the bands and the soldiers who came up from Fort Monmouth gathered to remember the meaning of the day with refreshments at the Legion. Of course, us urchins from the Bowery always found a way to participate in the activities. I am happy they will build a new and modern Legion Hall with apartments for Veterans on our old baseball field. Many veterans played on that field as kids a long time ago.

John “Flip” Phillips, A proud USMC veteran.



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A PRAYER FOR HEALING

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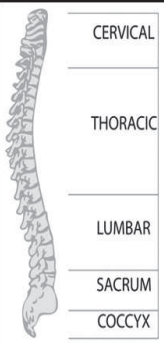
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The Spinal Column

By
Dr. John Misiewicz

Elderly At Highest Risk For Winter Heart Attack

According to many studies, heart attack and stroke risks follow seasonal patterns peaking in winter and declining in summer. New research studies indicate the risk is more prominent in the elderly, Dr. Tey Sheth's findings were published in the American College of Cardiology. As expected they found that heart attack deaths were highest in January about 10% above average and lowest in September about 10% below average. For example, heart attack rates among individuals under 65 years of age varied about 6% between winter and summer seasons compared with a 14% variance observed among those aged 75 to 84 years of age and 16% variance among those over 85 years of age. The aged with their decreased physiologic reserve are more susceptible to winter and cold stressors compared with younger persons.

Sedentary living has been linked to problems ranging from poor balance and weaker bones to obesity, diabetes and heart disease and stroke. Physical activity may not be a fountain of youth but it is the closest thing we have.

Rambling

By Janice Kral O'Brien

The gentle breeze
Rustles the trees,
And the grass of the field
Bows down to yield
To the mastery
of the wind.
Here I roamed
And sought peace of mind
As I left the troubled
world behind,
And I tried and failed
To reach my goal.
Lost, I turned to
face a world
Of misery and sorrow,
But shortly did
I see unfurled
The answer.
There is none
lest we borrow
From the innocence of
childhood.
And thus was
a lesson taught
By a silent Instructor.

BLOOD DRIVE

Ring in the new year on a positive note and donate blood. The South Amboy Elks is hosting a blood drive for the American Red Cross on Thursday, January 5th, 2023. All donations are by appointment and can be scheduled online. More information on scheduling will be advertised as the date gets closer. For information, please call 732-727-7170 and leave a message for Dawn or Lisa. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

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WHAT IS IT?????

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton



Can you identify this item? Send your answer to satimes@aol.com by Dec. 10th.

Last month's What Is It was a Popel Dial-O-Matic, the device that Dices, Slices and Julians! We had quite a few readers say it was a Veg-O-Matic, Food Slicer or Mandolin Slicer but the correct answer was Dial-O-Matic. The following got it right: Pete McIntyre, Dennis & Kathy

O'Leary, Dane Colburn, Steve Laskiewicz, Mark Moniello, Martin Fitzgerald, Mary Fitzgerald, John & JoAnn French, Jeff Deverin, Lynn Loy, Laurie & Gary Loftus, Bruce Grankowski, Edna Mazur Pilch, Thomas Harrigan.



October What Is It? Popel Dial-O-Matic

From The Times Archives
DYNGUS DAY – YOU GOTTA FIGHT FOR YOUR RIGHT.....TO POLKA!

By DJ Henny

It all started with a blurb on television last April about the uproar caused by a snide comment by one of the blowhard Talking Heads on talk television demeaning a holiday celebrated by the Polish people living in the city of Buffalo, New York. All I remember seeing and hearing were the words "Dyngus Day" followed by the commentator going into childish giggles based on the sounding of the word "Dyngus". But that display of immaturity was nothing new in what passes for entertainment nowadays, so I just clicked once or twice and got back to looking at my heroes bicker and bid over moldy, sweaty Storage Lockers ... back where I belong... the classy stuff. However, the Dyngus Day rhubarb didn't just go away; the Polish in Buffalo were enraged by this unfair media slight and they demanded and received an apology from CNN's Anderson Cooper for his ignorance. It then came to light that the holiday in question, Dyngus Day, (Dyngus actually being the name of a pagan god representing water and moist earth) is actually Easter Monday, a special day that has a long tradition of good cheer in Europe, especially in Poland. The earliest tradition was going to neighbors', relatives, and friends' homes in search of gifts of Easter Eggs and soaking with water anyone who didn't come up with the eggs for you. Modern innovations of Dyngus Day in Buffalo include giving a hard smack with newly sprouted pussy willows to the object of your affection, the tossing of water balloons, and polka dancing and parties that last until daylight. On Dyngus Day in Buffalo there is a big parade through the heavily Polish East Side of Buffalo followed by a huge Polka Party in the cavernous Buffalo Central Railroad Terminal. There are kegs of beer of course and great Polka Bands, my favorite Polka Band "Those

