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Father Lou Celebrates 60 Years

By Steve Schmid

Many St. Mary parishioners remember Father Louis Stingel who recently celebrated his 60th anniversary of priestly ordination. He began thinking about becoming a priest when he was 14 years old and attended St. Charles Minor Seminary in Catonsville Md., a high school for boys interested in becoming Catholic priests. After graduating from St. Charles Seminary he entered Saint Mary Seminary Baltimore where he earned a Master's Degree in Pastoral Counseling at Iona College in New Rochelle N.Y. Father Stingel was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop George W. Ahr on June 11, 1960 and assigned to the diocese of Trenton. In 1977 after several assignments, Father Stingel was named pastor at St. James the Less parish in Jamesburg where he served until he retired from the active ministry on July 31, 2009. Thinking about the last 60 years Father Stingel said he enjoyed building ministries and getting the faithful involved. One example is starting a children's Mass to help young people learn about the Bible and learn aspects of their Catholic faith. Five months after retiring from active ministry, he joined St. Mary Parish in South Amboy as a weekend associate celebrating Masses, and providing pastoral services. He served St. Mary until 2017 but still helps out at penance services for Lent and Advent and religious education students. Parish pastor Father Dennis Weezorak said he was well liked and respected and still manages to spare a few moments for a parishioner in need. Father Weezorak added these acts resonated deep within the St. Mary community as a reminder of how we need to find time to help each other. Today, Father Lou lives at the Maria Regina Residence in Somerset.



Mary J. Novak Vincent J. Conti

Novak, Conti Capture Council Seats In Sayreville

Sayreville Democrats Mary Novak and Vincent J. Conti were victorious over Republicans Karen Bailey Bebert and Danielle Zaleski. The voting tally went as follows: Novak 9,071, Conti 8,590, Zaleski 7,801, Bailey-Bebert 7,451.

*Voting totals as of Nov. 10th.

Sayreville Board Of Education

Eight candidates battled for the three seats on the Sayreville Board of Education. The voting was as follows: Alison Napolitano 8,008, Eloy Fernandez 7,217, Eilen Pabon 6,803, Christopher Callahan 3,838, Jessica J. Esposito 3,330, Danielle N. Pieloch 2,639, Zoe Katsilis 2,166, Syed Muhammad S. Ali 1,418. *Voting totals as of Nov. 10th.

Veterans Day Service In South Amboy

(Photos by Tom Burkard)



American Legion Luke A. Lovely Post #62, South Amboy held a beautiful service for Veterans Day in front of South Amboy City Hall. Pictured (l-r) Mayor Fred Henry, Legion member/veteran Tom Noble, who placed the wreath, Commander Bob "Zak" Sekerak, veteran Bob Moglia.



American Legion Luke A. Lovely Post #62 members and local dignitaries are pictured following the Veterans Day service.



Brian H. McLaughlin Thomas Reilly Zusette E. Dato

South Amboy Dems Win 3 Seats

Democrat Councilman Tom Reilly defeated Republican challenger Robert Mickiewicz for the 2nd Ward Council seat, in the only contested race on Nov. 3rd, by a vote of 357-180. Democrat Zusette Dato was unchallenged, and retained her seat by

notching 572 votes, and Brian McLaughlin, also an unchallenged Democrat kept his seat on the City Council by racking up 485 votes in Ward 1.

*Voting totals as of Nov. 10th.

South Amboy Board Of Education

Six candidates challenged for three Board of Education seats in South Amboy, and the results are as follows:

Patrick Walsh 969, Brian Murphy 825, Ryan A. Rone-Moran 684, Shannon Gonzalez 676, Anthony Conrad 638, Raymond Perez 329. *Voting totals as of Nov. 10th.

Blood Drive

Sunday, December 6 From 9 to 3 at Saint Mary's in the school cafeteria. Please call 800-933-2566 for an appointment.

Appointments are suggested. Please eat before you donate and bring identification.



8th Annual Slow Down For Sara Walk,

Please join us in our 8th Annual Slow Down for Sara Walk, which is ongoing until December 1st. This year we are doing a Virtual Walk, so you can participate anytime this month. The link for the walk and to donate you wish to contribute is: givebutter.com/sara An email will be sent to the foundation to keep track of anyone who donated and a mask will be given to you as soon as possible. We would appreciate it if you take a picture of yourself when you walk with your mask, and post it on the event page on Facebook 8th Annual Slow Down for Sara Walk (Virtual) 11/1-12/1 You may also donate by mailing a check to the Sara Dubinin Memorial Foundation, 16 Wilbur Terrace Sayreville NJ 08872 or text the message Sara at 202-858-1233. At the end of the event, 2 names will be drawn to receive a \$50 Shop Rite Gift Card. Thank you for walking with us to honor Sara, and to promote awareness of Sara's Law. Enjoy your Walk!!

Last Call

Free monthly educational webinars available to New Jersey residents. Next and last one for 2020 is on Wednesday, December 9, 2020 at 7pm. Topic will be Medicare Supplement. Other topics that have been covered in the past are Avoiding Common Social Security Claiming Mistakes; Avoiding Overpaying Cost of College.

Featured speaker is Gregory Wyzykowski former host of the radio program "The Bottom Line."

Reservation for next webinar can be made by calling 800-357-0992.

Food Drive December 5

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 is holding a holiday food drive Saturday December 5 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Council Home at 308 Fourth St. South Amboy. Please drop off non-perishable food items to the volunteers who will take your donations to the First Presbyterian Church food bank in South Amboy. For more information call 732-721-2025 and leave a message.

This issue is also dedicated in memory of:

- Bob Burke
- Bill Buskey
- Virginia Miller
- "Gerri" Mroczkowski
- Rosemarie Muchanic



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An aerial view of the Manhattan Beach Project at South Amboy waterfront shows the completed parking deck, elevator shafts and roof membranes currently being constructed. South Amboy on the move! (Photo/info courtesy of Jorge Gonzalez-Gomez)



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Talk Of The Towns

By Tom Burkard

Seminski Elected Fellow

Louis Seminski Jr., of Sayreville, a shareholder and co-chair of the Business and Banking Law Practice Group at Giordano, Halleran & Ciesla in Red Bank, has been elected as a Fellow of the American College of Mortgage Attorneys (ACMA).

Louis is one of 18 real estate attorneys inducted in North America this year. His main focus is on commercial real estate and finance in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and other Eastern states.

Seminski Jr. is the son of the late Louis Seminski Sr., who was the owner of Sciortino's in South Amboy prior to his death earlier this year.

12 Days Of Christmas Paint And Sip Fundraiser

South Amboy Columbiettes are sponsoring a two hour paint and sip event to help you discover the artist in yourself. The date is Sunday December 6 from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus at 308 Fourth St. South Amboy. Cost of \$40 includes all supplies, free glass of wine, coffee and a door prize. Bar on premises so no BYOB permitted. Seating is limited for social distancing and masks are required. You can bring your own snacks. Pre-payment required and reservations must be in by November 27. For more information call Vicki at 732-598-6910.

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



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Pleasant little TRIVIA

By Tom Burkard

- President of the South Amboy Lions Club in 2000?
 a. Bob Pawlik b. Jack Hulsart c. Phil Honeycutt
- Principal of St. Mary's Elementary School in '99?
 a. Claire Armstrong b. John Whitburn c. Sister Peggy Russell
- Fire Chief of Sayreville in 2015?
 a. Vincent Waranowicz b. John Romano c. Miguel Torrez
- In 2015, this bakery opened on Broadway in South Amboy?
 a. Buns 'N' Roll b. Top Stop c. Love Is All You Knead
- The top vote-getter in the 2014 Sayreville Board of Education election?
 a. Beth DePinto b. Phyllis Batko c. Michael Macagnone
- In 2014, this Morgan resident starred in the Utopia TV show?
 a. Rob Hospidor b. Dave Thompson c. Mary Terrell
- Named new principal of Cardinal McCarrick HS in '05?
 a. Dr. Frank Ianniruberto b. John Gloss c. Jean Kline
- In 2011, she was elected the first woman President in the Morgan Lions Club history?
 a. Rose Pawlik b. Mary Gosger c. Rasheena Jones
- Where was Joe's Famous Pizza & Catering in South Amboy back in '15?
 a. Main St. b. Stevens Ave. c. South Pine Ave.
- St. Stan's Pastor in 2011?
 a. Msgr. Tom O'Malley b. Father Ken Murphy c. Father Ladislaus Lakenski

Answers
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Virtual Adult Programming at Sayreville Public Library

Naloxone Training - Tuesday, November 24 at 6:00pm
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 Register at www.sayrevillelibrary.org on our Events Calendar to receive the Webex

link. All training attendees will receive a free naloxone kit. The kits will be shipped out via UPS after the meeting. (Be sure to add your address during registration in order to receive a free kit)
 Participants must be 18 years or older and live or work in NJ.

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

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 -B.S..



Lt. James Novak of the Sayreville Police Dept. recently entered an online competition to have Orange County Choppers build him a bike. If he wins, he is going to donate it to the Sayreville Police Auxiliary. They will raffle it off to help their organization and their Covid-19 relief efforts. (Photo/info submitted)

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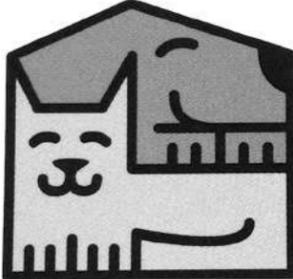


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Yearbook-Hoffman 1990

By Tom Burkard

Hoffman High School's fabulous class of 1990 was an interesting group of energetic individuals, destined for successful careers. . . John Olexa was Superintendent of Schools. . . Some of the faculty included: Mrs. McDonnell, Mr. Klein, Mr. Tomaszewski, Mr. Inman, Mr. Henry, Mr. Dougherty, Mrs. LaPoint, Mrs. Silla, and Mrs. Rim. . . The yearbook was titled "Ex Rated. Editors-In-Chief were Mary Kaye Bouchard and Patti O'Brien. The dedication was to Carol Galley. A special page "In Loving Memory" and photo of the late James Reilly, a dedicated Board of Education member, was also included. . . Some of the Class of '90 included: Howard Blodgett, William Bouchard, Loretta Cannon, Brian Caputo, Christie Christensen, Tina DeCore, Robert Dzielak, Hector Fuentes, Kathleen Farrell, Colleen Gallery, Yvonne Garguilo, Teddy Janeczko, Christopher Ledger, Nicholas Mancini, Matthew Matarangolo, Andrew Nicorvo, Brian O'Keefe, Melissa Piazza, Joan Salkiewicz, Lisa St. John, Joseph Tambora, Donna Thomas, Randall Tooker, Deena Urbanik. . . The Student Council consisted of Chairperson-Jamie Krauss, Secretary-Patti

O'Brien, Corresponding Secretary-Kevin Krenc. . . Senior Class officers were: Robert Reilly, president; Mary Kaye Bouchard, vice-president; Alyssa Parisen, secretary; Randy Tooker, treasurer. . . Activities were plentiful at the John Street institution in '90. In addition to dances and assemblies, there were clubs and sports to keep the extracurricular schedule filled to capacity. . . The king and queen of "Homecoming '89" were Don Szatkowski and Lorraine McNerny. . . On the sports scene, the girls softball team had the most success by turning in a fine (13-5) record. Boys basketball finished (10-11), and girls basketball ended at (11- 13). . . The Purple & Gold's fine senior athletes were; Renee Bialoblocki, Mary Kaye Bouchard, Tracy Chodkiewicz, Craig Conley, Stacy Currie, Bridget DeFort, Elizabeth Garcia, Douglas Gumprecht, Jennifer Gumprecht, Melissa Januszak, Jamie Krauss, Kevin Krenc, Dawn Matthews, Lorraine McNerny, Tania Miller, Colin Olsen, Brett Peterson, Vincent Christopher Poulsen, Robert Reilly, Melanie Service, Donald Szatkowski, Diulio Torino, Debra Toth, Ronald Trimner, Catherine Vinsko, Debra Wisniewski.

