



## South Amboy's Annual Saint Patrick's Day Parade

**To Be Held Sunday, March 17, 2024**

The City of South Amboy, in conjunction with the South Amboy Saint Patrick's Day Committee, has scheduled the 47th Annual Saint Patrick's Day Parade for Sunday, March 17, 2024.

The Parade Committee is proud to announce that Micheal "Mickey" Gross, a well-known and respected resident of South Amboy, will serve as Grand Marshal.

Employed by the County of Middlesex for 40 plus years, Mr. Gross currently holds the position of Environmental Health Division Head within the Department of Public Health and Safety. As the lead agency for the municipalities in Middlesex County that contract for environmental health services, Mr. Gross is responsible for overseeing the enforcement of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) regulations including the monitoring and enforcement of the standards to control air pollution, solid waste, noise, and water pollution to protect the public from harmful

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## VETERANS DAY SERVICE

The Borough of Sayreville Veterans Alliance will be hosting the Annual Veterans Day Service. The Service will be held at 11:00am, Saturday, November 11th, 2023 rain or shine at the Sayreville Borough Hall, 167 Main Street.

Those wishing to attend are asked to arrive by 10:45am. For more information, contact the Municipal Clerk's Office at 732-390-7021.

## Happy Birthday Sister Mary!



Sister Mary Gomolka recently celebrated her 90th Birthday with family and friends at the home of her nephew, Al Gomolka Jr. and his wife Shelley. Sister Mary has been a nun for 72 years! Happy Birthday Sister Mary! (Photo by Tom Burkard)



## Chief LaVigne Graduates from FBI National Academy

*(Photos/News Release courtesy of the FBI National Academy)*

The City of South Amboy has announced that Chief Darren LaVigne has graduated as a member of the 287th session of the FBI National Academy. The graduation took place at the National Academy in Quantico, Virginia on September 14th, 2023. Chief LaVigne is the 2nd Officer in department history to complete this prestigious program, former Chief Leroy Kurtz had graduated from the 100th session. Nationally, fewer than one percent of officers have the opportunity to attend this program.

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

The 287th session consisted of one hundred and ninety-nine law enforcement officers from 46 states and the District of Columbia. The class included members of law enforcement agencies from 21 countries, four military organizations and three federal civilian organizations.

Chief LaVigne started his career with the South Amboy Police Department in July of 1988. During his career he has risen through the ranks at every level of the Department overseeing the investigative division, patrol division, and

administrative division. While rising through the ranks Chief LaVigne has worked on major crime investigations, assisted other agencies when in need such as 9/11 and Hurricane Katrina, served as the D.A.R.E. Officer for the department. He has been serving as Chief of the South Amboy Police Department since 2009. One could say that Law Enforcement runs in his family as his father-in-law served as a Captain of the South Amboy Police Department, his brother retired from the Old Bridge Police Department and his son is currently serving with the Los Angeles Police Department.

FBI Academy instructors, special agents, and other staff with advanced degrees provide the training; many instructors are recognized internationally in their fields. Since 1972, National Academy students have been able to earn undergraduate and graduate credits from the University of Virginia, which accredits many of the courses offered. A total of 54,565 graduates have completed the FBI National Academy since it began in 1935. The National Academy is held at the FBI Training Academy in Quantico, the same facility where the FBI trains its new special agents and intelligence analysts.

Quote from Chief LaVigne  
"It was an honor and privilege to have studied with some of the finest Law Enforcement Executives in the United States as well as countries across the globe".



**Police Chief  
Darren LaVigne**

## Veterans Day Dedication Ceremony

On November 11, 2023, at 11:00 AM, Veterans Day, please join with American Legion Post #62, the City of South Amboy, and the Historical Society of South Amboy for the unveiling of the Bronze Plaques with a roll call of the names of the men that gave the ultimate sacrifice, their lives for our country. These plaques will be placed on the base

of the soldier's statue at the Veterans Plaza on Bordentown Ave. After this ceremony American Legion Post #62 will hold their annual ceremony. All are invited.



## Coughlin To Receive Legislator Of The Year Award

Assembly Speaker Craig J. Coughlin will receive the Legislator of the Year Award from the New Jersey Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday, October 11 at the Chamber's Legislative and Business Awards reception in Brielle. At this biannual event, the Chamber recognizes legislators for their work to ensure New Jersey is friendly to business and a great place to live and work.

"It is an honor to receive this recognition," said Speaker Coughlin (D-Middlesex). "I have made it a priority to support small businesses and make our state more affordable. We have passed historic property tax relief, supported small business, boosted aid to education, and made our state an even better place to work and raise a family."

Under the Speaker's leadership, this session the Assembly passed a legislative

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## Thank You

A special thank you to all the people who attended the Mike and Mary Sue Felice fundraiser, held recently at the South Amboy Knights of Columbus. Mike and Mary Sue are extremely grateful for the outpouring of support during their difficult time.

## Friends of So Amboy Charity Games.

**Saturday, December 16**

**10 am SA Girls vs New Brunswick**  
**12 pm Keyport vs Calvary Christian Boys**  
**2 pm Sayreville vs South River Boys**  
**4 pm South Amboy vs Belvidere Boys**  
**6 pm St. Joe's by the Sea Staten Island vs St. Thomas Aquinas Boys**  
**8 pm Monsignor Farrell Staten Island vs St. Joe's Metuchen Boys**

## Congratulations Sister Amadeo!



Sister Mary Amadeo, who was popular at St. Mary's High School back in the 1960's celebrated her 70th year as a Sister of Mercy. Congratulations, Sister Amadeo! (Photo by Tom Burkard)





# Amboy's Annual Food Drive

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Talk Of The Towns

By Tom Burkard

**Pickard, Dragotta Featured In Magazine**  
Last month in the “Your Middlesex Magazine” 2023 Issue 2, a feature story titled “Protecting Middlesex County” about firefighters featured a great photo of South Amboy Firefighter Charles “Chuck” Pickard, who joined the force in 1967, and worked his way up to become Chief in 1992, and is still active and responding to calls. Current

SAFD Chief John Dragotta, a Firefighter for 43 years, was also interviewed for the great article.

**Drake Hanover Wins Race In PA**  
One of Bill Masterson’s racing horses, Drake Hanover, a 3-year old, who was injured last year, made a great comeback and won a big race at Chester, PA. Congratulations!

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package to bolster small business resiliency, including bills designed to grow jobs, streamline state support programs, minimize burdensome regulation, and reduce barriers to entry for entrepreneurs seeking to start a new businesses in the state.

“Assembly Speaker Craig J. Coughlin has been selected as a Legislator of the Year for his continued support of New Jersey

companies, especially the state's over 937,000 small businesses, which are the backbone of New Jersey's economy,” said Tom Bracken, President and CEO of New Jersey Chamber of Commerce.

The Chamber selects winners of the Legislative Awards based on their voting records, bill sponsorships and overall history of supporting economic growth.

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## Pleasant Little TRIVIA

By Tom Burkard



1.South Amboy's Fire Chief in 1918?  
a.Mike Toth b.Jamie Norek c.Mike Geraltowski

2.President of OLV HSA in '18?  
a.Anna Glumski b.Janine Jackson c.Jackie Gluchowski

3.Bistro located at 109 North Broadway, South Amboy in 1918?  
a.Night Lights b.Savage Bistro c.Bobby's Bistro

4.New recording studio on Main St. in Sayreville in 2013?  
a.Top 10 b.Super Sounds c.Main St. Studios

5.South Amboy Fire Chief in '13?  
a.Brian Kuhn b.John Kelly c.Steve Szatkowski

6.This daycare/preschool was located at 815 Bordentown Ave., Sayreville back in 2013?  
a.Happy Days Children Center b.Golden Rule Christian Center c.Kids, Kids, Kids

7.In 2013, South Amboy Foodtown's name was changed to?  
a.Best Foods b.Rex Gene's c.Key Food Fresh

8.Where was Deerfield Inn located?  
a.President Park b.Parlin c.Morgan

9.This new family physician opened an office in South Amboy back in '13?  
a.Dr. Swami Patel b.Dr. Bob White c.Dr. Oforio-Behome

10.Sayreville's Business Leader of the Year in 2008?  
a.All-Star Landscaping b.Rupp's Ace Hardware c.Sunnyside Restaurant


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





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Spotlight**

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Left photo: Dr. Edward R. Marion, PT, DPT, MA.

Right photo: Dr. Edward J. Marion.

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Dr. Edward R. Marion holds degrees from multiple institutions including a Doctorate of Physical Therapy from New York University. He has a patient centered functional treatment approach to maximize healthy aging and independence. He is a clinician with decades of experience. The elder Dr. Marion and his wife have 3 grown children including his partner in Homecare Rehab, LLC.

Dr. Edward J. Marion holds an Engineering degree from The College of New Jersey and a Doctorate of Physical Therapy from Rutgers University. His treatment approach focuses on whole-body function and tailoring a program specific to each patient to maximize outcomes and facilitate healthy aging. A combat veteran, he continues to serve in the Army Reserve as a Lieutenant Colonel. Dr. Marion enjoys living in the countryside with his wife, daughter, son, and their family dog.

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substances and other environmental threats.

In addition to his duties with the county, Mr. Gross has been active in local politics, serving on the South Amboy City Council for over 12 years where he currently holds the position of Council President as well as a member of the city's zoning board.

A big man with a big heart and a strong believer in giving back to his community through volunteerism and lending his talents to community organizations. Mr. Gross has served as the past chairman of the Frog Hollow 5K run as well as the past president and trustee of the Frog Hollow Swim Club, past chairman of the Cardinal McCarrick's Carnival, South Amboy Little League, and past vice president of the Saint Mary Sports Association. and is a current member of the South Amboy YMCA, Knights of Columbus and South Amboy Ancient Order of Hibernians. He is also the Co-Chairperson of the South Amboy Saint Patrick's Day Parade Committee of which he has been a member for 15+ years and is instrumental in organizing and overseeing the parade, City's Irish Festival and the annual Fourth of July fireworks spectacular which he coordinates with the City of Perth Amboy.

Keasbey resident Yolanda Flores will serve as Deputy Grand Marshal. Her dedication to her city, clients, family, and committee members has been an inspiration to all. This hard-working unsung individual was born and raised in Perth Amboy and is employed by Keller Williams by the Bay Realty where she holds the position of manager and broker. Her role encompasses the day-to-day operations of the realty office, state compliance and training as well as assisting sellers, buyers, tenants, landlords, investors, and commercial businesses with their real estate needs.

Prior to her position with Keller Williams by the Bay, Ms. Flores served as President of Rosengarten Realty and Development Inc.

from 2014-2021.

A member of Celebrate Perth Amboy Inc.-Celebrate our Stars & Stripes for the past nine years, Ms. Flores holds the title of logistics coordinator. Her role requires her to work closely with the Cities of Perth Amboy and South Amboy, as well as multiple city departments culminating in the spectacular Independence Day Celebration and Festival attended and enjoyed by over 10,000 Perth Amboy and South Amboy residents.

