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### **South Amboy Receives FEMA Grant**

Mayor Fred Henry is pleased to announce that the City of South Amboy is the recipient of a grant from the 2020 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program Covid-19 Supplemental. Each year the Federal Government makes available funding to local firefighters to offset local costs for various needs. This year FEMA earmarked this funding to offset purchase costs for Personal Protective Equipment [PPE] to limit exposure of First Responders to Covid-19.

Funding received from this grant provided for the purchase of facepiece adapters that allow our Firefighters to utilize their breathing masks to prevent exposure to airborne diseases.

Mayor Henry said "we always pursue grant opportunities when available, particularly when it allows us to enhance the safety of our First Responders. We are grateful to the staff at FEMA for providing us with this opportunity."

### Vote Bv Mail



Middlesex County will begin mailing Vote By Mail ballots to active registered voters, installing drop boxes in every municipality Voters have several ways to exercise their right to vote in General Election, including via mail, drop-off locations, and in-person

### **Voting In the Upcoming General** Election

(Article submitted)

The COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in a new state law mandating that the general election be held mainly via Vote By Mail. Despite the pandemic, Middlesex County is ensuring voters still have a safe and secure way to exercise their right to vote in this

In accordance with the new state law, Middlesex County will begin mailing Vote By Mail ballots to all active, registered voters in the County. In addition, voters in Middlesex County will have five different options to cast their vote in the 2020 General Election.

Middlesex County has created a webpage for residents to learn more about the registration and voting process at www.

# New Bridge Groundbreaking (Photos by Tom Burkard)



N.J. Governor Phil Murphy speaks at the groundbreaking ceremony for the construction on the Raritan River Bridge project at South Amboy.



The groundbreaking ceremony for the construction on the \$595 million Raritan River Bridge replacement project, is handled by (l-r) South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry, Dept. of Transportation Commissioner Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti, NJ Transit President/CEO Kevin Corbett, Gov. Phil Murphy, Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin, Assemblywoman Yvonne Lopez.

Bridge To Be Replaced

known as River Draw, which is 112 yearsother dignitaries, the public, and construction future storms of Sandy's caliber. workers for the ceremonial groundbreaking.

Since 1908, River Draw has carried millions of train commuters across the Raritan River from South Amboy to Perth Amboy, and further north to New York City, and south to the Jersey Shore. The NJ Transit North Jersey Coast Line has provided a major role in transportation through the years, for countless New Jersey people who have made their living in the prime job areas of New York City, Newark and Jersey City. These workers preferred the convenience of riding a train, and chose not to drive, or look for another mode of travel to their jobs.

River Draw was severely damaged

The groundbreaking for a new Raritan during Superstorm Sandy in 2012, and has Rally on Saturday, Oct. 10th, noon in front River Bridge was held on September 15th since had maintenance issues as a result. in South Amboy, near the current structure With the latest in engineering, construction, and stronger products/ materials available, old. Gov. Phil Murphy was on hand, with the new bridge should be able to withstand

> Gov. Murphy, who was introduced by South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry said, "The project will create and support over 5,700 good, paying union jobs, while paying workers on site more than \$350 million in

> NJ Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin said, "The bridge has always served as a critical link between the Jersey Shore, central Middlesex County, Newark, Jersey City, and

The estimated \$595 million project will have approximately 75% covered by a 2014 Federal Transit Administration grant through the emergency resiliency program.

### **Earthquake Shakes** Area

By Tom Burkard

A 3.1 magnitude earthquake shook parts of Central Jersey, and also was felt in our local communities of South Amboy and Sayreville. On September 9th, the impact was felt in the area around 2 a.m., and lasted for only around 13 seconds. The center of the earthquakes was pinpointed 1 ½ miles below ground near Freehold Township. In South Amboy, a person said it "Felt like the house shook briefly," and a Sayreville woman said "It sounded like a loud boom outside of our home." Fortunately, no injuries or structural damage was reported, but police received numerous calls.

### **Poll Workers Needed**

John Anagnostis Regional Vice Chair of the Middlesex County Republican Organization has announced there are openings for Poll Workers for the 2020 General Elections to be held on November

You can be a poll worker if you are 18 years old, a registered voter and live in Middlesex County. The following communities need poll workers: Carteret, Perth Amboy, Woodbridge, Sayreville and South Amboy.

A poll worker attends a training class, reports to the polling places 45 minutes prior to the polls opening on election day, prepares the polling place, verifies voters are registered in the district, assists the voter if there are questions, maintains order at the polls, closes polling places at the designated times. The pay for the Election Day is \$200.00

This is a chance for residents to participate in our democracy. If you are interested please -contact John's office at

732-371-9967 Monday to Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. if no answer leave a message.

### **Rosary Rally** October 10

(Article submitted)

Please join in a Public Square Rosary of Sacred Heart Church at Memorial Hall. This rally is sponsored by America Needs Fatima, and will be one of over 20,000 rallies taking place all across the United States on that day. Come pray for America.

\*You must wear a mask

### **Firefighters Memorial** Service

Amemorial service will be held at Sacred Heart Church during the 4:00pm Mass on Saturday, October, 3, 2020. All firefighters from both the South Amboy and Sayreville Fire Departments are welcome to attend wearing their Class A uniform.



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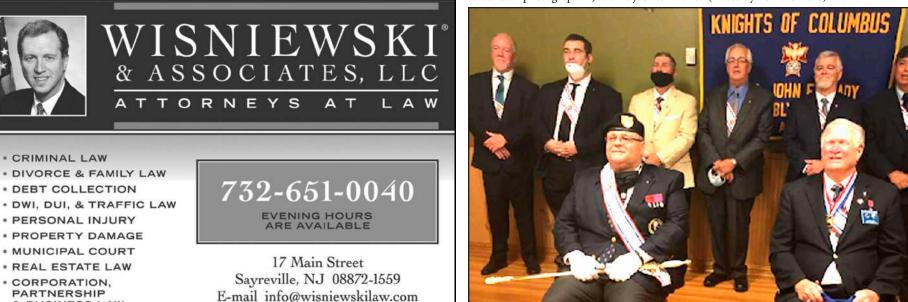
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In an official fourth degree knighting, "Sir" Joseph Lotkowictz (2nd from right) received his fourth degree from District Deputy Ken Smetana (l), Jan Williams Deputy Grand Knight/Faithful Navigator (2nd from left), and South Amboy Knights of Columbus #426 Grand Knight Gary Lattanzi. The ceremony took place at Joe's home in South Amboy. The SA Times sends its special congratulations to our staff photographer Joe on a job well-done! (Photo by Tom Burkard)



The Msgr. John F. Brady Assembly #676 officially knighted six new fourth degree members at a recent ceremony held at the South Amboy Knights of Columbus. Pictured back row (l-r) are Mark Fitzgibbons, Jordan Drevelus, Tom D'Amico, Bruce Grankowski, Jim Hoehman, John Anagnostis.

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Pictured front row are Chris Tomasello, Knights of Columbus Master Second District, Jan Williams Faithful Navigator Msgr. John F. Brady Assembly. (Photo/Info by Steve Schmid)

### Talk Of The Towns

By Tom Burkard

**Congratulations Corey!** 

South Amboy's Corey LaVigne, a Police Officer with the Old Bridge Police Department for many years, has recently retired after a highly-commendable career on the force. Congratulations, Corey, best of luck and good wishes for an enjoyable retirement!