Dowdell Library

The Holidays are here, and the Dowdell Library is busy decking the halls and being jolly! Join us for a Holiday Celebration on Thursday, December 17, at 630 pm. Collegium Musicum presents the Veritas Youth Orchestra- under the direction of Dr. Mira Kang, Artistic Director (via Zoom). The Zoom performance will be streaming live in the library. Patrons can watch the performance and enjoy a cup of Hot Cocoa to go! You may also view the performance from the comfort of your own home. Zoom login information will be available soon on the Dowdell Website!

Holiday Ornament Fundraiser! Stop-in anytime to help us decorate the holiday tree and raise money! We wanted to do something fun and different this year for our holiday fundraiser. We will have wooden ornaments to be personalized and hung on the tree. Donations are only \$1.00 per ornament.

If you need help carrying all your library books home (or even those holiday packages), you can buy a Dowdell Library Tote bag! Tote bags will feature the library logo and will go on sale shortly!

If you find yourself stressed out after all the holiday planning, decorating, or shopping, we recommend you check out the free virtual Health Programs offered through the Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital and RWJBarnabas Health. Three courses will be available in December. Nadine Roberts, a stress management practitioner, will offer A Virtual Guided Imagery Relaxation Session on December 8 and 22. Stretch It, a Stretching and Flexibility Workshop guided by RWJ Outpatient Physical Therapy Specialist John Lancaster, will be available on December 3 and 17. Keeping You Healthy: Finding the Best Nutrients for Your Body with Annie Truss, MD, will be hosted on December 15. All classes start at 1:00 pm, and you must be pre-registered. For more information or to pre-register, please email susan.capolongo@rwjbh.org or kathleen.johnson@rwjbh.org. Additional information will be available at Dowdell.org and in our December Newsletter.

Test Kitchen is back with an all-new video in December! Dennis and Maryanne are cooking up a holiday special! Learn how to make simple yet delicious appetizers for your next holiday feast!

New Virtual Exhibition. Maryanne will be interviewing painter Dennis Yanoski, formerly of South Amboy and a Hoffman HS graduate, in a new YouTube Virtual Exhibition video. Mr. Yanoski will showcase his oil paintings as well as provide a brief demonstration on his techniques. The video will debut in December on our YouTube channel.

The Dowdell Library will feature a new Celebrity Storytime in December with special guest Councilwoman Christine Noble. Councilwoman Noble will read a Holiday story that is guaranteed to put a smile on anyone's face. Ms. Maryanne will also share a holiday book this month in a new Storytime YouTube video.

It doesn't matter if you've been naughty or nice, swing by the Dowdell Library, and pick up a free Take-home Holiday Craft Kit. Stop in from December 7-18 to pick up a goodie bag to create your own gingerbread man ornament!

Teen 3D Printer Contest. Tinkercad is a free, online 3D modeling program where you can create objects that can be 3D printed at the Dowdell Library. Watch and learn while Ms. Laura explains how to use Tinkercad and print her creation in the latest installment of Sadie's Studio. Then, use all your new knowledge and create your very own 3D model using Tinkercad at home or on one of the library's computers. Please submit your name and a picture of your 3D item to comments@dowdell.org to enter our drawing! The winner will be chosen at the end of December.

Want to be "in the know?" Sign up for the monthly newsletter at dowdell.org

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.

The Dowdell Library is still operating on a modified schedule, as well as providing staff-assisted services. These changes have helped us ensure the safety of our patrons and staff. Walk-in service is available Monday-Friday 12-5 pm and Thursday 12-5 pm and 6-8 pm. We offer a Grab-and-Go Curbside service Monday morning from 9:30 to-10:30am.

Fun Visit With Santa

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 are hosting a fun visit with Santa Claus Sunday, December 13 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Council Home at 308 Fourth St. South Amboy. Santa will be sitting on the outside porch for photo opportunities. Children will be socially distanced for safety. A donation of non-perishable food items will be welcomed. For more information call 732-721-2025 and leave a message.



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An Unusual Thanksgiving Day

By Elaine Holton Scott

Unusual? I do believe this Thanksgiving Day could aptly be referred to as being downright odd. Instead of having the standard big turkey dinner with lots of company, some people will opt to have turkey sandwiches instead. Staying "put" really would be the safest bet with this Covid-19 virus hanging around like an unwanted, unlikable guest not knowing when to leave.

Before our government began removing God wherever and whenever it could, Thanksgiving Day had always been a day to give thanks to our Lord for all the many good things in our lives. The pilgrims celebrated our New World's first Thanksgiving in 1621 by feasting on anything and everything the women could cook with the native Indians as their guests, wanted or unwanted they may have been. 168 years later, our first President, George Washington, proclaimed a day of Thanksgiving in 1789 as a day of prayer in honor of our new country. 74 years later in 1863, President Lincoln proclaimed Thanksgiving day as we know it today to be a federal holiday to celebrate our Union soldiers being victorious at both Gettysburg and Vicksburg earlier in the year. Considering the death toll it cost to get those victories, it has always seemed to be bad timing to me when so many families were in mourning. At Gettysburg alone, 51,000 men lost their lives: 23,000 Union soldiers and 28,000 Confederate soldiers, along with unimaginable physical injuries. During the Battle of Vicksburg, a total of 10,142 Union soldiers were killed while 9,091 Confederate soldiers had lost their lives. Must have put a damper on the celebrations; don't you think?

As Thanksgiving Day approaches, we live day to day with this Chinese gift of a pandemic, trying to keep safe by sanitizing our hands and wearing a mask to cover our mouths and noses. I can't help but wonder why it's okay for our ears and eyes to go uncovered as they're orifices too, but I "deviate" as this story is about Thanksgiving Day, always held on the 4th Thursday in the month of November. Will this Covid-19 affect all the pre-Christmas sales now beginning on Thanksgiving Day instead of starting on "Black Friday"? Oops....I guess to be socially correct I should write "pre-Holiday" sales instead. So many changes...it's really hard not to segue.

In 1918, I lost both my grandmothers, one Irish, the other Polish, as well as their newborns to the Spanish flu, later to be known as the Avian flu. Like now, masks were being worn or should have been. Like now too, that pandemic mostly hit the weakest in society...the elderly and new mothers. In December of 1918, quarantines had been lifted, but a weakened version of the flu returned in January and February of 1919 before dying out, no pun intended. When the pandemic finally ended, approximately 50 million people died across the globe. That's 31 million more than the 20 million lives lost

globally in WWI. Here in the U.S., 675,000 unfortunate souls lost theirs. I had always heard how my Polish grandfather had to go to Elizabeth to buy a casket because there were none available anywhere in the area. To put the death tolls in perspective, during WWII, approximately 60 million people died worldwide, including 420,000 Americans. American lives lost in the Vietnam War were 58,365.

How different the circumstances are now in this pandemic of 2020, then in 1918, yet so chillingly the same. People got sick and died, while smart people wore masks. Except for schools closing, depending on the decision of each state, people continued going to work. Our government did not close down and there certainly weren't any government checks given to the people for any reason...no Welfare, no Stimulus, no handouts whatsoever. People just helped people. There was no online ordering, no deliveries from the supermarkets nor any supermarkets at all. Since the years 1918 and 1919 were long before refrigeration, it was absolutely necessary to go out into society to buy fresh food or starve. Even so, like everything else in life, the Spanish flu ran its course and came to an end.

Let us all try to weather the storm of this pandemic, as we mostly stay indoors eating any kind of food we can afford; staying cool in the heat and warm in the cold; while enjoying the shows on television. Be smart...wear your mask when you go outdoors; continue social distancing; and know that our glasses are half full, not half empty...even if you just have a turkey sandwich for Thanksgiving.

Happy Thanksgiving



Pictured is a rare, original Thanksgiving postcard from 1908---112 years old! Wow!

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Past Commander of American Legion Post #211, Rich Kosmoski Lowers the American Flag during the annual Veteran's Day services held at St. Stan's School on Veteran's Day. (Photo submitted)

Wisdom Spoke

By Al Gomolka Jr.
Times Poet Laureate
c.1975

A little boy sat in a forest
Waiting to hear wisdom speak
Strength led the way
by an acorn
"One day, you'll see,
I'll be a tree,
Grow to be strong not weak"
Hope came next
by way of a bug
"One day, you'll see,
a butterfly I'll be,
Things change, be still, don't tug"
Faith followed next
with a lump of coal "
Someday you'll see,
a diamond, that's me,
Darkness will form into
brilliance-your soul"
Charity came by the breeze
on his face
"Give of yourself, flow free"
The little boy left his
woodland place
Saying
"Wisdom has spoken to me."

New Business



Some of the opening day crowd ready to enter the new South 40 Brewing Co. in Edison. South 40 is owned by Kevin Pacansky, who was a fine baseball player at Cardinal McCarrick HS, and also Middlesex County College. (Photo/story submitted).

South 40 Brewing Co. Opens in Edison, NJ

After being delayed by Covid-19 for the past 6 months, South 40 Brewing Co. was finally able to open to the public on October 24th. South 40 Brewing Co has a local flavor as Kevin Pacansky and his partners opened their 2,000 SF space at 110 Newfield Ave located in Raritan Center – Edison; just a block away from the NJ Exposition and Convention Center. Kevin is not only the owner, but also the head brewer for South 40. Kevin's opening line-up of fine craft beers range from a traditional Pilsner, called "Purist Pilsner" for the beginner to more advanced

options including two well-received double ipa's named "Simcoe's Baby" and the aptly named "Door Opener." Kevin's menu of beers will continue to expand based on his vast list of original recipes and twists on the craft beer scene.

South 40 Brewing Co. is currently open daily with limited indoor seating, along with bonus outdoor seating under a tent with heaters. To keep up to date with South 40 Brewing Co., please click on FB and Instagram at #south40brewingco or their website: www.south40brewingco.com.

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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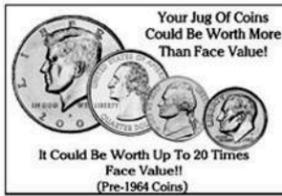
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The Smoke Column

By Ex-Chief Richard Kosmoski, BA, MS

Do you smell gas? Why? In the mid-1930's, the Great Depression was in full swing and the economy was struggling to say the least. But, in one mid-west community that was not the case. The London School District in Rusk County, Texas was one of the wealthiest in America. Finding an abundance of oil in the area increased the local economy and as it did, so did the educational spending increase.

The London School was a large structure, constructed in 1932 using steel and concrete which made it extraordinarily strong for a school building in those years. The school was built on sloping ground which allowed for a large open air space to be enclosed beneath the structure. The architect's plans called for a boiler and steam distribution system for heating the facility. The school board instead opted for the installation of 72 unit gas heaters throughout the building. In the early part of 1937, the London School Board had plumbers tap into the Parade Gasoline Company's residue gas line to save money on heating. This was a common practice throughout the area because the natural gas extracted with the oil was considered a waste product and was usually flared-off anyway. You can see flaring occur at any of the refineries in the area.

Natural gas, a product we use in our homes to heat and cook with is both odorless and colorless so any leaks that occur would be difficult to detect. A gas leak had occurred in the enclosed crawl space beneath the school, a length of 253 feet.