An active volunteer with the South Amboy St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee for the past 5 years, her expertise in creating fundraising materials such as flyers, posters, and invitations has been utilized. She has also served as Mistress of Ceremonies at both the South Amboy St. Patrick's Day Parade and the city's annual Irish Festival.

Ms. Flores was the co-owner of American Pride Bait and Tackle, Perth Amboy. A small bait and tackle shop, the business was a joint venture with her late brother. Upon his demise, Ms. Flores made the decision to continue to serve anglers who came to fish Raritan Bay providing them with excellent service, fresh bait and an expertise in the art of fishing locally. The shop is also available to participants of the annual fishing derby and casting contest at Harborside Marina Perth Amboy.

Both Mr. Gross and Ms. Flores will be honored at the Annual Grand Marshals Dinner. This fundraiser will be held Friday, February 2, 2024 at the Grand Marquis, 1550 US-9 Old Bridge. Tickets may be purchased at \$100.00 per person and will include an open bar, cocktail hour and seated dinner. The members of the South Amboy D. B. Kelly Pipes and Drums will be special honored guests.

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## Yearbook-St. Mary's 1998

By Tom Burkard

"Honey" by Mariah Carey was one of the favorite songs in the nation, as St. Mary's Class of '98 returned for its final school year in September 1997. . . John Gloss was school principal, and some of his fine staff included; Sister Paula, Sister Miriam, Cindy Burns, Thomas Decker, Louis Ploskonka, Keara Gallagher, Richard Malik, Charlotte Kierst. . . The yearbook was dedicated to teacher Mary Beth Woolf. . . Some seniors randomly selected; Robert Bavlinka, Keith Bennett, Dominik Binder, Kristen Coco, Sean Cooney, Patrick Fasoro, Nicole Giammarino, Melissa Kennedy, Jasmine LaSalle, Vincent Liu, Joseph Mancuso, Erica Meyers, Shazia Momin, Ruth Na-Tusch, Jamie Newton, Julie O'Such, Liana Rivera, Anthony Rubino, Adam Schmidt, Lisa Vignapiano, Michael Weber, Jamie Aleck, Suzanne Ashby, Daniel Battaglia, Jamie Bayles, Elizabeth Burnette, Melissa Bienkowski, Ish Chinquee, Jill Dobrowolski, Maria Gostkowski, Brianne Guillano, Ayesha Harden, Robert Hornak, Walter Horezga, Nina Iglesias, Cristi Isbell, Dawn Kronowski, Melissa Kucharski, Jessica Lio, Peter Malinowski, Matthew Marciano, Brian Moran, Michael Risholdt, Julie Pitonak, Tracy Schumm, Heather Schwartz, Robert Semeniuk, Jamie Smith, Christy Standowski, Jacqueline Talnagi, Francis Ziegler, Thomas Zima, Dana Colburn, Kathleen D'Angiolillo, Melissa Iorio. Some of the social activities at St. Mary's in '98 were the first-ever Key Club; the school play, "Rumors;" Retreat 1998; the Senior Picnic. . . Eagle Land featured many fine senior athletes including; Brian Burns, Michael Consiglio, John Florentino Jr., Gary Kaylor Jr., Laura Kemble, Edward McCabe, Molly McCreary, Brian May, Elizabeth Novak, William Oels, Thomas Rizzo, Nicholas Sas, Joseph Velez, Kurt Abel, Nicole Daw, Patrick Fasoro, Patrick Gorman Jr., Christ Isbell, Arthur Laudien, Christopher Amabile, Neel Bhatt, Jason Budsock, Helene DeGilio, Jaclyn Demeraski, John Ewtushek, Philip Fasoro, Cheryl Jakubczak, Rebecca Kopacz, Jessica Lio, William Poignonnet, Kathleen Reilly, Matthew Rios, Roy Sandklev, Marisela Torres, Andrew Triпка, Kimberly Woolf, Michael Zmigrodski. . . On Graduation Day, in late May, 1998, Mariah Carey once again topped the hit parade with "My All," and there is no doubt that St. Mary's High School Class of 1998 certainly gave it their all throughout their days at the Augusta Street institution.

## FROM THE DESK OF TOM REILLY

November can be both a joyous and solemn time of year, owed to its unique mixture of family gatherings and remembrances. I have always found it fitting that Thanksgiving and Veterans Day share the same month. As we celebrate our families and loved ones and the bonds of affection we share, so too do I hope that all of us will take time to celebrate and remember the veterans we know in our lives, or whom we have perhaps not yet met.

I believe we also should consider and take stock of the struggles our veterans face. Many are disabled, some are homeless and jobless, some suffer from prolonged and chronic mental distress brought about by the terror of war. All gave precious years of their lives to a cause beyond themselves. Speaking of his own armed forces during World War II, Winston Churchill said that "never was so much owed by so many to so few." I hope all of us take some time to think about our veterans and what we can do for them in this season of thanksgiving.

I am proud to say that South Amboy has several public places dedicated to our armed forces members, both those who are living and those who died for their country. One such place is a park on Barkalow Street named in remembrance of two armed forces members from South Amboy who gave the ultimate sacrifice. Charles Brown, Jr. served in the United States Army with Company A, 3rd Battalion, 12th Infantry Regiment, 25th & 4th Infantry Divisions, 40th Scout Platoon. He was killed in action on March 9, 1967, and was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart. Robert Hughes enlisted in the marines in October 1966, and later attained the rank of private first class. He was killed in action on May 26, 1967 and, like Charles Brown, awarded a posthumous Purple Heart.

In speaking with several of our local veterans and doing some of my own research, I learned that a third South Amboy resident was killed in action in Vietnam and received a Purple Heart for his gallantry and bravery. Michael Nemeth served in the United States Army and attained the rank of private first class. He was attached to C Company, 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Division, and was killed in action on February 11, 1968. I am unsure why the park on Barkalow Street did not originally include Michael Nemeth's name, although it is my understanding that one of our local street signs contained a plaque in his honor at one time.

Now, the City will ensure that all three of these brave men will be remembered in the same place. The Barkalow Street park will be renamed and rededicated in honor of all three men. It will be a small but important symbol of our appreciation and gratitude for their sacrifice, and of our pride in having produced such fine citizens.

A few other small notes. Our annual Halloween parade will take place on Sunday, October 29th. The lineup will begin at 10:30 a.m. in front of Progressive Firehouse on Bordentown Avenue. The Parade begins at 11:00 a.m. and will conclude at City Hall. Come out and see our trick or treaters! Happy Halloween to all! Be sure to get out and exercise your right to vote on November 7th. Finally, my best wishes to all of our residents for a joyous Thanksgiving in the loving company of family and friends.

**Respectfully**  
**Tom Reilly**  
**2nd Ward Councilman**  
**City of South Amboy**

## ELECTION DAY FISH DINNER

The Camp Dill Foundation and the Old Timers of Troop 91 will be having their annual Election Day Fish Dinner on November 7, 2023 in the parking lot of the First Presbyterian Church of South Amboy. The event will be a totally "drive-by" take-out only dinner. The time of the event will be 5:00PM to 6:45PM and the cost is \$17.00 per dinner.

ALL TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE. For ticket information, call Dan Sibol at 732-899-6074 or e-mail [djsibol@aol.com](mailto:djsibol@aol.com). Ticket mail orders with payment can be sent to Dan Sibol, 90 Meridian Drive, Brick, NJ 08724.

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

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## The Smoke Column

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

Large city fire departments designate specific duties to specialized companies. These duties are broken down into fire attack; search and rescue; water supply; ventilation; forcible entry; hazardous materials; ice & water rescue; and a variety of technical rescues. These different specialties are needed due to the multiple types of occupancies in these large cities. FDNY serves a population of approximately eight million people living in a densely populated area where any fire or emergency condition can occur. Fortunately for the city of New York, when a major incident occurs in the city, hundreds of firefighters can respond immediately with the resources and specialties necessary for the incident. In our local communities we do not have that luxury. Where FDNY firefighters might be trained for a specific duty and only perform that duty on the fire scene, our firefighters must be trained on all aspects of firefighting because we can be called to perform anyone of those duties at any time. The majority of our fire companies are engine companies that respond with an engine that carries a limited amount of water and hose to suppress the fire. They also carry ladders and various hand and powered tools. The firefighters on that engine must be trained on performing a search for any victims trapped inside the house, where and when to apply water to the fire, climb a ladder and cut a vent hole in the roof with all being done in a specified order as determined by the incident commander. Each firefighter must be trained in every one of those duties because they never know when they will be called upon to perform them. After the fire is over and the engine is returning to the station, they may be diverted to a motor vehicle accident where they need to extricate someone from a crumpled motor vehicle.

This type of incident requires additional training beyond firefighting. The firefighter must not only know which type of tool to use but where to safely place that tool on the vehicle so as to not cause additional injury to the victim. That same engine company may be called to a gasoline tanker that has just rolled over as it went around a curve in the road and spilled its contents along the roadway. These same firefighters may now have to plan an isolation or evacuation of the neighborhood, contain the leak to the area, secure the area, and know which additional resources to call. With all the various tasks that our local firefighters are called upon to perform, it is easy to see that they must be fully trained in all aspects of firefighting, rescues, hazardous materials and whatever else can occur in our community. Some of our local fire departments have ladder trucks which assist engine companies with rescues and getting to the roofs of structures. Working together is paramount to save lives and accomplish our goals. Knowing who you are working with and their level of knowledge and experience is also beneficial to our mission.

When the firefighters respond from their stations on their engine, or big toolbox on wheels as we call them, they are prepared for the worst and hope for the best. Their training, knowledge, and experience will quickly take over and help them get through the incident safely. Our number one priority is the safety of our first responders because if they get hurt, they cannot help anyone else. I personally think that our local responders are better trained in the variety of incidents that we respond to in our communities than are those firefighters in the big cities that are only specialized on specific duties and responsibilities.

### A PRAYER FOR HEALING

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



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## Dine-Out For Suicide Prevention

South Amboy Council 426 Knights of Columbus will hold a dine-out at Camillo's Italian Restaurant 31 MacArthur Ave. Sayreville, from Monday November 6 to Thursday November 9. The event is being held in the memory of Anthony Monderine, Sayreville High School Class of 2021. Ten percent of sales will benefit American Foundation for Suicide Prevention New Jersey Chapter. Please present this newspaper article to your server. Thank you for supporting this fundraiser and a local business.