Idiot's" changing The Beastie Boy anthem "You Gotta Fight For the Right to Party" into, you guessed it, "You Gotta Fight For the Right To POOLKA". However, there is one other element of Dyngus Day in Buffalo that has me so psyched that I have decided I must go there this coming Easter Monday to take part in the festivities myself. It's not the dancing. I tried to be a good Polka dancer but I always seemed to just come out mediocre. I just didn't have the snap, pop and hop of a Marie Wisneski or the pivoting glide of a Gus Potts. I can't drink beer with the gusto I had when I was young so I'm not going up there to "tie one on". If I hit someone with a handful of pussy willows you can be sure I'd be sitting in a cell in the main Buffalo lockup trying to explain why they shouldn't be put away forever. I'm going up to Buffalo this Dyngus Day because on that Day every single business worth its salt has a Polka Band playing on the premises. Not only the Bars.--every Business, Imagine if this was the case in South Amboy on Dyngus Day, the day after Easter. You go into Foodtown.- Polka Band; Amboy National Bank – Polka Band; Madura's –Polka Band; Krauser's - Polka Band; Blue Moon – Polka Band; Sciortino's-Polka Band; Lagoda's – Polka Band; Protection FireHouse – Polka Band; Munkee Bar – Polka Band; Black Betty's – Polka Band (wouldn't that be something?) The RoadHouse Tavern – Polka Band; Big Shots 35 South - Henny the DJ and a Polka Band,(hahahaha), Landmark – Polka Band; Peterson's Pharmacy – Polka Band; Peter Pank – Polka Band; Dunkin' Donuts – Polka Band; Monaghan House – Polka Band. See what I mean? It sounds like heaven, doesn't it? Go on You Tube. Enter Dyngus Day in Buffalo. Look for me. I'll be there.



Where in NJ?

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton



Look familiar? Send your answer to satimes@aol.com by Dec. 10th.

Last month's Where in NJ was the Cookie Jar House located at 1028 Rowand Ave Glendora, Gloucester Township, New Jersey 08029. The following knew what it was: Chuck Pickard, Patti Tengelics, Pete McIntyre, Dane Colburn, Martin

Fitzgerald, Mary Fitzgerald, Mark Moniello, John & JoAnn French, Pat Scully, Laurie & Gary Loftus, Edna Mazur Pilch, Betty Leveille, Gary Feret, Walter Starzec Jr, Thomas Harrigan.

October Where in NJ?

Cookie Jar House
1028 Rowand Ave
Glendora,
Gloucester Township



WWW.?



Does this local business look familiar? Send your answer to satimes@aol.com by Dec. 10th.

Last month the WWW.? was Camillo's Restaurant located on MacArthur Ave. in Sayreville. The following got it right: Leon Credico, Dennis Quinlan, Pete McIntyre, Dennis & Kathy O'Leary, Dave Krempecki, Mary Agnes Morris, Dane Colburn,

Steve Laskiewicz, Joan Gorczyca, Mark Moniello, John & JoAnn French, Jon Deverin, Pat Scully, Lynn Loy, Laurie & Gary Loftus, Edna Mazur Pilch, Betty Leveille, Gary Feret, Lisa Grankowski, Barb Bockus.

October WWW.?



Camillo's Restaurant

Novena Prayer to St. Anthony of Padua
O Holy St. Anthony, gentlest of Saints, your love for God and charity for His creatures, made you worthy, when on earth, to possess miraculous powers. Miracles waited on your word, which you were ever ready to speak for those in trouble or anxiety. Encouraged by this thought, I import you to obtain for me (request). The answer to my prayer may require a miracle. Even so, you are the Saint of Miracles. O gentle and loving St. Anthony, whose heart was ever full of human sympathy, whisper my petition into the ears of Sweet Infant Jesus, who loved to be folded in your arms; and the gratitude of my heart will ever be yours. Amen. Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be. -M.S., S.S., N.P., S.S

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Name The Insect



Can anyone name this strange looking, rare creature? If you can, send your answer to: satimes@aol.com by Dec. 12th. Good luck! (Photo by Tom Burkard)

*Last month's insect was an Albino Cricket. Have you ever seen one before? Let us know. One contestant incorrectly identified the cricket as being a Tree Lobster or Stick insect.



Fishing Flashes

By Teo "Weebles" Weber




Salt Water

Striped Bass is the big thing now. In Raritan Bay, trolling and casting from boats is what's catching them. Boaters are doing very well-problem is many of the fish are too big over the 38 inch size limit and must be returned. Party boats too are doing well with jigs and 7 to 9 inch rubber shad lures. There are enough keepers around so it's worthwhile to go out. Surf fishing at Island Beach and LBI is good too. There are still some Bluefish mixed in. So far, it's not the case with shore fishing in Raritan Bay. The times I checked Cliffwood and IDEal beaches I didn't see any fish caught. The people I talked to said they only had a few or no bites. That could change any day. The area in Perth Amboy at the Victory Bridge should start catching fish by the end of the month. There are Blackfish to be found at the rocks at Barnegat Inlet, catching has been very good. Green crabs are the best bait. Sea Bass season is now open, you can keep 15 fish at 13 inches.

