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Ed Conroy,
Dennis McCarthy*

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Kelly, Patel, Narleski, Pedi Business Leaders Of The Year

The Old Bridge-Sayreville-South Amboy Chamber of Commerce recently held its 2018 Year Awards Banquet, and honored the following local Business Leaders Of The Year: Brian Kelly (South Amboy), owner of APG Security; Parish Patel (Sayreville) of Sayreville Pharmacy; John Narleski (Old Bridge) of Strategic Combat Academy; and Joe Pedi of All American Ford.

Three New Police Sworn In

The Sayreville Police Department welcomed three new police officers to their force, when they were sworn in at the Borough Council meeting on Sept. 11th by Borough Clerk Theresa Farbaniec. The new officers are Richard Klein, Joseph Jarock, and Shane Zuczek. Best of luck, officers!

Blood Drive-Oct. 28

St. Mary Church will hold a Blood Drive on Sunday, Oct. 28 from 8:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Please bring ID and remember to eat before you donate. Donors should be at least 17 years of age, weigh at least 110 lbs., and be in good health. Homemade goodies will be served. Walk-ins are welcome! For more info call Sue at 732-220-7077.

Friends Of South Amboy Fundraiser Basketball Games

This year's Friends of South Amboy fundraising event will be held on Saturday, December 15th at South Amboy Middle High School. Proceeds from the event will benefit Chris (Stretch) Szatkowski who is fighting a battle with stage 4 cancer. As in years past the event will feature local high school basketball games, as follows:

**2:00 South Amboy Girls vs
Piscataway Vo-Tech**

**4:00 South Amboy Boys vs
Piscataway Vo-Tech**

**6:00 Bishop Ahr Boys vs
Calvary Christian**

8:00 Sayreville Boys vs South River

If you would like to donate a gift basket or purchase an ad please contact Janet Kern at 732-824-3494.

Old Fashion Christmas Celebration

The Historical Society of South Amboy invites you to an Old Fashion Christmas Celebration on Sat., Dec., 8th at 4 p.m. at the Gazebo on Bordentown Ave. There will be a musical presentation by the Spiced Punch Group. Come on out and enjoy songs from the Victorian era. There will be FREE hot chocolate and cookies. Feel free to come dressed in your best Victorian Era clothing. A \$5 donation is requested.

This event is in conjunction with the City of South Amboy.



Patrick Walsh, South Amboy High School Class of 2017, is presented with a banner honoring his achievements in cross country/ track and field. Patrick was South Amboy's first individual state and county champion in cross country and track. In his career, he won one NJSIAA Group 1 State Championship, four NJSIAA sectional titles, and one GMC Championship. Patrick was also one of the driving forces behind the formation of South Amboy's track and field program. Pictured (l-e) Pat, Maryann, and Annette Walsh, Patrick, Cross Country and Track coach Anthony Mecca, Superintendent Jorge Diaz, SAHS Principal Dr. Patrick McCabe, and SAHS Vice Principal/Athletic Director Ken Blekeski. (Photo by Brian Stratton)

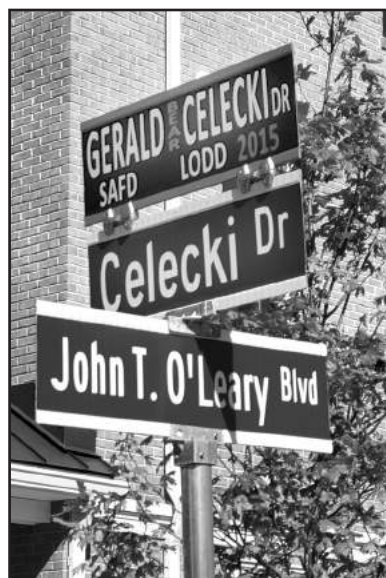


The South Amboy Fire Dept. once again had a great year at the annual Wildwood Convention, winning 5 trophies for 2nd place best appearing marching unit over 21 persons; 1st place longest distance traveled; 1st place best appearing ladder in service; 2nd place best appearing marching unit over 21 persons; 2nd place best appearing color guard; traveled; 2nd place best appearing pumper 16-24 yrs. Pictured (l-r) 2nd Asst. Chief Bob O'Connor, 1st Asst. Chief Brian Tierney, Chief Mike Toth, and Mayor Fred Henry. (Photo/info submitted)

Late Firefighter Honored

By Tom Burkard

On October 13th, the City of South Amboy posthumously honored beloved Firefighter Gerald "Bear" Celecki, who died in the line of duty on October 14, 2015. Mayor Fred Henry and council members were on hand, as well as a large turnout of firefighters, friends and family members, for the dedication of Celecki Drive, which is located near John T. O'Leary Blvd., and the Venetian Care & Rehabilitation Center in South Amboy. "Bear" is missed and remembered by so many, and now with having his own street, Celecki Drive...I can just picture him smiling down very proudly. Such a well-deserved honor for a wonderful person, who was loved by all.



South Amboy Halloween Parade Oct. 27

The South Amboy Recreation Dept. will hold its annual Halloween Parade on Oct. 27th. Line up begins at 12 noon at Progressive Firehouse on Bordentown Ave. The parade begins at 1 p.m. Rain date is Oct. 28. For weather updates, visit southamboynj.gov or the City of South Amboy's Facebook page.



Sara Dubinin

6th Annual Slow Down for Sara Walk

Oct. 28th- registration at 10:30 a.m. Kennedy Park (Sara's Garden). Registration is \$10 and includes: coffee, bagels and a chance to win a door prize. Walk begins at 11 a.m. Gift Basket Raffles and more! Also, donations are being accepted for The New Beginnings Animal Shelter (food, toys, treats, etc.) Rain date: Nov. 4th. All proceeds go to the Sara Dubinin Memorial Foundation to continue presenting scholarships and contributing to community events.

Sayreville Trick/or Treat Trunk

The Sayreville Recreation Dept. will hold its annual Trick/or Treat Trunk on Oct. 26th at 6:30 p.m. in back of Borough Hall on Main St. The spooky, fun-filled night will have lots of treats, and if you are interested in entering a car, please contact the Recreation office immediately.

SWMHS HOF Nominations Needed

The SWMHS Hall of Fame Committee is seeking nominations for its 2019 induction program, scheduled for spring of 2019. Nominees must be graduates of Sayreville High School who have made outstanding contributions to their profession, organization, or community. Briefly list the individual's accomplishments, year of graduation, and contact information, including email address. Nomination forms can be found on the Hall of Fame link on the Sayreville High School website, or call Elaine Kubacz at 732-727-0192. Nomination letters may also be submitted to: SWMHS Hall of Fame Committee, 20 Holly Drive, Parlin, NJ 08859, before November 9, 2018, or emailed to: barb.anderson2@verizon.net, or epkubacz@verizon.net.

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The Historical Society of South Amboy held a special night on October 4th, remembering the 100th Anniversary of the Morgan Explosion. The Society's members did an outstanding job in presenting the program, which was attended by about 50 people. Pictured back row (l-r) WW I Re-enactor Tony Sattilaro, MC Jerry Pizzillo, Vice-President George Fuller. Front row (l-r) Speaker Joyce Elyea, President Mary Szaro, and Speaker-George Francy. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

Talk Of The Towns

By Tom Burkard

Gomolka Almost On American Pickers
SA Times Poet Laureate, Al Gomolka, who happens to be one of the biggest collectors in the world, was recently screened for the popular TV show as a prospective show participant. Gomolka, who owns over 300 different collections, many unique and valuable, had a visit from the producer, and one of the stars, as they came to his home and poured through his repertoire. They certainly liked what he had, but later told him that they had selected two other collectors from New Jersey for their upcoming shows. He had made it to the final 18 potential candidates to appear on the show, but was bypassed with a promise that he would be on the top of the list for the next New Jersey show in the future.

Mamrak Writes Book About Trump
Former Sayreville resident and '69 Sayreville War Memorial HS graduate, Robert "Bob" Mamrak recently had his third book released, this one about President Donald Trump. Bob is married to Anna

Friberg, also a Sayreville War Memorial HS grad, whose mother was the beloved South Amboy historian, Anna Harris Friberg. Mamrak is a retired Southern Baptist Pastor, who preached for over 30 years, 25 of those in one church in Mississippi. His current book is now available on Amazon.com.

School Bus Driver To Retire
Sayreville School District bus driver, Kathleen Kunzman will officially retire on Nov. 1st after driving Sayreville students for 41 years. Kathleen was recently honored by the Sayreville Board of Education. Congratulations and best wishes Kathleen!

Sayreville Teacher To Retire
Timothy Desmond, who has taught science at Sayreville School for 33 years will retire on January 1, 2019. He has touched countless lives in a positive way during his career as an educator. Enjoy your retirement Timothy!

College News

Danielle Martinez of South Amboy received her master's degree in human resources management from Edison State University. Congratulations!

MCC Honor Society Inducts 80
Eighty students were recently inducted into the Middlesex County College chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges. Our locals included from Sayreville-Brandon Chinchilla, Paul Gonzalez, Nancy Rutledge, Mustafa Sadiq; South Amboy-Donald Delgandio, Hubert Maslowski, Victoria Reilly.

Senior Trip To Resorts
The South Amboy Senior Citizens will hold a bus trip to Atlantic City Resorts on Thursday, Nov. 29th. The bus leaves from the South Amboy Senior Center at 9:30 a.m. There will be FREE Bingo on the bus. For more info call Hilda at 732-721-3946.

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Pleasant little TRIVIA

By Tom Burkard

1. In the early 1950's this South Amboy resident was a regular on Milton Berle's Texaco Star Theater on TV?
a. Marco Marcello b. Johnny Rivers c. Mariano Mastrianni
2. Where is the Sayreville Skate Park located?
a. Near Borough Hall b. Burke's Park c. Kennedy Park
3. Named Business Administrator for the Borough of Sayreville in 2003?
a. Douglas Mientikiewicz b. Angelo Patel c. Jeffrey Bertrand
4. Valedictorian for Sayreville War Memorial HS Class of '03?
a. Heather Brown b. Nicholas Strompoulos c. Sheetal Gandhi
5. Principal of Cardinal McCarrick HS in 2008?
a. Frank Ianniruberto b. Sister Kateri c. Jean Kline
6. What year did Peter Pank Diner officially open?
A. 1964 b. 1961 c. 1957
7. Where was Covello's Restaurant located in 2008?
a. Rt. 9 South, Parlin b. Bordentown Ave., Parlin c. Rt. 35 North, Morgan
8. Honored as the Pete Kenny Association's Firefighter of the Year in '08?
a. Tim Walczak b. Mike Gerałowski c. John Dragotta
9. South Amboy's Fire Chief in 1998?
a. Mark Herdman b. Larry Martin c. Larry McMahon
10. Selected by the Old Bridge-Sayreville-South Amboy Chamber of Commerce as South Amboy's Business Leader of the Year in '08?
a. Steve Gluck b. George Gundrum c. Peter Canale

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

Business Of The Month

Route 9 Cash For Gold Buyers LLC



Maureen Herndon (above) and her husband Rob Herndon, are the owners of Route 9 Cash For Gold Buyers, and are firm believers in "honesty, loyalty, and integrity." (Photo by Tom Burkard)

Route 9 Cash For Gold Buyers is one of the area's most popular GOLD store businesses, and is located at 960 Route 9 South, (Behind Burger King, and next to Farmer's Market) in Sayreville/South Amboy, NJ. Stop in and make some Ca\$h on the spot.

Maureen Herndon, Owner of Rt 9 Cash For Gold, 960 Rt 9 South was Born and raised in Sayreville and has lived here her entire life which prompted her to open their store in town. When customers come to her store they bring all of their old, unwanted gold jewelry in exchange for CASH. Maureen & Rob greet their customers always with a friendly face. All their jewelry is tested and weighed with state certified scales right in front of them. They are then paid out in cash on the spot. Most of the pieces that are seen coming to the store are outdated, jewelry not worn anymore, single earrings, class rings, broken chains, dental gold, silver and platinum. People are VERY surprised when they come, and things they thought were "junk" turn, out to be actual

gold. Maureen and Rob truly believe in HONESTY, LOYALTY & INTEGRITY, and that's what prompted them into opening their own store.

Many people have reported feeling extremely comfortable and confident when coming to Rt 9 Cash for Gold, and dealing with Maureen "THE GOLD LADY." It puts a smiling face to a business that sometimes people are skeptical to enter. This is definitely the business you would feel comfortable sending your mother or grandmother to because Maureen truly has the "women's touch."

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Art Exhibition At Dowdell Library

The Sadie Pope Dowdell Library is thrilled to announce its latest art installment: the Middlesex County Arts High School and Arts Middle School's 2018-2019 Touring Exhibit of Student Work! Located in the Davidoff Family Exhibition Area, the collection is visible at all times during the library's operating hours throughout the month of October. All interested parents, students, and citizens are strongly encouraged to stop by and learn more about both the displayed works and Arts Middle and High School Program! The Dowdell extends its sincerest praises, congratulations, and thanks to all featured students.

About The Arts Middle and High School

Located in Matawan, the Arts High and Middle School is a special release-time program for gifted and talented teens with a vested interest in the literary, visual, and performing arts. Since 1980, distinguished artists have offered participating students advanced level enrichment courses, providing a rigorous curriculum for honing artistic skills and furthering creative expression in a medium of the student's choice.

Classes are held from January through May, with each student attending one day a week over a twelve- or fourteen-week term. Roundtrip transpiration is provided by participating schools, which also play a role in identifying and recruiting talented students. Participants are responsible for making up

Wanted: Artists, Crafters and Vendors

Our Lady of Victories School in Sayreville is holding their annual Christmas Bazaar on Sat., Nov. 10, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Artists, Crafters and Vendors interested in participating are asked to reserve a table by calling Kris at 732-479-1829 or email: hsaolvnj@gmail.com. The first table costs \$35, and additional ones are discounted. The Bazaar will be held in Msgr. Dalton Hall, 42 Main St., Sayreville.

any school work they miss while attending the program. Most courses offered to high school students can be taken for college credit through a partnership with Middlesex County Community College.