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Old Friends Reunion



The SA Times Poet Laureate Al Gomolka (r) recently got to visit with his good friends Carol and Bill Masterson formerly of South Amboy. The three met for the first time in 6 years, and had a wonderful get together reminiscing and catching up. In the early 90's, the trio were partners in the ABC Baseball Card Shop on South Broadway in South Amboy. Also, around that time, Bill was one of the first owners of a Stanley Steemer Carpet Cleaner business, that was located in "The Pleasant Little City." (Photo/story by Tom Burkard)

Knights Raised Money For Children With Cancer

Story/Photos submitted



(Pictured l-r) K of C Knights Bruce Grankowski, George Giovenco, Jan Williams and Ed Vassallo present a check to Theresa Segui (c) leader of the organization.



The Cellar Dwellers & Friends Band played their music on the Seaside Boardwalk on August 12th, and 100% of their donations went to the Ocean of Love Organization.

The South Amboy Knights of Columbus, Council 426, with the help of the Cellar Dwellers & Friends Band, donated \$1,000 to the Ocean of Love Organization. The money was raised by the group that played at two outdoor events in Seaside, NJ. Ocean of Love is a non-profit organization in Toms River, whose goal is to assist families that have children fighting cancer. Thanks to many for the generous donations. Island Soul Clothing and Gifts organized the boardwalk events.

Szatkowski and Dowd Retire

(Article submitted)

The entire Board and staff of the MCUA congratulate Steven Szatkowski and John Dowd on their Retirements!

Mr. Szatkowski started his career at MCUA on 1/7/2002 as an Operator. On 4/19/2004 he was transferred to Utility Laborer Class A - Maintenance. In May of 2007, Steven was promoted to Maintenance Mechanic. In January 2012, Steven was promoted to Maintenance Mechanic Class A, where he finished out his career.

Steven Szatkowski has dedicated just under 22 years to the MCUA. Mr. Dowd started his career at MCUA on 9/2/2008 as an Operator/Laborer (Solids). On 9/14/2009 he was promoted to Lead Operator/Laborer (Solids). On 3/28/2011, Mr. Dowd was transferred to an Operator in OPS. In September 2013, John was transferred to Operations in Sayreville Pump Station, where he finished out his career. John Dowd has dedicated 15 years to the MCUA.

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The Weeklings live at South Orange PAC on 10/13/2023. Fun show, great Beatles covers and cool originals. Glenn Burtneck (c) who played with the band Styx, and former South Amboy resident, and super drummer/percussionist Joe Bellia, formerly with Southside Johnny & The Asbury Jukes add some great drive to this amazing group of talented musicians. (Photo by Ed English)

## Rumbles from the Rock and Roll Reunion

By Clem Skarzynski

Dedicating this month’s column to Sayreville Recreation Department. Director, Brian Van Dongen, Staff-Cheryl McQuade, and Jeffery Schnitzer for their stellar efforts to bring about this year’s ”Blast from the Past” Car Show and The Boro’s Annual Sayreville Day, this past Sept.30th and Oct.1st at Sayreville Kennedy Park. With rain dates to work with, the sun broke out at 2pm on the 30th, which brought out a great turnout of 100 plus Show-Custom Cars and Hot Rods, with an outstanding crowd turnout from 5-8 pm, and with full sun on Sunday Oct. 1st, Sayreville Day’s turnout was spectacular. But, not without the help from The Recreation Department’s. Ground Crew, would both of the shows get the go-ahead without the combined efforts from outgoing Supervisor Phil Quigley, along with the Depts. New Supervisor, Rich Poplowski, and his staff, Charlie, Wayne, Rich, Ed, Connor and Ryan! Special Thanks from “Clem and Friends Band”members for Rich and his staffs help in transporting and storage of our Equipment for both shows. You guys were exceptional and went out of your way to help in a tough situation, and to Supervisor Poplowski, quick thinking to make those moves happen. Thank You all. Can't forget Richie Hart and the Just Us Cruisers Car club for your undying help at the Car Show, every year, for the past 18 years, and to Brian Van Dongen and staff for their efforts in ensuring a successful Sayreville Day. Not to forget Emerson and Amy Jones from Basement Audio and Sound for another year of making

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“The Friends Band” sound their best, and the entire 2 days of entertainment at the Park. They’ve been with us all these years, and are true professionals at what they do. Thank you Em, Amy.! Finally to our following and new listeners, so many thanks for being there to join in our fun Rock n Roll music. You make each show happen. But, the highlight of the both shows came on Sayreville Day, when Sayreville’s own Riley Wisniewski, and Alana Foster came onstage with the band and danced to “Wooly Bully” and “Great Balls of Fire,” to the entire crowd’s DELIGHT, uh, and with a lot of “encouragement” from Meghan and Corey Wisniewski, it was the hit of the weekend! Thank you ladies for a great dance routine to 2 great Rock n’ Roll songs! The girls had me dancing with them too! OK, coming up, Sunday Oct.29th: St.Stans Parish 3rd Annual Car Show, at 221 MacArthur Avenue, Sayreville, form 11am to 3pm. DJ Richie Hart along with Jersey’s “Clem and Friends Band” will be providing the live Rock ‘n Roll music from the 50’s thru the 80’s. Last year’s event drew over 200 cars, with the Jerry Ust Memorial and Tommy Samuel Memorial Trophies up for grabs to the 2 “Best in Show Vehicles. Fire up your Custom, Hot Rod, or Vintage “Ride” and C’mon down for a great day of Friends, music and Chrome Galore! Rain Date the following week, Sunday Nov.5th. The ‘Weather Gods” will be with us! See you all there. Till next month, Be happy, safe, and think “Rock n Roll”...

## NJ Devils Holiday Outing December 27

For all of you hockey fans, Saint Mary Church and the South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426, co-sponsor a Devils hockey outing Wednesday December 27 at Prudential Center. Puck drop is 7 PM. Cost of \$96 includes game ticket, plus \$20 in food and beverage vouchers. To reserve your seat call Steve at 732-727-1707 or 732-721-2025 and leave a message.

## Acoustic Friday November 17

By Jerry Smith

Ever since young Dylan Kyriacou stole the Acoustic Friday show back in March, folks have been asking me to have him back. The now eleven-year-old singer/guitarist will perform again with his grandfather, Kevin McGowan on November 17, 2023. In addition, the show will include singer/songwriter Melissia Anthony who will be making her Acoustic Friday debut. Whether Melissa is singing her own songs or the many covers she has in her repertoire, her vocal performances are hauntingly evocative, and I’m sure our audience will appreciate

Melissa’s exuberant stage presence. SA Arts is located at 141 N. Broadway, South Amboy, NJ. Doors open at 6:30 pm, and the show runs from 7 to 9 pm. Admission is \$5.00, and complementary light refreshments will be offered. The Alliance seeks interested acoustic-oriented performers of any genre for future performances. For additional information, contact SA Arts at 732-727-4600, extension 5971 or by email at [SAarts141@gmail.com](mailto:SAarts141@gmail.com). Watch for updates on the South Amboy Arts Alliance Facebook page.

## #1 Pop Hits On Oct. 28

- 2021-Easy On Me-Adele
- 2012-One More Night-Maroon 5
- 2004-Goodies-Ciara/Petey Pablo
- 1993-Dream Lover-Mariah Carey
- 1985-Saving All My Love For You -Whitney Houston
- 1977-You Light Up My Life-Debby Boone
- 1962-Monster Mash -Bobby “Boris” Pickett

## #1 Country Hits On Oct. 28

- 2000-The Little Girl -John Michael Montgomery
- 1998-Where The Green Grass Grows -Tim McGraw
- 1973-We’re Gonna Hold On -George Jones/Tammy Wynette
- 1968-Then You Can Tell Me Goodbye -Eddy Arnold
- 1957-Wake Up Little Susie -The Everly Brothers



## U.S. Army Memories

By Henry “Henny The DJ” Conroy



I'm an old guy now, but when I was young I served in the US Army from Oct '67 to Aug '69 during the period of the war in Vietnam. Our involvement in the politics of Vietnam had begun as a seemingly easily manageable, far away, lower case, minor leftover problem from WWII, but by August of 1964 and The Gulf of Tonkin Incident ( Google it ) our ill fated inclusion into this now violent and bloody foreign revolution was of huge national concern. Just like that, we were involved in a full fledged war and a large influx of new troops was urgently needed to carry on that war. So the call went out and the Selective Service was propelled into overdrive and all unmarried, physically fit, young men eighteen and above, not enrolled as full time college students or employed in draft exempt occupations were now in serious jeopardy of being inducted to the US Army, and other branches of the Armed Service. However, one unforeseen staffing problem that quickly developed was that this overloading of the normal draft system caused the Army to experience an acute shortage of Drill Sergeants to train these newly drafted troops. One solution devised was to select a certain number of high achieving graduates from the present Advanced Infantry Training Units to move on to a month of intense training at a Drill Corporal School located in Fort McClellan, Alabama, and after spending roughly a whole year performing as Asst Drill Sgts at different Basic Training Companies across the country, then to advance to another month's training at The Modified Drill Sgt School at Ft. Jackson, SC to become full fledged "DI's".....and that’s exactly what happened to me....Yours truly, Old Henny the DJ spent eighteen months as a Drill Sergeant at Fort Campbell, KY. Because of the popularity of a certain post war movie, Full Metal Jacket, and the late ex Drill Sgt Army's breakout performance in that movie, the role of the Army Drill Sgt has been portrayed as a pathetic caricature of an abusive, foul mouthed, bully with more concern with his own self aggrandizement

than well being of the trainees whose lives he has sworn to protect. For a long time I laughed at Full Metal Jacket along with everyone else I guess because of the profane likability of Sgt Army and the truly monstrous, therefore humorous difficulties that Basic Combat Training (BCT) presents; however, during my most recent viewing of that same movie a vision came into my mind of my own real life Drill Sergeant at my own real life Basic Training Company in 1967: Drill Sgt Werner, Company B, 5th Battalion, 2nd Training Brigade, Ft Dix, NJ. And the image I remembered of my own Sergeant was this relatively young, tanned, in shape Sgt E-6 veteran of not one, but two tours of highly at risk combat helicopter assaults in the Republic of Vietnam, but now sweating on his hands and knees in our latrine/bathroom demonstrating for us, the 50 scared, disoriented basic trainees, in his grossly overcrowded platoon, how to properly clean a urinal and a toilet and a shower, so that there would be no germs to get us sick during our upcoming 10 weeks of Basic Combat Training. I then realized what a huge disservice it was by me, a veteran, not to mention an ex-DI myself, to be taken in by the anti-soldiering propaganda of a gaggle of effete Hollywood types who for sure never spent one minute on the pay line or in the chow line or even near an Army base in their lives. Of course, that was ages ago and never in a million years would the US Army of today let someone like me, almost still a trainee myself, anywhere near the position of Drill Instructor training new recruits ....But I'm passing on this story today as a sign of respect for all past, present and future veterans of military training, who are the only ones who really know what it was to endure that training...but especially in honor of my own real Drill Sgt Werner of 55 years ago at Fort Dix ..... I really hope you are ok, Sarge...we all loved you....Thanks, for all the hard work and help...You were really there for us when we needed you....