On March 18, 1937, a Thursday was like any other school day. On this day, the first through fourth grades were let go early at the same time a PTA was being held in the gymnasium. At 3:17pm, an instructor of industrial arts flipped the switch to an electric sander. It is believed that the spark from the electric sander's switch ignited the gas/air mixture that permeated throughout the structure. Witnesses to the incident reported that the walls of the school bulged, the roof

lifted from the building then crashed back into the structure as the main wing collapsed. There were approximately 500 students and 40 teachers in the school at the time. There were no early warning signs, no gas detectors, and no fire alarms. The explosion and ensuing fire were its own alarm which was heard for miles away. Parents rushed to the emergency scene to rescue the children and teachers that were trapped under the rubble. Oil workers left their jobs and responded to the scene with their tools and cutting torches to assist in cutting the twisted steel beams to gain access to those trapped victims.

So, what is the positive to take away from this tragedy? At the start of this article I asked if you could smell gas? You can smell natural gas because of the outcome of this accident. Following the accident, the Texas Legislature mandated that thiols (mercaptans) be added to natural gas. Remember that natural gas is odorless. When "Mercaptan" is added, it gives it that distinctive odor of rotten eggs. Natural gas is not a poison but when you breathe it in, it replaces the oxygen in your lungs and that is what kills you. If you smell gas in your home or your neighborhood, call 911 but make the call from a safe location away from the odor. The fire department and Public Service Gas will respond to your emergency and determine the cause. There have been cases where people disregarded the odor and then the explosion occurred. Don't let this happen to you.



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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. Walk-in service is available Monday-Friday 12-5 pm and Thursday 12-5 pm and 6-8 pm. We offer a Grab-and-Go Curbside service Monday morning from 9:30 to-10:30 am.



The Pandemic cannot stop the "The Knights in Action." Our Lady of Victory Knights of Columbus presented a check for \$5,000.00 to The Sayreville Brain Injured Children's organization. Representing the Knights were PGK Don Unkel, Dave St.Amour, Ken Addio, PGK Patrick Revel, KOC Charity Chairman Joe Campbell and PGN Joe Kaprowski. We also want to thank Mary Ann Gordon for her tireless work in taking care of our special children. (Photo/info courtesy of Joe Campbell)

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.

Prayer to St. Therese

St. Therese, the little Flower, please pick me a rose from the Heavenly Garden and send it to me with a message of love. Ask God to grant me the favor I thee implore and tell him I will love him each day more and more. -L.F.

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Veterans Day Program At St. Stan's School

(Photos Submitted)



Veterans Day Program

(Info Submitted)

St. Stanislaus Kostka School along with the American Legion Lenape Post 211 Color Guard honored veterans at an outside closed ceremony on November 10. The annual Veterans Day Program held at the school honored the Veteran of the Year. This year, due to the pandemic, the school community and the American Legion honored veterans who passed away from COVID19 with a prayer service led by Reverend Kenneth Murphy. Also included in the service was the remembrance of seven American Legion

veterans that recently passed away from other causes. The welcoming address was presented by the principal, Mrs. Lori Hodder. Commander Edward Streck spoke to the students about the importance of Veterans Day. The American Legion lowered the American Flag to half-staff, performed a 21 gun salute, and played Taps. Elizabeth Bera, an 8th grader, led the service singing the National Anthem, and concluded with "America the Beautiful."

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The Vintage Car Contest



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October Vintage Car

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton

Last month's Vintage Car was a 1961 Chevrolet Corvair (Greenbriar).

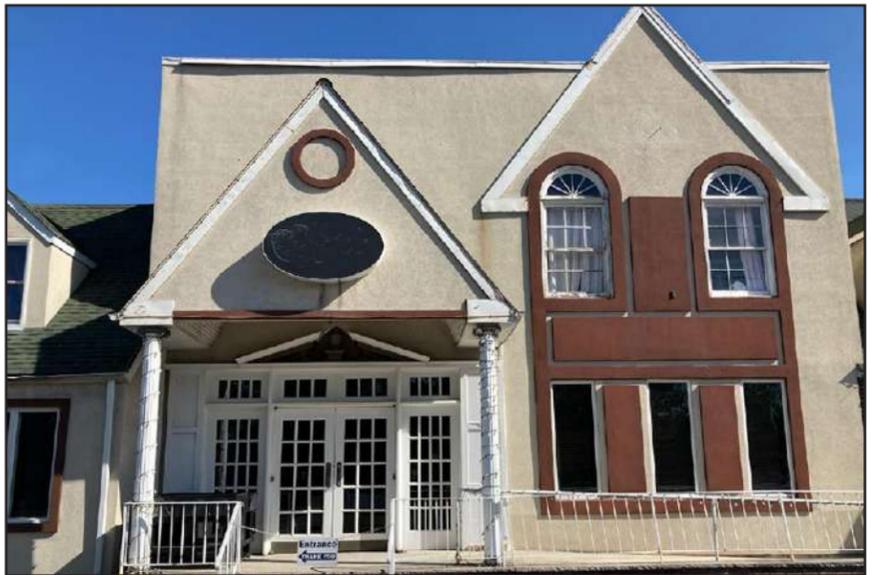
The Winners: Robert Pajak, Mike & Irene Kilcomons, Marie English and Ed English, Jack Piskorski, Keith Piskorski & Lorraine Krauss, Steve Villig, Steve Laskiewicz, Bruce Grankowski, Peggy and Steve Yuhas, Pete McIntyre, Mark Moniello, Dane Colburn



October Vintage Car
1961 Chevrolet Corvair (Greenbriar)

WWW.?

By Tom Burkard



This popular business is located in either South Amboy or Sayreville. What is it? Send your answers to: satimes@aol.com by Dec. 9th. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

WWW.? October Winners

Last month's WWW.? Mystery Photo was **Hercules Movers** located on Rt. 35 North in South Amboy. Many years ago it originally was **Heidi's Drive In** and at one time a window company. Either Hercules or Heidi's is correct.

Dan and Grace Spencer (Heidi's), Eileen Coman (Heidi's), Lynn Freyer (Heidi's), Dennis Quinlan (both), Chuck Pickard (Heidi's), Jack Piskorski, Keith Piskorski & Lorraine Krauss (both), Mary Agnes Morris (both), Leon Credico (both), Eleanore Westerholm, Anita Quigley (both), Gary Feret, Laurie & Gary Loftus, John Meleski (both), Joan Gorczyca, Marie

English and Ed English, Jim Holovacko, Maryanne Matarangolo, Pat & Bill Scully (Hercules only), T.J. Albanese (both), Steve Villig, Steve Laskiewicz, Judy Guilfoyle, Marlene Letwenski, Don Zrebiec, Peggy and Steve Yuhas, Pete McIntyre, Lynn Loy, Joan Fulham (both), Dane Colburn, Mark Moniello, Steve Kieselowsky, Lisa Grankowski.



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

ST. JUDE
May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus have mercy on us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, helper of the hopeless, pray us. Say this prayer nine times a day for nine days. It has never been known to fail. Publication must be promised. Thank You St. Jude. -R.S., A.S., H.S., L.S., L.P.

WHAT IS IT?????

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton

November What is it?



This item helps in changing something. Send your answers to satimes@aol.com by Dec. 9th.

The correct answer was a Lava Lamp. The winners are as follows: Joe Tortora, Lynn Freyer, Dennis Quinlan, Judy Guilfoyle, Mike & Irene Kilcomons, John Arden, Mary Agnes Morris, Jack Piskorski, Keith Piskorski & Lorraine Krauss, Leon Credico, Pete McIntyre, Laurie & Gary Loftus, Gary Feret, Marybeth Chodkiewicz, John Meleski, Mary Falk, Bonita Sue Chan, Eleanore Westerholm, John Arden, Marie English and Ed English, John & JoAnn French, Maryanne Matarangolo, Betty Levieille, Pat & Bill Scully, Steve Villig, Steve Laskiewicz, Chuck Pickard, Marlene Letwenski, Bruce Grankowski, Don Zrebiec, Peggy and Steve Yuhas, Chelle Martin, Lynn Loy, Joan Fulham, Dane Colburn, Karen Kieselowsky, Mark Moniello.

Incorrect Answer-a cocktail mixer.



October What is it?
Lava Lamp



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Business Administrator
 Glenn Skarzynski

Who Is It?



Who Is It?
 Get 5 points for each of the following; What was the event? The year? Names for each of the 8 people pictured. A perfect score for this contest is 50. Good luck! (Photo submitted)

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LETTERS

Tom,
 The kudos are well deserved, Tom. You've built a fun and informative and lasting newspaper, by no means an easy task!

Bob Toye
 (Formerly of South Amboy)

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Tom,
 I don't recall seeing or may have missed any reference to the 1960-1961 Sacred Heart basketball team that placed second in the state. As a frequent starter on the team, I made just small contributions to the team except for one game in Highland Park where I scored 25 points. The New Brunswick Home News sports headline on Sunday was "Warga Paces Hearts to 67-31 Triumph." Under hard-driving Coach Jim Inman, we won 43 and lost just 7 games. Once or twice, we even played two games in one day, and we were 14 years old!

FYI,
John Arden (nee John Warga)
 Daytona Beach, FL
 PS: I loved your story about John Kowaleski and Mario Cuomo (Sr.)!!

Hey Tom,
 Congrats on your many years as publisher/editor. I love reading the paper and it always reminds me of the good old days in SA.
 Keep up the good work!
Ed Nycz (70)
 PS- Can't get a pork roll and egg sandwich anywhere in New Hampshire.






Amboy Bank's Red Bank branch celebrates the kick off to the annual food drive on Halloween. Donations to the Red Bank branch go to Lunch Break of Red Bank.

Amboy Bank Hosts Annual Food Drive

Throughout November, all 23 offices of Amboy Bank will collect food and household items for food banks in their branch area. Every Amboy office manager has selected a food bank to collect for in their community. In many cases, Amboy has a strong relationship with the organizations, including St. Laurence Food Bank, Lunch Break and Freehold Open Door.

Gregory Scharpf, President and CEO, stated, "At Amboy Bank, we are dedicated to helping our local community prosper, and we are proud to lend a helping hand to our neighbors who need it most. Our annual food drive will help to restock the shelves of the food banks in our area."

Branch locations and details about the food drive can be found on Amboy's website, www.AmboyBank.com.



South Amboy, My Hometown

By John "Flip" Phillips

The Coal Docks

South Amboy was one of the largest coal depots in the New York/New Jersey area when I was growing up. Coal trains would come in from the Pennsylvania coal fields all hours of the day, it was nonstop seven days a week. Once the trains got to the coal yard, they would line up to be dumped into coal barges. The large dumpsters would pick the coal car up and turn it over so that the coal fell into the barge. This happened over and over until the barge was filled. Then off the barge went to replenish the many coal yards and power plants on the Northeast coast. People lived on the barges. My father and mother lived on one for a couple of years after they got married until my brother Jimmy got too big and it became dangerous. A lot of homes in South Amboy were heated by coal back in the 1940s, especially below the tracks. My brother Joey "Pinger" Phillips was very good at "finding" enough coal near the dumpsters to keep the fires going, not only for us but for Mrs. Cook, a nice widow older lady who lived next to us. Mrs. Cook was the lady who helped bring me into the world. I always wondered why she gave me cookies until my mother told me the story of that cold November night, November 22, 1938. According to my mom she gave me my first bath. The coal docks and barge slips were great places to catch crabs. Sometimes we "borrowed" a rowboat and spent the morning catching as many crabs as we could to sell to the fish market (Albern's). What we made was not a lot, but back then it bought a lot of enjoyment: ice cream, candy, soda and maybe the best of all, Tastykakes. Most of the "goodies" were bought at Brownies.