Students interested in joining the program must audition to participate; an audition/portfolio review day is held every December. If your child is interested in participating, please visit www.ArtsHigh.net, call 732-566-2787, or email info@artsandedcenter.org.

For additional information about this exhibit, please visit www.dowdell.org or contact the Library at 732-721-6060 or comments@dowdell.org. The library is located off John O'Leary Blvd, adjacent to South Amboy Middle High School.

Blessing of Pets



On Saturday, September 28th, The Church of The Sacred Heart held the annual Blessing of Pets. Father Marion performed the blessing of many dogs, cats, gerbils, etc. After the blessing, Father Marion gives "Smokey" a small Dachshund a biscuit. (Photo/info submitted)

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Yearbook-Hoffman 1993

By Tom Burkard

When the Hoffman High School Class of 1993 returned for its final year, the top song in the nation was “End of the Road” by Boyz To Men...Hoffman’s yearbook was titled “What A Change,” and was dedicated to Sheila Inman. Bridget Shannon was the Editor-In-Chief...Kyle Murphy and Cristina Zampella were selected King & Queen of Homecoming ’92...

The Student Council consisted of Cristina Zampella- President; Jennifer McQuade-Vice-President; Tiffany Tooker-Secretary; Laura Sing-Treasurer...Hoffman High held its first play since 1969—“Beauty and the Beast”...Tiffany Tooker was President of S.A.D.D...Laura Sing was President of the National Honor Society...

Some of the Class of ’93 selected randomly: Michael Cavallo, Christine Colfer, Misty English, Jamie-Lynn Hicks, Christine Hoehman, Stanley Kovacs, Amanda Lawrence, Denise Leff, Christopher Mader, Kimberly Mocarski, Shea Murray, Robert Olsen, Michael Raevis, Camille Rivello, Stephanie Rodziewicz, Arcelio Serrano, Urszula Skryniarz, Kenneth Titone, Amy Van Mierlo, Cecelia Villig, Agnes Weinman...

Hoffman had many talented senior athletes in the Class of ’93 including: Gordon Arnold, Anthony Barlowski, Russell Boyer, Shawn Brown, William Connors, Michael DeCore, Alonzo Delrymple III, Tracy Doyle, Christopher Dyer, Jennifer McDonnell, Scott McNerny, Jeffrey Moskal, Jennifer McQuade, Kyle Murphy, Danielle Olszewski, Walter Peterson, William Policastro, Shannon Reick, Anthony Santucci, Bridget Shannon, Christine Singura, Michael Tague, Tiffany Tooker, Joseph Woznica, and Cristina Zampella...

At graduation time in June 1993, Janet Jackson’s “That’s The Way Love Goes” was the #1 song in the U.S.A...Hoffman High’s Class of 1993 was a most talented and interesting group of teenagers!

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Celebrity Sightings/Signings

At Aberdeen Day

(Photos by Tom Burkard)


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John Montefusco


Former Heavyweight boxing contender Gerry Cooney.


Former New York Yankee pitcher John “The Count” Montefusco shows a youngster how to throw a slider.


John Valentin, a Seton Hall U. alumnus, and former New York Met/Boston Red Sox star.


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At PNC Bank Arts Center, Sept. 28
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Freddie "Boom Boom" Cannon takes the crowd back in time with his 1962 #3 hit, "Palisades Park," which was written about a great NJ amusement park.



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Holocaust survivor Sol Lurie gave a moving account of surviving six concentration camps, including Auschwitz, at a program at Middlesex County College in September called “Living Through Hell and Surviving It.” Mr. Lurie came to the United States as an orphan and has dedicated his life to educating the world about the horrors of the Holocaust. His speech left some audience members in tears. Although his story is one of hate, Mr. Lurie also reminded the Middlesex community of the power of hope and love and to never surrender to hatred. Before his speech, Mr. Lurie spoke with faculty and students, from left: Professor Terrence Corrigan of the History and Social Sciences Department and director of the MCC Holocaust and Human Rights Center; Nick Provenzano and Chelsea Patel, members of the History and Human Rights student club; and Mr. Lurie. Membership in the club is open and meets every Tuesday at 2 p.m. in Raritan Hall 106. (Photo/Info Submitted)

A South Amboy Irish Story

By John “Flip” Phillips

I read with a smile Elaine ‘Holton’ Scott’s story on how the quiet little Dutch “village” of the 1600s’ eventually became the town I remember from the 1940’and 50’s, South Amboy. Let’s see, back then we had around 40 taverns, and a lot of lights on Broadway, after dark were provided by taverns or liquor stores. Hey, it was a hard-working town, a railroad town, a three-shift town, and just about everyone liked a cold one after work, especially on the weekend. And truth-be-told, most of us young guys followed the lead. Now where does my Irish story come in? Well, my dad was one of those Irish transplants, but with an unusual entry.

The Story

My Irish cousin Helen from Liverpool, England told me this story during one of her visits. Yes, an Irish girl named Helen and living in Liverpool England, go figure. She told me that Liverpool has a large Irish community, and her dad Thomas (my dad’s older brother) did not want to be a fisherman, so he settled there when times were tough in Ireland work wise. Back to the story: This according to my cousin is how my dad ended up in South Amboy:

He was born in 1900 in Arklow, Ireland to Mary and James Phillips. My grandfather was a fisherman. Arklow, about 30 miles south of Dublin, was and still is a fishing hub on the Irish Sea. My aunt told me my dad was a bright “urchin” and got himself into Trinity College in Dublin, majoring in some type of Engineering. That’s where he got into trouble with the British, as those years were the terrible years of the Irish Civil War 1920-1922. So, he became a ‘person-of-interest’ to the British authorities. My aunt told me he then went to sea, first he signed on with the Merchant Marines and then he worked on cross- Atlantic passenger liners. I’d love to know what he did during those years before he landed in South Amboy.

Now the story goes that when one of the ships he was on (1931?) got to New York City he jumped ship. How he got to South Amboy is a mystery, my aunt did not know. And, my dad or my mother never told me. But, somehow, they met, got married and along came my brother Jim. He was named James instead of John after my dad because in Ireland the first named boy is always named after the father’s father, a sign of respect. He was born in August 1933. For a few years they lived on a coal barge that took coal from South Amboy up to New York power plants. Remember the coal dumpers at the old coal docks? Around this time the government found out he was not here legally and deported him to Canada to await transfer back to Ireland. However, my mom (a tough Polish girl) got involved. Luckily the governor of New Jersey at that time was from South Amboy, Harold G Hoffman who lived on Broadway, and she “convinced” him to get my dad back into the country with a green card. He eventually became a citizen. They settled at 134 David Street below the tracks in the Bowery where I was born in-house on November 22, 1938. Delivered by Dr. Weber and our neighbor Mrs. Cook. My brother Joey came along about 18 months later. I guess I owe Governor Hoffman a thank you or else I would not be writing this story!

During the second world war my dad was in the Merchant Marines, and I believe he was torpedoed at least once. He would come and go but always brought us home something from the trips wherever he landed. Another memory was when my mom “forced” me to take accordion lessons. When I became good enough he would make me play his Irish music while sipping Irish Whiskey. But, then again, I would play the polkas for my mom while she sipped her Piwo (Polish for beer). What a mix, Irish and Polish. I remember an argument they had when I was very young when we lived on David Street at the beginning of summer. My mom wanted to buy sneakers for me and my brother Joey (Pinger), but he argued that it was summer, and we did not need shoes. The “urchins” in Ireland ran around in the summer without shoes. My mom won that one. His favorite tavern was Reiner’s on Broadway. My brother Joey and I would usually find him there when we went looking for him on Fridays.... pay day. It was about this time that my mom and dad split up. He went off to sea again and we would see him occasionally between trips. Eventually he settled in New York City and became the “Heat and Steam” guy for the famous Carlyle hotel where he had his own room. My brother Joey tells me he was a regular at Toots Shores’ Bar and Grill in the city. Joey and my dad spent a lot of time together in New York City when I was in the Marines. Joey should have been named after my dad instead of me, since they are “cut from the same mold”. If you knew my brother “Pinger,” you would agree. My dad passed away on the same day my daughter Cheryl was born, February 28, 1963. I got a call from the hospital telling me I was a father.... then a little while later my brother Jim called to tell me our dad passed on. He was only 63 years old, and here I am going to be 80 in November. I remember a lot more about my Irish dad, but let the past stay in the past.

I am proud to be 1/2 Irish and 1/2 Polish. And proud and happy to have been born and raised in South Amboy. I had a lot of good friends (a lot gone now), met my wife Iris there (56+ years), and my children were born in South Amboy. I have many good memories of that “Pleasant Little City”. You may move away but you never forget South Amboy.

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South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council #426 hosted a special Mass honoring our departed brothers on Oct. 8th at the council home. Pictured are the members and their families who were in attendance. (Photo/info by Joe Lotkowitz)

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY PAINT & PARTY FUNDRAISER

Our Lady of Victories Conference of St. Vincent de Paul will hold a Paint & Party Fundraiser at Monsignor Dalton Hall, 42 Main Street, Sayreville, on Friday, November 2 from 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm. Everyone will be painting a winter scene on either a wine glass, vase, or Christmas Ornament (provided) under the guidance of a professional artist. All those age 18 and over are welcome.

BYOB/food/snacks. Doors will open at 7 pm. Cost is \$20 per person with pre registration by mail, or \$25 at the door (cash only) All proceeds, after expenses, are being donated to OLV SVdP. Register by mailing check payable to SVdP 42 Main Street, Sayreville, NJ 08872, or by calling Carole Leppig at 732-254-1277.



Amboy Bankers Volunteer at Eva's Village

As Eva's Village volunteers, Amboy Bank employees helped to prepare the Community Kitchen, serve lunch, and cleanup after meal service. The mission of Eva's Village is to provide care and support for people who are struggling with poverty, hunger, homelessness and addiction. Their community of supportive services, based in Paterson, includes food, shelter, addiction and mental health treatment, childcare, job training, medical and dental care, and housing.

"Eva's Village is truly making a difference in the society, one community at a time. They have been serving 3 meals per day to 200-300 people per day for the last 36 years. The facility is clean, and the food is prepared and served hot to the 'Guests' on stoneware plates. The Guests appeared to be very thankful, and for some, that may be their only meal of the day. It is hard to believe that hunger and poverty lie so close to home," said Amboy Bank employee, Asifa Sayed.

Pictured from left to right: Theresa Tomaszewski, Josephine Weir, Darlene Waltz, Nicole Getz, Heather Thompson, Eva's Village Executive Vice President of Development & External Relations, Jason Skidmore, Asifa Syed, Mona Aziz, Arlene Lemmerman, Jackie Crystal, Amy Lynn Peddie.

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Monday, November 5, 1:00 P.M.- CWV meeting, Sacred Heart Hall lower meeting room. All Catholic Veterans invited to attend.

Sunday, November 11, 7:00 AM Veterans Day Mass, Sacred Heart Church, Washington Avenue. All Catholic Veterans invited to attend.

Sunday, November 11th, 2:00 P.M., Veterans Day Services, Sacred Heart Cemetery, Johnson Lane, Parlin. Public invited to attend.

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Presented by the Friends of the Sayreville Public Library, Saturday & Sunday, November 24th & 25th, 11a.m.-3 pm. Shop with over 20 crafter and direct sales with vendors from our local community. Also, donated gifts will be priced to sell. Location: Sayreville Free Public Library.

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Remembering a Veteran on This Veteran’s Day

Submitted by a Veteran

As Veteran’s Day quickly approaches, let us never forget those who offered their lives for the freedoms we enjoy in our daily lives. The following is an account of one Vietnam Veteran who was very dear to me.

Throughout this article, I will refer to him as Soldier Dan.

Though we were separated by thirteen months of age, we did many things together. We grew up in the Melrose section of Sayreville, playing in the parks, in the woods, and on the streets. We attended Sacred Heart Grammar School together and went on to Sayreville War Memorial High School. We joined the Boys Scouts and went off to camp together. Though we had our similar interests, there were many times when those interests differed.

Following high school, we both attended technical schools, he at RCA Institutes and I at an electronic school in Newark. We both had student deferments at that time but knew sooner or later they would come to an end and ultimately, we would be receiving our “Greetings” letter from the Selective Service Board #32 in Perth Amboy, just as most young men of military age had done. We both procrastinated for as long as we could but ultimately went on to do what we had to do for the love of our country.

Knowing that my letter would be arriving soon, I wanted to make my own choice, so I joined the Navy for 4 years. But, Soldier Dan waited until he got his “Greetings” letter and was drafted into the Army on May 29, 1969. We were both scheduled to go to Vietnam, I on a NAVY guided missile destroyer and Soldier Dan in the ARMY 1st Cavalry Division.

Soldier Dan arrived in Vietnam on May 3rd, 1970 and was part of the First Cavalry, 9th Division. He served in country until April 7, 1971. During his time in country, he received the National Defense Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Good Conduct Medal, and the Army Air Medal.

After we were both discharged we never really discussed exactly what we did in the service. As I am sure most of you did the same. At times we highlighted specific incidents or occurrences and talked about the good times but never really focused on the negative. Soldier Dan was always an uplifting kind of guy in whatever he did. He was your typical jokester. We always discussed the fun times, when they happened, which was infrequent. Soldier Dan was the guy who always sugar coated the negative events throughout his entire life. We joked frequently about some of the more memorable events that occurred while in the service. Though I had 2 major deployments to the Middle East in the Blue Water Navy and him in the Army Cav, we still had so much in common as all of us here today still do. Does it really matter which branch of the military we served in or what our duty was? Aren’t we all brothers in one way or another.