## November At South Amboy Elks

South Amboy Elks will be hosting Veterans from the Menlo Park Veterans home for our Stuffed Chicken Breast Dinner on Saturday November 11th. Tickets are available for purchase at our Lodge or by calling 732-727-7170. All are welcome to this dinner, the menu is stuffed chicken breast, roasted potatoes, vegetables, salad, dessert, coffee, and tea. The price is \$20.00 per person, and the time is from 4-7pm. If you can’t make the dinner, donations are being accepted. All donations will go to feed a veteran. Sunday November 19th is our monthly Breakfast Buffet from 9-11:30am. The price

is \$12.00 per person and children 7yrs. and under are \$7.00. Finally on Sunday, November 26th we will be having a 2lb. Tricky Tray. Your entry fee is to bring a wrapped gift that weighs at least 2 lbs. and must have a minimum value of \$15.00. Doors will open at 12pm with food for purchase. The tricky tray will start promptly at 2pm. Additional trick tray tickets will be available for purchase. For more information look for the flyer on social media or call the lodge. Date to remember: Breakfast with Santa Sunday December 17th.



By Tom Burkard

# Happy



1.Oh How Happy

2.You’ve Made Me So Very Happy

3.Happy Days

4.I’m A Happy Man

5.Happy, Happy Birthday Baby

6.Oh Happy Day

7.Happy Birthday Sweet Sixteen

8.Happy Together

9.Love Can Make You Happy

10.Don’t Worry Be Happy

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b.Neil Sedaka

c.Shades of Blue

d.The Turtles

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i.Bobby McFerrin

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**Who is it?**  
By Brian and Phyllis Stratton



Can you identify this young actor? Send your answer to [satimes@aol.com](mailto:satimes@aol.com) by November 11th.

**September Who is it?**

Last month’s mystery duo was none other than Simon and Garfunkel. The following got it right: Laurie & Gary Loftus, Mark Moniello, JoAnn & John French, Maureen Bender, Pat Sullivan, Bruce Grankowski, Patti Tengelics, Edna Pilch, Jim & Debbie Sissick, Betty Leveille, Gary Feret, Walter Starzec Jr., Dane Colburn, Ed English, Pat Scully. Incorrect answer received Jan and Dean.



Simon and Garfunkel

**SWMHS HOF Nominations Sought**

The SWMHS Hall of Fame Committee is seeking new nominations for the April 2024 Induction Ceremony. Perhaps you know of a deserving graduate who would be a good candidate for the SWMHS Hall of Fame, one who has made significant contributions to his/her profession, career, organization, or community. If you would like to nominate this individual, please send us the following information: year of graduation; current contact information (including

email and phone number); highest level of education; military service; and noteworthy achievements in profession, career, etc. You may also use the Hall of Fame Nomination form found on the High School website. All nominations are due by October 27, 2023. Mail the information to: SWMHS Hall of Fame Committee, 21 Campbell Drive, Parlin, NJ 08859. Emailed nominations and any questions should be sent to [barb.anderson2@verizon.net](mailto:barb.anderson2@verizon.net).

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## The Vintage Car Contest

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton



Can you identify this car?  
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### September Vintage Car

Last month’s mystery car was a 1974 Zagato Zele 1000.

Famed for clothing rare and stunning sports cars, this little mid-’70s machine is a far cry from Italian coachbuilder Zagato’s usual efforts. Built to combat a shrinking market for thirsty GT cars, the all-electric Zele (of which just 500 or so were made) had a range of 50 miles and could hit a speedy 25 mph in the right condition. Powered by a 1000W Marelli motor, the boxy glassfibre

wagon was distantly related to the Fiat 500 and Fiat 124 – though you wouldn’t find its four 12V batteries in either of those.

The following got it right: Winners: Laurie & Gary Loftus, Mark Moniello, JoAnn & John French, Pat Sullivan, Edna Pilch, Gary Feret, Dane Colburn.

Incorrect answer-Isetta.



Zagato Zele 1000

### PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

O Holy Spirit, thou who art all knowing - Who brightens every path that I may reach my ideal - Thou givest me the divine gift of forgiving and forgetting wrongs done unto me and who in every instant of my life art with me. I'd like in this short dialogue to affirm my gratitude for all your blessings and reaffirm once again that I never want to part from thee though illusions of material things abound. My desire is to be with thee and all my loved ones in perpetual grace. Thank you for our mercy on me and mine. Persons should pray 3 consecutive days without revealing petition. Within 3 days grace will be obtained regardless of how difficult the petition may be. Publish this prayer once the petition has been attained. Thank you Holy Spirit. -S.S..

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## Remember This T.V. Show?

Last month the vintage T.V. show was The Man from U.N.C.L.E. (United Network Command for Law and Enforcement). The series premiered on September 22, 1964, and completed its run on January 15, 1968. The program was part of the spy-fiction craze on television, and by 1966 there were nearly a dozen imitators. Several episodes were successfully released to theaters as B-movie or double features.

David McCallum who recently passed away portrayed Llya Kuryakin.

The following readers must have watched this show: Mark Moniello, JoAnn & John French, Pat Sullivan, Patti Tengelics, Jim & Debbie Sissick, Betty Leveille, Walter Starzec Jr., Pete McIntyre, Dane Colburn, Ed English.



Man from U.N.C.L.E.

## Java Dave’s: Something For Everyone

By Kathleen Schnell

Find Community and Quality Coffee at Java Dave’s Java Dave’s was born in South Amboy in 2019 by Efrén Castro, whose desire has always been to create a warm and inviting atmosphere where people can get good quality coffee and sandwiches. Aside from Java Dave’s signature dark roast colombian coffee, they offer espresso drink specials; teas; smoothies; milkshakes; popular breakfast sandwiches; lunch sandwiches; desserts; and even your favorite flavored coffee. Growing into South Amboy’s community, Java Dave’s quickly became renowned for its uniquely named items, such as Tim’s Smoothie, named after officer Timothy Kales and his delicious concoction, or the classic Java Dave’s sandwich, working as a fueling breakfast or a juicy lunch with its signature hash brown in the sandwich. Castro said that it was difficult making it through the pandemic

and inflation, but his devout customers are the reason his business continues to flourish. “I look forward to my customers,” he said. “Talking with them makes my day and it’s the Java Dave’s way to make their favorite drinks.” Castro and almost all of his baristas are also bilingual in English and Spanish, allowing them to connect with all people in town. Between their high-quality staff and high-quality products, Java Dave’s isn’t just a quick coffee grab, it’s a communal café that lets their fresh coffee smell soothe your worries and your hunger. Stop by to try their pumpkin spice, gingerbread, maple pecan, or hazelnut lattes to warm you into your fall and winter mood.

### A PRAYER FOR HEALING

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

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South Amboy Town Wide Yard Sale  
(Photos by Brian Stratton)



This sale had something for everyone!



We got to hear a very cool drum solo.



Shoppers took advantage of the nice weather before the rain came.

Senior Concert Series  
(Photos by Tom Burkard)



Elvis Tribute Artist (ETA) Richie Santa of Sayreville turned in another outstanding performance before a large crowd at the Garden State Arts Foundation Senior Concert Series at the PNC Center in Holmdel.



Frankie Pizarro, who previously sang lead for The Platters was excellent with his group.



ETA Richie Santa of Sayreville is pictured following his great show, as he walks to the autograph/photo area of the PNC Center.



Bill Haley Jr. & The Comets put on an exciting, high-energy performance for the enthusiastic crowd, who braved some rainy weather to attend.



# Sayreville Day 2023

(Photos by Tom Burkard)



Sayreville Library Director Leah Kloc (2nd from right) and her staff show some of the many books that were on display.



The Sayreville Democratic candidates were out to meet the crowd at Kennedy Park.



The Sayreville Republican candidates for the November election were also at Sayreville Day 2023.



Sayreville Recreation Director Brian Van Dongen, had a busy Sayreville Day 2023 at Kennedy Park, and did an outstanding job with the great event which was attended by thousands of people.



The Borough of Sayreville Police Dept. and Auxiliary Police got together for this group shot.



One of many food/drink vendors who worked at Sayreville Day 2023.



There were plenty of fun things for the children to participate in.

# Sayreville HS Class Of 1973 50th Reunion

(Photos/Story Submitted by Edna Mazur Pilch)



The Bombers took flight again as Sayreville High School's Class of 1973's Fiftieth High School Reunion weekend began on Friday, September 22 at Sean's Pub, attended by 65 alumni and guests. Everyone had a great time connecting with "old" friends while enjoying the delicious food and drink. The major milestone event was held the next afternoon at the Old Bridge Elks, attended by 150! Although the steady rain changed the planned outdoor picnic, the indoor party was a resounding success.

As "Bomber Country" banners hung on the walls, there was a TV monitor playing a loop of past reunion highlights and yearbook pictures. Our own talented classmate Joe Minella began the party with a gorgeous rendition of our National Anthem, and Senior Class President Debbie Check Lynch welcomed the alumni. Jo Ann Wojcik Walter and Edna Mazur Pilch led the class in singing the Alma Mater, and then the festivities began. Alumni enjoyed over 10 gourmet tapas stations and an open bar. There was a Bombers photo background and DJ Mike Martino played songs from the

70's and as everyone mingled, reminisced and danced. The hall was adorned with articles including a football jersey and a varsity jacket, beautiful blue and grey fall themed centerpieces, pumpkins and cornstalks, poster picture collages from past reunions and proms, varsity letters, football programs, graduation pictures, and selfie props. A Memorial table was displayed, which respectfully helped pay tribute to the 76 classmates who have passed. The Reunion Committee, consisting of Debbie Check Lynch, Mike Comerford, Debbie Hahneman Brus, Edna Mazur Pilch and Donna Mocarski Rosenvinge worked tirelessly for over a year to put everything together, but considered it a "labor of love." They are already making plans for future get-togethers including a 70th birthday party in 2025 and a 55th Reunion in 2028. They will continue to keep the Facebook page, Sayreville High Class of 1973 50th Reunion active and will be posting updates throughout the coming year and beyond. Remember, "Once a Bomber, always a Bomber!"

# Craft Time At The Home Depot With Elmo



These youngsters got to build a model sea plane with the help of Elmo at the Old Bridge Home Depot. (Photo by Samantha Pagan)





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**VOTE EARLY IN PERSON**

Early in-person voting is available from October 28th through November 5th. You can vote at any early voting location in Middlesex County. Locations will be open:  
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**BY NOVEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>, VOTE COLUMN A DEMOCRATS**



**Blast From The Past**  
(Photos by Tom Burkard)



“Clem And Friends” rocked Kennedy Park at the Blast From The Past Car Show, and also on Sayreville Day.  Congratulations on two great shows!