Fresh Water

Fall Trout stocking has been completed. My wife and I tried one of our favorite spots on the Pequest in mid-October. She limited out with four and I got only one but it was a nice 15 inches. In mid-November the state will stock Lakes for its Winter stocking. Spring Lake is on the list. It's worth a try. Quite a few Small Mouth Bass are being caught in the Delaware River, but most of them are small.



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AND SAW YOU PASS AWAY.
ALTHOUGH WE LOVED YOU DEARLY,
WE COULD NOT MAKE YOU STAY.
A GOLDEN HEART STOPPED BEATING,
HARD WORKING HANDS AT REST.
GOD BROKE OUR HEARTS TO PROVE TO US,
HE ONLY TAKES THE BEST.

SADLY MISSED BY, WIFE, CHILDREN
& GRANDCHILDREN

School Sports

By Tom Burkard

Girls Soccer

Sayreville-Coach Jillian McGarry (8-11)

Final Team Leaders

Goals-Laila Stevenson 9, Taylor Diaz 5, Alyssa Marley 4, Shriya Meda 4.

Assists-Meda 4, Diaz 3, Marley 3, Stevenson 3.

Points-Stevenson 21, Diaz 13, Marley 11, Meda 11.

Saves-Zahra Benkhak 214 (5 shutouts)

South Amboy (0-10)

No information available.

Boys Soccer

Sayreville-Coach Nick Cifelli (10-9)

Final Team Leaders

Goals-John Kovalchuk 13, Victor Osei-Mensah 10, Kofi Darbo 8.

Assists-Eric Sadlocha 13, Osei-Mensah 12, Kovalchuk 7.

Points-Kovalchuk 33, Mensah 32, Sadlocha 27, Darbo 20.

Saves-Wade Guerra 138 (4 shutouts)

South Amboy-Coach Tony Gonsalves (5-7-1)

Goals-Angel Barillas 20, Ryan Skokowski 7, Dominick Pawlis 4.

Assists-Barillas 3.

Points-Barillas 43, Skokowski 15.

Sayreville Boys Fall In State Tourney

South Brunswick nipped the Bombers of Sayreville soccer team, 3-2 in CJ Grop 4 state tournament play. Victor Osei-Mensah scored Sayreville’s first goal on an assist by Eric Sadlocha, and Will Garnett, who was also assisted by Sadlocha, blasted in the second score, and final goal of 2022 for the Bombers.

Sayreville Bombers Football

Week #7

Piscataway 14 Sayreville 8

The Bombers only scoring came in the third quarter when Caidan Holmes hit paydirt on a 2-yard run, and also ran for the 2 extra points. He finished the game with 114 yards rushing. Xavian Pena notched 25 yards receiving.

Week #8

Woodbridge 35 Sayreville 21

Powerful Woodbridge was too much for Sayreville, despite 2 scoring strikes from Nick Nunez to Caidan Holmes. The talented duo hooked up on 18 and 34 yard touchdowns. Zaimer Wright broke loose for a 44-yard TD run, and Jesse Rosario kicked 3 extra points.

Week #9

Irvington 38 Sayreville 7

Irvington (7-3) blasted the Bombers (4-4) in the NJSIAA North Jersey Section 1 Group 4 tournament. Caidan Holmes scored for our locals on an 8-yard TD run. It was a tough season for Sayreville who finished with 4 wins and 5 losses, and hopes will be high for a big improvement next year in ‘23.

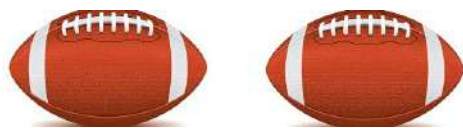
2022 Final Team Leaders

Touchdowns-Caidan Holmes 8; Zaimer Wright 2; Devlin Mills 1.

Yards Rushing-Holmes 478; Wright 392. Solo Tackles-Diego Jesus 16; Connor Walsh 8.

Assisted Tackles-Dariel Jerez 9.

Total Tackles-Jerez 12; Jesus 10; Walsh 10; Xaveria Pena 9.



Winning Season!



Ava Mason #15 of Sayreville, a starting freshman Centerback for the Rutgers Prep Women's Soccer Team helped her team capture the NJ State Non Public B Title over DePaul 3-1 at Kean University Sunday Nov 13th. The Argonauts closed out the season with a 17-3 record. Pictured is Rutgers Prep Women's Soccer Team (left photo) and Ava Mason with her parents Rose and Jack (right photo). (Photos/Info Submitted)

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2012 - Ten Years Ago Sayreville Bombers Win Third Straight Group IV Title

(Photo Exclusive/captions by Eileen Downs-Giovenco)



Three-peat! The jubilant Sayreville Bombers undefeated CJ Group IV sectional champions are pictured celebrating their victory over Middletown South, after Coach George Najjar was presented with the championship award by an NJSIAA official. The title was their third in a row. (Photo/info courtesy of Eileen Downs-Giovenco)



Mike Carey #2 and Bryan McMahon #60 lead Sayreville onto the field at Rutgers Stadium before the start of the title game.



Players from Sayreville and Middletown South shake hands before the coin toss.



The Sayreville Bomber fans are pictured having a great time cheering on their hometown heroes.