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN (Never known to fail) Oh, most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, Fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh Star of the Sea, help me and show me, herein

you are my mother. Oh, Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth! I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in this necessity. There are none that can withstand your power. Oh, show me herein you are my mother. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 times). Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands (3 times). Say this prayer for 3 consecutive days. You must publish it and it will be granted to you. Thank you.

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### Pleasart Little TRIV

By Tom Burkard

1. This business was located at 118 South Broadway on the corner of Henry St. in 1978?

a. The Yellow Submarine b.Mark & Millie's Sweet Shop c. The Wackie Ice Cream Machine 2.In '91, where was the Tonsorial Shop located in the Morgan section of Sayreville?

a. South Pine Ave. b.Rt. 35 South c.Luke St.

3.Restaurant/Bar located at 132 South Broadway, South Amboy in '78?

a.Sligo's Suds b.Yard Arm c.Broadway Central

4.He became Pastor of Sacred Heart Church in 1993?

a.Rev. Joseph Romanoski b.Msgr. Walter Urbanik c.Rev. Joseph Banach

5.In 1978, this family restaurant was located at 124 North Broadway, South Amboy?

a.Annie's Place b.Family Times c.Little Michael's Place

6.St. Stanislaus Kostka Church Pastor from 1992-2000?

a.Rev. Ladislaus Madura b.Rev. Anthony Kramarz c.Rev. Leon Aniszczyk

7. Where was Main Street Farmers Market located?

a. Morgan b. Sayreville c. Parlin

8. This business held its Grand Opening in '07 at Jernee Mill Road?

a.Plus Polish Specialty b.Mastroianni's Pizza c.Phil's Fish & Chips

9.In '78, where was Center Deli located in South Amboy?

a.North Broadway b.Washington Ave. c.North Stevens Ave.

10. This St. Stanislaus Kostka Church parishioner was installed as President of the

Middlesex County Federation of Holy Name Societies for 2005-06? Answers

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### Yearbook-Hoffman 1980

final year in September '79, and the John Street gang was most likely rockin' to the #1 hit at the time, "My Sharona," as they orbited "The Pleasant Little City." The yearbook was dedicated to Eileen Yadlowsky. Joseph DePasquale was principal. A few fine faculty members included Miss Folis, Mrs. Lopez, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Virgilio, Miss Wojcik, and of Chairperson-Nancy Romanetz; Secretary-William Lewis: Treasurer-Lisa Rainone. The Senior Class Officers were President-Ellen Carey; VP-Donna Coyle; Sec.-Annette Puccio; Treas.-Sharon Malkiewicz. Jean Sutak was President of the National Honor Society. Some of the fine Class of '80 chosen randomly included: Robin Balasz, Gregory Barna, Linda Bloomer, Rose Ann Bongiorno, James Bowden, David Brady, Fred Brinkerhoff, Michele Cox, Wendy Dennen, Scott Dorick, George Govlick, Mary Gundrum, Lisa Hermann, Ann Marie Horvath, Jean Marie Hulsart, Lisa Kardos, Debra Keegan, Nancy Koerner, Kenneth Krasowski, Susan Kulcsar, Allison

Hoffman H.S. Class of 1980 returned for its Kross, Francine Kuzma, Michael Leonard, Vicki Martin, Donald Milks, Sharon Mulcahy, Suan Mulcahy, Marianne Murphy, Kathleen O'Grady, Barbara Ann Ruskuski, Christine Salaky, Kathleen Scibek, Lisa Scarfi, Kathleen Therkelsen, Kathleen Ust, Ernest Wilson, Tracy Wisenfelder, Pamela Wyzykowski, Anthony Zalewski.

The Purple & Gold featured lots of Miss Search. The Student Council consisted athletic talent in the Class of '80. Some fine senior athletes were: Carol and Sue Akerman, Maribeth Bowlby, Marie & Jackie Buckalew, Joanne Cadigan, Sue Check, Dawn Christensen, Mike Chrzaszcz, John Dragotta, Julia Farkas, Michael Facendo, Judith Haas, Bill Lewis, Gerard Marrone, Lenny Maxfield, Mary Chris Moskal, Tom O'Connor, Don Riley, Greg Seres, Steve Szatkowski, Marty Veilleux, John Ziola. At graduation time, the Class of '80 probably heard the top pop song, "Funkytown" on the radio as they headed to the commencement exercises on that memorable June day. Hoffman High's Class of '80 was a very interesting blend of scholars, athletes, and so much more!

50 Years Ago...

to see the actual story/photo of the late and career in the journalism field.

The South Amboy-Sayreville Times beloved Luke Lenahan, you'll notice there Owner/Publisher, Tom Burkard had his was no byline. Tom said he will never forget first professional article published in the the late Citizen owner Joe Wojciechowski, old South Amboy Citizen in the September who took a chance on him, and gave him his 24, 1970 issue. If you go to their archives first start in what turned out to be a lifetime

### NAMES FAVORITE SCHOOL TEAMS

**By Tom Burkard** 

Citizen, September 24, 1970

Luke Lenahan, St. Mary's High School varsity basketball coach from 1959 through 1967, and present coach of the Madison Township High School varsity basketball team, named his 1st and 2nd all-time favorite city school teams.

Composed of the best players he coached for the South Saints, they are:

First Team Jack Krieger, Tom Farrell, Jay Derent, Bob Kukulski, and Fran Fttzmorris. Second Team Ed Suchcicki, Joe

(Reprinted from The South Amboy Chodklewicz, Joe Jankowski, Tom Fitzmorris, and Bob Suminskl.

> Mr. Lenahan also selected his five best opponents from Hoffman High School. He chose:

> Bob Poetsch, Jerry Drill, Dennis White, Dennis Wood, and John Red Lange. Mr. Lenahan believes that these players were the best because their overall ability was outstanding and they displayed the finest competitive spirit he had ever come across as a basketball coach.

### Voting-continued from page 1

middlesexcountynj.gov/vote2020.

many of our residents' normal routines, and the 2020 General Election is no exception. As a result, Middlesex County has given voters several different options to cast their votes safely and securely, including the purchase and installation of drop boxes in each of our municipalities, far surpassing the minimum of 10 boxes per County required by the state," said Freeholder Director Ronald G. Rios.

hile residents may not feel comfortable voting in-person at the polls during this epidemic, Middlesex County is working to ensure that this election is safe, secure, and accurate. For this year's General Election, the County is mailing voter confirmation "I Voted" postcards to reassure voters that their ballot has been received and will be tabulated by the Middlesex County Board of Elections," said Middlesex County Clerk Elaine Flynn.

REGISTERING TO VOTE

To participate in the election, residents must be registered to vote, and must do so before Tuesday, October 13, if not already registered. For the first time ever, residents can register to vote online or use traditional registration methods including completing then mailing a voter registration application or submitting the application in person at the County Clerk's Office or Board of Elections, or while applying or renewing a driver's license at the Department of Motor Vehicles.