When I asked Soldier Dan what he did while in Vietnam, he said that when he arrived in country, his company commander asked his group who could type. Well, he had typing in high school, so he raised his hand and was made the company clerk. So, when I asked him what his duties entailed, he told me that he played pool all day long, drank Coke, and smoked Luckies. Once again, sugar-coating his wartime experiences. I would tell him some of the neat things that happened on my guided missile destroyer, like when I was monitoring Electronic Warfare equipment in the Combat Information Center on board the ship and picked up a radar signal from a Russian Cruiser that locked on our ship with their missile guidance radar at 2 o’clock in the morning. As I notified the bridge watch officer, we went to General Quarters immediately and proceeded to lock our missile guidance radar on their ship with our missiles. You Navy vets can feel the excitement when the entire ship goes to general quarters during the middle of the night. You know that something important

or dangerous is about to happen. All weapon systems were locked and loaded and aimed at each other. At any point, a nervous finger could have pulled the trigger and a missile could have been launched at either ship, and possibly starting WW III. Fortunately, both ships backed down.

We never talked about buddies that died, or the horrific scenes that we witnessed during our military careers.

About 25 years ago Soldier Dan moved away from the area, but we remained in contact, frequently by phone or a visit. Just before Memorial Day this year, Soldier Dan’s wife called me and said that he was very sick. I talked to him on the phone and like usual, everything was good, and yes, he was sick, but he said he was getting better. He had carte blanche at the VA center for treatment of any medical issues and said that the treatment that he received was top notch for all his illnesses and never had a complaint about the VA. We all know that this doesn’t sound like New Jersey.

Then he goes on to tell me he has been on a 100% disability from complications relating to “Agent Orange” and has had it for the past twenty years. I asked him why he didn’t tell me and as usual he sugar-coated

his medical condition and said that he would be getting better with upcoming treatments. I reminded him that when I asked him what he did in Vietnam, he told me he played pool all day long. Now he tells me that he did have to go out on patrol near the Laotian border and many times after the jungles were sprayed with the defoliant “Agent Orange”. Brothers, I ask you what is the difference if you went out on patrol after the jungles were sprayed or while they were spraying them? Or you encountered “Agent Orange” in many other ways while in camp? For twenty years Soldier Dan was treated for cancer related to “Agent Orange.” Throughout the last couple of years his cancer traveled throughout his entire body. He received chemotherapy all last year. Why didn’t he tell me? But this was the kind of man Soldier Dan was, always thinking positive and that someday he would overcome his battle just as most of us do when we seek medical attention.

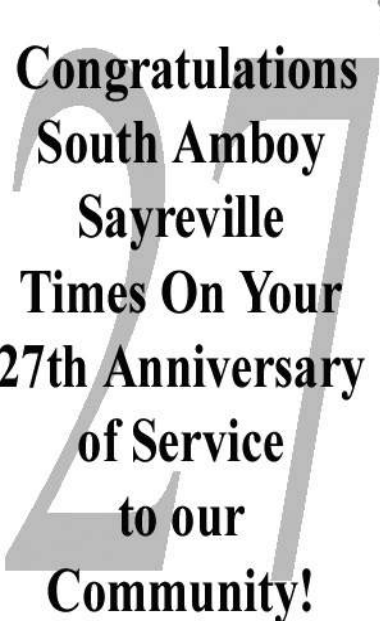





Unfortunately, his battle was soon over as Dan passed away on the evening of June 16th, 2018, from cancer related to “Agent Orange” complications. Soldier Dan is my younger brother.

Dan, your battles are over, rest in peace, your brothers will take the lead from here.

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Tiny Living

By Elaine Holton Scott

While most celebrities and other nouveau riche continue to flaunt their wealth, status and ego by building mega-sized homes in a self-promoting aggrandizement of their personal self-worth, there is another segment of our American population which is doing the opposite. Wanting to leave a “small footprint” on this earth of ours, as well as, a small dent in their finances, more and more people are opting for “tiny living.” For them, living tiny is a heck of a lot better (and cheaper) than living large. Living small really isn’t a new concept. Many years ago, my own family had been a part of what was to be called, the Tiny House Nation, and it hadn’t been for any altruistic reason at all. Instead, it was not having enough money to live “bigger.” So, back to the beginning we must go.

My great grandparents, Mary Creed Slover and Andrew M. Slover, moved into their newly built home at 417 Conover Street in 1900. The house had 3 bedrooms upstairs and 3 rooms downstairs. The outhouse was located in a back corner of their approximate 50’ x 100’ yard, while the water well had been dug about 5 feet from the back of the house. Personally, I think the two were too close for comfort but I guess it was okay since no one had died from diphtheria.

When the house was built, my future paternal grandmother, Margaret, was only 6 years old, and was given one of the bedrooms all to herself. My great grandparents slept in another. A total of four sons would come along, and all of them had to share the only other bedroom. By 1912, sewer pipes had been laid throughout South Amboy and soon people were paying to get their homes connected to them. My great granddad, who had a good job working for the railroad, was

one of them. Unlike many other families who had opted to have the plumbing installed in their cellars, my great granddad chose the boys’ bedroom to be fitted with a toilet, sink, and claw-footed bathtub. Quickly, the outhouse was torn down and the well covered. As for the boys, their new “bedroom” was in the cellar.

Having a steady income, my great grandfather soon bought himself a model T Ford, but before he did, he decided to build a “garage” like other new car owners were doing. He, though, went one-step further. On top of the new garage, he added an apartment, no more than 300 square feet, to house the sons still living at home. The small space of the apartment had been made a little bigger by adding a tiny extension off the kitchen. Besides the small eat-in kitchen with a “water closet” in the corner, there was a walkway with just enough room for two twin beds one on each side leading into a small living room/bedroom. “Small” was the keyword. An electric space heater and the open oven door in the kitchen kept the place warm in the cold months. In 1923, my great grandfather died after falling from the apartment’s roof while making repairs.

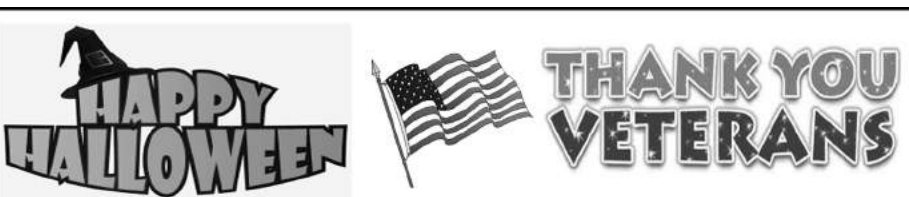
In 1939, my parents married, moving into the garage apartment soon afterwards, where three children would later be born. I was one of them. In 1953, after my family had moved to Victory Plaza, a new garage was built minus an apartment. That makes me an original Tiny House “veteran”...doesn’t it?

****As November 11th is Veteran’s Day, let’s all remember those Veterans who had made the ultimate sacrifice for our country, while also thanking every Veteran for his service*****

Vendor Night November 9

South Amboy Columbiettes will hold a vendor event Friday November 9 at the Knights of Columbus Columbian Hall 308 Fourth St. South Amboy. Hours are from 7 to 10 p.m. refreshments will be available and the bar will be open. Some vendors scheduled

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Amboy Bank Celebrates Sayreville Branch Renovation

(Photo/story submitted)

Sayreville Mayor, Kennedy O'Brien, assists Gregory Scharpf, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Amboy Bank, in cutting the ribbon to celebrate Amboy Bank's newly renovated Sayreville Branch located at 412 Washington Road. From left to right are Greg Scharpf; Kennedy O'Brien; Anne Szatkowski, Amboy Bank client; Burton Wilkins, Sayreville Branch Manager; John Krenzel, South River Mayor; Theadora DeTullio, Amboy Bank client; and Anthony DeToro, Vice President and Deposit Officer of Amboy Bank.

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staple in the ever changing community. This renovation allows us to better serve our current clients, as well as accommodate new clients. The celebration was our way of giving back to the community- they were supportive during the renovation and had no complaints. We will continue to bring our innovative products and quality service to the residents of Sayreville," said Scharpf.

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Republican Organization Fundraiser

(Photos/story submitted)

The Middlesex County Republican Organization held a Fundraiser on October 5, 2018 at the Forsgate Country Club. The Honored guests were Gov. Chris Christie and Gov. Thomas Kean. Both were elected with the help of Middlesex County in their elections. Also in attendance were U.S.

Senate Candidate Bob Hugin, State Senator Sam Thompson, State Senator Thomas Kean Jr., Assemblymen Dancer and Clifton, State Republican Chair Doug Steiner.

Candidates Rich Cataldo, Freeholder, Rich Pezzullo, Congress and Daryl Klipnis, Congress.



Sayreville Republican Municipal Committee Chair Art Rittenhouse (l) recently met with U.S. Senate candidate Bob Hugin.



Pictured (l-r) Art Rittenhouse, former NJ Governor Thomas Kean, and Sayreville Councilman Pat Lembo.

MCC Selected For Free Community College Program For Spring

Middlesex County College is one of 13 community colleges in New Jersey that will be offering free tuition and fees to those students with adjusted gross incomes of \$45,000 per year or less. The program will start in the spring semester of 2019.

All 19 community colleges applied to be a part of the Community College Innovation Challenge pilot program, and New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy announced those selected at an event held at Union County College on Thursday, September 27.

"Today we are putting the dream of higher education within reach of more students and more families," Governor Murphy said. "Making community college tuition free will help New Jersey's young people and working adults earn post-secondary degrees to advance their careers—and it will help build the talented workforce that is the engine of our state's economy."

The 2019 state budget includes new funding for the first phase of Governor Murphy's community college initiative, including up to \$20 million for Community College Opportunity Grant (CCOG) awards to be applied directly to eligible student accounts. Students with adjusted gross incomes of \$45,000 or less who take six or more credits in the spring 2019 semester will be eligible to receive CCOG awards to cover tuition and educational fees, after applying any other federal or state grant aid, such as federal Pell grants or New Jersey Tuition Assistance Grants. This initiative is the first step toward the Governor's long-term goal to offer two years of free community college

to all New Jersey residents.

Mark McCormick, interim president of Middlesex County College, said he was thrilled that MCC is on the list.

"At Middlesex County College, we support the Governor's vision of making community college free," he said. "We are very pleased that beginning in January, eligible residents of Middlesex County may take advantage of this additional source of aid that will ensure that all tuition and fees are covered. With this new state grant, we can expand educational opportunities for Middlesex County residents. Studies show that earning an Associate Degree increases lifetime earning capacity. MCC will soon be reaching out to share this good news with everyone in Middlesex County."

In addition, each community college in New Jersey will receive \$250,000 in planning grant funds to assist in the implementation of the new program.

"We are very excited about the opportunities that the planning grant will afford us," Dr. McCormick said. "It will help us to expand our outreach to further connect with our community to identify new students who will benefit from the Governor's plan and to enhance our support resources to ensure that students have access to the help they'll need to achieve their educational goals at Middlesex County College. We look forward to the opportunity to serve more students while maintaining the focus on our mission to provide access to a quality, affordable education for our community."

City of South Amboy ANNUAL Halloween Parade

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Amboy Bank Contributes To Sayreville BIC

Gregory Scharpf, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Amboy Bank, presents a donation to Mark Schlauch and Fred Whiteley, Vice Presidents of the Sayreville Association for Brain Injured Children; Maggie W, volunteer; and the children of the BIC. The mission of the organization is to promote a more general interest in brain injured children, to organize a variety of programs and activities, and to

raise funds to furnish aid and assistance. Scharpf said, "Amboy Bank is committed to supporting local efforts that enhance the quality of life of the brain injured children of our community. We have always considered community involvement to be an essential part of our business, and we are delighted to support the Sayreville Association for Brain Injured Children." (Photo/story submitted)

The Smoke Column
By Ex-Chief Richard Kosmoski, MS

Many times in the past I have written about the inherent dangers that firefighters face in their line of work. Responding to the fire station in your own personal vehicle and then riding the apparatus to the incident scene is dangerous. Once you arrive on scene, you enter a smoke-charged burning building to search for victims and suppress the fire with the possibility of the entire structure collapsing around you. This is extremely dangerous work. But now we are seeing ultra-dangerous situations that we would never have imagined 20-30-40 years ago that have had tragic outcomes.

This past June, a 45-year-old fire Captain, Dave Rosa from the Long Beach, California Fire Department, was fatally shot and 35-year-old Firefighter Ernesto Torres was seriously injured. These firefighters were responding to the report of a building explosion in an 11-story retirement facility. Upon arrival they found windows blown out, activated sprinklers, the smell of gas and a fire that they extinguished.

As these two firefighters were conducting a search of the building for victims and fire extension, they were shot by a 77-year-old building resident who had purposely started the fire to draw firefighters to the facility. He was quickly arrested and charged on suspicion of murder, attempted murder and arson.

These firefighters are but two examples of attacks on first responders. When responding to a fire, or any type of an emergency, being attacked by those we are responding to help should be the last thing we should be concerned about. Saving lives and suppressing the fire should be our priority, not worrying about being a target for some disgruntled lunatic. Unfortunately, this is the way it is today. These types of situations are not specific to firefighters alone but include attacks on EMS personnel and law enforcement officers.

Just a few years ago a similar situation occurred when two firefighters in upstate New

York were gunned down while responding to a structure fire. They were shot by the homeowner, who had purposely set the fire, with the intent to kill the firefighters upon their arrival.

Almost every day we hear about law enforcement officers being attacked, on and off duty, by people with agendas too numerous to mention. What has society come to? Where has the respect for authority and public service disappeared to? If you haven't seen these changes coming over the past years, then you are being blinded by the changes in society.