Richie “Flash” Hart (l) on behalf of the Just Us Cruisers presents a check for \$1,500 to Terry Geant, who represented the Camp Dill Foundation.  A check for \$1,500 was also presented to Stanley “Stash” Synarski who represented the BIC.  “Stash” was unavailable for the photo. ←



**Hero Honored At Kennedy Park**  
(Photos by Jay Segylinski)



Elisam “Eli” Santana, a 19-year old Sayreville resident lost his life by saving his younger brother and cousin from drowning, was honored posthumously with a Memorial Tree Presentation on Oct. 7th at Kennedy Park.  Sayreville Cares and Eli’s family joined together to memorialize Eli at this very special event.



Elisam “Eli” Santana

Pictured (l-r) is Assemblywoman Yvonne Lopez, Speaker Craig J. Coughlin, Senator Joe Vitale, and Sayreville GOP Chairperson ← Karen Bailey Bebert.



Many heartfelt thanks for the tremendous outpouring of love and support by our beautiful community for Elizabeth Payano and her family in honoring her son, Elisam Santana.  Listening to all the testimony at the memorial from friends and family, it is very apparent that in spite of your short life, Eli, you impacted the lives of **SO MANY PEOPLE!** May your legacy live on through all the love that you gave on this earth, Eli.  May you rest in peace, our hero.

**South Amboy Artsfest ‘23**  
(Photos Submitted)



Pictured inside the Arts Alliance gallery are (l-r) Joan Conway, Jim Spinoso, Congressman Frank Pallone and ← Camille Tooker.

Thank you to all that helped to make this event a sucess! Pictured are just a few, there were many others.



**South Amboy Arts Alliance is Thankful**

After months of planning and working with a wonderful group of individuals, the SAAA thanks all who have contributed to this year’s event. Whether you helped plan, prepare, or worked on tasks for the day, your work was appreciated. Artsfest ‘23 took place because of you.

This year marks 13 years celebrating our community through the arts. Artsfest’s goal began as an event to bring families and community together. The focus of art related activities helped connect and recognize that art can bring us together through sharing.

You do not need to be an artist to create or perform. It is the sharing of an experience that allows everyone to find joy in the sharing of the experience.

The adage ‘It takes a village to raise a child’ is a part of sharing. This saying relates to an entire community of people interacting with children as they grow up in a safe and healthy environment.

The SAAA thanks you, our dedicated committee members, our wonderful middle and high school students, our community members from our non-profit groups, our community members who created our street art so all could contribute, and our city workers who watched over the day to give us support when needed. THANK YOU for your support!

**Four Generations**



The Whiteley Family now features four generations. Pictured (l-r) Fred Whiteley III, 1st Lt. Mary Turenchalk, Cameron Turenchalk (born 7/26/23), and Fred Whiteley Jr.  Congratulations on the newest arrival!  (Photo/info submitted)

**A PRAYER FOR HEALING**

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

**PRAYER TO ST. ANTHONY**

O holy St. Anthony, reach down from heaven and take hold of my hand.  Assure me that I am not alone.  You are known to possess miraculous powers and to be ever ready to speak for those in trouble.  Loving and gentle St. Anthony, reach down from heaven I implore you and assist me in my hour of need. Obtain for me (mention request here).  Dearest St. Anthony, reach down from 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.  P.S & B.S..



Sixth Annual Firefighters Mass  
(Photos/Story submitted)



Fire Chiefs bow their heads while receiving a blessing.



Ex-Chief Rich Kosmoski, 1st Assistant Chief Tim Gay, Chaplain Fr. Stan Gromadzki, 2nd Assistant Chief Rafael Albarren, Ex-Chief Michal Geraltowski prepare to recite the Firefighter's prayer.

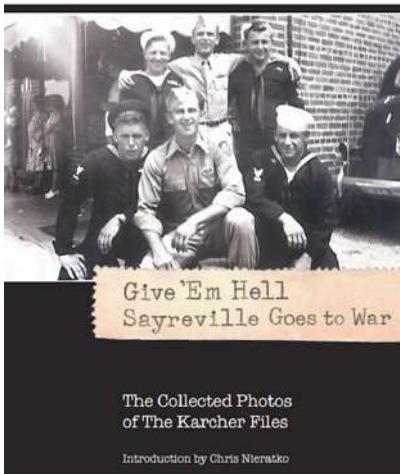
On Saturday, October 7, 2023, The Church of The Sacred Heart held the Sixth Annual Firefighters Mass. Pastor Stanley Gromadzki, Chaplain of the New Jersey Volunteer Fire Chiefs Association and of the South Amboy Fire Department was the celebrant of the Mass. A bagpiper led the firefighters into the Church and played various selections throughout the Mass. Ex-Chief Rich Kosmoski from the Sayreville Fire Department conducted the service along with Ex-Chief Michael Geraltowski from the South Amboy Fire Department. It was a solemn service where the names of the fire fighters from both the South Amboy and Sayreville Fire Departments, that had answered their final alarm in the past year, were recognized. The service included the ringing of the final alarm bell after each fallen firefighter's name was mentioned. TAPS were played as a final salute to these brave firefighters. At the conclusion of the service, bagpiper Captain Paul DeLeo led the firefighters out of the Church with the playing of "Going Home."



South Amboy's Ex-Chief Michael Geraltowski salutes after ringing the final alarm for the fallen.

Sayreville Historical Society To Release Book

During World War II, Sayreville proudly sent its young men and women to defeat the Axis forces. To support local patriotic spirit, prominent attorney Joseph T. Karcher began displaying photos of residents serving in the Armed Forces. As word spread, family and friends began to bring pictures to the Main Street office for display in the office windows. The Sayreville Historical Society is proud to present Give 'Em Hell: Sayreville Goes to War, a collection of the photos collected and displayed in Karcher's windows. Along with an introduction by Chris Nieratko, the book includes the story of sisters Edna Strek Cornell and Theresa Strek, who worked for the attorney and compiled the collection now stored in the Sayreville Historical Society Museum. Elizabeth Karcher, Joseph Karcher's granddaughter, writes about her family's role in Sayreville's history. While the collection does not have a photograph of each of Sayreville's veterans, it includes the official borough listing of servicemen and women, a listing of Sayreville men who died during WWII, and the official



message from the mayor and borough council to the returning veterans. A must have or the perfect gift for those interested in Sayreville history or World War II, the hardcover is available for \$35. Preorder before November 13, for holiday delivery. A \$15 deposit required with \$20 balance due at pick up. Shipping costs may apply. Orders can be made at the museum or online: <https://square.link/u/JwdDtAjl>

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Where in NJ?  
By Brian and Phyllis Stratton

Can you identify this building?  
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Last month was a tough one! Correct answer was Lou Rose Music Center. The now closed store was once a mecca for musicians in the area. They did it all from instrument sales and rental to repair and lessons. Winners: Edna Pilch, Betty Leveille, Walter Starzec Jr., Pat Scully.

September Where in NJ?  
Lou Rose Music Center

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Altar servers from Our Lady of Victories lead the church procession to celebrate the feast day of Our Lady of the Rosary. (Photo by Steve Schmid)

OLV Celebrates Patronal Feast

By Steve Schmid

Our Lady of Victories Church parishioners celebrated the Parish Patronal Feast October 7,

an important date in Catholic history. The Lepanto Battle was fought October 7, 1571 when the Christian Holy League defeated the Muslim Ottoman Empire. The Holy League victory halted the westward advance of the Ottoman Empire in the Mediterranean

Sea. Pope Pius V celebrated the victory by instituting the new Catholic feast day of Our Lady of Victory, which today is observed as the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. OLV Pastor Father Dave Pekola celebrated Mass and talked about the importance of the Lepanto Battle. He was pleased with the number of people at Mass who then enjoyed brunch at Monsignor Dalton Hall.

Dowdell Library News

Dowdell Library is thankful for the support of the community. Stop in and see what’s happening at the library. Veterans commemoration, Children’s Book Week, Food Explorers, Adult Mindfulness Zen and more!

Commemorate and celebrate local Veterans on Monday, November 13 from 6:30-8 pm at the Dowdell Library with a flag folding demonstration, military items on display from the Historical Society of South Amboy, and a Q&A session from the American Legion Post 62.

Improve English speaking skills with the Conversational English program on Saturday, November 25 at 2:30 pm.

Parents with toddlers! Join Ms. Maryanne for Reading Rascals on Thursdays, November 9 and 16 from 1-2 pm for fun stories, games, activities, and crafts.

Kids! Celebrate Children’s Book Week during November 6-10 and create fun bookmarks every day from 1-2:30 pm. Check out a new book to place your bookmark in!

Food Explorers Wednesday, November 8 from 1-2 pm for ages 7-12. Register to save your spot for this hands-on cooking program where kids will learn how to make a dish and at the end, sample their creations.

The After School Fun Club continues on Wednesdays from 3:30-4:30 pm. Stop by for weekly fun including 3D pens, BINGO, crafts and LEGO fun! Existing Dungeons & Dragons players will meet on Thursday, November 16 from 6-7:30 pm. Are you a Dungeon Master looking to run your own adventure? Contact us at comments@dowdell.org.

Teens! Stop by Fridays, November 3 from 3-4 pm and November 10 from 1-2 pm

for fun activities. Adults and Teens grab your knitting needles and crochet hooks! Drop in for the Crocheting and Knitting Circle on Mondays from 3:30-5 pm and 6:30-8 pm.

The Senior Book Club will meet on Monday, November 27 from 10:30-11:30 am. Stop by the Library to pick up this month's book. Want to join? Just contact the library at 732-721-6060 or comments@dowdell.org.

Adults! Play some Bingo at the Library for a chance to win some small prizes on Friday, November 17 from 10:30-11:30 am. Unwind from Thanksgiving with Adult Mindfulness Zen Evening on Thursday, November 30 from 6-7:30 pm.

Dowdell Library, in collaboration with Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital and RWJ Barnabas Health, offers online virtual health programs. Some courses include Stress Reduction through Imagery and Stretch It! Chair exercising, a stretching, and flexibility workshop. Please register by emailing Camilla at Camilla.comercarruthers@rwjbh.org. For a complete list of the classes, please visit dowdell.org.

The Library will be closed on Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24 for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Happy Thanksgiving!

Comments, queries, compliments? Please visit www.dowdell.org, or contact the Library at 732-721-6060 or comments@dowdell.org. The library is located off John O’Leary Blvd, adjacent to South Amboy Middle High School.

Fall Library Hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, from 10am-8pm. Wednesday and Friday from 10am-5pm. Saturday from 12-4 pm.

WWW.?



Does this place look familiar to you? Send your answer to satimes@aol.com by November 11th.