WHAT VOTERS WILL RECEIVE

Every active, registered voter, and new registrant in Middlesex County will receive a mail-in ballot which includes the following materials:

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Instructions for how to complete the "The COVID-19 pandemic has changed Vote By Mail ballot are included on the ballot received in the mail or found in the How-To Video posted on www.middlesexcountynj. gov/vote2020

> COUNTY CLERK OFFERING **ELECTION INFORMATION CENTERS**

> Recognizing the rapidly changing election environment and the non-traditional nature of this election, the Middlesex County Clerk's Office will be establishing "Election Information Centers" in partnership with municipalities in Middlesex County.

> At these local centers, voters will be able to access many of the same services they can receive by visiting the Middlesex County Clerk's Office in New Brunswick. These centers will be available to assist voters who wish to apply to vote by mail, who damaged or misplaced their ballot and require a ballot regeneration, or who are generally looking for information or assistance as to how they can participate in the November 3rd General Election.

> The County Clerk's Office will be locating these centers in the immediate vicinity of a secured ballot drop box, so that if they wish, voters may drop off their ballot after receiving assistance at the Center. More details regarding the locations and hours of operations for the "Election Information Centers" will be released by the County Clerk's Office.

### Fish/ Chicken Fry

The First Presbyterian Church of Sayreville will be having a Fish/Chicken Fry on October 16, 2020. There will be drive-in and pickup only. There is no indoor eating due to Covid rules. The event will run from 5-6:45 pm. Tickets are \$15 and available now by calling the church a 732-257-6353 or contacting us by email at churchoffice 172@ optimum.net. You can also find information on our website at FPCSAYREVILLE.ORG. Chicken dinners must be specified in advance.



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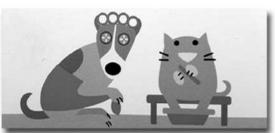
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Volunteers Maura Samuel (r) and her son Andrew Samuel (l) are pictured near the kitchen at the St. Stan's Family Food Fest. Notice the mask, and face shield they are wearing, and also a bottle of sanitizer on the table for safety reasons. This marked the first year of the event which was quite successful. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

### Sorry, Charlie

Back when Charlie the Tuna was the star of so many StarKist TV commercials from 1961 to 1986, a can of tuna in the earliest commercials had contained 7 ounces...then, bit by bit, the amount of tuna inside a can kept decreasing. Now, shockingly, cans contain only 5 ounces...except for one. Bumble Bee's canned tuna is now 4 ounces in weight. The 2-ounce difference, and in Bumble Bee's case, 3 ounces, probably doesn't seem like much, but just pick up a can of tuna and you'll really notice how small the cans have become. I remember complaining about Ocean Spray Cranberry Sauce reducing the size of their cans from 16 ounces to 15 ounces in an article I had written for the SATimes. Here I am complaining again. A standard size can of Ocean Spray cranberry sauce now contains only 14 ounces and it's only a matter of time when the cans will contain even less...or maybe they've already shrunk!

Shrinkage in the food we eat and drink has been a common theme since the mid-1970's...but now it's become even more prevalent. Marketers think they're "cool" by changing the packaging whenever an item's been reduced in weight. What I feel is very lowlife is when the weight content, listed by law, is either too small to read for most eyes, whatever the age; hiding it by putting the print over a design on the can/package/bottle; or on one package of egg noodles I have in my closet, omitting it altogether. The companies may think trying to "disguise" the weight contents is a good idea to make more profit, but in my opinion, it's just plain cheating.

Once upon a time, no matter how small a packaged food item like a box of stuffing mix, mac & cheese, Rice-a-Roni, or any kind of ready to make side dish had been, the box/ package would boldly state, "Feeds Four." "Four of what?" I used to think to myself. I may be wrong, but that ridiculous claim seems to have disappeared when sneaky shrinkage became standard. Like sheep following each other, so too it seems that 99% of all food companies follow the leader in shrinking increasing the price.

Pork 'n Beans had always been a favorite in the Northeast because the 16 ounce cans had helped stretch a fried pork roll or fried baloney sandwich, two other old favorites, in those days when the food budget "needed a refill." How sad it is to see those one pound cans of Campbell's pork 'n beans have diminished to 11.5 ounces. Now, that's a really big shrinkage. Possibly, young adults don't need to eat in expensively anymore when credit cards are so handy. Kidney beans, a must for making homemade Chili, were never super popular, yet, they have only reduced their 16 ounce cans to 15.5 ounces. A wellknown brand of kielbasa from the grocery store, a poor imitation of "real" kielbasa from the butcher, had lost 2 ounces the last time I went shopping in a store. In Ocean County where I live with Covid-19 being so prevalent, it's safer to have food delivered so maybe the store-bought kielbasa has lost even more weight.

When I had a cooking column in the Banner News while living in Magnolia, Arkansas, located in the "ArkLaTex" and not somewhere in the boondocks, I would list the weight contents for the recipes. That was back in the mid-'90s, and oh, how food packaging and bottling have changed. For example, when was the last time you saw a glass 30 ounce jar of tomato sauce? For that matter, when was the last time you saw a glass jar??? Joe Zaccardi, a well-known poet and an old friend who had graduated 8th grade from St. Mary's with me and what seems like 500 other kids, told me recently he stopped buying Paul Newman's spaghetti sauce when the company switched from glass to plastic. So, not only are we getting less while paying more, but the plastic used in many containers could very well be leaching its way into the food we eat!!

Just be careful when using an old recipe...beware of all the plastic containers, and know that Charlie the Tuna is no longer enjoying retirement but is working again as the "poster" tuna for StarKist, now owned their product's weight content while usually by a South Korean company. Sorry, Charlie.

### **Small Business Support At The Dowdell Library**

The coronavirus has impacted our in New Jersey. community in ways never imagined, especially for small business owners. The provides forgivable loans up to \$3,000 Dowdell Library is continuously striving to meet the changing needs of our business community. A new resource offered through the library is called Libraries 2 Business, or L2B. L2B is a free online resource that provides webinars, online training, numerous business resources, and funding opportunities for the business community. Visit Dowdell. org to access the L2B website.

Is your small business currently facing a financial hardship? Listed below are two programs that are offering grants to businesses in need. You can also visit the Dowdell Library website to learn more about benefits you may be eligible for and use the Job and Career Accelerator to search job openings

New Jersey 30 DAY FUND which to small businesses in need. New Jersey businesses that qualify for assistance from the Fund are: for-profit small businesses that employ three to 30 people, based in New Jersey and have been operating for at least one year, and owned and operated by a New Jersey resident. The funds disbursed to small businesses by the New Jersey 30 Day fund do not need to be repaid.

Middlesex County Small Business Relief Grant (MC-SBRG) which is a program to assist small businesses that have been negatively impacted by the coronavirus. You can visit Dowdell.org to find out more information.