In the fire service we must be ever vigilant to our surroundings and in everything we do from the initial report of an emergency to the time that we return home safely. Take nothing for granted! Evil and danger lurk around every corner. If we think that it will happen to someone else and not in our community, we are only fooling ourselves. We may be that next community. Communities that have experienced these types of events never expected it to happen to them. Locally, fire departments are protecting themselves in various ways. Enclosed cabs on the apparatus not only protect firefighters from falling but keeps them semi-hidden inside. The Plainfield Fire Department is now carrying bullet proof vests on their responding apparatus. Did you notice on TV that every time a mass casualty event occurs involving a shooting, you will see fire apparatus at the scene. It is difficult for bullets to penetrate through all that metal and water and it serves as a barrier against them. Remember that the firefighting gear that we wear does not stop bullets! How difficult is it to suppress a fire while wearing 60 pounds of gear and equipment and then having to don a bullet-proof vest?

Unfortunately, there are many unanswered questions to these problems and not enough solutions. Our best defense is in our experience and knowing our surroundings always, we call it "Situation Awareness". Expect the unexpected

OLV November Meeting

The OLV Senior Group will hold their November Meeting on Friday, November 2, at 1 PM in Monsignor Dalton Hall. There will be a Thanksgiving luncheon at the cost of \$12 at this meeting. Please call Mary Bouchard at 732-727-5056 no later than Monday, October 29th to reserve your meal. If you have not paid your dues please bring them to this meeting. We will also be taking

names for the Christmas luncheon being held in December. All trips for November and December must be paid. New Members are always welcomed until our December meeting. After that date membership is closed. Non-perishable food donations for St. Vincent de Paul will be accepted at all meetings. For further information contact Teri at 732-727-7639.

Trip To Sands Casino Resort

Progressive Fire Co. will hold a bus trip to Sands Casino Resort in Bethlehem, PA on Nov. 4. Bus leaves at 10 a.m. from the firehouse, 429 Bordentown Ave., South Amboy. Cost is \$40 p/p and includes round-

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d. The Righteous Brothers
e. Hall & Oates
f. Simon & Garfunkel
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i. Sonny & Cher
j. Sam & Dave

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

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In celebration of the band's 20th Anniversary Mikell's Plot a rock band from Sayreville, will be having a party bash!
The event is being hosted and sponsored by DAA Entertainment and NJ's Rock Radio 92.9 FM.
The party will include guest performances by some of NJ's greatest bands. Rebels United, Tilted, Pale Horse, Metal Land, Jernee Mill and Glenn Garr.
"Making original music for 20 years is a milestone that we had to acknowledge and what better way to do it then with this party?" said Michael O'Connor, lead singer of Mikell's Plot.
Saturday November 3, 2018 starting at 5 PM located at Brighton Bar 121 Brighton Avenue Long Branch.
The party is open to all ages, 21+ to Drink. There will be catered food and a cash bar. Come and enjoy the celebration and be part of this event with Michael O'Connor and George Rivera and the rest of the band.
Tickets are \$10 in Advance and \$12 at the door. Go to <http://www.ticketweb.com> for your advance tickets.

Rumbles from the Rock and Roll Reunion

By Clem Skarzynski

Many thanks going out to Mr. Jerry Ust, Jeff Schnitzer, Elyse Barone, Patti Fausto, and the entire staff at the Sayreville Recreation Department, for putting together another successful Doubleheader Weekend with Sayreville Day 2018, and The 10th Annual "Blast from the Past" Car Show and Concert, on the 15th and 16th of September! And also, the members of the Parks Dept. under the direction of Mr. Phil Quigley for getting the Park and its grounds in great shape from the previous weeks rains for the events. Great crowd for Saturdays "Sayreville Day" with numerous vendors and local businesses there for the residents and visitors to familiarize themselves with. Sunday's "Blast from the Past" Car Show and Concert with DJ Richie Hart and the "Just us Cruisers car club, brought out 150 Custom Cars, Hot Rods, and Antique Vehicles form the 1920's to the 1970's! They did a fantastic job raising money for the Sayreville B.I.C. Association, thank you guys, as always. My thanks also go out to the members of Central Jersey's #1 Classic Rock and Oldies Group "Clem and Friends" for once again providing endless live "Rock n Roll" for the days show, with Lead Vocalist-Fran Fee, his brother Tim on the Drum Kit, Bassist-Rick Jackson, Keyboardist-Richie Standowski, and a set of "Super Horn Players" Mr. Craig Hoek, and Jerry Mokar on the alto and tenors. The band tore into 2 hot sets of horn laced Classic Rock, and dug into some pretty nice "Oldies" along the way! The best musicians in the area had the crowd "rockin" throughout the show! Also, thanks going out to Mr. Tom Burkard and Co. from The S.A. Times for covering both events! Hey Rockers, and wannabes...S.A. Knights have resumed their "Open Mic Nites" as of Sept. 28th...next one up, Friday, Oct. 26th..word has it Mr. Acoustic, Jerry Smith, will be "backed 'by a bassist, drummer and electric guitarist for this upcoming show! Be there for this one! Johnny Maestro Tribute Band rehearsing and going strong with weekly rehearsals here in my Studio! I've got to close this month's column, and dedicate it to a Dear Friend, and fellow Musician/Drummer, Mr. Dave Silva. Dave, we're all here for you in these sad times with the loss of your beautiful wife Debi. We will remember her in our prayers always. To all, peace and be as well as you can. See you in next issue.

#1 Pop Hits-October 27

2004-Goodies-Ciara with Petey Pablo
1992-End Of The Road-Boyz II Men
1988-Groovy Kind Of Love-Phil Collins
1977-You Light Up My Life-Debbie Boone
1960-I Want To Be Wanted-Brenda Lee
1958-It's All In The Game-Tommy Edwards

#1 Country Hits-October 27

2001-Only In America-Brooks & Dunn
1993-Easy Come, Easy Go-George Strait
1985-Touch A Hand, Make A Friend-The Oak Ridge Boys
1972-Funny Face-Donna Fargo
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School Sports

By Tom Burkard
(As of Oct. 15)

Football

Sayreville (6-0)
Boys Soccer
Sayreville (8-7)
Goals-Frankie Astarita 14 Matias Rosario 5
Sebastian Cardoso 4.
Assists-Cardoso 5 Michael Lubeski 5
Rosario 4.
Saves-Lev Milan 56 Dylan Clerigo 28
Marwan Elwardany 9.
South Amboy (1-8-1)
Goals-Jake Szatkowski 2 Daniel Pena 1
Bryan Pena 1.

Girls Soccer

Sayreville (7-4-1)
Goals-Jacqueline Ventricelli 16 Lauren
Attardi 9 Stephanie DeOcampo 9.
Assists-Attardi 12 Samantha Szymanski 5
Ventricelli 3.
Saves-Jordan Wilson 122 Ashley Herndon 21.
South Amboy (2-9)
Goals-Nadia Barcheski 3 Jessica Henry 3
Alexis Moakler 1.
Assists-Henry 2 Barcheski 1 Alexis Caliste 1.
Saves-Sarah Knapik 176.

Field Hockey

Sayreville (1-14)
Goals-Meha Patel 1 Rose Tomaszewski 1.
Assists-Eveianna Davis 1.
Saves-Julia Capriglione 230.

Boys Cross Country

Sayreville (1-0)
South Amboy (1-0)

Girls Cross Country

South Amboy (0-0-1)

Girls Tennis

Sayreville (12-1)
Top Players-Singles-Katherine Sudol; Liana
Masangkay; Stephanie Van Note. Doubles-
Grace Ekpe/Shrusti Sheth; Samantha
Gagnon/Alecia Richardson.
South Amboy (0-10)
Victoria Tierney recently won a big match for
The Lady Guvs over her Carteret opponent.

College Notebook

Patrick Walsh (South Amboy) topped
Rutgers at the Iona College Meet of
Champions, turning in a fine
time of 26:45 on the 8-kilometer
course...Myles Hartsfield
(Sayreville) has registered
17 solo tackles and assisted
on 5 others for University
of Mississippi (4-2)...Erin
Wimmer (Sayreville)
has notched 2 goals for Georgian Court
University soccer club (9-3)...Linwood
Crump (Sayreville) has 3 tackles and
1 interception on the year for Temple
University.



Patrick Walsh

Remembering Ed Conroy

Ed Conroy, 76, of Morgan died on Oct. 1.
Well-liked and respected throughout the area,
he loved his sports, having played baseball
and basketball for St. Mary's HS, and years
later became one of the most outstanding
slow pitch softball pitchers in South Amboy.
He worked at MCUA for many years
until his retirement in 2004. He went on to
work for Dooling Electric of South Amboy.

Sayreville Bombers
Football Update

Bombers Win Fourth Straight

The powerhouse Sayreville Bombers
football team pounded Monroe, 38-0 to
capture their fourth consecutive victory of the
season. Zuriel Wright racked up 177 yards
on 8 rushes, and scored 4 touchdowns to lead
the offense. He also had 50 yards receiving,
and finished with 227 total offensive yards.
Quarterback Mark Whitford connected on
6-for-9 passes, and 113 yards, while also
rushing for 106 yards on 5 attempts.

The defense was paced by Connor
Anthony with 6 tackles, 2 sacks, 3 hurries,
and 2 assists...

Bombers Beat Edison In Thriller
To Capture Title

In one of the most exciting games in
Sayreville history, the Bombers, who trailed
Edison, came back, and with no time on the
clock, scored the game-winning touchdown
on a 19-yard strike from Whitford to Jacari
Carter, who made a spectacular over-the-
shoulder catch in the back corner of the
end zone, and dragged one foot in bounds
before falling to the ground, as the Bombers
prevailed, 13-12.

The victory was Sayreville's fifth straight
without a loss, and clinched the GMC White
Division title.

Six In A Row For Sayreville

The amazing Sayreville team made Old
Bridge its sixth consecutive victim this season,
by obliterating OB, 30-7. The Bombers
jumped out to a 6-0 lead in the opening quarter
when Zacari Carter connected with Cameron
Davis on a 52-yard scoring strike. Zuriel
Wright bulldozed his way into the end zone
from 2-yards out to give our locals a 13-7 lead
at the half. Wright rushed for another 5-yard
TD. Connor Holmes had a huge two-way
game, rushing 19 times for 175 yards, with a
21-yard touchdown run. He also piled up 5
tackles to pace the defense. Nick Milewski
booted a beautiful 27-yard field goal for the
final scoring of the contest.

Coach Beagan's undefeated Bombers are
now ranked #9 in USA Today Network New
Jersey's statewide Top 20 rankings.

NJ Devils Holiday
Outing December 29

For all of you hockey fans, Saint Mary
Church and the South Amboy Knights of
Columbus Council 426 are sponsoring a
Christmas holiday outing to see the New
Jersey Devils host the Carolina Hurricanes
Saturday December 29 in a 1 p.m. matinee at
the Prudential Center. Cost of \$60 includes
lower level reserved ticket to the game and
\$10 worth of food and beverages. If you're
interested the deadline to purchase tickets
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The Icon Of Freedom
Veterans Day 2018

By Joe Lotkowitz

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and thank you this Veterans Day for all
they unselfishly gave and did for our
country. God Bless the good old USA!



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US Army



PFC. Kenny Jeff,
US Army



Seaman
Robert Williams,
US Navy



AM S-3 Gus Galley,
US Navy



Machinist Mate
Billy Bouchard,
US Navy



Electrician Mate
Charles Koerner,
US Navy



PFC Joe Lotkowitz,
US Army



ICFN Leon Letts,
US Navy Reserves



PFC MP
Don Peterson,
US Army



Ziola Brothers
Top row (l-r)

Sgt. Frank Ziola, US Army; Seaman Leo Ziola,
US Navy; Aviation 2nd Class John Ziola, US Navy.

Bottom row (l-r)

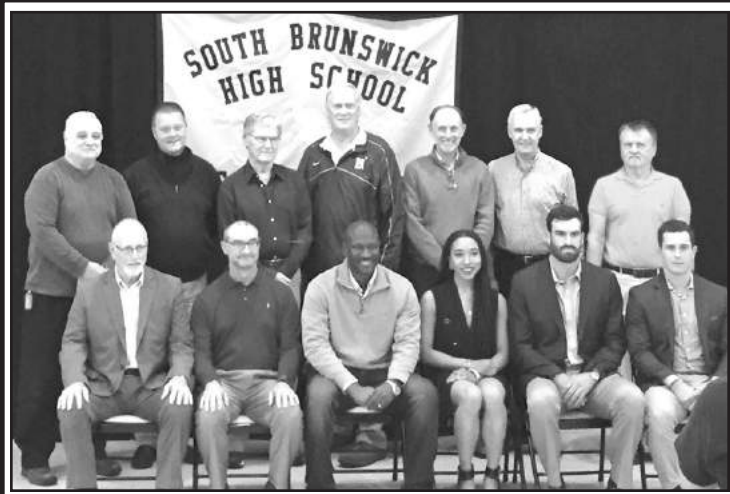
Marty Ziola, Sea Bees; CPL Paul Ziola,
US Army; SFC Arnold Ziola, US Army.



SGT Nels Friberg,
US Marine Corps



VETERANS DAY



Bud Rose of South
Amboy (top row
center), was recently
inducted into the
South Brunswick
HS Hall of Fame.
Bud was a star
basketball player on
the Vikings state
championship team.
Congratulations,
Bud! (Photo
Submitted)



The Local Sports Memory Machine

By Tom Burkard

Glory Days In Local Sports

1969-Perth Amboy St. Mary’s ran past St. Mary’s South Amboy, 20-35 in a boys cross country meet. Despite the setback, Alan Neidermeyer captured 1st place overall for the Eagles. 1977-Karen DeSiena twirled a no-hitter to lead Sayreville girls softball team to an 11-1 trouncing over East Brunswick. 1983-Hoffman girls basketball team pounded Piscataway Tech, 78-35, as Nancy Garsick paved the way with 26 points, and was followed by freshman Lynn Ust with 14, and Kim Reick 12 points. 1995-Dustin Kemple plunged in from 1-yard out for what proved

to be the game-winning touchdown to lead Sayreville to a 14-7 victory over Bishop Ahr. Anthony Nalewajko scored a TD on a 2-yard run in the opening quarter. 2008-In a boys tri-cross country meet with teams from Cardinal McCarrick, South Amboy, and Dunellen, the Guvs beat the Eagles, 22-33. Matt Richmond copped second place in 17:44. Other local finishers were 3-Gerard Piccolomini (CM) 4-Kyle Septor (SA) 5-Connor Anderson (SA) 7-Ryan Kelly (CM) 8-Johnny Winkler (SA) 10-John Costello (CM).