Bombers' Mike Carey hoists championship award to lead the team as it celebrates its third straight title.



Four of the Bombers' biggest stars couldn't be happier after winning the championship. Pictured (l-r) Isaiah Cureton, Thomas Spiecker, Deion Miller and Bryan McMahon. (Photo/info by Eileen Downs-Giovenco)

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PRAYER TO ST. JUDE

(To be said when problems arise or when one seems to be deprived of all visible help, on far cases almost despaired of). Most holy Apostle St. Jude, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the church honors and invokes you universally as the patron of hopeless cases, of things almost despaired of, pray for me, I am so helpless and alone. Make use I implore you of that particular privilege given to you, to bring visible and speedy help where help is almost despaired of. Come to my assistance in this great need that I may receive the consolation and help of heaven in all my necessities, tribulations, and sufferings., and that I may praise God with you and all the elect forever. I promise O Blessed St. Jude, to be ever mindful of this great favor, to always honor you as my special and powerful patron, and to gratefully encourage devotion to you. Amen. Thank You St. Jude. -P.S..

The Miraculous Prayer

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The 13U Hurricanes Elite baseball team captured their 3rd consecutive South Division title in the USABL. Pictured Standing (l-r) Coach Jovet Kercado, Coach Jim Stio, Logan Kaufman, Tyler Yan, Diego Colon, Micah Nemeth, Brandon Stio, Coach Manny Colon. Front (l-r) Liam Buchan, Thomas Mierzwiak, Justin Maher, Alec Kenny, Chase Cannan. Andrew Provenza (missing from photo). (Photo/info submitted)

Middlesex County Hosts 15th Annual Adoption Day

Seven adoptions finalized during event, 64 adoptions finalized in 2022

In honor of National Adoption Day taking place on Saturday, November 19, 2022, Middlesex County hosted its 15th annual National Adoption Day event on Wednesday, November 16. This year’s Adoption Day event saw the adoptions of seven children finalized. Since the beginning of 2022, Middlesex County has finalized approximately 64 adoptions.

Middlesex County’s National Adoption Day event is held each November during National Adoption Month with the goal of celebrating and promoting adoption in Middlesex County, facilitated throughout the year by the Office of the Surrogate.

The Office of the Surrogate ensures that all necessary paperwork is completed, all necessary procedural requirements are met, and that court dates are scheduled in a timely manner for adoptions. The Office of the Surrogate facilitates all types of adoptions, including stepparent adoptions, aunt/uncle and grandparent adoptions, private placement, DCP&P adoptions, agency adoptions, and adult adoptions.

Sharing the significance of the annual Adoption Day event and the positive impact it has on the County were speakers including: Claribel Cortes, Middlesex County Surrogate; Jack Gillick, Esq., Master of Ceremonies; Middlesex County Bar Foundation; Hon. Michael A. Toto, Assignment Judge, Middlesex County Superior Court; Hon. Deborah J. Venezia, Presiding Judge, Family Division Middlesex County Court; Hon. Joseph Vitale, 19th Legislative District, New Jersey Senate; Laura Jamet, Interim Assistant Commissioner, Department of Child Protection and Permanency; Hon. Robert Karabinchak, 18th Legislative District, New Jersey Assembly

“Since it began more than two decades ago, National Adoption Day has promoted and celebrated the value of adoption, and

for the past 15 years, our Middlesex County National Adoption Day has done the same. Adoption has the power to change lives, and not only the lives of adoptees, but the lives of the families they join,” said Middlesex County Commissioner Director Ronald G. Rios. “I want to thank County Surrogate Claribel Cortes and her office, as well as the Middlesex County Superior Court, for all of the hard work they put in to make this year’s National Adoption Day a success. National Adoption Day offers an opportunity for people like me, who do not witness adoptions every day, to see the beautiful moment when families are created, expanded, or completed through adoption”

“Last year was my first time being a part of Middlesex County’s Adoption Day event and I am truly honored to continue this great tradition, especially since we’re able to meet in person this year — our first time gathering in person for this event since 2019,” said Middlesex County Surrogate Claribel Cortes. “It’s a privilege to celebrate all the growing families not just today but every day as the Middlesex County Surrogates Office plays an important role in the adoption process here at the County. I’m honored to witness so many families celebrate unity and the start of a new life for so many children. Everyone deserves a loving family, and adoption can make that a reality.”

Middlesex County’s 2022 Adoption Day event was sponsored by the Middlesex County Superior Court, the Middlesex County Surrogate’s Office, the New Jersey Department of Children and Families, the Middlesex County Board of County Commissioners, the Middlesex County Bar Foundation, and the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Middlesex County.

For more information on the services provided by the Middlesex County Surrogates Office, please visit www.middlesexcountynj.gov.