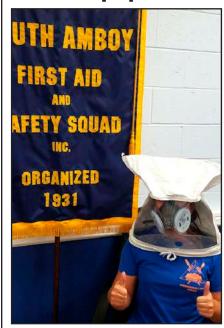
### **South Amboy Police Answer the Call**

By Captain G. Pizzillo, South Amboy Police (Article reprinted from September, 2001)

People will ask where you were on the day the United States was attacked. Six of the South Amboy Police officers will say we were called to ground zero. September 11. 2001 started as any other day for the day shift at police headquarters. Sgt. Ken Szatkowski gave out the daily assignments to his shift and they went to work as usual. As the morning progressed word was that a jet had just crashed into one of the towers of the World Trade Center, Eighteen minutes later, when a second jet crashed into the second tower, we all knew terrorism had struck and struck hard. Myself and Ptl. Jamie Norek proceeded to the upper parking lot of the former South Amboy Hospital to get a look across the bay. Both twin towers were smoking and flames could be seen shooting into the sky. We were then joined by the day shift on duty that day. As we watched with sadness and bewilderment the first tower collapsed before our eyes. We left that location and headed to police headquarters to prepare for the worst. A short time later the second tower collapsed, a message was sent via our NCIC computer that help was needed in New York City, all responding agencies were to mobilize at the toll plaza at the Lincoln Tunnel. After reading this message Chief of Police Steve Pavich gave us the green light and we headed to the city. This writer, Sgt. Ken Szatkowski, Det./ Sgt. Darren LaVigue, Ptl. Bob McKeon, Ptl. Glenn Malkiewicz, and Ptl. Tom Szatkowski in three patrol cars, packed with first aid supplies headed north to New York City. A feeling of disbelief entered my mind as we headed north on the deserted NJ Turnpike. All traffic was diverted to the truck lanes and we had a clear path to the staging area. When we reached the Lincoln Tunnel we were met by officers from the Port Authority Police, they checked us out and opened the tunnel and let us enter one of the empty tunnels to the city. Sgt. LaVigne stated later that day what an eerie feeling he felt traveling through that empty tunnel, nothing like he had ever felt

before. Once in the city, we were to report to the New York City Police Command Center, which was set up at pier 40 along West St. We checked in and were told to stand by. A strange quiet came over us as we watched numerous city police officers of all ranks coming and going from the command center, they were all covered from head to toe with a gray ash. Vehicles, partly damaged, were also covered with this gray ash. The strange silence was broken when two F-15 fighter jets streaked across the sky. the awesome sound from their jet engines awoke us back to reality. The time was about 2 p.m.. we were then told to move up to Stuyvesant High School.

### **New Equipment!**

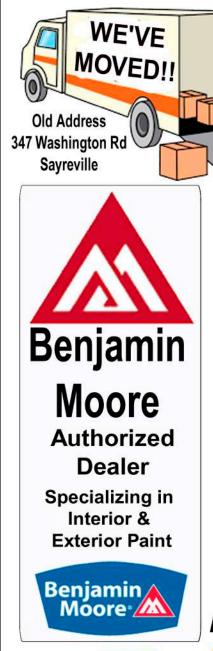


With Covid-19 still a threat South Amboy First Aid members received better respiratory protection to wear on emergency calls. Each active member received an air purifier respirator (APR) mask. Pictured is member Leigh Ann McMahon being fit tested on the new mask so that it ensured proper protection. (Photo/Info Submitted)



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Melissa A, Sayreville

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James T. Old Bridge

I needed some glass cut, was met with friendly service, concern, caring, 1960's style service. Before you go to the Big Box store to save a few bucks, consider supporting a local neighborhood business that knows your name and has what you need and can advise you as well.

Morgan T. East Brunswick Small locally owned Hardware store in Sayreville. The staff are knowledgeable and friendly, and they always seem to have what I need in the right size.

Prices are ok too.

Sharolyn K, Sayreville Super Clean!! Super Friendly, staff is always willing to help! Neighborhood Hardware Store! Good to have a great business in the neighborhood. Gentleman will always offer to help me to my car.

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### **Little Free Library Comes To Town**

By Emily Dumonseau

I have always had a love for books and reading. I remember camping as a child and bringing along Harry Potter, and not wanting to do anything but read until the book was done. Now, as a mom, I am trying to instill the same love of books in my child. It's fun to take the time to relax with her and go on an adventure in a Magic Tree House, learn about bugs, or some amazing historic figures.

Since, the Pandemic hit I have been afforded a little extra me-time to pick up a hobby. This new hobby turned out to be woodworking. I can spend a whole Saturday in my garage without realizing how much time has passed. I knew immediately what I wanted one of my first projects to be, a Little Free Library. I have been wanting one for years and never had the space or time to create one. The timing was perfect!

I started researching different Little Free Library styles and designs, and after a few weeks I knew what I wanted to build. I drew out the plan and measurements, and got to work. I was going for a small looking house, with the same feel as my home. With this being one of my first projects, I watched A LOT of YouTube videos. I learned how to put up siding, and how to shingle a roof - as good as anyone really can from a video, but it worked. I was lucky to have a few extra supplies on hand, like siding, some lumber, and spare shingles which really helped keep my costs down. It was slow going, but a few weeks later I was thrilled to be setting up the post, ready to erect my Little Free Library!



Emily Dumonseau and her daughter of South Amboy are pictured near Emily's Little Free

I am happy to say that I was able to get a few generous donations via Facebook marketplace to start with a full library. I try to keep a good mix for all ages. It wasn't long before people started using it, and I cannot tell you how many times I check on the action of the library, I just love it, and so does my daughter. The same day it was installed, my husband had a friend reach out to me to build one for him and his wife. I hope that our neighborhood becomes rich with these gems. While mine isn't perfect, I LOVE IT!

You can find my library and others in the area or more information on becoming a steward at littlefreelibrary.org.

### South Amboy Elks 2nd Food Drive

With the Holidays coming upon us, and that we represent (South Amboy, Sayreville, so many people still in need of help, South Amboy Elks is adding another date for a Drive through Food Drive.

from 9 am till 1pm. Just pull up, pop the trunk and one of our members will assist in taking your items. No contact necessary!

So we can help all the communities

South River & Perth Amboy) all items will be donated to many local food pantries.

All items for donation must be within The next date is Sunday October 18th their sell by date and non-perishable, Gift cards to grocery stores will be accepted.

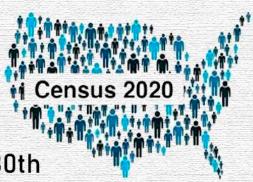
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### The Smoke Column

By Ex-Chief Richard Kosmoski, BA, MS

contain personal information due to any embarrassment it may cause the individual. But for this month's "Smoke Column" I was requested by the person who experienced the incident to relay her story. With that being said, I am going to forward her story as it unfolded. Elaine Scott, one of our staff writers for the TIMES, had a harrowing experience which could have ended in being safe. But her kitchen did not fare as well. One day while she was frying chicken in a saucepan, the oil erupted in flames. It happened so quickly that she was startled. The fire consumed the microwave and cabinets located directly above the stove. Soot from the fire accumulated throughout the kitchen, especially the walls, ceiling, and kitchen cabinets. Due to the quick actions of a friend, the pan was covered thus limiting the fire spread but the damage was already done. Some areas that look like they were soot covered turned out to be melted plastic. Burning plastic is very hazardous to your health. It gives off heavy black, toxic smoke that can quickly damage a person's lungs and respiratory tract.