WWW.?- September.-Sayreville Seafood and Main Street Deli  
Winners-Ed Puchalski, Stephen Laskiewicz, Laurie & Gary Loftus, Chelle Martin, Joan Gorczyca, Mark Moniello, Lynn Loy, Raymond Tyska, JoAnn & John French, Maureen Bender, Mary Agnes Morris, Sharon Rappleyea, Erin Vreeland, John Burke, Erin Vreeland, Pat Sullivan, Stash Synarski, Don Zrebiec, Dennis Quinlan, Bruce Grankowski, Patti Tengelics, Paul Conlon, Edna Pilch, Jim & Debbie Sissick, Betty Leveille, Gary Feret, Walter Starzec Jr., Barb Bockus, Pete McIntyre, Andy Jaramillo, Lisa Grankowski, Dane Colburn, Ed English, Pat Scully.

*\*Last month we missed Walter Starzec Jr’s answers to all the contests in which he had them all correct. Sorry Walter we will be sure that these get into the final tally for the year.*



September WWW.? Sayreville Seafood and Main Street Substation Deli

WHAT IS IT?????

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton



Can you identify this object? Send your answer to satimes@aol.com by November 11th. by October 16th.



staple remover

Last month’s mystery item was a staple remover. When I worked at Prudential it was called a declerator! The following got it right: Ed Puchalski, Laurie & Gary Loftus, Chelle Martin, Mark Moniello, Lynn Loy, Scott Mueller,, JoAnn & John French (2 points), Lori Synarski, Mary Beckhusen (2 points), Pat Sullivan, Donna & Ed Szkodny, Prudence Zalewski, Joe Tortora, Bruce Grankowski, Patti Tengelics, Edna Pilch, Jim & Debbie Sissick, Betty Leveille (2 points), Gary Feret (2 points), Walter Starzec Jr. (points), Pete McIntyre, Adele O’Hara, Ed English (2 points), Pat Scully.

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Sayreville singer/songwriter Kenny Kurczeski (l), leader of the popular band Kenny K. & The Way stopped in to visit his friend Efren Castro (r) owner of Java Dave’s Coffee, 110 North Broadway in South Amboy. Kenny K. is always keeping busy, and will bring his band to South Amboy at the Blue Moon on South Broadway, Wednesday, Nov. 22nd from 8-11 p.m. For more details, go to: kennyktheway.com. (Photo/info by Tom Burkard)



SA Ferry Service Resumes October 30

By Steve Schmid

Good news for commuters and visitors to New York City, South Amboy officials have announced the resumption of ferry service to Manhattan starting this Monday October 30. Mayor Fred Henry feels great about New York Waterway resuming the service. “I’m very excited, it’s been a long time 26 years.” He added the city has worked continuously

and “It’s very rewarding to see the hard work pay off.” The ferry will be situated at the South Amboy Ferry Terminal at 100 Radford Ferry Road. Tickets can be purchased at the trailer that has been set up by the pier. Mayor Henry said the new service is a start leading to the building of a permanent ferry terminal.

LETTERS

Dear SA Times,

A few months ago your WWW.? contest featured the Protection firehouse located on the corner of David & Feltus Streets in South Amboy. I stated that my father Louis (who I affectionately called “Pop” and who was born in 1922 and passed away last year) told me this firehouse was not originally located at David & Feltus. He said it originally stood at the corner of Augusta & Feltus. I asked if perhaps some of your readers could corroborate this. Since then, though, I found the answer!

I was recently reviewing some Sanborn Fire Insurance maps of South Amboy from the late 1800’s to the early 1900’s. The April 1901 maps show a 1-story wooden structure on the land bordered by Main, Augusta, & Feltus. The designation on this structure is “ENG. HO.” (HO = house). It also states “1. Steamer” and “1. Hose Cart”. The presence of this building on the April 1901 maps means there once WAS a fire company at the location my father mentioned. The April 1901 maps do NOT address the land on which the Protection firehouse stands today. This is probably because there just weren’t any buildings in that part of town yet.

The July 1908 maps shows a slightly larger structure in the same location at Augusta Street. By then it was a 1-story BRICK structure with a 1-story wooden addition on the back that was likewise marked “ENG. HO.” containing “1. Steamer” and “1. Hose Cart”. The July 1908 maps DO address the land on which the Protection firehouse currently stands. However, nothing is shown at that location, so it was just a vacant lot back then.

By March 1919 the maps show an all-brick 2-story structure at Augusta Street. It says “FIRE DEPT” on the building’s outline, but it also states “PROTECTION ENG. CO. No1; 40 MEN; 1 STEAMER; 1 HOSE CART & 700’ 2½” HOSE 2 UNDER WR. 2½ GALL’S, CHEM’L FIRE EXT’S’RS”. The March 1919 maps also address the land on which the Protection firehouse currently stands, but again, it is still shown as a vacant lot. By February 1930 the maps show no building at Augusta Street at all. Instead, a 2-story “Protection Hose Company No.1” building is shown at the firehouse’s current location at David & Feltus. Interestingly, the footprint of the building shown on both the March 1919 maps and the February 1930 maps is EXACTLY the same. It also matches aerial views of parts of the footprint of today’s Protection firehouse, that is, where the front 60% of the building is a little wider than the rear 40% of the building.

So...since the Sanborn maps prove Protection Fire Company was once located at Augusta & Feltus in a 2-story brick building, and since the footprint of that building matches that seen on later maps at David Street as well as aerial views of Protection’s 2-story brick firehouse as it stands today, it means one of two things: They either tore down the 2-story brick building at Augusta and then built another with the EXACT same footprint at David, OR, they physically moved the firehouse one block over from Augusta to David. I’m guessing the latter since folks back then were more frugal, plus they had the “can-do” attitude required to accomplish such a feat. In the end, then, it looks like Pop was right!

Don Zrebiec  
16 Oct 2023



Tom and Brian:

Really enjoyed the last issue of SA Times. I was especially impressed with the coverage of Girls Softball. As a true baseball fan, I played and coached for many years, up until 2006. My own career ended playing fast pitch softball. I coached high school boys baseball, girls softball and basketball. Hopefully, I left my mark on the players and the school. I was recently asked by a few coaches and an umpire to come back to coach the girls softball team. If I did, I would be like Jack McKeon when he coached the Marlins - age slows us down but the love of the game is alive and well.

I guess I did leave a mark on Little League Baseball. Coaching and being President of CS Little League for many years we were able to build a sports complex of baseball diamonds, softball fields, soccer fields, and a track. With the help of Goose we made many youngsters dreams come true. In fact we played a few high school softball games on those fields when I was coaching.

Your articles brought back many wonderful memories - thanks!

Bill Farrell, Colorado  
(Formerly of Sayreville)



Father Stanley Gromadzki (l) recently welcomed Diocese of Metuchen Bishop James Checchio to Sacred Heart Church, before the pastor and bishop celebrated Mass with the Sacred Heart parishioners. (Photo/info by Steve Schmid)

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By Al Gomolka Jr.  
Times Poet Laureate  
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This simple piece  
My song for You oh God  
Praise to You  
For all You do  
A hymn to You oh God  
I need You God  
I want You God  
I love You oh my God...

**The Sounds Of The Autumn Leaves**  
By Robert W. Eginton

Ah, the colors of the autumn leaves  
How they sing their songs to me.  
The red leaves sing the harsh notes  
The greens sing soft and mellow  
The bass notes of the brown leaves  
Blend in so nice with the yellows.  
Then the tans and the  
orange get together  
To bring in sweet harmony.  
And as a gentle breeze blows by  
They sing their songs to me.

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

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



  
  
  
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## Fishing Flashes

By Teo "Weebles" Weber



**Salt Water**  
The recent big storms put a damper on fishing, but it's recovering. Fluke fishing was good before the season closed on September 27th. So far, party boats are still catching Bonito and Bluefish with some False Albacore mixed in. This fishing is good. A few Striped Bass showed up after the big storm. Some were caught and this fishing will get better. A few Striped Bass were caught in the surf at Island Beach and LBI. Surf fishing there was small Bluefish and some Kingfish. I gave it a try myself at Spray Beach on LBI before the storm. I caught five Smooth Dogfish, aka. Sand Shark and one undersized Fluke- nothing to keep. There is good fishing for Blackfish off the rocks at Barnegat Light. Until November 16th, it's one and done with a 15 inch size limit. After that, it goes up to Five fish. The Game Wardens are showing up and checking people's buckets for violations. So far Raritan Bay Shore fishing is slow. I checked Cliffwood beach, the few people I saw there didn't have much luck.

**Fresh Water**  
Fall Trout stocking began on October 10th. Most of the fish will be large Rainbows. The recent rainfall and storms have hindered fishing. Statewide fishing for Bass and Pickerel should be good as they begin to feed before the winter. Some Pickerel have been caught in the Passaic River above Fairfield. Walleye, Bass, both Largemouth and Hybrid Stripers, Pickerel and Catfish are hitting on Lake Hopatcong.




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### Gone Fishin'



Laurie Wistuba from Toms River caught this huge Striped Bass in Point Pleasant on the Gambler Fishing Boat. The fish was 49 1/2" long 28 inch girth and weighed 53 pounds. It was released for another day. (Photo Submitted)

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Local Fan Visits 30 MLB Parks  
By Steve Schmid

As the 2023 World Series begins, many fans dream of visiting all 30 baseball parks. Michael Giackette works in the Parlin ShopRite meat market. He and his father Gary recently completed an 11 year old journey to visit every MLB stadium. They started in 2013 in Fenway Park Boston and ended in August at Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg Florida. Michael has been a fan since he was 7 years old and his favorite players were Yankees Ricky Henderson, Don Mattingly. Dave Winfield, and Dave Righetti, in the early 1980s. Michael says his favorite venue is Oracle Park, Sam Francisco. “We sat in the upper deck over third base. It has a great view of the bay and the kayakers. We spoke with kayakers and it was a nice walk from the hotel to the park.” He said PNC Park, Pittsburgh is a close second. They walked the Roberto Clemente Bridge over the Allegheny River. The park offers a nice view of the bridges and the river. Michael said Dodger Stadium, Los Angeles has good hot dogs. “The Dodger Dog is the best hot dog. They shoot dogs down the chute. It’s perfect.” He said the best food overall surprisingly is at Tropicana Field. “Even though the stadium is crummy, this crummy stadium has the best food.” He said the Oakland Coliseum” is definitely the worst, it’s old, built for football. Nobody’s there.” While they were in Oakland, Michael and Gary saw Shoemi Ohtani throw a 1-2-3 inning against the Athletics and hit a home run the next inning. “It’s pretty amazing,” Michael said. They saw a no-hitter by Houston Astro Framber Valdez against Cleveland while visiting Minute Maid Park. Michael especially enjoyed the two oldest parks, Wrigley Field Chicago and Fenway Park Boston. “Wrigley Field is most interesting. It’s like seeing a living museum.” He likes the neighborhood and the ivy on the outfield walls. He added Fenway Park is a great place to watch a game since every seat is close to the action. He said the Green Monster in left field is amazing. Michael likes the two New York parks. “Citi Field is one of the nicest stadiums in baseball. You can see the game from everywhere. Yankee Stadium has Monument Park and the second floor museum. The Thurman Munson locker is still there. It’s the loudest stadium in baseball.” Michael also likes Citizens Bank Park Philadelphia, because it’s a straight drive down the Turnpike with plenty of parking at reasonable prices. He said it’s fun with the Phillie Fanatic and other blown up creatures. Michael enjoyed visiting Denver. “Coors Field was cool. We saw some home runs, went to the top of Rocky Mountain National Park, 12,000 feet high. It was hard to breathe.” They also saw an Eric Hosmer walk-off homer at Kauffman Stadium Kansas City. Michael said Great American Park Cincinnati is the most affordable park and small market teams are the most fan friendly. The hottest park is Globe Life Field, Arlington Texas, where the temperature was 102 degrees at midnight. Michael credits his father, Gary, for his baseball passion. Gary was involved with the Madison Park Little League for several years. Michael enjoyed the journey. “Visiting the ballparks is a great

way to see the country. We saw the Rock and Roll Museum, Cleveland, the Space Needle, Seattle, the Freedom Trail, Boston and more” They saw 27 cities, 17 states, one Canadian province, and the District of Columbia. He added that every park is unique and has its own history. There’s a little bit of this and a little bit of that.