Pallone Joins Other Congressional Leaders in Attending U.N. Climate Conference COP27 in Egypt

Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman Frank Pallone, Jr. (D-NJ) released the following statement today as he joins a Congressional Delegation trip to Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt, for the 27th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, known as COP27:

“We are attending COP27 to demonstrate the United States’ continued commitment to standing with our global partners in the fight against climate change and accelerate the transition to a stronger, more equitable and sustainable future. Enactment of the historic Inflation Reduction Act is a testament to that commitment. This law made the single-largest investment in climate action in American history, driving cuts in methane pollution, establishing a national Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, and supporting the deployment of clean energy technologies across every sector of the economy. We are proud that this law, in conjunction with the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and domestic climate programs, has put us on track to meet the climate targets set forth in the Paris Agreement.

“These achievements are unprecedented, yet we know more action will be needed to achieve a clean future for us all. Solving this global problem requires global cooperation, and we will not falter in our commitments or in our determination to tackle the climate crisis head-on.”

The Inflation Reduction Act, signed into law in August of this year, includes historic clean energy and climate provisions that are expected to slash the United States’ greenhouse gas pollution by 40 percent by 2030. Many of these provisions were originally authored by Pallone and other Committee members, and passed out of the Committee in September 2021 following a three-day markup. The provisions were then passed by the House of Representatives in November 2021.

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Trustee Anvay Patel. “I am honored to be present on such an auspicious occasion. And I would like to especially take the opportunity to express gratitude on behalf of college community to everyone for their vision and commitment for the new student center.”

Consistent with the principles of Destination 2040, the CIO Strategic Investment Plan will not just guide the growth of Middlesex College over the next decade, but it will enhance life quality and drive economic development for all of Middlesex County.

Long Ago In Our Town



1929-1930-The group of South Amboy gentlemen pictured here was known as The Bachelors Club. Most of the members were involved with the Protection Fire Company. Bottom row (l-r) Frank “Wis” Ryan, Tom Quinlan, Joe Stanton, John Leonard, Francis Quinlan, Rube Forgotson, Jerry Connors, George Clark, Pat Connors, Bill Clark. Middle row (l-r) Joe Carroll, Tom Ryan, John Connors, Frank Musolino, Stanton Ryan (Tallest man in South Amboy at the time, 6-6), Danny Triggs, Hank Carroll, Howard Lambertson, Ed Sergel, Joe Leonard, Jim Quinlan (Possibly?). (Photo and all information courtesy of Jerry Connors)

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Obituaries

Connors, Bernadette Maliszewski, 72, of South Amboy died on Oct. 21.
Coyle, Linda, 69, formerly of Sayreville died on Oct. 29.
Crabtree, Florence G., 94, of Parlin Oct. 11.
Dumayas, Manuel, 82, of Sayreville died on Oct. 14.
Grover, Ruth P., 76, of Sayreville died on Nov. 12.
Kanca, Beryl A., 85, of Sayreville died on Nov. 11.
Kvist, Thomas N. Jr., 96, of South Amboy died on Nov. 9.
Kwiatkowski, Allen B., 71, of Sayreville died on Oct. 31.

Maliszewski, Eleanor M., of Sayreville died on Nov. 1.
Rafanan, Mary J., 76, of Sayreville died on Oct. 19.
Rapach, Rose, 64, formerly of Sayreville died on Oct. 27.
Schack, Theresa A., 86, of Sayreville died on Oct. 31.
Scheid, Rose, 99, of Parlin died on Oct. 15.
Senape, James Jr., 53, of South Amboy died on Nov. 10.
Spector, Mary R., 84, of South Amboy died on Oct. 26.
Unkel, Barbara A., 67, of Sayreville died on Oct. 27.

In Memoriam

Thomas Kvist, 96, of South Amboy died on Nov. 9. He was an active member in Christ Episcopal Church in South Amboy as a Eucharistic Minister, member of the Vestry, and also a patient advocate at JFK Hospital and provided spiritual support. Beryl Kanca, 85, of Sayreville died on Nov. 11. She was an Office Manager at Dr. Harold McKenna's

office in South Amboy. Ruth Grover, 76, of Sayreville died on Nov. 12. She taught Middle School math and religious studies, and once was the Director of Religious Education at Our Lady of Victories School in Sayreville. She also served as a Trustee of the Sayreville Public Library.



Bernadette M. Connors

Bernadette M. Connors, 72, of South Amboy died on Friday October 21, 2022 at JFK Medical Center, Edison. Born in South Amboy she lived there all her life. She was employed as an administrative assistant at St. Mary's Grammar School, South Amboy and then at Our Lady of Victories School, Sayreville. She was also employed for over 25 years by Madura Pharmacy, South Amboy. A member of St. Mary's R.C. Church, South Amboy she was a longtime member of the choir, served on the board of Music at St. Mary's and was also a lector and Eucharistic Minister. Daughter of the late Raymond, Sr. and

Anna Szumski Maliszewski she is also predeceased by her sister Mary Neilson. She is survived by her husband Clifford F. Connors, Jr.; her daughter Sarah Uscocovich and her husband Shawn of New Tripoli, Pennsylvania; her son Timothy Connors of South Amboy; her brother Raymond Maliszewski, Jr.; her sister Sr. Joan Marie, CSSF; her grandchildren Anthony Cantinieri and Jacob and Riley Uscocovich and several nieces and nephews. Funeral services were under the direction of The Gundrum Service "Home For Funerals" 237 Bordentown Avenue, South Amboy.