Many people fail to realize how rapidly a hot pan of grease/oil can ignite and flashover. At that point, people get startled and are frightened by the sight of fire. As the flames develop and grow, they start to consume everything near the fire, especially the kitchen cabinets that are made from wood or plastics. People will panic at the sight of fire. Some will attempt to douse the flames by putting water on the fire. DON'T do this! Applying water to a grease fire will only intensify the fire. It may also cause the burning oil/grease to erupt in fire outside the pan and onto the cooking surface and may become uncontrollable at that time. You never know when that cooking oil reaches its ignition temperature. Most cooking oils have a recommended cooking temperature of 350 degrees. How do you know your oil is heated to that temperature the nearest KFC in her neighborhood.

I do not usually write articles that or exceeds it and is now ready to ignite? There are no thermostats in frying pans to regulate the oil temperature unless you are using an electric fry pan where you can set the temperature.

While cooking or frying on the stove, never take your eyes off the stove, NEVER! This still does not guarantee that the cooking oil will not ignite.

I am not about to tell you how to cook but disaster. Luckily for her, it ended with her I do want to make you aware of the dangers of inattentive cooking.

Kitchen fires are one of the leading causes of residential fires. How would you extinguish a cooking oil fire if you experienced one? If the oil in the pan is on fire, you could place a lid or cover on the pan. This will smother the flames and deny the fire the oxygen it needs to burn. Placing a damp dish towel over the flames will have a similar effect on the fire. Just make sure it is not saturated with water. These items are readily available in the kitchen. Know how to obtain them quickly in the event they are needed. It is also a good idea to have an ABC/multi-purpose fire extinguisher in the kitchen, located somewhere on your exit route from the room.

If the fire becomes too large to extinguish or you are inexperienced and frightened, GET OUT to a safe location and Call 911. It is not worth getting yourself burned or seriously injured over a frying pan fire. The suffering and pain of a burn is just not worth it. Make sure you also call the fire department and have a report made on the incident even if they are not needed to extinguish the fire. You may think you have the fire out, but it just might have entered a hidden area behind the walls or cabinets. This is also necessary for insurance purposes if you are going to make a claim. If you do not have a report of a fire, the insurance company may deny the claim.

Now that I know that Elaine is safe and she is getting her kitchen "remodeled", I would recommend she find the location of



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- She is the Council Liaison to Office on Aging.
- She is the Chair of the Public Works.
- She is a resident for more than four decades.
- She lives with husband James Sr. and mother of four children, and grandmother of nine.
- Commissioner on the Sayreville Economic Redevelopment Agency (S.E.R.A).





## VINCENT CONTI



- Current Councilman serving since 2020.
- Provider Solution Initiatives Director at Anthem Inc.
- Vincent was born in Queens, NY and grew up in Staten Island, NY. He has been a resident of New Jersey since 1997, proudly calling Sayreville his home for the last 15 years.
- Holds a B.B.A in Accounting from Baruch College.
- He is married to Catherine for 12 years and has three children: Samantha, Nicholas and Vincent.
- Serves as a Commissioner on the Sayreville Economic and Redevelopment Agency (S.E.R.A) as well as the Director of Sports Operations at Sayreville Athletic Association.







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### **The Vintage Car Contest**



Does this car look familiar to you? If so let us know the make, model and year, Send your answer to satimes@ aol.com by October 12th.

### August's Vintage Car

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton

Last month's car was a 1974 Ford Pinto (Blue). We did receive some incorrect answers, most said Ford Pinto but had the incorrect year. One answer was the Chevrolet Vega which was the rival of the Pinto. The cousin to the Pinto was the Mercury Bob Cat.

Named for the pony, the Pinto was introduced on September 11, 1970. It was a completely new platform, but utilized a powertrain from the Europeanspecification Escort. Ford Chairman Henry Ford II himself purchased a 1971 Runabout (hatchback) to use as one of his personal fuel system fires but was a fun little car Colburn, Don Vincz.



July Vintage Car 1955 Ford Customline

that many people enjoyed. Not many are on the road today.

Those who had the correct answer were: Mark Kapes, Steve Laskiewicz, Kurt cars. The Pinto did have some tissue with Kapes, Craig Yetsko, T.J. Albanese, Dane

### Father Jason Gets Promotion

**By Steve Schmid** 

Former South Amboy resident Father the same parish. Father Jason is a graduate of Parish in New Brunswick to administrator of residents Stephen and Nancy Pavich.

Jason Pavich has gotten a promotion and is St. Mary's High School in South Amboy. He taking on more responsibilities. Metuchen enjoys returning to South Amboy where he Bishop James Checcio has announced that he sometimes fills in for St. Mary Pastor Father is being promoted from parochial vicar of St Dennis Weezorak and conducts Mass. Father Peter the Apostle University and Community Jason is the son of former South Amboy

### **Poppy Drive**

PM and on Sunday, Oct. 18, 6 AM till 1 PM available for sale. Cost is still \$25.

The Catholic War Veterans, Sacred Heart in front of Sacred Heart Church, Washington Memorial Post 578, South Amboy, NJ will Ave., South Amboy, NJ. In conjunction, hold a Poppy Drive: Saturday, Oct. 17, 3-7 the 2021 CWV Cash Calendar will also be

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### WWW.?



Does this business look familiar? Send your answer to satimes@aol.com by October 12th. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

### **WWW.? August Winners**

Answer: Robert Noble Manor, South

The winners who correctly identified the structure were: Chuck Pickard, Judy Guilfoyle, Maryanne Matarangolo, Dennis Quinlan, Leon Credico, Joan Fulham, Marie and Ed English, Gary Feret, Lynn Loy, Betty Leveille, Steve Laskiewicz, Don Zrebiec, Mary Agnes Morris, Pat & Bill Scully, Lisa Grankowski, Pete McIntyre.

Wrong answers, Shoregate, Shoregate

Village

August www? Robert **Noble** Manor



By Brian and Phyllis Stratton

coffee or grain mill. Those who correctly identified it were: Geraldine Bruno, Marlene Letwenski, Judy Guilfoyle, Maryanne Matarangolo, Eleanore Westerholm, Dennis



Does this item look familiar to you? It could really have you spinning! Send us your answer to satimes@aol.com by October 12th.

The What Is It? For August was a vintage Quinlan, Leon Credico, Ed Puchalski, Jack Piskorski, Keith Piskorski & Lorraine Krauss, Joe Tortora, Elainre Scott, Joan Fulham, Marie and Ed English, Gary Feret, Lynn Loy, Betty Leveille, Steve Laskiewicz, John & JoAnn French, Helen Tyska, Kurt Kapes. Lenore Carroll Gill, Don Zrebiec, Mary Agnes Morris, T.J. Albanese, Bruce Grankowski, Pat & Bill Scully, Dane Colburn, Steve Villig, Anthony Carlo, Pete McIntyre, Chuck Picard

> **August What** is it? Coffee / **Grain Mill**





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### Sayreville 911 Memorial Service

(Photos by Tom Burkard)



American Legion Lenape Post #211, Sayreville, members salute in tribute to those killed in the 911 attacks.



Jean Marie Henry sings a beautiful song she wrote about 911.