What Exit?



This month we are looking for the GSP exit that will best get you to the Where In NJ from our area. Send your answer to satimes@aol.com by November 11th.

What Exit?

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton

September What Exit:

To get to last month’s Where In NJ. GSP exit 132 would get you there. Winners: Betty Leveille, Pat Scully.

\*Last month we missed Gary Feret who had the correct answer.



“Pistol” Pete McIntyre, a ‘69 St. Mary’s HS graduate, and his wife Joan are pictured at a Yankees-Toronto Blue Jays game recently in Canada at Rogers Centre. While there, they saw two games, with the Yanks winning the first, 2-0, but dropping the next game. Pete said that “The highlight of the first game was Austin Wells hitting a 2-run homer in the 9th to win it, and the next night, the highlight was getting to see the roof close.” (Photo/info courtesy of “Pistol” Pete McIntyre)

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School Sports  
(As of Oct. 18th)  
By Tom Burkard

Sayreville Football  
Report

The Sayreville Bombers football team, under Coach Don Sofilkanich, have been playing great football, and currently sport a 3-game winning streak and a fine (6-2) won-lost record.  
The following is a recap of the last 4 games for the Bombers:  
North Brunswick nipped the locals in a real nail-biter, 21-20 in a contest that was called the "Rumble On The Raritan." Zaimer Wright had a big game for the Bombers with touchdown runs of 61 and 4 yards, and racked up 163 yards rushing, and 42 receiving. Quarterback Nick Nunez ran for a 1-yard TD, and had a total of 95 yards passing. On defense, Dariel Jerez had a sack, and Xavier Pena added 10 total tackles...

Sayreville bounced back to annihilate winless East Brunswick, 41-9, as Wright raced for 3 touchdowns and 239 yards rushing. Shaun Jackson and Xavier Pena also scored TD's for the Bombers. Pena, Diego Jesus, and Connor Walsh had 7 total tackles apiece...  
Quarterback Nick Nunez had a big game leading his club to a 35-6 romp over Franklin. He ran for an 8-yard TD score, and fired 2 touchdown passes of 34 and 54 yards to Wright, who rolled up 193 yards rushing and 100 yards receiving. Nunez passed for 106 yards. Diego Jesus chalked up 2 sacks, and 8 total tackles, while Pena contributed 6 total tackles...  
The Bombers made it 3 wins a row and upped their record to (6-2) by defeating a tough Piscataway team, 24-16. It was once again the Zaimer Wright Show, as he blasted his way for 3 touchdown runs of 33, 1, and 65 yards, and kicker Aaron Losada booted a 24-yard field goal to pace the winners.  
Team Leaders for the Sayreville Bombers now (6-2):  
Passing Yards-Nunez 478;  
Rushing Yards-Wright 1,139;  
Receiving Yards-Wright 193;  
Defense-Sacks-Jesus 5;  
Interceptions-Sadowski 2;  
Total Tackles-Jesus 59.

Boys Soccer  
Sayreville (6-3-3)

Coach Nick Cifelli

Team Leaders  
Points-Adam Zamraki 29, Eric Sadlocha 24; Goals-Zamraki 12, Sadlocha 8, Andrew Pinto 3; Assists-Sadlocha 8, Zamraki 5, Aidan Petras 4; Saves-Nick Lesniak 97.

South Amboy (1-5)

Coach Tony Gonsalves  
No individual stats available.

Girls Soccer  
Sayreville (13-0)

Coach Jillian McGarry

Team Leaders  
Points-Laila Stevenson 42, Isabelle Deoliveira 27, Shriya Meda 19, Alyssa Marley 19; Goals-Stevenson 17, Deoliveira 12, Meda 8, Marley 6; Assists-Stevenson 8, Jaylin Evans 7, Marley 7.

South Amboy (2-7-1)

No individual stats available.

NFL Report

Myles Hartsfield, a defensive back who wasn't tendered by the Carolina Panthers football team, was signed by the San Francisco 49ers, but on August 29th, was waived by the club. Myles was an all-around standout during his high school playing days at Sayreville War Memorial HS.

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

Prayer to St. Jude  
Saint Jude Thaddeus, patron saint of impossible causes, walk through my house and take away my worries and any illnesses. Please watch over and heal my family & friends, in the Name of Jesus. Amen. S.P, M.S, P.S..

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By Tom Burkard

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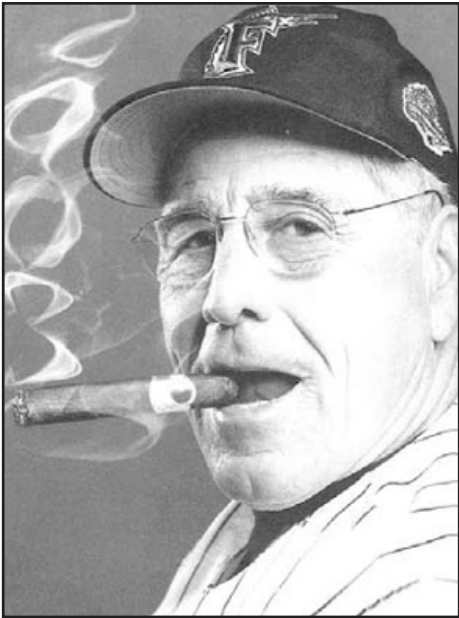
1982-The talented Hoffman Governors boys baseball team top row (l-r) Coach Reggie Carney, Glenn Vona, John “Skeets” Skarzynski, Tim Moskal, Joe Przybylski, Peter Smith, Ron Brown, Mike Buczynski, Jim Shaw, Kevin Gorczyca, Mark Herdman. Bottom row (l-r) Scott Gumprecht, Kevin O’Connell, Bill Bright.

## 20th Anniversary

### McKeon’s Marlins Ruled The Baseball World In 2003

By Tom Burkard

A famous man once said, “Dreams really do come true.” South Amboy native Jack McKeon was the person who coined that phrase 20 years ago, when he managed the Florida Marlins Major League Baseball team to the World Series Championship over the heavily-favored New York Yankees, in one of the biggest upsets in sports history. On Mother’s Day in May 2003, the Marlins were floundering around, and McKeon, then 72-years old, was asked to come out of retirement and take the reins to manage this young squad. Jack noticed right away what one of the problems was, and told the players to “check their attitudes at the clubhouse door,” and that was just the beginning of an amazing run, a miracle season. Following Jack’s arrival, and under his great managing and motivational techniques, the Marlins finished 75-49, the best record in baseball, and secured a spot in the NL playoffs as the Wild Card. Florida won a hard-fought playoff series against the Barry Bonds led San Francisco Giants, and then defeated the Chicago Cubs to advance to the World Series against the Yankees. In the World Series, the underdog Marlins took a 3 games to 2 lead, and Jack made an outstanding managerial move by pitching his young ace, Josh Beckett on 3 days rest. This move was questioned and criticized by baseball analysts and experts all over the country, but Beckett proved McKeon’s gamble was right, and Florida topped the Yanks, 2-0 to take the World Series Championship. At 72 years old, the man who said, “Age is just a number,” Jack, became the oldest manager to win the World Series, and also the oldest manager or coach to lead a team in any sport to a major national championship. Winning the World Series at Yankee Stadium was super-sweet to Jack. In a recent telephone interview by phone with him from his home in North Carolina, he said, “The World Series final game was special to me because it was at Yankee Stadium, and like being in my own backyard, close to my hometown of South Amboy, New Jersey. It was also the last World Series game ever played at Yankee Stadium.” McKeon’s long road to winning the World Series crown started way back in ’49, when he was a rookie catcher for the Greenville club, a Pittsburgh Pirates farm team. In 1955, he landed his first pro managing job with Fayetteville in the Carolina League. He continued managing in the minors until the Kansas City Royals hired him for their Major League Team in 1973. He also had MLB managing stints with Oakland, San Diego, and Cincinnati before getting called by Florida in ’03. The World Series victory was a long wait, but most rewarding to Jack McKeon and the Marlins franchise. He recalled that, “I remember sitting and watching all those years, and seeing the winning teams celebrate. It ran through my mind what it would be like to win the World Series. 2003 was a super season. It was a dream come true.” As a result of beating



South Amboy native Jack McKeon managed the Florida Marlins to the 2003 World Series Championship over the New York Yankees.

the Yankees, many wonderful things have happened to McKeon. Just to name a few of the very many: He was selected NL Manager of the Year; appeared on The David Letterman Show; met President Bush at the White House with Marlins’ team members; he was featured on the cover of Sports Illustrated, and much more. In addition, 3 books have been written on Jack McKeon, one by myself, “Jack McKeon: Baseball, Cigars, & Saint Theresa,” for which I was honored to hear Jack say, live on a New York City radio station interview that, “This is the most complete book every written about my life.” The books are now very scarce, collectors items, but can still be found on e-bay for \$30 and up. The SA Times still has a small amount of this book in pristine-mint condition, so if you’d like to read more about South Amboy’s “Favorite Son,” Jack McKeon, see the ad below for complete details.

Florida had so many big moments during the 2003 season, but McKeon said that, “My greatest memory of the season was when Beckett tagged out Posada for the final out in the World Series. I was sitting in the dugout and said, ‘Is this for real?’” Jack McKeon is the only player in baseball history to win over 1,000 games in the minor leagues and also over 1,000 in the majors, and in many baseball experts opinion, mine included should be enshrined at Cooperstown, NY in the Baseball Hall of Fame.