10 Years Ago

11 Great Athletes Inducted In Hall-Of-Fame

2008-St. Mary’s/Cardinal McCarrick HS inducted 11 great athletes into its Hall-of-Fame, at a huge induction banquet at Msgr. Griffin Gymnasium. Those legendary performers/coaches included Bill “Biff” McKeon, Jay Derent, Nick Charmello, Joe Kolakowski, John Inman, Virginia Zaleski Schlegel, Lisa Harrigan Nunez, Ed Twomey, Jack Vail, and selected posthumously was Don Szatkowski and Ed Carroll.

85 Years Ago

Saints Nip South Amboy

1933-Pete Klimek stole third base and home to give St. Mary’s a thrilling 7-6, 12-inning victory over hometown rival South Amboy. Tom Scully blasted a home run for the Eagles, and Lagoda sent one out of the park for SA.

70 Years Ago

Sayreville Wins First Tourney

1948-700 fans packed the Sayreville HS gym to see the Bombers capture the 1st Annual Sayreville (2-0) Invitation Tournament, as they blasted Hoffman (3-0), 60-39. Coach Bob Basett’s Bombers were paced by Frank Mytnick with 15 points, Ben Zaleski 12, Rudy Balaskiewicz 11, and Ed Mosakowski 10 points.

45 Years Ago

1973-Joe McCarthy, a highly-talented soph catcher for Hoffman blasted 7 home runs for the season to help the Guvs to a fine (14-7) record.

80 Years Ago

Conroy Fired No-Hitter

1938-St. Mary’s freshman fireballer Joe Conroy won his fifth straight game by firing a brilliant no-hitter, and striking out 8 to lead the Eagles to a 7-0 victory over Good Counsel. Conroy contributed 2 hits to his own cause, and had other offensive production from Charlie Steuber who was 3-for-3, and Bill “Smokey” Ryan, who ripped 2 hits.

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. -E.P..

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Family Reunion



The well-known and highly-respected Kurtz family held a huge family reunion in September. Everyone had a great time and are looking forward to next year's annual get-together! (Photos courtesy of Heidi Croddick)

Trip to Cape May

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to Cape May on Wednesday, May 15, 2019. The cost of the trip is \$145 which includes a narrated cruise, Tea Luncheon at the Emlem Physick Estate, guided tour of Cape May, shopping time bus transportation and bus drive gratuity. For further information or to reserve a seat please contact Finita at 732-721-5081



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WWW.?



Here is another easy Mystery Photo for our SA Times readers. If you think you know what and where it is, please email your answer in to: satimes@aol.com.



September-WWW?
Christ Church Hall/Thrift Store

WWW.?

September Winners

The answer to last month's Mystery Photo is the Christ Church Hall/Thrift Store on Fourth St. in South Amboy. Winners who correctly identified it were: Estelle Pluskota, Chuck Pickard, W.Tom Kross, Dennis Quinlan, Eleanore Westerholm, Judy Guilfoyle, Helen Tyska, Jack Piskorski, Keith Piskorski & Lorraine Krauss, Lynn Loy, Joan Fulham, Mary Agnes Morris, Peggy and Steve Yuhas, Lisa Grankowski, Pat & Bill Scully, George F. Kern III, Stephen Laskiewicz, Elizabeth Leveille, Marie English, Ed English, Bob Martenak, Gary Feret, John Harris.

One incorrect answer identified the building as the Provident Bank in South Amboy.

WWW.? Letters

Hi Tom!

This month's WWW is The Christ Church Memorial Hall on Fourth St. S.A. I

remember when they baked and sold a sweet bread during the Lenten season. Shirley Cottrell (Gary's mom) who worked for Amboy Bank, would bring loaves of the bread, and sell it to the employees during lunch with the proceeds going to Christ Church. The whole bank smelled like fresh baked bread.

Mary Agnes Morris
South Amboy



OLV Annual Christmas Bazaar

Our Lady of Victories (OLV) Parish will hold their annual Christmas Bazaar on November 10, 2018 from 10am to 4pm in Monsignor Dalton Hall. There will be 75+ vendors that will be selling their crafts and merchandise during this event. We will also have wheels of chance including baked goods, gift cards and toys as prizes. There will also be a 50/50, tricky tray, children's games and pictures with Santa.

Jackie Gluchowski, OLV Home School Association President, commented, "The OLV Christmas Bazaar is not only about shopping and great prizes; it is a parish tradition that brings friends and family together in an enjoyable atmosphere. It's so nice to see the support of the parish, school and community; it is truly what makes this event so great every year!"

Sayreville's Hit The Bricks 5K Trail
Fun Run / Walk-October 6

(Photos by Tom Burkard)



Jeff Schnitzer (c) of the Sayreville Recreation Dept. congratulates the 1st place Men's Division finisher-Jared Vindigni (l) and 1st place Women's Division-Shannon McKenna.



Pictured (l-r) Damien Oliver-1st place in 9-year old division, his father Tim Oliver, who finished in the Top 10 in the Men's Division, and Jeff Schnitzer, Sayreville Recreation Dept.



This happy group of runners/walkers are pictured after completing the course. They enjoyed a beautiful autumn day in the outdoors, and helped the Sayreville B.I.C. with the proceeds from Hit The Bricks.

Where in New Jersey?



The Where in NJ this month recently closed and would keep the waters surrounding it at a tropical temperature. Send your answers to satimes@aol.com by November 5th. Good luck!

September Information

Where in New Jersey?

By Brian & Phyllis Stratton

The Where in NJ for September was the entrance to Rutgers Landscape & Nursery 1051 US-202 Ringoes, N.J.

Rutgers Landscape & Nursery was founded in 1986 by 19-year-old Jim Brophy. Jim had worked several part-time jobs in landscaping while he attended Rutgers University, and developed an interest in plants and the outdoors. Determined to improve the professionalism of this industry, and seeing a need for high quality, dependable landscaping, he decided to start his own business. Upon graduation from Rutgers, Jim already had eight full-time employees on staff. Two years later, Jim purchased the Victorian farmhouse and surrounding eight acres on Route 31 in Ringoes. With this acquisition, he expanded his business to include a retail Nursery. Today this property houses the studios of Rutgers Landscape Design, and acres of materials and display gardens. In 2005,



September - Where in New Jersey?
Rutgers Landscape & Nursery - "Big Yellow Chairs" Highway 202 Ringoes, NJ



a 12-acre parcel of land was purchased on Route 202 in Ringoes to house and expand the growing retail operation. The Nursery subsequently moved to this new property in 2007 — the place with those BIG YELLOW CHAIRS!

The winners were Dennis Quinlan, Edna Mazur Pilch, and Dane Colburn.

Past Local Business



You've been around South Amboy for a long time if you recall the Starlight Diner on South Broadway. The Starlight was a popular place to dine back in the 1960's and 70's, and was owned by the Dillon family. (Photo courtesy of Joanne Katko)

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On September 27, 2018 Mary Whiteley, a 2017 graduate of South Amboy Middle High School and currently a sophomore at Clemson University, became a contracted Cadet with the United States Air Force. Mary is in her second year in the Air Force ROTC program with Clemson's Detachment 770. Mary was also chosen as the General Military Course Cadet of the Month for September for outstanding performance in the Air Force ROTC activities and exceptional adherence to the Air Force Core Values of Integrity, Service and Excellence. Mary was also on Clemson's Dean's List for the Spring 2018 Semester. Congratulations and Good Luck to Mary! Thank you for your service! Picture left, Mary taking the Air Force Oath after officially signing her contract. Picture right, Mary receiving her Cadet of the Month Award. (Photos.Info Submitted)

Sacred Heart Rosary Society



The Sacred Heart Rosarian of the Year, Helen Erdek (2nd from right), is joined by former Rosarians of the year who were present for the breakfast that followed the annual installation of officers. Pictured (l-r) Anne Szatkowski, Regina Haklar, Joan Gorczyca, Joan Ryniec, Joan Ogorek, Helen Erdek, and Mary Falkowski (r). Eleanor Wisniewski is missing from the photo.

Officers/Members Installed

By Dot Benson, Secretary

The Sacred Heart Rosary Society held its annual installation of officers and induction of new members at their Corporate Communion Mass on October 14. Virginia Zrebiec is President, Joan Zadrozny Shields is Vice President, Dot Benson is Secretary, and Kathleen Aquisto is Treasurer. Joan Ryniec was newly installed as Chaplain.

Newly inducted members are Peg Foreman, Monica Szelast and Lynn Altobello.

A breakfast reception followed the Mass. Helen Erdek was honored as Rosarian of the Year.



Sacred Heart Church Pastor Father Stanley Gromadzki (r) blesses 3 new members of the Sacred Heart Rosary Society during their installation at the church. Pictured (l-r) Peg Foreman, Monica Szelast, and Lynn Altobello.



On September 22 and 23, the Sacred Heart Rosary Society held its hardy mum sale. Pictured in front of Memorial Hall are Rosarians Barbara Sebok, Joanne Durski, Lorraine Kennedy, and Sandi Read, eager to help customers select that perfect Autumn decoration. Look for them next year at this time. (Submitted by Dot Benson, Secretary)

Trip to Grounds for Sculpture

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip on Tuesday, June 25, 2019 to Grounds for Sculpture in Hamilton New Jersey. The cost of the trip which is \$145 includes a guided tour of the grounds with individual time on

your own to enjoy, luncheon at the Rat's Restaurant, bus transportation, bus gratuity, and snacks on the bus. For further information or to reserve a seat please contact Finita at 732-721-5081.



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St. Stan's School
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Our Lady of Victories Knights of Columbus Council 2061 provided a breakfast for their Community Service Award recipients (left to right): Vanessa Haggerty, Sonny Gottstine, Lucas Greaves, Vivian Delbert, Kevin Winter, Gregory Barna, Kevin Krushinski, Patricia J (Amato) Farrell, and Magdalene Florczak. Missing from the photo: Rebekah Morales and John Palmero.

Pre-K student, Matthew Ribau, gets the feel of a fire hose used by a Sayreville Firefighter during Fire Prevention Week. (Photo by Andrea Smith)



Sayreville Firefighter shows St. Stan's younger students the inside of a fire truck during Fire Prevention Week. (Photo by Andrea Smith)

Middle school students from St. Stan's School took to the trails for the first time to compete in an interscholastic cross country meet at Six Flags. (Photo by Denise Colella)



Newly elected St. Stan's students participate in their induction as the 2018-2019 Student Council Executive Board members. From left to right: Catherine Williams, Kenneth Laffey, Abigail Bera, and Jenna Napolitani.

Christopher Tricoles, Recruiter for Sayreville Cub Scout Pack 97 poses with Lisa Grover, Treasurer of Pack 97 and 3rd grade student, Jacob Mikhail at a recent scouting recruitment drive at St. Stan's School. Mrs. Grover also is the 3rd grade teacher at the school.



Thank You Veterans!



Top-American Legion Post 211 Color Guard presented the Colors at Sayreville Day on Saturday, Sept. 15. Saluting the Colors during the playing of the National Anthem are Color Guard members Edward T. Strek, Richard Kosmoski, Larry Lios, Artie Valentino and Dave Pawski. (Photo/info submitted by Edward T. Strek)



Left-Pictured on a U.S. Troops ship somewhere in the Pacific Ocean is The SA Times contributing photographer PFC Joseph R. Lotkowitz on his way to a 13-month tour of duty in the pleasant little country of South Korea. (Photo/info submitted)



VIETNAM VETERANS REMEMBERED

By Past Commander Rich Kosmoski

On Sunday evening, October 14th, the Sayreville American Legion Lenape Post 211 conducted their Seventh Annual Vietnam Veterans Remembrance Ceremony at their Post Home. The ceremony was a great success with over 100 Vietnam Veterans and their families in attendance. Hometown men, who were killed in action during the war, were recognized by the placing of individual flags in their honor by members of the American Legion Honor Guard as their name, branch of service, and date of death was read off. Father Stanley Gromadzki, Pastor of The Church of Sacred Heart, offered the Invocation and Benediction. Master of Ceremonies, Past Commander Rich Kosmoski, presented an account of a soldier that served in the Vietnam

War and his experiences both during his time in service and afterwards. The Honor Guard conducted a rifle salute to all fallen veterans which was followed by the playing of TAPS by the ceremonial bugler and then Amazing Grace by the Middlesex County Police and Fire Pipe and Drums.

In recognition of the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War, commemoration pins were issued to each Vietnam Veteran along with surviving spouse pins to the widows of deceased Vietnam Veterans. This very moving ceremony will continue to exist as long as there are Vietnam Veterans alive. "WE WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER AND NEVER FORGET."

Pancake Breakfast-Nov. 11



Knights of Columbus St. Lawrence Council #10281 will hold its second Pancake Breakfast of the year on Nov. 11 in the basement of St. Lawrence Church on Sunday,

8 a.m. to 12 noon. Admission is \$8-adults, and \$4- children 12 & under. The menu includes orange juice, coffee, tea, scrambled eggs, round flat sausages, ham.