Sayreville Mayor Vicky Kilpatrick recalls that devastating day, while addressing the large crowd near the 911 monument at Burke's Park in Parlin.

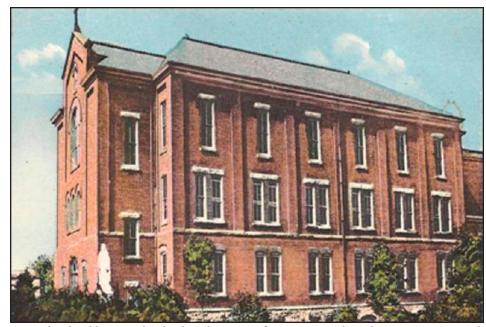


Singer/songwriter Jean Marie Henry (c) is pictured with her mother Noreen Henry (I), and father, Bill Henry (r), a former Sayreville Councilman, following her outstanding performance during the Memorial Service.





Local, county and state dignitaries, are shown following the service.



Pictured is the old St. Mary's School on the corner of Augusta St. and South Stevens Ave. in South Amboy.

### Back to School: The 1950s

John "Flip" Phillips St. Mary's HS Class of 1958

is like in my old hometown today when there might be in. And what sisters left and who is no St. Mary's on Augusta street to welcome would be new to St. Mary's. Opening Day: back students from summer vacation. There I do not remember how the first day went in were always newcomers wondering and Grammar School. But I think I remember asking what St. Mary's would be like. They (?) how it went in High School. We would came from Sayreville, South River, Keyport, meet in our old home room and file as a class Laurence Harbor and other towns in the over to Church to hear Mass. After Mass area. The school buses would be lined up on Stevens Avenue in the morning, and then again in the afternoon. And we always got new students from Sacred Heart. I met and became friends with many new classmates from Sacred Heart. And a few helped me with Algebra, Geometry and Chemistry when me, but several stood out: Sister Comas I needed it. And I did! The school we went to was a lot different than the one sitting idle today. If you attended St. Mary's back then, you started out in the basement and worked your way up to the 4th floor as a senior. Oops, I almost forgot the 3rd grade, taught by Sisters Clement and Basil over in the Annex by the schoolyard. If you remember the Annex you are surely a senior citizen.

We knew summer was almost over, and nuns started coming back to the convent. When the nuns opened the school to get their classrooms ready for "Opening Day", they always welcomed help. And a few of

It is very hard for me to imagine what it out. We were anxious to see whose class we and a brief welcome speech by Monsignor Sullivan, Sister Loretta our principal would call the roll for each class. Then our new home room sister would march us back to the school to begin the school year.

> I remember all the nuns who taught (Kindergarten), Sister Augusta (1st Grade), Sister Judith (4th Grade) and Sister Aquin (6th& 7th Grade), and of course our too nice principal Sister Rose Mary. High School, Sisters: David, Celeste, Helene, Marguerite, Cleophas and Sister Ambrose. Yes, I remember them all, but these are the ones who left an impression and had an impact on me.

This is how I remember it. A "long" time the first day of school was near when the ago. Sometimes out of the blue memories of those school years, and the classmates who were my friends pop into my mind. And I smile before coming back to reality. As I got older, I began to understand and appreciate us always came to help and check things what the nuns did for me. God Bless them.

### ARTSFEST 2020 Canceled

ARTSFEST 2020 was canceled but SOUTHAMBOYARTS'mission is still alive. children's challenges, art lessons, virtual Artsfest's purpose was a time for families to come to Broadway and enjoy a simple day filled with arts activities, hands-on crafts, entertainment, art exhibition and vendor shopping as you gathered with members of our community. Since we had to cancel the event because of the Pandemic we have been planning to virtually bring activities to you to enjoy at home. As we work on making those connections, we will be posting them to you on various links including the City of South Facebook pages and SATV.

Some of the activities will include gallery shows along with the famed 'scarecrow' contest. This year's contest theme will focus on our first responders, the crows will be our 'kindness crows'.

The arts enrich our lives...Art is a natural human behavior, art is a means to communicate, art is healing, art tells a story and art is meant to be a shared experience. This is the reason we look forward to your participation, we want to virtually share your art with our online community. email: Amboy and the South Amboy Arts Alliance southamboyartsalliance@gmail.com or call 732-525-5971

### 100 Years!

The Dowdell Library is commemorating the centennial of the Women's suffrage movement with the following special exhibitions!

commemorate the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment. The National Archives, in partnership with the Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission (WSCC), presents Rightfully Hers pop-up displays. These unique displays were given to select cultural institutions nationwide to honor women's constitutional right to vote. The Rightfully Hers Pop-Up Display was created by The National Archives and is presented in part by The National Archives Foundation through the generous support of Unilever, Pivotal Ventures, Carl M. Freeman Foundation in honor of Virginia Allen Freeman, AARP, and Denise Gwyn Ferguson.

Votes for Women: A Portrait of Persistence is a commemorative poster exhibit. Stop in today to view the beautiful posters and read the incredible stories of the brave women who changed American History. Votes for Women: A Portrait of Persistence is organized by the Smithsonian Institute Traveling Exhibition

Rightfully Hers is a Pop-Up Display to Service in collaboration with the National Portrait Gallery. This project received support from the Smithsonian American Women's History Initiative. Both exhibits will be on display through October.

It is also with great pleasure to announce that the American Library Association awarded a grant to the Dowdell Library, allowing us to expand our current book collection on women's rights. We are honored to offer various stories to educate, inform, and enlighten our patrons on the importance of women throughout history. We look forward to sharing these books with you!



# VOTE TO RE-ELECT

# PATRICK ANTHONY WALSH & CONRAD

### FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION

Patrick is an alumni of South Amboy Public Schools and is a recent graduate of Rutgers University with an academic background in Education Policy, Political Science, and Economics.

Patrick is an involved member of the community:

- Serving on the Board of Education for the past three years.
- The vice president of the city's Municipal Alliance.
- He's starting the annual Alumni Q&A Panel for SA upperclassmen.
- A volunteer coach of the SA track & field and cross country team.

Anthony is the current Board of Education President, and has been on the board for three years. He has a long career in Banking, Finance & Project Management.

Anthony has been serving the SA community for over 15 years now as:

- Board Chair of the SA YMCA.
- A Commissioner of the South Amboy Redevelopment Agency.
- A member of the **Board of Directors** of the YMCA of MEWSA.
- A member of the South Amboy / Sayreville Rotary Club.

Patrick and Anthony have worked together to increase grant funding to the district by 67%, providing our students with more resources and opportunities. Their work on the Education and Curriculum committee has helped South Amboy schools progress to a high performing district for the first time in over a decade.

> **VOTE COLUMN 4 FOR PUTTING STUDENTS FIRST** NOVEMBER 3RD

### South Amboy 911 Memorial Service (Photos by Tom Burkard)



South Amboy firefighters take a moment of silence to honor those who perished on September 11, 2001, when our country was attacked by terrorists.



American Legion Luke A. Lovely Post #62, South Amboy Commander Bob "Zak" Sekerak (r) and Legion member/ U.S. Navy veteran Bob Moglia (I) salute the flag while "Taps" is being played.