Happy Heavenly Birthday
To My Loving Husband
Bill Wanko



They say there is a reason
They say time will heal
Neither time or reason
Will change the way I feel
Gone are the days we used to share
But in my heart you are always there
The gates of memories will never close
I miss you more than anybody knows
Love and miss you everyday
Till we meet again. Always and Forever
Lovingly your wife
Lisette
Dad and Grandpa, we miss you
more each day.
Love always
William, Matthew, Kristen, Caleb, Matthew,
William, Nicole and Liam

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The Local Sports Memory Machine

By Tom Burkard

From The Sports Archives



1966-This highly talented Hoffman Governors basketball team finished with a standout (16-6) mark. Standing (l-r) Danny Radakovich (statistician), Fran Chonsky, Don Baranowski, Edwin Witkowski, Coach Ray “Butch” Tomaszewski, Greg Havlusch, Bill Keegan, Curt Wood, Bob Morgan (manager). Kneeling (l-r) Leo Dohan, Bob Rock, Billy Clayton, Tom Lange, Tony Pelican, Bob Keegan.



2003 St. Mary's 7th & 8th grade girls basketball team pictured top row (l-r) Coach Don Braun, Mary Ellen Boychuk, Lauren Zarantonello, Patty Langan, Katie Charmello, Lindsay Polak, Coach Karen Brown. Middle row (l-r) Lacey Holovacko, Kelsye Downs, Vicky Puccio, Ashley Woods, Chrissy Kier, Courtney Hulsart. Front row (l-r) Megan Magee, Jen Braun. (Photo By Jim Langan)

Champions



The Prime Time Bombers are pictured after capturing the Middlesex County Over 60 Senior League Softball championship. Kneeling (l-r) Joe Minnella, Bill Schnitzerling, Bill D'Amico, Harry Polihrom, Bernie Maguire, Chris Heil, Tim Gandy, Tim Walsh. Standing (l-r) Coach Pat Douglas, Eric Veit, James Jimenez, Coach Ed Last, George Burbank, Mike Rzewuski, Tom Gleason, Joe Lynch, Dan Righetti, John Garced, Brian Latham, James Nardello and John Mazur. (Photo/info submitted)

Prime Time Bombers Win Title

By Pat Douglas

Congratulations to the Prime Time Bombers of the Middlesex County OVER 60 Senior Softball League. The Bombers won the 2022 League Championship by defeating 5 time champion Creative Financial The Prime Timers entered the league in 2018 and have had many second place finishes but were not able to overcome Creative Financial's dominance until this season when they defeated the defending champs 17-13 on a cool October evening at Veterans Park in Old Bridge.

It was a hard fought game with several lead changes until the new champs took control by scoring 6 runs in the 6th inning. The team played great defense behind the fine pitching of Tim Gandy.

Prime Time was led all season by leadoff hitter Brian Latham who batted .723 while playing in every game. Veteran Bomber Bill D'Amico led the team in doubles and continued his masterful outfield play. James “Knobby” Nardello hit well over .800 while smashing 8 homers. Dan “Rags” Righetti, Bernie Maguire, Mike “Slope” Rzewuski,

Johnny Garced, Tim Gandy, Tim Walsh, Eric Veit, Joe Lynch, Tommy Gleason, Harry Polihrom, Chris Heil, George Burbank, Bill “Smooth” Schnitzerling and Joe Minnella all contributed greatly to the success of the team. As did Coach Ed Last who keeps everything well ordered for us. Also thank you to Walt Rondesko and Kent McFadden for several years of fine play and dedication!.

Also contributing big before injuries derailed their season were John Mazur, James Jimenez and Doug Boucher. The Bomber overall record in 2022 was 12-3-2 in a season that was beset with many weather related cancellations.

On a personal note it was a pleasure to coach and at times play alongside these great ballplayers and very fine gentlemen. And also I would be remiss not to congratulate Creative Financial on a fine run of championships. It was an honor to take the field against such a great team.

Congratulations Prime Time Bombers! Your victory is well deserved! Thanks for a memorable season my friends!

Glory Days In Local Sports

1955-Sayreville boys basketball team dropped Metuchen, 55-54 in overtime. Ron Kuran led the way with 16 tallies, followed by John Marcinczyk 15, and Bob Witkowski 12...1968-Hoffman beat Immaculata, 80-72 in basketball. Larry Kurzawa topped the scoring with 24 points, followed by Jerry Disbrow 17, and Jim Lyons 15...1975-Sayreville boys cross country team defeated St. Mary's 20-39, despite a brilliant 1st place finish by the Eagles Mike Gerałowski...1993-St. Mary's boys soccer club won its first game of the season by downing Perth Amboy Tech, 2-0. Scoring

10 Years Ago

2012-The South Amboy girls tennis team turned in their best record in history (15-4). The top players and their final marks for the year were: 1st Singles-Klaudia Masłowska (13-6); 2nd Singles-Kimberly Hackshaw (10-9); 3rd Singles-Catherine Kosakowska (17-2); 1st Doubles-Shannon Van Allen-Sabrina Afaneh (13-3); 2nd Doubles-Joanna Joks-Jennell Webber (10-2).