Now 92 years young, Jack said, “I feel great, and will be 93 next month.” Still very active, he is currently a special advisor to the Washington Nationals General Manager. Jack said he currently enjoys watching four great grandkids playing sports, and is also “rooting for the Phillies to win the World Series because my grandson Kellan McKeon has been a scout for them over the last few years.” In addition, Jack’s son Kasey has been the Nationals Director of Player Personnel for several years.

2003 was an incredible year for Jack McKeon and his Florida Marlins. The local towns of South Amboy and Sayreville were so proud of him and still are to this day! Thanks for the memories, Jack!

## Glory Days In Local Sports

1964-Sayreville jolted J.P. Stevens, 14-13 on a game-winning extra point by Jim Miara with 0:38 seconds left in the game. The Bombers had tied the score on an 8-yard touchdown pass from John Karlowitz to Larry Wallace. Karlowitz also scored Sayreville’s first TD from 1-foot out, and Miara kicked the extra point...1979-Hoffman boys soccer team beat Ranney Prep, 3-1, as Tom Mulligan scored 2 goals, and Tom O’Connor 1...1983-Hoffman grounded Green Brook, 6-1 in baseball play. Mike Buczynski was the winning pitcher, and Scott Gumprecht ripped an RBI double...1997-St. Mary’s girls soccer club destroyed Dunellen, 8-0

## 10 Years Ago

2013-The varsity football season for Cardinal McCarrick/St. Mary’s team ended early because of injuries according to Athletic Director Gil Pritchard. The Jayvee football program was supposed to continue.

## 15 Years Ago Opening Game

2008-The Sayreville football team blasted East Brunswick, 28-7. Javon Hodges had 2 touchdown runs of 2 and 67 yards to pace the Bombers. Quarterback Mike McLafferty broke loose for a 57 yard TD run, and rushed for 108 yards on 6 attempts, while completing 5-for-6 passes totaling 76 yards. Curtis Davison had a 22 yard TD run, while James DeMild hauled in 4 receptions for 74 yards. Daryl Stephenson was a perfect 4-for-4 in booting extra points.

## 25 Years Ago

1998-St. Mary’s, under Head Coach Jim Kazanjian played their first varsity football game in 66 years, losing to Monroe, 41-0.

## 25 Years Ago

1998-South Amboy girls soccer squad stopped South River, 5-3. Regan Rone poured in 3 goals, Kim Peterson and Nicole Magnifico scored 1 goal apiece. Randi Rone contributed an assist for the Purple & Gold.

behind Crystal Otero who blasted in 3 goals, and Melissa Furey who had 2 goals and an assist...2004-Cardinal McCarrick girls tennis team shutout St. Peter’s 5-0. The big winners were: Singles-Carly Lussier, Denise Balil, Amy Pacansky; Doubles-Deanne Fowler-Kelley Clonan (by forfeit); Colleen Pryor-Alicia Szelec...2011-Sayreville girls soccer squad shutout Spotswood, 5-0. Bridget Giovenco led the way with a goal and assist, while teammates Natasha Amaro, Alissa Godwin, Kimberly Stratton, Fahreta Kolenovic contributed 1 goal apiece. Jackie O’Connor and Kelly Raub combined for a 12-save shutout.

## T.H.E. Game

**Sport-Boys Soccer Year-2008**

**Teams-South Amboy (10-1) vs. Cardinal McCarrick (2-8) in City Series action.**

**Recap**-The Governors featured a balanced scoring attack and easily topped the Eagles, 5-1. Dave Tucka led the way with a goal and 2 assists, followed by Rusty Shamborovsky 1 goal, 1 assist, Christian Geant, and Eib added a goal apiece. Jaramillo scored the Eagles lone goal.

**Player-of-the-Game**-Dave Tucka, South Amboy.

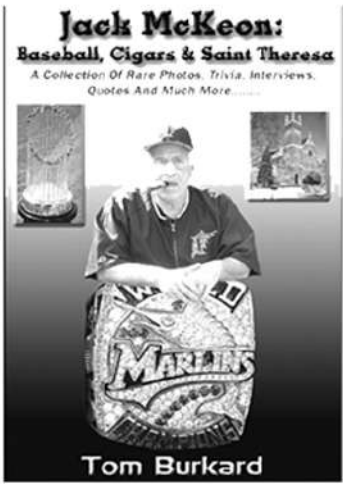
## 65 Years Ago

1958-Sayreville’s all-around superstar, Tom “Red” Michaels was a 1st Team All-County back, who tied for the most touchdowns in Middlesex County with 10, and was #2 in scoring with 70 points. In ‘57, he won the county scoring title with 105 points, and was also #1 with 17 TD’s.

## 80 Years Ago

1943-New Brunswick ripped Sayreville, 25-7 in the opening football game of the season. The Bombers received fine performances from team Captain, quarterback John Wortley who fired a 40-yard touchdown pass to Rufus Anderson. Homer Dill rushed for the extra point.

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## Joan Edna Zoll Travisano

Joan Edna Zoll Travisano, 86, of the Morgan section of Sayreville died on Saturday September 23, 2023 at Ocean Medical Center, Brick. Born in Brooklyn, New York she was previously employed by Amboy Bank for 12 years. She attended First Presbyterian Church, South Amboy for over 80 years.

Daughter of the late Frederick and Dorothy Cox Zoll she is also predeceased by her husband Raniero Michael “Renny” Travisano in 2019 and her brother Frederick Henry Zoll. She is survived by her identical twin sister, best friend and

constant companion Jean Marie Chubway; her brothers-in-law Anthony Travisano, Michael Travisano and his wife Judy and Robert Travisano and his wife Arleen; her beloved pet scarlet macaw Edson and many nieces and nephews who are saddened by her loss.

Funeral services were under the direction of The Gundrum Service “Home For Funerals” 237 Bordentown Avenue, South Amboy. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the First Presbyterian Church.

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# In Memoriam

Helen Carroll, 92, of South Amboy died on Sept. 28. She was one of South Amboy’s finest and well-respected citizens for her entire life, and will be sadly missed by all who were blessed to have known her. Prior to her retirement, Helen was the Assistant Branch Manager for the Amboy Bank, in South Amboy, and touched countless lives in such a very positive manner. At her viewing, a person praised her, saying that, “She was the Amboy-Madison Bank in South Amboy.” Joseph Pipala, 58, formerly of South Amboy died on Sept. 30. He was a great guy, and the owner of Colonia Dairy Maid for over 20 years. Geraldine Golembeski, 92, of South Amboy died on Oct. 1. Prior to retirement, she was employed by Peterson’s Pharmacy, South Amboy, and also Foodtown.

# Michael James Dowling

Michael James Dowling, 54, of South Amboy died on Thursday October 12, 2023 at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, New Brunswick. Born in South Amboy he lived there all his life.

Cremation was private under the direction of The Gundrum Service “Home For Funerals” 237 Bordentown Avenue, South Amboy.



# Helen M. Britt Carroll

Helen M. Britt Carroll, 92, of South Amboy died on Thursday September 28, 2023 at Jersey Shore University Medical Center, Neptune. Born in South Amboy, she lived there all her life. Before retiring she was employed by Amboy Madison Bank. She was a member of St. Mary’s R.C. Church, South Amboy. She was a member of the St. Mary’s and South Amboy Senior Citizens and the Catholic Daughters. An avid fan of the New York Yankees, she enjoyed baking, cooking, reading and playing Bingo.

Daughter of the late James and Margaret Mulvey Britt she is also predeceased by her husband, George Carroll in 2008; her brother, James Britt and her sisters, Peggy Pappa and Annie Czujak. She is survived by her daughter, Maureen Gosford and her husband Vincent; her sons, Donald Carroll and his wife Diane and George Carroll and his wife Dina; her sister, Mary Ann Matarangolo, her grandchildren, Vincent Gosford and his wife Christine, Alicia Gosford and her fiancé Neil Gruber, Colleen Capri and her husband Daniel, Don Carroll and his wife Megan, Daniel Carroll and his wife Christina, Gavin Carroll and his wife Kristi, Michael Carroll and his wife Elizabeth, and Lauren Carroll; her great-grandchildren, Brianna and Isabella Capri, Lincoln Sreenivasan, Vinny and Shaun Gosford, Bryce, Aubrey, Everly, Logan, Willow, Raina, Mason, and Owen Carroll and many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday October 3, 2023 from The Gundrum Service “Home For Funerals” 237 Bordentown Avenue, South Amboy followed by an 11am Mass of Christian Burial at St. Mary’s Church. Entombment was at St. Mary’s Cemetery Mausoleum.

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

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Obituaries

Boda, Elsie E., 89, of Sayreville died on Sept. 27.

Borg, Vivien L., 71, of Sayreville died on Oct. 2.

Braitsch, Marilyn, 90, formerly of Sayreville died on Sept. 25.

Cann, Joseph, 82, of Sayreville died on Sept. 26.

Carroll, Helen M. Britt, 92, of South Amboy died on Sept. 28.

Carulli, Marie, 91, of Parlin died on Sept. 25.

Dowling, Michael J., 54, of South Amboy died on Oct. 12.

Golembeski, Geraldine Dey, 92, of South Amboy died on Oct. 1.

Pipala, Joseph, 58, formerly of South Amboy died on Sept. 30.

Ramsden, Margaret "Peggy" Batissa, 72, formerly of South Amboy died on Sept. 22.

Smith, Eugene R., 66, of South Amboy died on Oct. 1.

Smith, Paul C., 52, formerly of Sayreville died on Oct. 1.

Travisano, Joan E. Zoll, 86, of Morgan died on Sept. 23.

Yeck, Frederick, 87, of Sayreville died on Oct. 11.

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James R. Golembeski

James R. Golembeski, 66, of Parlin died on Sunday August 27, 2023 at Riverview Medical Center, Red Bank. Born in South Amboy, he was previously employed by the Borough of Sayreville. A member of St. Mary's Church, South Amboy he was also a member of the AFSCME, Matt Talbot and Friends of Bill W. He was an avid fan of the New York Mets, Notre Dame football and NASCAR and enjoyed attending races at Wall Stadium. Jimmie liked to travel and spend time with his friends and family. He and his wife Robin reconnected after 35 years and found in each other the loves of their lives.

Son of the late Stephen R. Golembeski, Sr. he is survived by his wife Robin Guzzo Golembeski; his son Patrick Leccese; his



daughter Alyssa Leccese; his mother Geraldine Dey Golembeski; his siblings Maryann Downes and her husband Edward and Stephen Golembeski and his wife Carol; his nieces and nephews SJ and Ashley Golembeski and Jeffrey, Chloe and Briann Downes and his great-nieces and great-nephews Steph, Blair and Blaze Golembeski.

Funeral services were held on Thursday August 31, 2023 from The Gundrum Service "Home For Funerals" 237 Bordentown Avenue, South Amboy followed by a 10am Mass of Christian Burial at St. Mary's Church. Interment was held at Sacred Heart Cemetery, Parlin. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center.

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