Veterans Day Invitation

Messiah Lutheran Church is requesting all veterans in the Parlin, Sayreville, South Amboy, and Madison Park area to please join us for worship at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday,

Veterans Day, Nov. 11. We would love to honor you all. Coffee hour to follow worship at Messiah Lutheran Church, 3091 Bordentown Ave., Parlin.

Pumpkin Time



The South Amboy Business Association partnered with South Amboy Elementary and Middle Schools to have the storefront windows painted. Pictured are the students who earned community hours for their artistic talent, Jared Gonsalves; School Counselor and organizer, Business Owner Rico of Broadway's Barbers & Pure Simple and Jorge Gonzalez Gomez of Mid Jersey Medical Supplies & Chairman of the Business Association. The students turned Broadway's store fronts into a beautiful picturesque fall setting. The Business Association sponsored the event.(Photo/Info Submitted)

Praying The Rosary

(Photos/Info by Joe Lotkowitz)



The annual Our Lady of Fatima Rosary Rally took place on Saturday, Oct. 13 at the Gazebo on Bordentown Ave. in South Amboy. Captain Honora DeMaio (c) is leading the prayer service for all in attendance, as they prayed for our country and the world in praying to Our Lady of Fatima.



The Sacred Heart Altar Rosary Society also held an "America Needs Fatima" rally, one of thousands throughout the world honoring Our Lady of Fatima, and her message to pray the rosary for our country and the world.

Vietnam Veterans Remembrance Ceremony

(Photos/info by Joe Lotkowitz)



Past Commander Richard Kosmoski of the American Legion Lenape Post 211, Sayreville, provided opening remarks, and presented the following names of Sayreville residents killed in the Vietnam War. Raul Orta USMC 2/1/67, Wayne A. Grant USA 10/26/67, Francis D. Battista USMC 11/11/67 Thomas A. Marchut USA 2/5/68, alter D. Faith USA 2/24/68, William B. Kimball Jr. USA 5/6/68, Richard E. Biesiada USA 5/21/68, and John P. Byrne USMC 4/30/69. To all those veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice, The SA Times says thank you and God bless you.



Michelle Roman did the honors of singing the "National Anthem," and "God Bless America," at the 7th annual Vietnam Veterans Remembrance Ceremony held on Oct. 14th.



Past Post Commander Art Valentino (c) presents the Pledge of Allegiance for the 7th Annual Vietnam Veterans Remembrance Ceremony as Past Commander Rich Kosmoski (r) salutes flag.



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Bwana Jim's Wildlife Show At Aberdeen Day

(Photos by Tom Burkard)



This spooky looking vulture appears to be getting ready for Halloween.



This young Goat was a big hit with the crowd.



A Red Tailed Hawk was pretty calm during the show.



Young alligator opens his mouth to show his teeth for spectators.

Annual Blessing Of The Animals At St. Mary Church

(Photos by Tom Burkard)



Father Dennis Weezorak, Pastor of St. Mary Church blesses the animals with holy water after opening with a beautiful prayer. The annual blessing is very popular with many local pet owners, who attend faithfully each year.

South Amboy Fall City Wide Yard Sale October 6 & 7

(Photos by Tom Burkard)



This is one of many signs posted by residents throughout South Amboy, announcing their yard sales.



There were plenty of yard/garage sales throughout the city with great buys and lots of items to choose from such as this sale on George St.



Another one of the many local yard sales that attracted shoppers during the Oct. 6-7 weekend.

Our Lady Of Victories School
(Photos courtesy of Sharon De Monaco)



On September 29, Our Lady of Victories School held a "STEM into Fall" family gathering. The proceeds from the event will benefit the OLV Maker Space. A special classroom will be set up where students can explore the engineering process with everyday objects. It will be utilized on a regular basis along with a new 3D printer. Pictured (l-r) Principal Cynthia Casciola-Kitts (l) and OLV Pastor Father Ryan.



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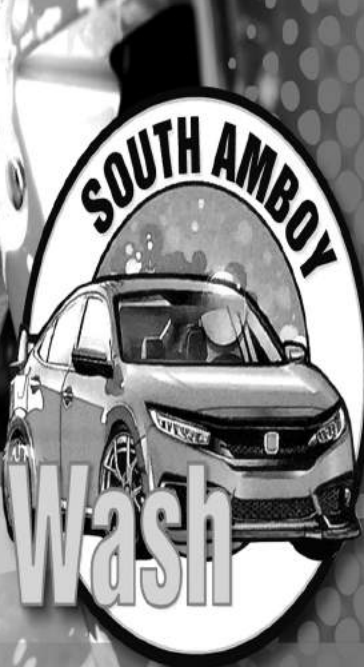


Halloween Again
(Author Unknown)

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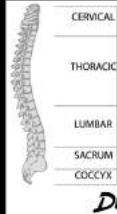
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The
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Column
By
Dr. John Misiewicz

Walking For Your Good Health

Over the last quarter of a century the exercise field has experienced one craze after another. But only one activity – fitness walking – has shown steady growth and popularity. Walking is a surprisingly effective strategy for lifelong health. It is accessible to almost everyone. You’ve done it all your life and you can continue to do it well into old age. Walking also delivers proven benefits to all of the body’s major systems ... muscles, bones, heart and circulation. You can walk almost anywhere without special facilities or equipment. Studies show that walkers traveling faster than five miles an hour actually burn twice as many calories as runners going the same speed. When you begin a walking program, keep in mind that you’re in no big hurry. This is lifetime health, not overnight magic. At first, forget heart rates and stop watches. Just go walk at a comfortable pace slightly above a stroll.

You don’t have to walk any particular way, but there comes a point when refinements offer definite benefits. The correct posture, arm swing and stride add up to higher intensity exercise and lower risk of injury.

Posture – when walking, lean slightly forward, from the ankles, not the waist. Leaning from the waist will only tire your back and make breathing harder. Keep your head level and your chin up.

Arm swing – keep your elbows firmly bent at a 90-degree angle, and swing your arms from the shoulder. Your hand should end its forward swing at breastbone height. On the backswing, if you’re moving fast, the upper arm is almost parallel to the ground.

Stride – make your stride long and smooth. Borrow some moves from competitive race walkers: keep your supporting leg straight as your body passes over it, and let the hip rise and relax. As the leg moves to the rear, keep its foot on the ground as long as possible before pushing off.

Remember – the proper technique is not as important as getting out there and doing something. Keep in mind that healthy people are well overall; their activities help fend off heart disease and circulatory problems. The key is to stay active.

Keep it up – to make walking a habit, takes will power and sometimes a strategy. Schedule regular walks with a friend if you need an extra push, or walk first thing in the morning before other commitments crop up, or vary your routine to keep it interesting or get a dog! Finally, try not to think of it as exercise. It’s time you’ve set aside for yourself. Enjoy it.

"The Pleasant Little City"
(By Albert Gomolka Jr.)
Times Poet Laureate c.1998

The Pleasant Little City by the bay
May God bless it so forever it may stay
That grows today just as it's yesterday
This Pleasant Little City by the bay
Two hundred years ago Amboy began
Settled upon the banks of the Raritan
The people knew since it's original plan
This was a very special piece of land
And the years brought history and fame
From a Governor, coal,
and the fast rail train
To weapons, ammunition,
and explosions of the same
A fact in Mr. Ripley 's book,
and the Major League game
But it's the people of the town
That yields its royal cordial crown
Caring, hard working, lovers and clowns
Where neighbors, friends,
and family abound
This Pleasant Little City by the bay
If born, raised, or worked, you'll know the
way "It's home," may we be all
so proud to say
Of this Pleasant Little City by the bay.



To: Independent Minds of South Amboy

You are reading this because the future of South Amboy depends on your vote. My name is Brandon Russell and I am your independent candidate for the Mayor’s Office.



As your next potential Mayor, I feel it is important for every citizen to know who I am and what I am about.

As an Eagle Scout, volunteer coach, experienced cost-benefit analyst and college graduate, I am the only candidate with no political affiliations; which also means the only people I answer to are the ones who live in South Amboy.

I am a lifelong resident of South Amboy and this City will be always be the one that raised me.

The Greatest Generation, the Baby Boomers, and the Gen-Xers are whom I have learned from over the course of my 24 years. I have learned from their work ethic, their ability to adapt to tough times, their resilience, and their intelligence. I am confident these generations are both wise and knowledgeable enough to look past my age and recognize who is the best candidate for this position.

We are a product of who came before us. I learned three important lessons from those who came before me:

- **Respect your elders.**
- **Never start a job you don’t intend to finish.**
- **Always fight for what is right.**

I am proud to say I am a millennial because of the people and the city that raised me. I was taught to work hard, ask questions, and never give up.

I have spent the last 12 months becoming well-versed in the issues that our city is facing. I am confident these issues are easy to correct and at low-cost, but they are time sensitive.

The City of South Amboy desperately needs someone in the Mayor’s Office who will put people over party. On November 6th, we have a chance to make history by electing a leader who will represent the people of South Amboy for the first time in a long time.

Most politicians make promises they can’t keep, my mission is to be the candidate who makes realistic goals and follows through on them.

If you are interested in supporting my campaign, all I ask is that you spread the word. Get people excited about electing fresh leadership and honest politicians, not just in South Amboy but nationally as well.

Voting independent is voting for change. With your vote, I can help get South Amboy back on track!

With regards,
Brandon J. Russell
Independent Candidate
for Mayor of South Amboy

Why South Amboy Needs Change and Why I’m Running for Mayor

The South Amboy Times

Recently, one night around 9:30 p.m., I was outside on my street helping a neighbor search for a lost kitten when I ran into a young couple who live on my block.



We struck up a conversation and they asked me, “Pete, why are you running for mayor anyway?” That was an excellent question and I thought about it for a moment before giving them the typical, rhetorical campaign response. Why am I running for mayor?

I have lived here in South Amboy for quite a long time and like many, have heard the promises from the various

administrations about how they were going to finally revitalize and transform the city. For years I’ve heard the tales about the grand design for a ferry system that has never materialized and the stories about economic redevelopment that would re-energize the city. I have seen the recent construction on our roads and listened to the sudden, knee-jerk plans to bring businesses into town, which were nothing more than contrived, election-time public relations stunts.

The fact of the matter is, South Amboy has not lived up to its fullest potential because of mismanagement, lack of leadership and its current and past leaders’ inability to listen to the residents, who have asked for positive change over and over again.

I am running for mayor because I believe I can help transform this city into a thriving community through my ideas for improvement, innovation, and greater involvement. Change is the motivating factor for my decision.

If elected, my team and I will look to attract new businesses, while helping to support the existing ones, by creating a strong core economic business development organization that will be based on not only input from business leaders but from members of the public as well. Bringing businesses and citizens together as part of an ongoing partnership will help better define South Amboy’s economic and social future through limitless prospects for growth.

We need more retail development, including a supermarket in the city, as opposed to the overdevelopment, overcrowding and over populating through the expansive building of condominiums on top of townhomes. Traffic and congestion is already a problem throughout South Amboy. And yes, we need to finally build a watertaxi/ ferry system to New York City.

There is a lot more to governance than business development, infrastructure management, and economic solvency. The fabric of every community is its citizens, not sticks and bricks. South Amboy is unique because of its diverse population. Everyone deserves a voice and everyone deserves to be heard. I will make it a top priority to not only get out into the community and interact with our residents, as well as keep the proverbial mayor’s door open and allow for transparent two-way communication at all times.

South Amboy has a rich and storied tradition. If elected mayor, I will position the city as a welcoming environment for education, the arts, and use its diverse heritage and cultural attractions to enrich the experience of both residents and visitors.

Since we are a community that is made up of people we need to recognize, identify and solve real problems that affect our citizens. The opioid and heroin epidemic that is sweeping across the country does not discriminate against South Amboy. I have personally seen the damage the drug problem has caused here in town and have heard the stories from residents who have lost loved ones to overdoses. I can also relate to this devastation from my own personal loss.

We don’t have a drug problem, we have a human problem. We need to react and treat the opioid and heroin issue with a strong but compassionate hand. I have a plan that would address the drug crisis and involve strategic and consistent engagement with medical professionals, pharmacists, law enforcement officials, educators, students, parents, legislators, community leaders, counselors and recovering addicts to better understand all of their needs in addressing the problem from their own unique perspectives.

My plan would also call for the creation of special task forces that would consist of South Amboy Police officers, members of nearby departments and officers from the Middlesex County Sheriff’s Office who would strategically work together to address the criminality associated with illegal drugs and attack the root of the problem— locate, arrest, gather intelligence and help convict serial drug dealers/suppliers.

Community policing is not just a flash in the pan expression. Our officers risk their

lives and work tirelessly to protect the citizens of South Amboy. At the same time, many of the city’s residents need to gain a better understanding of who these brave officers are and why they do exactly what they do. We must cultivate relationships within the community so that the police are seen as allies in promoting public safety. I would direct the police force to research community policing practices that have worked in other cities and customize them to fit our city’s needs.

So, my answer to the couple on the street as to why am I running for mayor, “We need change.” I am a retired, proud member of the Middlesex County Sheriff’s Office and while I could be sitting back, relaxing and enjoying my retirement years, I feel a strong urgency to make my beloved city even better. Change is good and without change, we sit stagnantly and move nowhere.

Sincerely
Peter Pisar
Candidate For Mayor of South Amboy

To the South Amboy Community:

On Tuesday, November 6th, the citizens of South Amboy, along with the rest of the nation, will have the opportunity to exercise their right as citizens to cast their vote for those they choose to lead them. I am running for re-election as your Mayor and I believe that I have the experience, the knowledge, and the right temperament to continue in that role.