The Raritan Bay

Since we lived below the tracks, the area affectionately known as the "Bowery," we were close to the water. So, there was always something to do, especially in the summer. There was a small beach at the end of Henry Street called Scully's (?), and a larger swimming area at the end of John and George Streets. Many summer afternoons were spent "having fun" swimming. This is where I learned to swim. If you were from the Bowery and remember those days, I am sure you will remember the little "grocery" store that was on the corner of Henry and Roswell Streets leading down to Scully's beach. We called it Brownies. It was owned by the Brown family who lived attached to the store. This was our go to store for anything and everything that was needed ASAP.

The Change of Engines

South Amboy has a long Railroad History. It goes back to the 1830s when the Camden and Amboy Railroad and

coal for the trip down the shore ending at Bay Head. And on the way north from Bay Head the opposite took place.... coal to electric. The coal engines were kept in a large "roundhouse" in the railroad yard, and the electric engines were lined up on off tracks next to the main line. The changing of the electric to coal and coal to electric was a big event. I was amazed at the number of people who came from out of town to take pictures and films of the changing. The change took about twenty/plus minutes. Since there were taverns on Broadway with back doors that were close to the tracks, they did a "brisk" business at the end of the day satisfying the thirst of the commuters coming home from work in the cities up north. And, on their way hurrying to and from the taverns, they almost always dropped some loose change. After the engine change was made, especially after the late Friday afternoon change, I would patrol the area looking for dropped change. An nickel, a dime, a quarter would add up. If I found enough it was off to Joe's Smoke Shop for a hand dipped 1/2 pint of Dolly Madison ice cream. Joe always gave you a lot more than a 1/2 pint for about 25 cents. If you are my age (maybe even a little bit younger), and were from the area, I am sure you remember Joe's Smoke Shop. There was no rush for refreshments on the way north since there was a fence separating the south and north bound tracks.

Star Field (To Us the Back Field)

I know where we played our games of baseball was once called Star Field. I do not doubt this. But to us in the years we played our makeup baseball games there we called it the "Back Field". The big coal train roundhouse and the coal trains coming and going to be emptied into barges were just a short distance away. As were the seaweeds in the right field area. Since I was almost always the youngest, that is where I would wind up most of the time after we chose sides. The balls and bats were heavily taped. Remember the "Nickel Rocket" baseballs? After an inning or two they had to be taped or they fell apart. No major leaguers came out of the "Back Field", but we had fun and stayed out of trouble during those long summer days.

On balance none of us who lived in the "Bowery" had a lot in those years. But we had the Coal Docks, the Raritan Bay and the Back Field to keep our summer days full of things to do. These are a few of my memories from the "Bowery" phase of my growing up years in the Pleasant Little City. A few of the guys I remember include Paul and Allie Ust, Vince Weber, Joey Hansell,

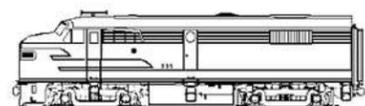


A GG1 pulling into the South Amboy station.

Transportation Company (C&A) was founded. That is an interesting story in itself, but for now I will stay local and write about an event that happened many times during the day: the changing of engines from electric to coal, and then from coal to electric.

Back then "most" of the trains coming down the coast from North Jersey and New York City were electric powered. Since the electric lines ended in South Amboy, the engines had to be changed from electric to

Frank "Tank" Leonard, Jimmy Longstreet, Joe and Eddie Carney and my music mates Joe Lotkowitz and Bobby Hess. If you lived below the tracks during the late 40's and early 50's I am sure this might "tickle" a memory or two.



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Local Wildlife In The Fall

(Photos by Tom Burkard)



An Great Egret walks through the lake grass, and is on the lookout for food.



A sunny fall day brought this large frog out of hiding.



Ducks enjoying a leisurely swim on a nearby lake.

Cold vs. Flu vs. Covid-19 What's the Difference?

By Jorge Gonzalez Gomez, MP/SL, RRT

With the cold months fast approaching and the Covid 19 uncertainty upon us, we need to remain vigilant about flu-like symptoms that we may experience. This is vital for seniors, those with weakened immune systems and/or co-morbidities.

The common cold, flu and Covid-19 virus all have overlapping symptoms that we must recognize and obtain medical care for as soon as symptoms appear. The table to follow gives a brief overview of key symptoms and distinguishing characteristics. This table does

not replace the medical care offered by your primary care physician. Please consult with your medical professionals. This year it is extremely important for all to receive the Flu vaccine.

Please consult your Medical Doctor, follow directives from Public Health Officials & the Center for Disease Controls and observe common sense practices. Wash your hand often, wear recommended facial coverings, observe social distance guidelines, minimize hand to face contact.

Common Cold vs. FLU vs. Covid-19 in Adults - What's the Difference?

	Body Aches	Chills	Cough	Fatigue	Fever	Runny Nose	Shortness Of Breath	Sore Throat	GI Upset	Loss of Smell & Taste	How Long can someone Spread Virus	How Long for Symptoms to Appear after Exposure	How it Spreads	Complications	Treatment
C O M M O N			X		POSSIBLE >101F	X		X			5-7 Days	1-3 Days	air and close personal contact, snot, resp. secretions	Asthma, Strep Throat, Bronchitis	Rest Drink Fluids
F L U	X	X	X	X	HIGH >101F	X		X	Possible Nausea, Diarrhea, vomiting		1 Day before showing symptoms AND last 3-4 days	1 or > days (1-4 days)	Person to Person, DROPLET COUGH SNEEZE TALK	Pneumonia, Resp. Failure, Sepsis, Stroke, Cardiac Inj., Worsening Chronic Med. Conditions	Influenza Anti Virals
C O V I D	X	X	DRY COUGH	X	HIGH >101F	X	X	X	Possible Nausea, Diarrhea, vomiting	X	2 Days before showing symptoms AND at least 10 days after symptomatic	1 or > days Usually 5 DAYS (2-14 days)	Person to Person, DROPLET COUGH SNEEZE TALK	Those of Flu AND Blood Clots of Veins & Arteries of Lung, Heart, Legs, Brain	**

<https://www.cdc.gov/flu/symptoms/flu-vs-covid19.htm>

<https://www.cdc.gov/features/tiniovirus/index.html>

*According to CDC as of Publication Date, Subject to Change

**Still under investigation

Vitale Bill to Extend Unemployment Benefits Passes Committee

In an effort to extend unemployment benefits, the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee today passed legislation sponsored by Senator Joseph Vitale to provide relief to New Jersey workers hardest hit by the COVID-19 pandemic. The bill would do this by expanding the eligibility for extended benefits provided by the State's unemployment insurance program up to an additional 20 weeks.

"In the spring, millions of people became unemployed through no fault of their own, and have since been receiving unemployment benefits while they continue to look for work. However, these benefits are set to run out in December, leaving millions of New Jersey residents without any financial security," said Senator Vitale (D-Middlesex). "This is an essential piece of legislation that we must prioritize and that should receive overwhelming support in both houses. In order to keep our residents afloat, we must pass this bill."

The bill, S-3063, would allow more people to become eligible for the extension of the unemployment benefits for up to an additional 20 weeks. Specifically, since unemployment insurance claims already require a worker to have at least 20 weeks of employment to be eligible for claims, the bill would recognize that time as satisfying the requirement for the criteria which allows

states to provide extended benefits to workers who have worked 20 full-time weeks. The expansion also comes at a crucial time, as claimants currently are getting 39 weeks of benefits under the CARES Act. That means a worker laid off on March 15, the first week of claims after Governor Murphy declared a State of Emergency in response to COVID-19, would run out of benefits next month during the week of December 12.

During times of economic hardship, unemployed claimants can take advantage of extended benefits programs, in addition to emergency supplemental aid often provided by the federal government. These programs are triggered when certain conditions are met, such as when total unemployment is 6% or higher. They provide an additional 13 weeks of compensation and, when unemployment is greater than 8%, can extend the insurance programs as long as 20 weeks past traditional unemployment insurance coverage.

The bill would not only open up the program to all existing claimants, but also allow the Department of Labor and Workforce Development to seamlessly transition them to the new programs. The federal government will provide funding for half of all claims paid out under extended benefits programs.

The bill was unanimously released from committee.

Remember When ?



1972-Work was being done to expand the South Amboy Memorial Hospital. (Photo courtesy of the Harrigan Family)

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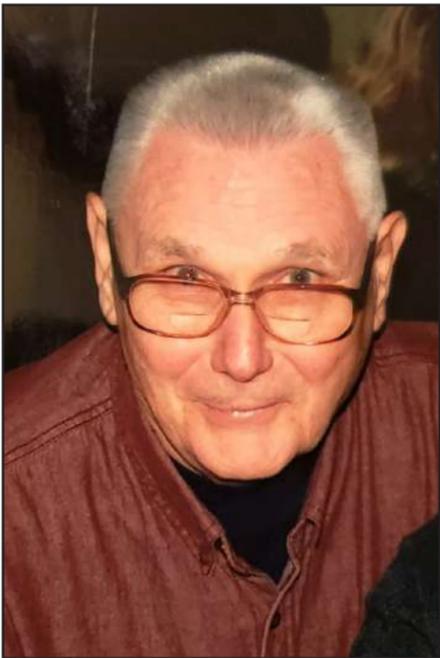


23U Girls Softball South Amboy Lady-Canes

Remembering Joe Lotkowitz

Story and Photos by Tom Burkard

Joe Lotkowitz and I were not lifetime friends, or acquaintances, but we met by chance at St. Mary's Church, where Joe was a reliable usher for many years at the 4 p.m. Mass on Saturdays. He told me how much he enjoyed The SA Times, and that led up to a feature story for Christmas one year, in which he and his beloved wife Anne were interviewed/pictured, showing their antique Christmas ornaments. Unfortunately, Anne passed away not too long afterwards, and Joe and I always chatted after Mass, and became friends. I found out he loved taking pictures, and was really good at it, so I asked him if he would like to give us some help with the many South Amboy-Sayreville events that we would cover, and he gladly accepted.



A great photographer, Joe gets caught for a candid picture.

This was the beginning of a nearly 10-year friendship in which I would take Joe along as a contributing photographer, to all kinds of events I was covering. He really enjoyed

patriotic people I've ever known, and truly loved America. He was a U.S. Army veteran who served in Korea, and due to a serious injury to his hearing, was sent to a U.S. Navy ship for treatments, spending several weeks there. Surprisingly, he received documentation that he was also considered officially in the Navy! Did you ever hear of anyone being in both branches of the military at the same time?...He was also a member of the South Amboy Police Reserve for a short time in the '60's, and always supported the police. He was amazing, and the story goes on...Joe went on to work many years for the U.S. Government at Fort Monmouth until retiring...He was once sent to Indiana for a training school, and went to the Indy 500 Race, where he

photographed racing legend Mario Andretti... Lotkowitz enjoyed being an usher at church, a voluntary job he did at countless churches around the world, while in the military, and also traveling around the U.S.A. with his beloved wife Anne. He was always glad to help when the different churches they were at needed an usher...