55 Years Ago

1967-Perth Amboy topped Sayreville, 25-13 in football action. Panthers legend, Brian Taylor scored all of his team's points by racing for 4 touchdowns, and also kicking the extra point. The Bombers scored on a 30-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Nick DeBiase to Gary George, and also on a 5-yard TD run by Kevin Keller.

70 Years Ago

1952-Before 2,000 fans, the Sayreville Bombers football team downed Woodbridge, 12-7 on Thanksgiving Day. Halfback Paul Herrick raced 21 yards on an interception for a TD, and also scored another touchdown on a 30-yard off tackle run.

95 Years Ago

1927-South Amboy boys basketball squad clobbered Carteret, 60-16. Leading the scoring was Ferguson with 24 points and Primpka 18. Others who saw action were Dobrzynski 7 points, Baranowski 7, Kurtz 4, Lawrence 0, and Horan 0. (No first names were listed back then)

sensation Mike Russo blasted in both goals for the Eagles...2004-South Amboy girls soccer team opened their season with a 5-0 shutout victory over Dunellen. Jen Riehl paced the winners with 2 goals, while teammates Kaleigh Delucca, Lindsay Polak and Lynn Bloodgood notched a goal apiece. Lauren Vanni contributed 2 assists...2010-The Sayreville Bombers football squad opened their campaign with a 16-0 romp over Toms River East. Quarterback Joe Geiger fired a 50-yard TD pass to Delon Stephenson, who also ran for a 10-yard touchdown...

T.H.E. Game

Year-1967

Sport-Basketball

Teams-Hoffman Governors (13-5) vs. St. Peter's Cardinals (16-3) played at St. Peter's Gym in New Brunswick.

Recap-In an explosive, high-scoring battle featuring outstanding players, St. Peter's pounded Hoffman, 108-86. John Somogyi, one of the All-Time greatest basketball players in NJ, poured in 51 points to break the Middlesex County single season scoring mark of 720 points. Teammate Bob McCarthy had a career game by firing in 40. The contest was also a memorable one for Billy Clayton of the Guvs, who tossed in 26 points to become the second Hoffman player in history to crack the elusive 1,000 points plateau. Curt Wood scored 28 points, Leo Dohan 14, and Greg Havlusch 12 for the Purple & Gold.

Somogyi was given the game ball by his Coach Jake Bornheimer, and then asked the school's Moderator, Father Gardner if he could personally give it to Clayton. The St. Peter's superstar said he felt Billy should have the game ball because he reached his record first. John went to the Hoffman locker room and presented the ball to Clayton. This was a true class-act, which very few basketball fans knew about.

Player-of-the-Game-John Somogyi, St. Peter's.

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Thank You To Our Readers

Last month, The South Amboy-Sayreville Times celebrated our 31st Anniversary, and received over 150 congratulatory messages and good wishes on Facebook. We can't thank you enough for your kind words, encouragement, and dedicated readership through the years.

The following were selected randomly, and we sincerely thank everyone who took the time to contact us.

--Jerry Smith “Along with Dowdell Library, you’ve helped to create a valuable resource for generations to come. I often look at back issues of The SA Times online.”

--Frank Starosciak “Best newspaper for 31 years running!”

--Rosanne Cross “Thank you for all you do, and 31 years of bliss! Congratulations!”

Lisa Kennedy Barbarino “Congrats! Always loved your newspaper!”

--Jane Newcomb Prusakowski “Your paper makes me feel closer, when I miss being back home. Be well, and congrats on 31 fine years.”

--Mary O’Leary “Thank you Tom and The SA Times. Happy Anniversary! Great job!”

--Shirley Zakrzewski Read “Happy Anniversary! Great newspaper!”

--Jim Riehl “Congratulations Tom and

Brian! Love keeping up with the local news.”

--Susan Grzankowski Bischoff “Happy Anniversary! Great paper, great work!”

--Bob Toye “Congratulations and thanks once again for all you do.”

--Peggy Dombrowski “Happy Anniversary and thanks for a great paper.”

--Art Birmingham “Thanks for the great 31 years of hard work.”

--Father Joe Romanoski “Congrats on 31 years.”

--Louise Ellvinger “Thanks for the memories.”

--Barbara Podolak Egan “Congratulations! Always enjoy reading the local news.”

--Al Ust “Congratulations on 31 years. Great job!”

--Ken Revolinsky “Great work for 31 years. Congrats!”

--Louise Roberts “Congratulations on 31 years, and many more to come. As always, great issue!”

--Richie “Flash” Hart “It’s a great publication, congrats! Thank you for your dedication to South Amboy and the surrounding area.”

--Cathy Keays “Congratulations and thanks to all for your hard work.”

--Nancy Pavich “So happy for you! 31 years!”

--Gary Shereyka “Congratulations, and well done!”

Food Drive December 3

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 are holding their holiday food drive Saturday December 3 from 9 AM to 1 PM outside the K of C at 308 Fourth St.