Former South Amboy Fire Chief Larry McMahon honors the deceased by ringing the memorial bell.



Craig Coughlin addresses Mayor Fred Henry shares his the large crowd of about 200 near the South Amboy Train thoughts and memories about



Pictured following the service are (I-r) Board of Education President Anthony Conrad, Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin, Mayor Fred Henry, and Board of Education member Patrick Walsh.



Bob Stary (1) owner of Bob's Barber Shop in South Amboy, cuts the hair of his good friend and fellow barber, Robert "Red" Jankowski, who owned Red's Barber Shop in Sayreville for many years. Bob and Red have been cutting each other's hair for a very long time. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

### 117 Years Of Hair-Cutting Experience By Tom Burkard

Bob Stary and Robert "Red" Jankowski be exact, they've been at it for 117 years combined. They have mostly cut men's hair, but also childrens and some women's hair along the way, and both barbers have been top-rated throughout their careers, in their respective towns of South Amboy and Sayreville.

Bob Stary, is the owner/operator of Bob's Barber Shop on Washington Ave. in South Amboy, a block from the Sacred Heart Church. Robert "Red" Jankowski, was the owner/operator of Red's Barber Shop, which was located in Sayreville on Main St., near Borough Hall for many years. The two, legendary hairstylists have a unique friendship, and still keep active cutting hair. They also have many memories of their outstanding careers.

Bob, now 85 years young, is still working at his business, and got his start 65 years ago in 1955, after being inspired by a fellow soldier, when he was in the military. He holds the record for being the longest working barber in the history of "The Pleasant Little City."

barber when "Another guy in my military unit said he was going to be a barber, and he gave me the idea to also become a barber. I pursued that dream, and under the GI Bill went to Atlas Barber School in New York City." Red, 72, started cutting hair 52 years ago back in 1968. He also went to the Atlas Barber School in New York. He was a truck driver, and one of his earlier jobs was driving a truck for Komar's in South Amboy, where so many local residents were employed through the years. He said, "I thought I'd cut hair as a part-time job, but really enjoyed it, and it turned into a full time occupation."

How many haircuts did these expert barbers give in their careers? They were both quick to agree that it had to be "thousands" through the years. Red went on to say that his favorite memory of being a barber was I love my job." "Seeing generations come up, fathers, sons, and grandsons, and getting to cut their hair." that one of the famous people he served was an Ambassador. Red told us that his most famous celebrity in his barber's chair was Tom Kelly, former Major League Baseball manager with the Minnesota Twins World Series Championship teams of 1987 and 1991. Kelly grew up in Sayreville/South Amboy, and was an All-State baseball player at St. Mary's HS., Class of 1968.

Jankowski recalled a couple of the most have been cutting hair for many years. To interesting things that happened to him while working. He said a young boy was choking on a piece of candy, and he saved the youngster's life by applying the Heimlich Maneuver, and surprisingly, there were two other men waiting to have their haircut, both doctors, who didn't even attempt to help the youngster in distress. Red asked them later why they didn't help the boy, and they said, "There was no need to. You were in complete control, and did what was exactly needed to save him." Another interesting memory according to Red was when "I would let customers, who were getting their haircut watch helicopters landing across the street at the Borough Hall, when there was emergency landings.'

> Stary said that the Co-Vid 19 has "Been killing the business." He spent 9 days in the hospital, and so did his wife, who passed away, but neither of them had the illness. He said that he wears a mask, and requires all of his customers to do so when entering the barber shop.

When asked for the secret to their success, Red said that "I treat people right Bob said that he decided to become a and trust people." Bob said, "I enjoy cutting hair. It's not a job."

The hard-working barbers have found a bit of time through the years to pursue hobbies. Red is a huge New York Mets baseball fan, who loves to ride his motorcycle, and also raises a beautiful garden. Bob enjoys freshwater and saltwater fishing, and for many years was a standout pitcher in the Sayreville Men's Softball League for The Federals team. Bob and I faced each other on the softball diamond, and had a lot of fun back then.

Bob and Red still love their occupations, although Red said, "I only make house calls for shut-ins, Catholic priests at their retirement home, disabled people, and friends. They can always call at 732-238-4895." Stary said that "I plan to keep working.

As a message to their customers, Bob said, "I'd like to thank all of my customers Bob said, I really enjoyed meeting all different through the years. They're not just customers, and interesting people." He also mentioned they're my friends. To all of his patrons, Red simply said, "Where 'ya been?"

Bob and Red are two great guys who have served the local communities well throughout the years. If you're reading this, you may have had your haircut at one time or another by either one of these excellent barbers, or both of them...I did! Thank you Bob and Red for all you've done for South Amboy and Sayreville!

### FACES Of The CITY EXHIBITION

The photos taken at last year's South resilience and kindness. With our attempt Amboy's Artsfest 2019 were scheduled for exhibition this past spring. Unfortunately, the exhibition had to be postponed. We were going to celebrate our city's residents at the exhibition opening.

At this time, we will be displaying these photos on the windows of South Amboy Arts Gallery to celebrate our community's

to 'open our doors,' we are asking any community member who would like to participate in our Window Exhibition of Faces of the City 'We are in this together'

to please send a high-resolution digital photo to southamboyartsalliance@gmail

### America Needs Fatima Rosary Rally On October 10th from 12-2 p.m., the South Amboy. Please bring a chair. For more

America Needs Fatima Rosary Rally will be information, call Rita Priolo at 732-588-5272. held at the Gazebo on Bordentown Ave. in



Congrats to car #9 Jim Abbiatello for winning the best in show trophy at the car show parade. Thanks to all who made this event a success. See more photos on page 19. (Photo/Article Submitted)

### CLASSIC CAR PARADE & FOOD DRIVE TO BENEFIT COMMUNITY

Amboy/Sayreville Rotary Club recently hosted a Classic Car Parade and Food Drive to benefit local food pantries at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church and First causing a rise in food insecurity," said Mark Presbyterian Church in South Amboy. Both churches have been supporting the needs of food insecure during the pandemic and need constant replenishing to continue to serve the community.

The event was held on Sunday, September 20th. The parade began at 1:00pm starting at the South Amboy High School parking lot and drove through the streets of South Amboy bringing lots of joy and excitement to the city during the COVID-19 pandemic.

All participating vehicles were numbered, and voting for best car was held via the Rotary Club of SASY Facebook page by "liking" your favorite car(s). The winner, Jim Abbiatello, was announced following the event and was presented with an "electronic trophy".

Community members listened for the DJ float coming down the street to enjoy the South Amboy Police-escorted parade. Everyone followed social distancing guidelines by placing chairs along the route.

The South Amboy High School InterAct Club, sponsored by the Rotary Club, collected food at the end of the parade to "fill the float". Community members along the parade route donated non-perishable goods to replenish the local food pantries as the need continues to rise during this critical time. For those who still want to donate to the pantry, the most critical non-perishable needs to keep the pantries stocked include peanut butter, canned fish and meats, beans, and other high-protein foods.

Anthony Conrad, South Amboy Board of Education President and Rotary Club member stated, "We are proud of our high school students' engagement in the Interact Club sponsored by the SASY Rotary Club and celebrate their involvement in service to

The City of South Amboy & South Department and Patrolman Steve Clark for helping to plan the event route and providing traffic control."