There was so much more that he enjoyed in his interesting lifetime including: Photographing his favorite targets-Local veterans; Former Sayreville Mayor Kennedy O'Brien (who affectionately called him

his typical morning routine would be cruising down to Dunkin' Donuts on North Broadway for a coffee, and he would drive down to Waterfront Park, have his coffee, and read the newspaper. He loved cruising around South Amboy in his little pickup truck, with his companion Cathy Wojtaszek, and in the evening, when he was healthy, usually ended up at Waterfront Park talking to many friends... Another nickname I gave him, "Waterfront Joe" came about when we were covering a big event, Boscov's V.I.P. Day in 2014 at Woodbridge Center, that featured legendary football

Hall-of-Famer Joe Namath. Well, I took Joe Lotkowitz' picture with "Broadway Joe," put it in The SA Times, with a caption that read "Waterfront Meets Broadway..." The "Waterfront" seemed like a perfect fit

loved going to restaurants, with one of his faves being The China Buffet in Hazlet, where he enjoyed the food, especially the salmon...And speaking of food, he always got a kick out of wearing his official McDonald's bright yellow hat into their Rt. 9, Old Bridge establishment... He also collected baseball caps/hats (over 30) from different organizations and businesses, and always seemed to wear a different one.

I was very blessed to have met Joe Lotkowitz, and had him work for my newspaper for nearly 10 years, in addition to becoming one of my closest friends (like a big brother). He was so happy when I added him to the staff as a contributing photographer, and thanked me many times through the years for assigning him to certain events, saying that



2013-On Joe's 77th Birthday, he pointed to the number of his house.



2015-Playing a new Ibanez guitar at Christmas.

he "loved working for the paper and it gives me something to do." He was very sad for a long time after his wife Anne died in 2011, and needed something to keep him busy and his mind occupied, which apparently was just what the doctor ordered to help him get through his time of mourning.

Joe, it was my pleasure having you on the staff. You

because of Joe's love for going there every day, hence the name "Waterfront" Joe Lotkowitz. (LOL)...

made a lot of people very happy by taking their pictures through the years and getting them into The SA Times. We will all miss you, and never forget all you've done for The SA Times, and local communities/organizations with your fine photography. By now, you have probably been promoted to Chief Photographer with the greatest paper ever--The Heavenly Times working for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. On Sundays/holy days, we're sure you'll also be the Head Usher at God's Church in Heaven. God Bless and thank you, Joe!

Memories of Joe Lotkowitz

Holly Hughes (The Historical Society of South Amboy) "Joe was simply one of the nicest people I ever met. He always brought a smile to my face, and I am just so sad that he won't be around to brighten our meetings and days. They don't make them like Joe anymore."

Rich Kosmoski (Past Commander American Legion Lenape Post #211, Sayreville) "We'll miss him at all of our veterans events and services. He was one of us-a veteran."

Steve Schmid (PGK/PFN South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council #426) "He always came by for our Knights of Columbus functions and took pictures. Joe was always a pleasure to be with."

Brian Stratton (The SA Times Associate Publisher) Joe will be missed, I used to enjoy seeing him ride around town in his Toyota pickup truck, he would always beep when he saw me. I will also miss the lunches Tom and I would have with him on the days we were delivering the latest issue of the Times. He was filled with stories of his time in the Army as well as his time playing bass in local bands.



2020-Joe (2nd from right) during special 4th Degree ceremony with the South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council #426 officers.

meeting new people, and taking lots of great photos along the way. He was a top-notch family man, who loved his wife Anne and their daughters Joanne and Karen, and their families as well. Joe was a very interesting guy, and if you ever had a chance to meet him, you would have liked him immediately.

The entire South Amboy-Sayreville Times family is deeply saddened by his passing, and so is South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council #426, where he recently became a 4th Degree Knight. Joe was also a loyal member of the Historical Society of South Amboy, and really enjoyed learning and sharing about the long ago history of "The Pleasant Little City," with other members.

I could probably fill a few pages on interesting facts about my friend Joe, but will try to condense it for you.

During our busy times, we had 3 or 4 events in a day to cover, and photograph, and that would force us to split up "The Hit Men," as we called ourselves. I named him "Hit Man #1," and I was "Hit Man #2." We sure had some fun with our nicknames!... Joe loved covering all local events, but especially dedicated himself to American Legion Lenape Post #211, Sayreville, American Legion Luke A. Lovely Post #62, South Amboy, Sayreville VFW, and basically any event or happening that dealt with the veterans. Joe



1960-With the U.S. Army in Korea. (courtesy of Lotkowitz archives)

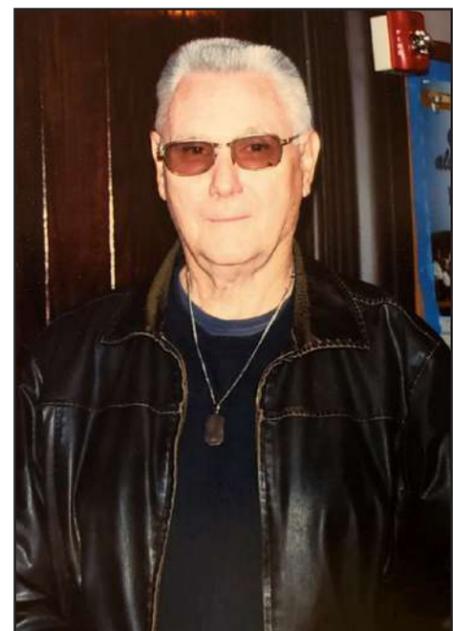
Jimmy Olsen), and for the record, Joe always called Kennedy, "Kenny;" South Amboy Knights of Columbus members/events-especially open mic nights. Joe loved music, and began playing the stand-up bass as a youngster, taking lessons from Mr. Scully, and later utilized this talent as a second job, playing professionally, with the Scibek Brothers Polka Band from Sayreville. They played at events

all over, and even performed on a cruise ship in Europe. He also played bass guitar in many other groups from the area, especially with his wife's family (The Dill family), who had many outstanding musicians... The younger members of the Knights of Columbus appreciated Joe so much, that they affectionately called him "Uncle Joe"...He won lots of watches in the NY Yankee call-in contest on the radio...Joe was always proud that he got to photograph former Mayor Kennedy O'Brien at his monthly Senior Birthday parties at the Sayreville Senior Center...Also known by some as "Big Joe,"



2014-Joe (l) met pro football legend Joe Namath at Boscov's V.I.P. Day.

When his wife Anne was still alive, they made many trips to their favorite place, Atlantic City, and also enjoyed going to Lancaster, PA...In recent years, Joe really



The "Hit Man #1" all dressed up



Happy Thanksgiving

Sending warm wishes for a holiday celebration filled with everything that brings you happiness.



From Tom, Brian and the staff at The South Amboy/Sayreville Times

100th Birthday



Our very special Happy Birthday greetings go out to Lester Buickerood of South Amboy, who celebrated his 100th Birthday on October 4th. Lester is a World War II veteran and a great guy! (Photo submitted by his daughter Donna)

65th Anniversary



Daniel and Mary Salvaggio of Morgan celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on October 8th, 2020. Congratulations Dan and Mary! (Photo submitted by Maria Hornlein)

Remembering Western/Cowboy Shows

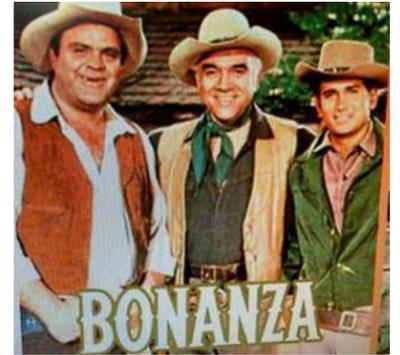
By Tom Burkard

If you grew up in the 1950's or 60's, and watched TV with your family or friends, you probably had an unbelievable amount of Western shows that featured cowboys in the old West, or on the frontier.

See if you can remember any of the following:

Bonanza; Gunsmoke; Wagon Train; Paladin; Tales Of Wells Fargo; Maverick; Have Gun Will Travel; Cheyenne; Sugarfoot; Bronco Lane; Lawman; Hopalong Cassidy; The Rifleman; F-Troop; The Lone Ranger; The Roy Rogers Show; Daniel Boone; The High Chaparral; The Life & Legend of Wyatt Earp; Zorro; The Wild Wild West; Laramie; 26 Men; The Big Valley; The Virginian; Rawhide; Rango; The Deputy; The Range

Rider; The Adventures of Rin Tin Tin; Cimarron Strip; Yancy Derringer; Death Valley Days; Stony Burke; Casey Jones; The Americans. How many did you remember?



The Historical Society of South Amboy held its annual Cemetery Tour on Oct. 24th at Christ Church Cemetery in South Amboy. In the top photo, the re-enactors posed before the first tour began, and in the bottom picture are shown at the conclusion of another outstanding event. The re-enactors/participants were: Jan Williams-Nathaniel Nunnely Pearce, Jerry Pizzillo-James White, George Francy-Bill Marshall, Mary Van Sickle-Kathleen Enid Mullen, Tony Sattilaro-James Barkalow, Tom Boychuk-Walter Peterson, George Kern III-George Kern Jr. Congratulations to all on a 5-star production! (Top photo by Tom Burkard), (Bottom photo submitted), all names courtesy of Joyce Elyea.

St. Stan's School

(Photos Submitted)



St. Stan's first grade student, Olivia Jackowski, intently works on creating a card for the Veterans Day event held at the school.

Mrs. Kerry Lang and Mrs. Lisa Grover (3rd grade teacher) are getting ready to distribute Krispy Kreme doughnuts for a sweet St. Stan's School fundraiser.



Addison Colgan, a sixth grade student at St. Stan's School, awaits the start of the Drive-in Movie featuring, "Hocus Pocus", sponsored by the Home School Association.

#1 Pop Hits- November 21

- 2007-Kiss Kiss-Chris Brown with T. Pain
- 1995-Exhale (Shoop Shoop)-Whitney Houston
- 1986-Human-Human League
- 1970-I Think I Love You-The Partridge Family
- 1968-Hey Jude-The Beatles
- 1955-Autumn Leaves-Roger Williams

In The Movies

The ratings from our movie experts for 2020 movies range from 0-10, with 10 being a perfect score.

The Secrets We Keep-This thriller did not feature any superstars or well-known actors. Rating: 7.5.

#1 Country Hits November 21

- 2005-Better Life-Keith Urban
- 1990-You Really Had Me Going-Holly Dunn
- 1977-The Wurlitzer Prize-Waylon Jennings
- 1964-I Don't Care-Buck Owens
- 1959-Country Girl-Faron Young

Top 10 Hits 30 Years Ago-1990

The Billboard magazine Year End Hot 100 Singles of 1990 were: 1.Hold On-Wilson Phillips 2.It Must Have Been Love-Roxette 3.Nothing Compares To You-Sinead O'Connor 4.Poison-Bell Biv DeVoe 5.Vogue-Madonna 6.Vision Of Love-Mariah Carey 7.Another Day In Paradise-Phil Collins 8.Hold On-En Vogue 9.Cradle Of Love-Billy Idol 10.Blaze Of Glory-Jon Bon Jovi.



RUMBLES FROM THE ROCK AND ROLL REUNION

I dedicate my column to 2 Dear Friends..Mr. Jerry Ust, who for over 15 years has kept The Rockdaddys, and Clem and Friends playing music for the Boro of Sayreville's Outdoor Events, always there for us and the Boro, a man of true dedication and friendship..Jerry,I'll miss you terribly..And to The S.A.Times Photographer and fellow musician, Mr. Joe Lotkowitz, there for us at every event to chronicle our time in film..Rest in Peace Joe.

Wow,where to begin...no live music to be had anywhere!