South Amboy. Please bring non-perishable food items so they can go to the St. Mary's food pantry. For more information call 732-721-2025 and leave a message.



St. Stan's Car Show-Oct. 30

(Photos by Tom Burkard)



Clem & Friends were outstanding, as they entertained the huge crowd with their rockin' playlist. Pictured (l-r) Fran Fee, Jim Huer, Scott Bishop, Pat Marra, Matt Esposito, Craig Hoek, and Clem Skarzynski.



1955 Chevy Bel-Air



DJ Richie "Flash" Hart (l) presents a gift card to last year's Jerry Ust Memorial Trophy winner Mike Parfianowicz. Also pictured are Eileen Ust and grandchildren, and Tony Jackowski one of the organizers.



Ready for a Halloween ride.



Sayreville Police Officer Charlie Teator is pictured by the Borough's colorful police car.



1936 Auburn



1957 Chevy Nomad

SA Halloween Parade & Trunk or Treat

(Photos by Brian Stratton)



The huge parade marches down Bordentown Ave.



This young fireman had his own fire hydrant!



Local dignitaries were on hand to greet the trunk or treaters.



The Nightmare before Christmas!



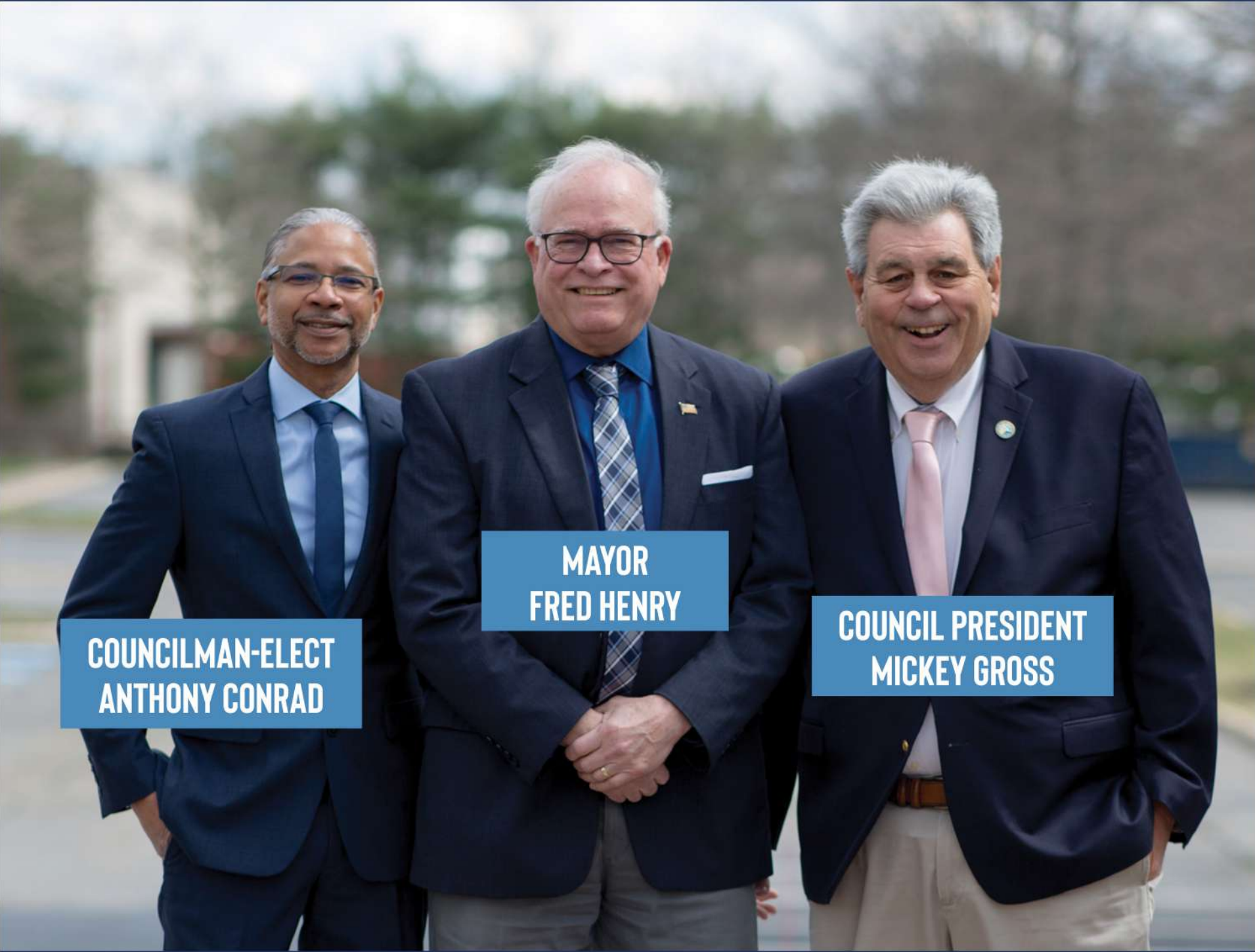
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