It has been mentioned that "nothing but housing" has been developed in the City for many years. I would say that Venetian healthcare, the YMCA, and smart growth redevelopment like Woodmont Cove is more than that. These are very real and important additions to the city of South Amboy. Don't listen to the scare tactics of others. There was mention of the increased population the Manhattan Beach project will produce. Today's population in South Amboy is roughly 8,800. I would like to remind everyone that the population of South Amboy in 1970 was 9,338! With an increase we will be getting back to, and a little over, what it was. I'm sure that the South Amboy businesses would welcome a few more patrons. Also, an impact study was done by an outside firm with input from the Fire department, Police department, and School officials. None had a major problem with the new development. There is room in the school for the projected number of potential students (in fact, school population has dropped by 81 from 1151 in 2011 to 1071 in 2017!), the proposed development will be equipped with sprinkler systems, and I have hired additional police officers to ensure safety. The development will be doing their own plowing, garbage and recycle pick ups. This is what smart growth is all about—realizing revenue without straining City service!

As to fiscal impact and responsibility, my administration has produced some great budgets which have resulted in increased surpluses for the past 6 years. Part of the surplus was put back into the following year's budget in order to stabilize municipal taxes and provide tax relief. We have no control over school budgets and thus school tax.

This smart growth has resulted in an improved credit rating from S & P and Moody's. This allows to get a better rate on loans and enabled us to purchase 7 new police cars, a street sweeper, a new senior bus, a rake and tractor for the beach, and various public works vehicles including a new garbage truck. The cost of these items alone was over \$2,000,000! With smart growth everybody benefits! The added revenue from new developments allows us to spread out the tax burden. Think of what your taxes would be if we didn't have that revenue! We still have to pay police, public workers, and buy new equipment. The costs do not go down very often.

In 2011 when I was first elected Mayor the medium price of a house in South Amboy was \$231,000. In 2018 it is \$268,000 and in 2019 it is projected to be \$292,000 (Zillow, Inc)!! Everybody benefits from this type of smart growth.

There are some who are injecting fear of change in South Amboy. I am not. I remain confident that as we move forward with smart growth projects, all of South Amboy will continue to benefit.

Recently, we received Request for Proposals (RFP) for the design of the Ferry Terminal and Parking lot and we will be awarding that contract shortly. The resumption of Ferry Service will be another boon to the residents of South Amboy.

Some have accused the City of a lack of transparency. I strongly disagree. We have upgraded our web site; produced a periodical news latter; upgraded the TV station; installed video in the council chambers to start taping all public meetings; and more improvements are planned for the future.

Certainly some meetings are held in closed session such as contract negotiations with prospective developers and city contracts. There is a need for some confidentially or else there can be nothing accomplished. When the time is right everything is aired for the public and all votes are done in public. That's the law.

With ordinances such as 16-2018, which prohibits the sale of recreational marijuana in South Amboy, we will continue to combat drug addiction and support the efforts of others who wage the war every day.

This is just a little sampling of what has been accomplished during my tenure as Mayor. I would strongly disagree with statements that my leadership has not done what is best for the community.

If you really look around our beautiful City you will notice many positive initiatives, I know there is much more to be done. With my experience and leadership I will continue to work in the best interests of the citizens of South Amboy. I am asking for your support and your vote on November 6th.

Thank you,
Sincerely,
Mayor Fred A. Henry

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Gomolka Played on Many Teams



Al Gomolka Jr. starred in the South Amboy Slow Pitch Softball League for 27 years, and played for many different teams including the Mechanicsville Bombers, Mechanicsville A.C., Pine Liquors, Roddy's Tavern, Blue Grass Landscaping, Hideaway Lounge, Astros, Gay 90's, Sanitary Fuel, Olde Towne Deli, Olde Towne Deli/ Monaghan House, and Monaghan House II.

Fishing Flashes

By Teo "Weebles" Weber



Salt water
The un-seasonal warm weather has seen many semi-tropical fish as I found out when I went surf fishing at LBI in mid-September. I caught 4 small Dogfish, a short 15 inch Fluke, which I released, a small Bluefish and a small Pompano. Quite a few Pompano were caught in that area. I returned there in early October. I caught 3 Bluefish, 2 were snapper size, one of them, was over a pound. I did catch a real small Kingfish. There are a lot of small to medium sized Blues being caught in the surf now along with a few Striped Bass. In Raritan Bay it's still slow but storms and cold water will change that. With Fluke season closed, party boats are now catching Porgies. Some of them are a good size along with some nice Sea Bass. Bluefish party boats are doing well with Blues going from 2 to 8 pounds. Bonito and False Albacore are mixed in the catch. A few Spanish and King Mackerel also have shown up because of the warm water.

Fresh Water
Fall Trout stocking took place during Columbus Day week. 14 to 16 inch Rainbows with a few 24 inches were stocked. Delaware River fishing has slowed up due to recent heavy rains. The same is true for the Passaic River. Hybrid Stripers are hitting in Lake Hopatcong and Spruce Run Reservoir. I tried my luck at the North Branch at Far Hills one afternoon but it was only an exercise in casting!



The Halloween Ball

(Author Unknown)

Ghosts and ghouls
And monsters too
Mummies and vampires
You never know
What the zombies will do
I'll take the Werewolf of London
How about you?
Frankenstein is the host
At the Halloween Ball
It's the best event
Throughout the fall.

Halloween

(Author Unknown)

Orange and black
On Halloween Night
Monsters and ghosts
Such eerie sights
Trick or Treat It's that time of the year
Kids havin' fun
Such good times
So much candy and cheer.

Slow Pitch Softball Takes South Amboy/ Sayreville By Storm-Part 10, The Final Chapter

By Tom Burkard

Sayreville A.A. Slow Pitch Softball Past Champions Divisions, Year, Champions

Spring Sunday “A” 2018-Diablos
2017-Diablos 2016-Diablos 2015-Big
Wally’s 2014-Diablos 2013-Big Wally’s
2012-J. O’Neill’s Diablos 2011-Big Wally’s
2010-Sure Hit Home Improvements 2009-
Sure Hit Home Improvements 2008-Sure Hit
Home Improvements 2007-Sure Hit Home
Improvements 2006-CME Gorillas 2005-
Sure Hit Home Improvements.

Spring Sunday “B” 2018-SSR Landscaping
2017-One Bad Inning 2016-TJ’s Pizza and
Subs 2015-Bad News Bears 2014-Loaded
Dynasty 2013-Tilted Kilt 2012-The Leftovers
2011-Here 4 Beer 2010-Bad News Bears
2009-The Chimps 2008-Smoldering BT’s
2007-Pink Pansies 2006-Spezzi’s Deadmen
2005-J. Vrola.

Spring Sunday “C” 2018-J-Mob
2017-Benchmark Lending 2016-W.B.
Mason 2015-Riddlers 2014-Hit It of
Quit It 2013-Bandit Bailbonds 2012-ARI
Inferno 2011-None 2010-Angelo’s Pizza
2009-Bad News Bears 2008-DK Concrete
2007-Smoldering BT’s 2006-DK Concrete
2005-DK Concrete.

Spring Weeknight “A” 2018-South
Amboy Plumbing 2017-Hulk America
2016-Neumann Construction 2015-NWO
Big Wally’s 2014-Big Wally’s 2013-JL
Landscaping 2012-J. O’Neill Johnsons
2011-J. O’Neill Johnsons 2010-Sure
Hit Home Improvements 2009-Sure Hit
Home Improvements 2008-Sure Hit Home
Improvements 2007-Saints.

Spring Weeknight “B” 2018-Murphy’s
Shamrock 2017-VIP 2016-732 Crossfit 2015-
VIP 2014-Mo’s Barber Shop 2013-Chip’s
Skunked Bee 2012-Santora Electric
2011-Munckee Bar 2010-Superior Mortgage.
Spring Weeknight “C” 2017-Taco Bell.

Spring Co-ed 2018-Tad Poles 2017-Vintage
Wines 2016-Neumann Construction
2015-Brass Monkey 2014-Bacchus Bar
2013-Bacchus Bar 2012-None 2011-None
2010-Bello’s Too 2009-Bello’s.

Fall Sunday “A” 2017-Big Wally’s 2016-
Big Wally’s 2015-Big Wally’s 2014-Big
Wally’s 2013-Brick House 2012-Roosevelt
Reds 2011-Mancini’s Pizza 2010-Warriors
2009-Warriors 2008-Warriors.

Fall Sunday “B” 2017-SSR Rebels
2016-Bandit Bailbonds 2015-Dead Rabbits
2014-BRS Electric 2013-Here For Beer
2012-Rapp’s Team 2011-Stillwell’s Angel.

Fall Sunday “C” 2017-Brickhouse
2016-Rebels II 2015-Rebels II 2014-Pirates.

Fall Weeknight “A” 2017-Diablos
2016-Neumann Construction 2015-Neumann
Construction 2014-Leftovers 2013-Diablos
2012-Diablos 2011-J. O’Neill Johnsons
2010-Pansies 2009-Diablos 2008-Sure Hit
Home Improvements.

Fall Weeknight “B” 2017-Bayway
2016-Loaded Dynasty 2015-Star Plumbing
2014-Loaded Dynasty 2013-Saints
2012-Bello’s 2011-Sayreville PBA 98.

Fall Coed 2017-Diamond Devils 2016-Dead
Rabbits 2015-Munckee Bar 2014-Brass
Monkey 2013-Strive Fitness 2012-RKD Tree
Service 2011-Keating’s Pub 2010-Bello’s
Too 2009-Bello’s.

*ABIG and SPECIAL THANK YOU to Dan
Buchanan for compiling and providing us
with this great list of Sayreville Slow Pitch
Softball champions from 2005-2018

**Sayreville Slow Pitch League
Commissioners-** Bill Foster 1995-2001
Buck Buchanan 2001-2002 Dan Buchanan
2002-2010 Chip Eicher 2010-2018.

**There are 116 championship teams listed
above through the years, and it’s seems
amazing to us that very few, if anyone took
team pictures of the proud teams posing after
their big moment. With today’s advanced
technology, it would have been very easy
to shoot a team picture and send it over to
us for publication, and players could have
shared this great moment in their lives with
their family and friends.



All-Time Top Slow Pitch Softball Players Top 20 Most Outstanding Players In South Amboy Slow Pitch Softball History

(In no particular order)
Rich Klein, Chuck Prusakowski, Gary Aich,
Gary Lange, Larry Kurzawa, Bob Carew,
Ron Croddick, Joe Noble, Jack Phillips,
Ed Szatkowski, Rich McCutcheon, Nick
Charmello, Randy Neumann, Jack Conlon,
John “Skeets” Skarzynski, Ken Wahler, Bill
Connors, Mark Herdman, Joe Crowe, Tom
Kaelin.

Honorable Mention

Tom Reilly, John Szatkowski, Tom Burkard,
Reggie Carney, Dan Paone, Fred Henry, Ray
Leonard, Frank Paczkowski, Jim Lyons, Al
Gomolka, Chet Meinzer, Mike Grimley, Mark
Noble, Larry Parsons, Al Ust, Bernie Mackiel,
Ed O’Connor, Frank Wahler, Mark Felice,
Joe Castellano, Billy Clayton, Paul Ust, Tom
Fitzmorris, Jim Nemeth, Fran Fitzmorris,
Ed O’Leary, Gene Lopez, Bob Clayton, Ted
Pavlonnis, Rob Ruskuski, Bob Nanco, Kevin
Gorczyca, Joe Szaro, Darren Gorczyca, John
Dragotta, Tom O’Leary, Steve Szatkowski,
Jack O’Leary, Bob “Smokey” Ryan, Steve
Makwinski, George Bongiorno, Jerry
Drill, Al Sorrentino, Jerry Disbrow, Tom
Szatkowski, Larry LaBrocq, Tom Roberts
Jr., Daryl Munck, Jack Gallagher, Tom
Szatkowski, Kevin Nemeth, John Clayton,
Drew Newcomb, Bill Masterson, Ray Downs,
Mark Bratus, George Krzyzanowski, Roger
Young, Rick Ferguson, John Kurzawa,
Dennis Yanoski.

Top 10 Power Hitters In South Amboy Slow Pitch Softball History

(In no particular order)
Chuck Prusakowski, Larry Kurzawa, Gary
Aich, Bill Connors, Ken Wahler, Rich Klein,
Gary Lange, Rich McCutcheon, Larry
LaBrocq, Tom Kaelin.

Honorable Mention

Jack O’Leary, Nick Charmello, Mark
Herdman, Mike Carney, Lenny Popowski,
Bob Carew, Mark Wahler, Bob Richardson,
Joe Ambrosio, Dave Gomolka, Tom Wortley,
Bill O’Leary, Joe Noble, Tom Fitzmorris, Bob
DeJoy, Mike Grimley, Frank Paczkowski,
Tom Billich, Dan Paone, Bernie Mackiel,
Jerry Drill, Tom Burkard, Tom Lange, Tom
Roberts Jr., John “Skeets” Skarzynski, Marty
Ratajczak, Tom Boychuk, Al Sorrentino,
Henny Conroy, Dan Mackay, Ed Schaber,
Ron Kuran, Sonny Sabine, Bob Howarth.

Top 16 Leadoff Hitters In South Amboy Slow Pitch History

(In no particular order)
Ron Croddick, Jack Conlon, Randy Neumann,
Tom Reilly, Joe Castellano, Mark Abbatiello,
Ray Leonard, Tom O’Leary, Vince Mackiel,
Pat Marotta, Jim Lyons, Tom Grabert, Gary
Lange, Jim Gordon, Kevin Nemeth, Reggie
Carney.

Honorable Mention

John Szatkowski, Drew Newcomb, Billy
Clayton, Jim Nemeth, Jack O’Connor, Jerry
Disbrow, Nick Charmello, Frank Wahler,
Mike Mooney, Kevin Gorczyca, Tom
Holovacko, Ed O’Leary, Paul Ust, Gene
Dennen, Gary Aich, Joe Belmonte, Rich
Klein, Mark Herdman, Ken Kokoszka, Jack
Stratton, Poncho O’Connor, Joe Crowe, Ned
Moran, J. Tom Cross, Bill McKain.