It's been way too long..This Pandemic has changed our way of life in many ways. It's been since Oct. 2019 since Clem and Friends have been able to share the stage with each other! Well..had to do something about that, so on Oct.10th past, we got together in my driveway, set up some tents, got some refreshments, food, plugged in and played some Rock 'n Roll for several hours, to sort of "Soothe the Soul"...ease everyone's anxieties, and just have fun... Well..it didn't take long to attract a crowd of surprised neighbors, friends and strangers to come around, sit, relax, and enjoy the day with great classic rock from the best local musicians around! Frannie Fee took care of the vocals and guitar work..Jerry Mocar, and Craig Hoek got the horn section cooking with killer Tenor Sax work, Scott Bishop tickled the ivories, Matt D'esposito kept the bottom ended bass going with Dave Silva's Percussion savvy, and I, the writer just enjoyed some guitar work with a fantastic bunch of talent. We even had guest

rocker, The S.A.TIMES Publisher, Mr.Tom Burkard on the vocal mic with his signature rockers.."GLORIA and Hanky Panky".. Guests included friends and Rockdaddys drummer Tim Fee, with Mrs.Rockdaddy, Holly Fee..and a host of the bands "faithful followers"and friends...We all needed that few hours of music and time together.. and yes we were all "safe and aware"..just great that something put together at the last minute, turned out to be quite a gathering of friends and strangers..Smiles everywhere.. people enjoying people..WOW..when's the last time we heard of that? My thanks to the "boys"for coming out and playing our music together, and the many friends, neighbors and strangers who stopped by to enjoy the music and one another...What a way to "Unite!" Music....IT WORKS EVERY TIME! Let's look forward to see what the next several months bring, as we look forward to get to something "close to what we remember".. even better..My hope is that for all my fellow musicians will soon be back, playing music, making people smile and enjoy one another.. we'll get there..hang in there. We'll soon be back at the S.A.Knights for their "Open Mic Nites," and local outdoor shows in various towns. Use this "down time" to hone your "chops," pick up another instrument to add to your musical talents, build a new Guitar.. Drum Kit..you'd be surprised what a new instrument can and will do to bring out those elusive chops you've been trying to figure out for years!! Stay true..keep at it...we'll be jamming together soon...till then..Rock 'N Roll..Be safe and Happy.



By Tom Burkard

The Numbers Game

- 1.1999
- 2.December 1963
- 3.Summer of '69
- 4.409
- 5.Land Of 1000 Dances
- 6.In The Year 2525
- 7.867-5309
- 8.98.6
- 9.Two Tickets To Paradise
- 10.One

- a.Bryan Adams
- b.Tommy Tutone
- c.Eddie Money
- d.Zaeger & Evans
- e.The Four Seasons
- f.Prince
- g.The Beach Boys
- h.Three Dog Night
- i.Keith
- j.Wilson Pickett

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



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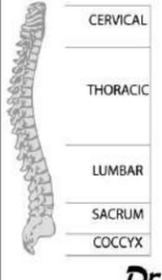
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The Spinal Column
By
Dr. John Misiewicz

Exercise Can Lower the Rate of Depression in the Elderly

Maintaining a regular exercise program can help lower the risk of depression in the elderly. Men and women who reduce their level of physical activity over an eight year period were more likely to suffer from depression than individuals who maintain or increase their level of activity, the research noted. According to the authors, "active physical exercise is associated with better mental health".

In a study published in Preventive Medicine, Paine Lampenen and colleagues with the University of Finland, compared exercise and depression in 663 people aged 65 years and older. Researchers interviewed individuals 65 years and older. They were initially interviewed and then again eight years later. Exercise was divided into three types: necessary chores only, regular walking, and strenuous exercise. Results show that individuals tended to decrease their level of physical activity as they aged. This trend appeared to increase the likelihood of becoming depressed regardless of socioeconomic factors or health status.

Only 30% of those who engaged in strenuous physical activity from the beginning kept up their level. These people reported fewer depressive symptoms at both ends of the study. On the other hand, individuals who become less active over time are more depressed.

The old Chiropractic adage, states "if you don't use it you lose it" as always an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.



Fishing Flashes
By Teo "Weebles" Weber



Salt Water
With water temperatures dropping, fishing in general is changing. Some big Striped Bass have been caught from party and charter boats. Some Stripers were over 38 inches and had to be released. More Stripers along with some Bluefish have been caught in the surf at Island Beach and LBI. Kingfish are still around as I found out when I tried fishing at Spray Beach at LBI near the end of October. I caught 3 Kingfish in a churned up surf, one was small but the other 2 were decent size. 3 Red Drums were caught at LBI at different times. Raritan Bay Beach fishing remains slow. The times that I checked Keansburg and Cliffwood revealed only a few people fishing and not doing anything. More winter Flounders are being caught in Shark River. Party boats that bottom fish are catching Sea Bass, Ling, Blackfish and Porgies. Some of the Porgies are dinner plate size. Charter boats that go far offshore are finding both Bluefin and Yellowfin tuna at the triple wrecks.

Fresh Water
Low water conditions continue to hamper Trout fishing as I found out in mid-October. I fished the Black River and the North Branch at Far Hills but all I did was make many casts. Most likely, these areas were not stocked. The lower Musconetcong and South Branch may be better for Trout fishing as there is more water in these streams. The state recently stocked Landlocked Salmon in 4 lakes in North Jersey.

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School Sports (As of Nov. 11th)

By Tom Burkard
Boys Soccer

Sayreville (5-4-1)

Team Leaders
Goals-Leon Daley 5 Matias Rosario 5 Kelvin Appau 3 Osei Boakye 3.
Assists-Rosario 6 Ziad Elwardany 3 Appau 2.
Saves-Nick Czajkowski 74, with 4 shutouts.

South Amboy (3-4)

Goals-Angel Barillas 7 Jake Szatkowski 3 Ryan Skakowski 3.
Assists-Szatkowski 4 Nathan Vastey 2 Giovanni Pepe 2.

Girls Soccer

Sayreville (1-8)

Team Leaders
Goals-Adrianna Westcott 4 Abigail Meyer 3 Carissa Colfer 2.
Saves-Selma Ahmemulic 35 Jessica Kerekes 26.

Field Hockey

Sayreville (0-8)

Team Leaders
Goals-Meha Patel 2 Brianna Ziobron 1 Sophia Abassi 1 Amoli Patel 1.
Assists-Hailey Petras 2.
Saves-Jada Johnson 76.

Sayreville Football

Game 6

The Bombers made it 2 wins in a row to even their season record to (3-3), by stopping East Brunswick, 14-3. Javiion Simmon led the ground attack by gaining 81 yards on 11 carries, including a 2-yard run for a touchdown. Rodney Acquah also scored on a 2-yard TD.
Playing super-tough defense over the last couple games were Caidan Holmes, Denzel Osa, Osei Bonsu, Zaimer Wright, Elijah Colon, Janiel Taveras, Rodney Acquah, Jalen Roman.

Game 5

The Sayreville Bombers nipped New Brunswick, 10-7, as Santana Fonseca booted a 42-yard field goal in the third quarter, to break a 7-7 tie and send Sayreville to victory. Michael Colonnello fired a 25-yard touchdown pass to Jayden Taveras for the Blue & Gray's earlier score. Punter Javiion Simmon turned in another fine performance to keep New Brunswick from threatening.

Game 4

Rahway routed Sayreville, 34-10, despite a 79-yard touchdown dash by Janiel Taveras and a 23-yard field goal by Fonseca.

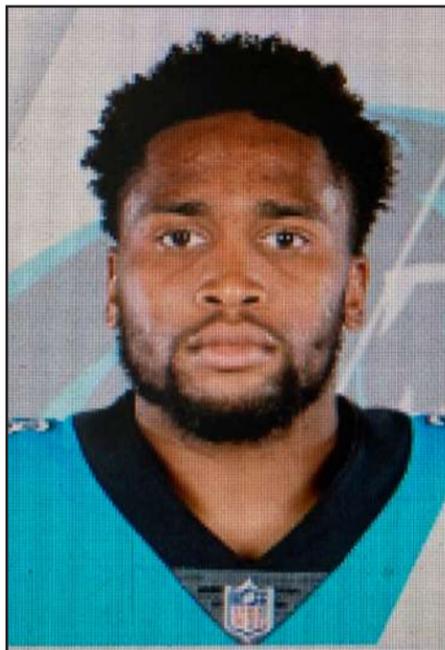
Game 3

The Bombers blasted Franklin, 33-6, behind a standout game from Rodney Acquah, who broke loose for 2 TD runs of 5 and 63 yards, while racking up 161 yards rushing. Javiion Simmon raced 90 yards on a kickoff return for another Sayreville score, and Zaimer Wright intercepted a Franklin pass and bolted 50-yards for another touchdown.

St. Bart's Hosts "A Season to Remember" Cheerfest

Cheerleading teams from all around New Jersey coming together, celebrating their shared love for a sport- this seems like a sweet, distant memory from a pre-COVID world. However, on Saturday, September 24th, athletes gathered to participate in an exposition of their skill and talent in a secure environment, proving that safe and successful

Local NFL Pro



Sayreville's Myles Hartsfield is playing pro football in the NFL with the Carolina Panthers.

Hartsfield Looking Good With Panthers

Former Sayreville Bomber standout, Myles Hartsfield, who is listed as a safety, has also seen a bit of action as a running back, filling in for All-Pro Christian McCaffery and Reggie Bonnafon. Hartsfield, who played for Ole Miss in college, has registered 2 solo tackles and 1 assisted tackle so far this season. In addition, he has 2 yards rushing in 2 carries for the Carolina Panthers.

He had a standout 4-year career at Ole Miss, racking up 167 tackles, and played in every game.

Bouchard, Zebro Selected As Finalists

Two-way lineman Ryan Bouchard of Sayreville, and quarterback Zachary Zebro of East Brunswick were selected as two of the 21 finalists for the prestigious "Borden's Baller of the Year" award, which is given out annually by legendary high school football coach Marcus Borden. Congratulations to both fine athletes.



gatherings remain possible.

Located outdoors, at East Brunswick's Community Arts Center, a total of 17 cheerleading teams from central New Jersey performed their routines for an admiring audience of friends, family, and local cheer fans at the exposition, aptly named "A Season to Remember".



Congratulations!



Recently The boys varsity soccer team celebrated senior day. From left to right Nathan Vasse, Jake Szatkowski, Casey Fenlon, goalie Andrew Yuhass, Jakob Mercado and Coach Gonsalves. The boys won in a nail-biter 3-2. Good luck seniors! (Photo/info submitted)

College Notebook



Rutgers football team got off to a good start with a win at Michigan State on October 24th. South Amboy's own Nick Krimin, is doing a fine job as the starting center for the Scarlet Knights. (Photo/info submitted)



Sayreville Junior Bombers, and St Bart's Buffalos worked tirelessly for weeks to provide the best experience possible for everyone. The teams worked together to plan, arrange, and schedule the event.

Athletes worked just as hard to prepare for the expo, such as 10 year old Ava and 11 year old Solana from the Sayreville Junior Bombers cheer team, who trained for three weeks prior to the event and were filled with anticipation and excitement to compete, with Ava saying that "it's really fun" and she "loves cheer". Solana echoed this sentiment, saying that she's wanted to participate in cheerleading "ever since [she] was really young". With the majority of sports and activities previously at a standstill ever since being altered or canceled in March, the Season to Remember Expo was a welcome event for both athletes and cheer fans alike.

Given the abundance of young athletes and excited supporters at the expo, safety was, of course, crucial, and the event stayed within New Jersey's Covid-19 guidelines. The first precaution taken was the outdoor location, as social distancing outside has been proven to reduce the risk of transmission compared to indoor gatherings. Additionally, masks were required for spectators.

In the past few months, life has become unrecognizable to many. The inability to participate in enjoyable social events, such as sports competitions, remains a challenge for both participants and spectators. Despite the unresolved COVID-19 crisis, St Bart's Buffalos and coordinators from the local teams managed to bring together residents of numerous towns in safe conditions, united by a passion for cheer. The donations to charity and the celebration of young athletes was admirable, and the support and unity demonstrated by the 17 competing teams remains a source of inspiration and positivity for New Jersey athletics.

The event started shortly after 11 AM. Parents and supporters purchased snacks, bows and apparel before setting up their chairs around the stage...cameras in hand. The Milltown Black Eagles' flag cheer team took the stage to abundant applause, and opened the exposition with a phenomenal routine to an upbeat pop song. After completing their routine, the athletes celebrated by taking a picture at the photo booth with their coaches and trainers. An enthusiastic DJ announced each team's entrance, and the event continued with just as much liveliness and pep from supporters in the audience.

The admission cost was simply a nonperishable food item, which was donated to a local food pantry. This is more necessary than ever, as unemployment and homelessness have spiked in New Jersey due to COVID-19. According to NJ.com, 1.3 million NJ residents have qualified for unemployment benefits. The generosity of the expo's attendees is touching in these uncertain times.

St. Bart's Buffalos organized the safe and successful cheerleading exposition with six New Jersey towns. Coordinators from the Holmdel Hornets, Hunterdon Huskies, Middlesex Bluejays, Middletown Eagles,

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- Whose first words on "Sesame Street" were "Don't bang on my can! Go away!"?
a-Big Bird,
b-Ernie,
c-Mr. Hooper,
d-Oscar.
- What fictional lawyer was assisted by a secretary named Della Street?
a-Perry Mason,
b-Owen Marshall,
c-Horace Rumpole,
d-Ben Matlock.
- On what London street did demon barber Sweeney Todd ply his trade?
a-Carnaby Street,
b-Fleet Street,
c-Wall Street,
d-Harley Street.
- In what musical did Freddy Eynsford-Hill sing "On the Street Where You Live"?
a-"On a Clear Day You Can See Forever,"
b-"My Fair Lady,"
c-"Carousel,"
d-"Gigi."
- What rock singer is backed by the E Street Band?
a-Elvis Costello,
b-David Bowie,
c-Bruce Springsteen,
d-Bob Dylan.
- What actor won a Best Supporting Actor Oscar for reprising his Broadway role in "A Streetcar Named Desire"?
a-Kirk Douglas,
b-Karl Malden,
c-Burt Lancaster,
d-James Franciscus.

Answers on page 21.

**Today's People Skills
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According to The Conover Company, research shows that inferior interpersonal skills are the No. 1 reason employees don't get along, fail to get promoted, and—worst of all—lose their jobs.

Following are tips for displaying these essential interpersonal skills and etiquette in today's workplace.

Start and maintain good relationships with colleagues and newcomers. You'll help maintain a pleasant workplace and make new friends too. Even with a difficult manager or coworker, stay professional and polite.

If you need to confront someone, do so thoughtfully and professionally. Your attempts to understand and relate to the feelings of others is called empathy—the laudable sense of understanding them and how they feel. When a coworker shares something personal with you, try to put yourself in their shoes. Think carefully about how you would react in the same situation. What would you want to hear someone say or have them do for you?

When approached by a person who wants to talk to you in private, set aside your phone, computer, or task. Share eye contact, listen carefully, and ask for clarification on issues that can help you better understand the situation. Avoid unnecessary interruptions.

Cooperating with others—especially working on a team—is vital in the workplace. Even though each person may have his or her own individual tasks and goals, all must share the primary goal: helping the company succeed. Without cooperation, the atmosphere of your workplace suffers and threatens the company issuing your paychecks.

Finally, when you're talking to a manager or co-worker, stand at arm's length so that person will not feel like you're invading his or her personal space. It's wise to refrain from touching any person in the workplace, especially with today's concern over Covid-19.

Prayer to St. Therese
St. Therese, the little Flower, please pick me a rose from the Heavenly Garden and send it to me with a message of love. Ask God to grant me the favor I thee implore and tell him I will love him each day more and more. -C.S..

The Local Sports Memory Machine

By Tom Burkard

From The Youth League Archives



The 1991 South Amboy Little League All Star Team won their own Tournament. By defeating Perth Amboy 5-4 in the final game. Front Row: Left to right, Leo McCabe, Mark Finnegan, Eddie McCabe, Charlie Honimar and Jason Kjersgard. Middle Row: Danny Mahoney, Jeff Ust, Paul Soltys, Mike Kuziemski, and Chris Smith. Back Row: Managers Al Ust and Tim Mahoney, Coach George Kuziemski. Missing from the Photo were Vinnie Sendziak and Coach Harry Finnegan. (Photo/info courtesy of Al Ust)

T.H.E. Game

Year-2005

Sport-Boys Soccer

Teams-South Amboy (SA) (0-0) vs. Cardinal McCarrick (CM) (0-0)

Recap-The Eagles Conrad Symber blasted in his second goal of the game to give the Eagles a thrilling 3-2 Opening game victory over crosstown rivals South Amboy. Miguel Ferriera also scored for (CM). Tom Szatkowski and Diego Cuello notched a goal apiece for the Guvs.

Player-of-the-Game-Conrad Symber (CM)

Pop Warner Football 45 Years Ago

1975-The South Amboy Sabres took 2 of 3 games from the Sayreville Leprechauns. The Sabres Junior Pee Wees won 7-0 on a 65-yard touchdown pass from Ray Kelly to Ricky Peterson...The Leprechauns Pee Wees beat South Amboy, 6-2 as Paul Pietraszka ran for a 2-yard TD...In Midget action, the Sabres romped, 19-0, as Alex MacNeil and Johnny Munck led the way. MacNeil raced for an 8-yard TD run, and fired a 48-yard touchdown aerial strike to Paul Bergin. Munck had a 2-yard touchdown run and also added an extra point.

Can anyone help ID this?



One of our readers sent this photo to us. Can anyone help identify what it is? If so please let us know at satimes@aol.com

65 Years Ago

1955-Two South Amboy residents had an outstanding season while playing as Post Graduates (PG) for Rutgers Prep basketball team. Former St. Mary's star Jerry Gorczyca, was selected All-State 1st Team for Private Schools, and former Hoffman standout Gary Stratton was a 3rd Team All-State selection.

10 Years Ago

2010-The Sayreville Bombers opened their football season with a 16-0 romp over Toms River East. Quarterback Joe Geiger fired a 50-yard touchdown pass to Delon Stephenson, who also ran for another touchdown from 10 yards out.

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 -ML..

Togo, The Unrequited Hero Of Sled Dogs

Courage, leadership, loyalty—Togo the Siberian Husky sled dog had them all, but he started his life as a sickly pup, repeatedly rejected for the sled because he was too rowdy.

No one knew it then, but Togo was born to lead a team and, in the end, he proved it.

First, he was given away as a pet. Togo jumped through a glass window to return to his musher. The musher took him back. Togo got in dog fights. Bad news. A dog that fights can't run in a sled team. Still, Togo wanted to run. He repeatedly broke out of his kennel to follow the sled. Finally, he was given a chance in the team and he shined. Togo was not just a sled dog, he was a team leader.

In 1925, 20 mushers had to relay life-saving diphtheria serum more than 600 miles to Nome, Alaska. The dramatic feat proved a test for man and beast. January temperatures dropped to 40 below zero. Whiteout conditions prevailed. Still, Togo, then 12 years old, led his sled 365 miles round trip across ice. He pulled the sled up a mountain. Leading the team, Togo swam through ice floes. His strength and courage saved dog and man in the ice, his musher said.

The well-known and also heroic sled dog Balto—whose statue still graces Central Park—received most of the fame for completing the last leg of the trip. But, it was Togo, whose impossibly great performance is generally acknowledged as the most heroic.

Togo's feat of endurance and courage went largely unrecognized. His owner and musher, Leonard Seppala, was crushed, but still they carried on. Seppala and Togo retired to Maine after many wins in the musher world.

Glory Days In Local Sports

1961-St. Mary's boys basketball team clubbed Carteret, 57-39. Jack Kreiger led the way with 18 points, followed by Joe Jankowski 14, and Bill Tibbitt 10 points...1976-The Eagles shocked Cedar Ridge, 77-68 behind John Miller who poured in 26 points, John Belmonte 16 and Matt Stolte 11 points...1984-Sayreville girls basketball team downed Madison Central, 39-35 as Caryn Lukie popped in 14 points...1999-2000-Ed Behnen racked up 66 three-point field goals (treys) for

the season for the Governors...2004-South Amboy nipped Dunellen, 3-2 in girls tennis. Singles winners were Liz Gray, and also Michelle Tomaszewski. The doubles team of Megan O'Connell and Kelly Fitzgerald also triumphed...2010-Sayreville crushed Monroe, 51-7 in football action. Joe Geiger fired 2 touchdown passes of 61 and 25 yards to Syd Holt. Alex Yanuzzelli broke loose for 2 touchdowns of 1 and 3 yards, Davon Jackson a 6-yard TD run, and Zeke Perkinson scored on a 19-yard TD run.

40 Years Ago St. Mary's Won Basketball Title

1980-Paul Fecskovics calmly swished 2 free throws with no time remaining in overtime, to give St. Mary's boys basketball team, a thrilling 60-59 come-from-behind victory over St. Peter's (21-4) to capture the South Jersey Parochial B championship contest, which was played at Sayreville War Memorial HS gym before a capacity crowd of 1,250. Fecskovics finished the game with a perfect 6-for-6 on the free throw line in the pressure-packed battle. The Eagles (25-2) under Coach Bob Howarth were paced by

talented guard Brian Gorczynski, who poured in 19 points, and was called "the star of the game," by the coach.

Also contributing big-time in the title game were Dan Kudelka, Bernie Orszewski, John Inman and Bill Howarth.

Other supporting members of the Eagles '80 championship team were Tom Misak, Bob Howe, Ed Stevens, Ken Connors, and Tom Murray. Paul Connelly was the team manager.

Champions



The Vintage Bombers Middlesex County Senior League champions are pictured Front Row (l-r) Bobby Hutcheons, Keith Conlon, Bill D'Amico, Ed Rappleyea, Jeff Pasewark, Joe Geletei. Back Row (l-r) Steve Samra, Frank O'Leary, Gary Aich, Pat Douglas, Eric Veit, Steve Mahn, Frank Bracht, Tim Reardon, Ed Last, Chuck Prusakowski, Dave Haltli. (Photo/info/submitted)

Vintage Bombers Take Middlesex County Title

(Article submitted)

The Vintage Bombers won a thrilling 3 game series against Cooper Electric on November 7th, taking the first game 20-7, dropping the second 13-10, and winning the third game in walk-off fashion in the bottom of the 7th, when Frank O'Leary drove in Frank Bracht on a line drive base hit to left field.

Bracht opened with a double and moved

to third base, when Vintage loaded the bases for O'Leary with one out.

The Vintage Bombers have won 4 division titles and two overall championships in their 7 years in the Middlesex County Senior League. Congratulations Bombers! Well done!