Top 12 Pitchers In South Amboy Slow Pitch Softball History

(In no particular order)
Larry Parsons, John Kaboski, Joe Crowe, Tom
Burkard, Jack Gallagher, Ed Conroy, Charlie
Conroy, Gene Cross, John Clark, Sonny
Sabine, Bill Connors, Jerry Prusakowski.

Honorable Mention

Frank Kennedy, Glenn Smith, Tom
Magielnecki, Gary Lange, Bob Nanco, Pete
Inman, Tom Kuc, Dave Stolte, Bob Hospidor,
Fred Henry, Ron Croddick, Rick French, Jack
Mason, Jack O’Connor, Jack Paro, Henny
Conroy, Ed Szatkowski, Jim Abbatiello, Don
Heimall, Phil Rainone.

Top 10 Player/Managers In South Amboy Slow Pitch History

(In no particular order)
Fred Henry, Joe Noble, Tom Burkard, Pete
Inman, Sonny Sabine, Randy Neumann, John



Two Legends- Gary Aich (l) and Chuck Prusakowski (r) topped the Committee voting for the Most Outstanding Players, and Power Hitters, not only in the Sayreville Slow Pitch Softball League, but also the South Amboy Slow Pitch Softball League. The two greats are still active, starring with the Vintage Bombers Slow Pitch Softball club. (Photo by Pat Douglas, of the Vintage Bombers)



1982- This team of talented Sayreville softball players, modified (not slow pitch) breezed to the Northern Bayshore Modified Pitch league championship. Pictured top row (l-r) Bob “Burda” Rodziejewicz, Gary Fedor, Marty Hubka, Russell Casey, Gary Anderson. Middle row (l-r) Bob Mazanec, Ed Strek, Stan Straczynski, Don Wisniewski, Rich Marsicano, Ray Mazanec. Bottom row (l-r) John Dusko, Rick Popowski, George Olszewski, Frank Sadowski. (Photo/info courtesy of Ann Mazanec)

Kaboski, Larry Parsons, Jack O’Connor,
Vince Mackiel.

Honorable Mention

Jack Gallagher, Rob Ruskuski, Jim Nemeth,
Don Szatkowski, Mike Carney, Mark Wahler,
Gary Lange, Jim Lyons.

Top 20 Most Outstanding Players In Sayreville Slow Pitch Softball History

(In no particular order)
Steve Toth, Chuck Prusakowski, Ed Strek,
Buddy Brodzinski, Steve Makwinski, John
Dusko, Rick Popowski, Gary Aich, Mike
Walker, Lenny Popowski, Dan Hockenjos,
Rich McCutcheon, Bob “Tank” Nanco, Tom
Lasko Jr., Ed Marcinczyk, Matt Ryan, Jerry
Ust, Chuck Ford, Brian Seres, Jared Mundy,
Dennis Leonard.

Honorable Mention

Dennis Leonard, Chris Giordano, Ed
Pietraszka, John Chrzan, Shawn Coleman,
Steve Cunha, Jim Wojcik, Bill Brugnoli,
Matt Aikens, Bobby Jones, Dan Righetti,
Chris Bielak, Mark Poore, Tom Birardi,
Shawn Johnson, Dave Haltli, Tom Roberts,
Jeff Szatkowski, Rob Bell, Jeff Swanke, Ed
Last, Kyle Quackenbush, Ed Tyler, Stan
Straczynski, Keith Magoon, Joe Crowe,
Bobby Small, Bob Lerch, Marty Hubka,
Dan Paone, James DeMild, Pat Kiernan,
Joe Szaro, Gary Fedor, Don Wisniewski,
Walt Rondesco, Tom Cannon, Joe Rudy,
Gene Malkiewicz, Brian Bielak, John
Przybylko, Don Popowski, Roy Place, Mark
Abbatiello, Ron Ciszewski, Bob Witkowski,
Greg Chierchie, George Bongiorno, Ron
Croddick, Mickey Marcinczyk, Rich Gers,
George Krzyzanowski, Tom Viola Sr., Joe
Rinaldi, Mike Lockwood, Patrick Riporti,
Tony Camporeale, Dave Razzano, Jim
Comerford, Mike Cannon, Eric Veit, Bob
Richardson, Tom Reilly, Ed English, Al
Sorrentino, Joe Hart, Wally Dusko.

Top 10 Power Hitters In Sayreville Slow Pitch Softball History

(In no particular order)
Gary Aich, Chuck Prusakowski, Steve Toth,
Bob Nanco, Rick Popowski, Joe Storrs, Tom
Lasko Jr., Lenny Popowski, Chuck Ford,
Rich McCutcheon.

Honorable Mention

Joe Rudy, Brian Zalasar, Steve Samra, Clint
Murray, Matt Ryan, Bill Policastro, Patrick
Riporti, Greg Chierchie, Mike Pelesky, Bob
Richardson, George Bongiorno.

Top 10 Leadoff Hitters In Sayreville Slow Pitch Softball History

(In no particular order)
Matt Ryan, Buddy Brodzinski, John Dusko,
Scott Bird, Matt Revel, John Metz, Jay
Roberts, Darren Curran, Tom Beninato,
Tom Durski.

Honorable Mention

John Bell, Tom Kutcher, Tom Cansilla.

Top 10 Pitchers In Sayreville Slow Pitch Softball History

(In no particular order)
Ed Marcinczyk, Jim Abbatiello, Rick
Marsicano, Sonny Sabine, Jim Wojcik, Fred
Wistuba, Ed Rappleye Jr., Ron Croddick,
Joe Crowe, Jack Davey, Gary Cunha.

Honorable Mention

Chris Green, Steve Wilson, Bobby
Prusakowski, “Red” Herrick, Mike Lozak,
John Nuber, Jeff Pasewark, Steve Mahn.

Top 5 Player/Managers In Sayreville Slow Pitch Softball History

(In no particular order)
Matt Ryan, Leo Hart, Mickey Marcinczyk,
Chuck Treihart, Sonny Sabine. Don
Wisniewski, Dan Krainski.

Honorable Mention

Don Wisniewski, Dan Krainski, Pat Barney,
Sal Richiusa, Bill Tarallo, John Grabas, Tony
Januszewski, Chuck Prusakowski, Anthony
Delikat.

The End!!! I sure hope everyone enjoyed
the **longest series ever written** in the United
States about local Slow Pitch Softball! Thank
you for faithfully following this highly-
researched series!

Thank You!!! To all who helped in any way
with the tons of information gathered, plus the
limited photos of players and teams. Seems
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Congratulations to all of the players selected
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At the Saturday evening Mass at The Church of the Sacred Heart, a memorial was held in recognition of the National Fallen Firefighters Weekend. During the Mass, the names of the Line of Duty Deaths was read off by South Amboy Fire Department Ex-Chief Michael Geraltowski (l), followed by the tolling of the ceremonial “FIVES” on the fire department bell by Sayreville Fire Department Ex-Chief Richard Kosmoski (c), Fr. Stanley Gromadzki (r), chaplain of the South Amboy Fire Department celebrated the evening Mass. (Photo/info submitted)

Amboy Bank

Promotions

George E. Scharpf, Amboy Bank Chairman, President and CEO, recently announced the promotions of two officers. Those promoted include Gregory Scharpf, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, and Robert Beni, Senior Vice President and Senior Commercial Real Estate Officer.

Scharpf said, “These promotions reflect Amboy Bank’s commitment to excellence. Both individuals bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to their respective leadership roles. They have both played a vital role in our success, and we are proud to promote them into these important positions.”

Gregory Scharpf, who joined the bank in 2002, was previously a Vice President and Segment Manager with Bank of America. He was named Senior Vice President and Chief Retail Banking Officer in 2008. He earned his undergraduate degree at the College of William and Mary and an MBA at Vanderbilt University. He is a member of the Bank’s Board of Directors.

Bob Beni joined Amboy Bank in 2009, and with over 25 years lending experience, is responsible for commercial real estate lending for permanent and construction project financing. Beni graduated from the University of South Carolina with a degree in Finance & Real Estate. He currently resides in Hillsborough, NJ.

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PRAYER TO ST. ANTHONY

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

IN MEMORIAM




7th Anniversary

in Heaven

Anne C. Lotkowicz

Oct. 21, 2001





On Friday October 19th members of Protection Eng. Co. held a service outside their firehouse commemorating the 100th anniversary of the death of U.S. Army Pvt. 1st Class Martin J. Bailey during WW I. Company president Jamie Norek read a brief bio of Bailey. Mayor Fred Henry spoke of the importance of preserving history and honoring those that served our nation. Protection firefighter currently on active duty U.S. Army Sgt. 1st Class Julio Marcano read the Soldier Prayer and former Fire Chief Ed Szatkowski assisted with unveiling the plaque. Pvt. Bailey was killed in action on October 20, 1918 in France while serving in the Company G, 310 Infantry of the 78th Division. Pvt. Bailey reported for basic training on April 3, 1918 at Camp Dix. After training Bailey along with the 78th Division sailed for France on May 19, 1918. Bailey and two other soldiers were killed by a landslide caused by German artillery barrage during the Argonne-Meuse campaign. Pvt. Bailey's body was returned home to South Amboy in September of 1921 where a funeral Mass was held. St. Mary's church with full military honors and was buried in St. Mary's cemetery. Prior to entering the army Martin Bailey resided at 111 Pine Ave. with his father W.H. Bailey and a brother and sister. Bailey worked for the Pennsylvania Railroad as a Trainman, was a member of St. Mary's Holy Name Society and also Protection Engine Co. No. 1. . Pictured (l-r) with the plaque and photo of Pvt. Bailey are South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry, Jamie Norek and Ed Szatkowski. (Photo/Info Submitted)



In Memoriam



Patricia "Trish" Kehoe, 48, of South Amboy died on Sept. 27. She was employed by the MCUA in Sayreville. Anna Jarusiewicz, 94, of Sayreville died recently. Before retiring, she was the manager of the cafeteria at Sayreville HS. Dennis "Miami" McCarthy, 64, formerly

of South Amboy died on Oct. 16. He worked for the City of South Amboy for many years and retired in 2012, and a dedicated member of the South Amboy Fire Dept., Enterprise Snorkel. He was one of the really "good guys" of SA and will be missed. They will always be remembered.

Obituaries

Bogdanowicz, Donna, 60, of Parlin died on Oct. 11.

Carrion, Madeline, 80, of Parlin died on Oct. 12.

Colsanti, Antoinette, 90, of South Amboy died on Oct. 10.

Conroy, Edward F., 76, of Morgan died on Oct. 1.

Howard, Gail L., 65, formerly of Sayreville died on Oct. 14.

Jarusiewicz, Anna Gilewski, 94, of Sayreville died recently.

Jolly, Florence Rybicki, 85, formerly of Sayreville died on Sept. 22.

Kehoe, Patricia A. "Trish" Hermes Korosko, 48, of South Amboy died on Sept. 27.

Ludwigsen, Lois M., 76, of Sayreville died on Oct. 8.

Lynch, Beverly J., 91, formerly of Sayreville died on Oct. 17.

Marcinczyk, Jean Marie, of Sayreville died on Oct. 6.

McCarthy, Dennis R. "Miami," 64, formerly of South Amboy died on Oct. 16.

Montemurno, Cynthia, 87, of Parlin died on Oct. 1.

O'Leary, Ruth M. Campion, 98, of South

Amboy died on Oct. 5.

Pelly, Patti, 71, of South Amboy died on Oct. 12.

Pizzi, Robert, 59, of South Amboy died on Sept. 14.

Reu, Joyce, 85, formerly of Parlin died on Oct. 9.

Righetti, Barbara, 57, of Parlin died on Oct. 13.

Semenza, Elizabeth "Betty Jane" Ust, 76, of South Amboy died on Oct. 8.

Suchcicki, Mary A., 86, of South Amboy died on Oct. 7.

Wagner, Glenn, 56, of Sayreville died on Oct. 13.

Wedekind, Theodore H. "Skip," III, of Parlin died on Oct. 6.

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. -E.P.

Thank You

Thank You for sharing our families grief. Ken was a brother, husband, uncle and friend. We will miss the special presence he was in our lives.

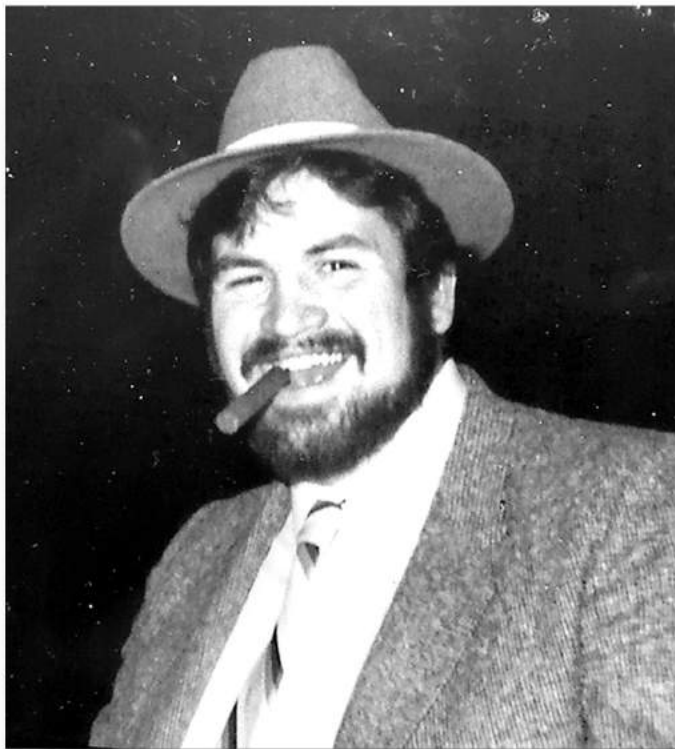


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