20 Years Ago Bombers Bow In State Final

By Tom Burkard

2000-Before a crowd of 4,000 at Rutgers Stadium, Sayreville's powerhouse football team's dream for a CJ Group IV state championship and undefeated season, ended in a heartbreaking 16-13 loss to Hillsborough. The Bombers featuring the biggest front line in the school's history, trailed 14-0, at halftime, as the fired-up Raiders of Hillsborough pounded Sayreville with an aggressive running game, which had been the Blue & Gray's trademark throughout its first 11 contests in 2000. Hillsborough picked up a safety in the third stanza, as their lead swelled to 16-0. Coach George Najjar's never-say-die Bombers battled back in the final quarter, and scored for the first time on a 22-yard touchdown pass from Brandon Hoyte to Ben Isabella. The two-point conversion pass failed, and the score was now 16-6. With three minutes left, Hoyte took off on a 9-yard touchdown run, and the extra point was good

to cut the lead to 16-13. Hillsborough had a 4th and 1 in its own territory with only 2:28 left, and Sayreville thought they would punt, but the Raiders successfully ran for the first down, and held possession until time ran out.

Notebook: Sayreville, who had blown all of its opponents away with an outstanding ground game all year, was beaten by the Raiders 212-76 in total rushing yards.. Notre Dame-bound Brandon Hoyte finished a brilliant schoolboy career by rushing for 43 yards on 12 carries and passing for 104 yards. On the defensive side, he racked up 16 tackles and two quarterback sacks.. Ben Isabella caught 5 passes for 86 yards... The elusive dream ended for the Washington Road warriors, but they had a lot to be proud of, as they set many school records during the year, most notably their 11 victories, which may stand for a long time.

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Hail and blessed by the hour and the moment in which the son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires, through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ, and of his Blessed Mother. Amen. -- B.S.

Answers to 'Street Smart on page 20'
1-d, Oscar
2-a, Perry Mason
3-b, Fleet Street
4-b, "My Fair Lady"
5-c, Bruce Springsteen
6-b, Karl Malden

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Think About This On Thanksgiving
Author Unknown

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Count your joys instead of your woes;
Count your friends instead of your foes.
Count your smiles instead of your tears;
Count your courage instead of your fears.
Count your full years instead of your lean;
Count your kind deeds instead of your mean.
Count your health instead of your wealth;
Count on God instead of yourself.

Thanksgiving
Anonymous

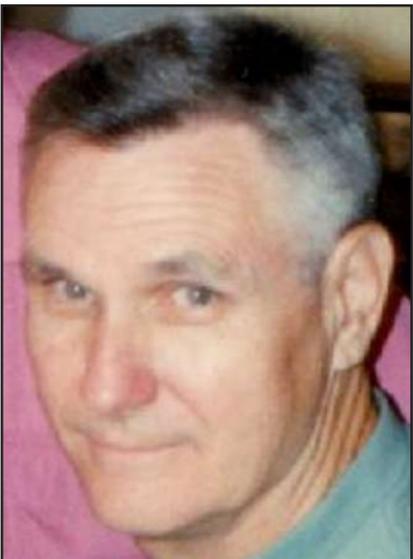
The year has turned its circle
The seasons come and go
The harvest all is gathered in
And chilly north winds blow.
Orchards have shared their treasures,
The fields, their yellow grain,
So open wide the doorway--
Thanksgiving comes again!

Thanksgiving Letters
Author Unknown

T is for turkey
on Thanksgiving Day
H is for "Hurry,
I'm hungry!" we say
A is for Auntie,
she works and mends
N is for native
American friends
K is for kitchen,
the oven's on low
S is for silverware,
set in a row
G is for Grandma,
the one we love most
I is for inside,
where we're warm as toast
V is for vegetables,
eat them we try
I is for ice cream
on top of the pie
N is for never do
we have enough dressing
G is for Grandpa,
who gives thanks for our
blessings.



Joseph Raymond Lotkowitz



Joseph Raymond Lotkowitz, 84, of South Amboy died on Friday November 6, 2020 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Old Bridge. Born in South Amboy he was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War. Before retiring he was employed by the Department of Defense, Fort Monmouth. He was a member and usher at St. Mary's R.C. Church, South Amboy as well as a member of the Knights of Columbus Council 426, South Amboy.

Son of the late Isador and Anna Jacobs Lotkowitz he is also predeceased by his wife Anne C. Dill Lotkowitz in 2011 and his daughter Karen Meirose in 2018. He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law Joanne and Cliff Vermont; his grandson Thomas Meirose, Jr. and his son-in-law Thomas Meirose.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday November 10, 2020 at The Gundrum Service "Home For Funerals" 237 Bordentown Avenue, South Amboy, followed by interment in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Parlin.

Virginia K. McDonnell Miller

Virginia K. McDonnell Miller, 95, of South Amboy died on Wednesday November 4, 2020 at home. Born in South Amboy she lived there all her life. Before retiring she was employed by Dr. Haque's office. A member of St. Mary's R.C. Church, South Amboy, she was also a member of the South Amboy Senior Citizens and was known for walking around town to church and local stores. She enjoyed stopping to talk with everyone around town, cooking and entertaining, and spending summers at her home in Long Beach Island.

Daughter of the late James and Helen Gelsinon McDonnell she is also predeceased by her husband of 58 years John F. "Bing" Miller in 2005, and her brother James McDonnell. She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law John F., IV, and Lori Miller; her daughters and sons-in-law Georgia and Kenneth Scott and Jackie and Robert Mancini; her grandchildren Eric, Lori, Ashley, Ryan, Paulina, and John F., V and her great grandchildren Liam Scott, Ellie Berwick and Oscar Duenas.

A Mass of Christian Burial was offered on November 7, 2020 at St. Mary's Church, 256 Augusta Street, South Amboy. Interment was held in New Calvary Cemetery, Parlin. Arrangements are under the direction of The Gundrum Service "Home For Funerals" 237 Bordentown Avenue, South Amboy. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to St. Mary's Food Pantry and mailed to the church.

In Memoriam

Geraldine "Gerri" Mroczkowski, 76, of Sayreville died on Oct. 19. She worked at Melrose Toy Shop for many years, and also at Peterpank Diner. Kenneth Novak Sr., 82, of Parlin died on Oct. 19. He volunteered as a Sayreville Little League coach, and also loved bowling at Majestic Lanes. "Bill" Buskey, 90, of South Amboy died on Oct. 21. One of the real "good guys," he loved bowling, and was an usher at St. Mary Church, and also a life member of the South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council #426. "Bobby" Burke, 59, of Morgan died on Oct. 23. He loved sports, and played plenty of local softball through the years. Gail Weber, 85, formerly of South Amboy/Morgan died on Oct. 24. She worked as a Registered & Industrial Nurse at National Lead in Sayreville, and SmithKline Beecham. Rosemarie Muchanic, 92, of South Amboy died on Oct. 26. A very kind person, she worked as a pharmacy clerk for many years at South Amboy Memorial Hospital.

Dolores Kilpatrick, 90, of Sayreville died on Oct. 30. She was the former owner of Pizza Junction in Sayreville, and also was a longtime manager of McDonald's in Parlin. Tom Birmingham, 59, of Parlin died on Nov. 3. He was owner/operator of Bayshore Printing in Union Beach.

Bidding Farewell To Johnny Jonap

By Elaine Holton Scott

I have often said that people who begin their lives together as children are mirror images of each other, and I will always believe that to be true. Born and raised in South Amboy with Parlin and Melrose "peeking in," my generation in the '50s and early '60s was shaped by the "Pleasant Little City" before it became as "pleasant" as it is today. Most men had done physical work in those days, and the work was hard. At the end of the week, the paychecks weren't big ones, but after getting through the Depression, WWII and the Korean War, people felt blessed just to have jobs. In many ways, we were all in the "same boat"....that is, except for one boy in particular who moved to town in time to begin his school years at St. Mary's with the rest of us. His name was John Jonap, the son of Dr. Jonap who had his practice in his home on Main Street. Living in a house with orange tiles on the roof, a house which looked like it should be in the Southwest, Johnny's life was much more "elite" than the way the rest of us in that small railroad town had lived. Yet, there wasn't a "I'm better than you" bone in Johnny's body. Knowing Johnny, even if just as a classmate where we were like sardines squashed in a can far too small, it was easy to see he was "one of us"...just much more financially set. Johnny got away with a lot with the nuns. They never pushed him to do anything really, so impressed they were by his being a doctor's son in that small town (yes, I know it's a city) of ours. The rest of us, though, had to tow the line or get punished... sometimes severely so. Instead of Johnny being "lucky," this cow-towing by the nuns had kept him from reaching his potential while attending St. Mary's school. When in college, John obviously bloomed...becoming a lawyer and later opening multiple offices in and around Atlanta, Georgia. I kept in touch with John when I moved to Georgia, directly with him or through his daughter, Amy Jonap Wiseman. As his health began declining, Johnny enjoyed being "kept in the loop" by little messages...messages which meant so much to him. Maria Korlath Everhard was his lifelong friend, a friend who really loved his family. Now, Maria, who "crossed the finish line" this past June, will be able to keep Johnny company as John "crossed the finish line" himself, at the age of 73, in the early hours of November 4th. May our old friend, John (Johnny) Jonap, rest in eternal peace.

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 O Glorious St. Theresa, whom Almighty God has raised up to aid and counsel mankind, I invite your miraculous intercession. So powerful are you in obtaining every need of body and soul, our Holy Mother Church proclaims you a "prodigy of miracles, the greatest Saint of modern times." Now I fervently beseech you to answer my petition (mention here) and carry out your promise of doing good upon earth of letting fall from heaven a shower of roses, henceforth, Dear Little Flower, I will fulfill your plea to be made known everywhere and I will never cease to lead others to Jesus through you. Amen. Say prayer every day for 9 days. By the 4th day ask for a sign, if prayer is to be answered between 4th and 9th day you will see a rose in a magazine, tv, picture or receive roses. Must promise publication. M.L..

Obituaries

Avdalas, Louise, 70, of Morgan died on Nov. 6.
 Birmingham, Thomas "Tom," 59, of Parlin died on Nov. 3.
 Blaszkza, Jacqueline, 52, of Sayreville died on Nov. 9.
 Burke, Robert "Bobby," 59, of Morgan died on Oct. 23.
 Buskey, William "Bill" J., 90, of South Amboy died on Oct. 21.
 Chrzan, Thomas "Tonto," 68, of Sayreville died on Nov. 11.
 Fernandes, Rita, 76, of Sayreville died on Oct. 15.
 Gostkowski, Winifred H., 78, of Sayreville died on Oct. 21.
 Kilpatrick, Dolores, 90, of Sayreville died on Oct. 30.
 Kultys, Helen, 92, of Sayreville died on Nov. 4.
 Le Donne, Nicoletta, 81, formerly of Sayreville died on Nov. 1.
 Lotkowitz, Joseph R. "Joe," 84, of South Amboy died on Nov. 6.
 Mandy, Robert "Bobby," 75, of Parlin died on Oct. 15.
 McCue, Shirley, 86, of South Amboy died on Oct. 22.
 Miller, Virginia, 95, of South Amboy died on Nov. 4.
 Montemurno, Amedeo "Army," 91, of Parlin died on Nov. 4.
 Mroczkowski, Geraldine "Gerri," 76, of Sayreville died on Oct. 19.
 Muchanic, Rosemarie, 92, of South Amboy died on Oct. 26.
 Mulligan, Paul R., 70, formerly of Sayreville died on Oct. 19.
 Novak, Kenneth Sr., 82, of Parlin died on Oct. 19.
 Poniatoski, Elizabeth "Betty," 91, formerly of South Amboy died on Oct. 13.
 Sekula, Debra, 68, of Sayreville died on Nov. 8.
 Semenza, Christine, 48, formerly of Sayreville died on Nov. 2.
 Weber, Gail P. Higgins, 85, formerly of South Amboy/Morgan died on Oct. 24.
 Zupko, Kenneth J., 66, of Parlin died on Nov. 6.

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