> "Manylocalfamilies are still unemployed, Herdman, Office of Emergency Management Coordinator. "The community of South Amboy has been tremendously impacted by the ongoing pandemic and the need for non-perishable donations is greater than ever. Over 12,000 lbs of food was distributed through the month of July and we expect this need to rise in the next few months. We are so grateful for the Rotary's event to ensure our emergency food pantries are stocked as we grant hope amid this pandemic. Those in need of any support should contact the South Amboy Office of Emergency Management at saoem@southamboynj.gov or 732.588.5830 for assistance."

> Mayor Henry supported this event from the time of concept and said "Despite the hardships our community has faced during these difficult times, our community has banded together to support those who are in need. We are proud to partner with the Rotary Club to raise our community spirit and collect food for the emergency food bank that has risen due to the pandemic."

> The Rotary Club also recently hosted a successful blood drive honoring our local heroes. Upcoming events will be shared on the club's social media Facebook page, called Rotary Club of SASY. Community members can follow the club's page to stay informed of event details and be prepared to vote for their favorite classic car(s) during the event.

The South Amboy/Sayreville Rotary Club sponsors several outreach programs including a high school student member Interact Club, Dictionary Project for all third-graders in both school districts, Daddy-Daughter Dates, Polka Dances, and scholarships for South Amboy and Sayreville college-bound students with a focus on community service. Sponsors are their community. I encourage all families to needed for these programs as fundraisers continue to donate any canned goods after have been cancelled due to the pandemic. the parade to support their efforts to serve Please contact Rocco Cuoco, Club President others. The Rotary would like to extend at SASYRotary@gmail.com with any special thanks to the South Amboy Police sponsorship or club membership inquiries.

### October is Fire Prevention Month

By Ex-Chief Rich Kosmoski

designated "Fire Prevention Week" and even though most schools are virtual learning this year, youngsters still need to learn the dangers of fire. Unfortunately, most fire departments will not be making their annual visit to the schools to teach the students due to the COVID-19 restrictions. Students and their families still need to know the STOP, DROP, and ROLL program and what to do if their clothes catch on fire. The families must also understand EDITH. This stands for Exit Drills In The Home and the procedures to follow if a fire develops in the home when people are sleeping. Practicing how to exit a home before a fire starts and where to assemble outside the home at a designated meeting place will reduce a panic stricken family if a fire starts. There is also a website

The first full week of October is with some valuable fire safety information, located at WWW.NJFMBA.org. Once you reach this site, look for "FIRE IS". This is a very good video that was developed by the former weatherman, Dr. Frank Field and his children, Storm Field, and Allison Field. If you are interested in watching this video and cannot obtain it through this website for whatever reason, contact me at NJVFC@ optonline.net and I will be able to help.





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# Henry-Aquino



South Amboy Mayor Fred A. Henry (c) performed the wedding ceremony of his son Fred Henry III and Anny Aquino on September 5, 2020, in the Mayor's backyard in South Amboy.



Pictured (I-r) Jeannette Aquino (sister of the bride and maid of honor), Anny Aquino (bride) and Fred Henry III (groom), and Ariel Rivera (best man). (Photos/info submitted)

# St. Stans School

(Photos/Info Submitted)





St. Stan's eighth grade students focus intently on their school work.



Remote learner: Fifth grade teacher, Mrs. Natasha Graca, greets one of her remote learners before class.







Gym class: Mrs. Aileen Vanore, gym teacher at St. Stan's, takes advantage of the beautiful weather and opportunity for a mask-free class.

### "Book & ReGifting Sale"

18th, 1-3:30pm Changes implemented will be priced to sell. Location: Sayreville to keep within guidelines of safe social Free Public Library distancing ONLY \$10 for a bag of books or

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### **Meet The Area Candidates**

**South Amboy Democratic Candidates** 

### **Thomas Reilly Democratic Candidate For South Amboy City Council**

As a lifelong South Amboy resident and current 2nd Ward Councilperson for the past 5 years, I have found great



satisfaction in serving our City. This is reflected in my involvement in the community. Whether I am volunteering at the food pantry, serving as a volunteer fireman, or

helping our community. As co-founder and President of the Friends of South Amboy, I lead a group of dedicated volunteers assisting City residents in need.

In addition to my commitment to service, I bring a strong background of education and experience to my role as a Councilperson. I hold a Marketing degree from Rowan University and worked for years in the financial field, including in New York City's financial district. My background in finance and marketing has given me special insight into creating initiatives to assist local business. I also previously served on South Amboy's Board of Education, and I understand the important role that our schools play in our Community. I have Danielle has strong experience in therefore pursued a number of initiatives to involve local students in City government and affairs. Whether through business initiatives, community outreach, or community service, I have the skills, commitment and experience needed to serve the best interests of our City.

### **Zusette Dato Democratic Candidate For South Amboy City Council**

Elected in the fall of 2012 shortly after Hurricane Sandy, I am completing my second term as your Second Ward Council representative and seeking my third term.



I have always felt it important to be involved in the Community and was pleased to be appointed to the South Amboy Planning Board in 2002 followed by the

Library Board in 2003. I also currently serve on the South Amboy Redevelopment Agency. When the YMCA opened its doors in South Amboy, I expressed interest and have been a Branch Board member since 2010. I am also a member of the Puerto Rican Action Board in New Brunswick.

Employed by Middlesex County as the Deputy County Clerk, I have an education and work experience as a paralegal.

I consider it the highest honor to serve the good people of South Amboy and work diligently to respond to the concerns and needs of every resident weighing every decision on what is best for the residents of the City of South Amboy.

### Brian McLaughlin **Democratic Candidate For South Amboy City Council**

City of South Amboy. He attended South in Sayreville for over 45 years. Amboy Elementary and Middle School



and graduated from St. Mary's Regional High School. He is married to Amy McLaughlin for 22 years and they have three Children that all attend or attended South Amboy

Public School system. Has coached in the SAYAA baseball program.

A Council Representative for the New York City District Council of Carpenters for Dockbuilders/Timberman and Local Union 1556 25 year member. A life member of Protection Engine Company and former member of the South Amboy First Aid squad. Is seeking a second term for first ward Councilman.

Sayreville Republican Candidates

### **Karen Bailey Bebert Republican Candidate for Sayreville Borough Council**

Karen Bailey Bebert is a lifelong resident of the Borough of Sayreville. She graduated from Sayreville High School and went on



to graduate from the University of Hartford, cum laude with a degree in accounting. Following graduation, she worked in the public accounting field for several years.

coaching youth leagues, I take great pride in Her duties included working on municipal audits as well as serving individual and business clients.

> Bebert and her family owned Buddies tavern since the 1940's of which Bebert was an important part, giving her business experience. Bebert has been active in the Sayreville Community serving on her children's PTO's and establishing a 501c-3 organization which still serves the community today. Bebert looks to bring her vast experience to help all the residents of Sayreville on the Council.

### Danielle M. Zaleski **Republican Candidate for Borough** Council

A long time resident of Sayreville,



administrative work with more than 10 years in the multifaceted field of customer service. She has a proven ability to adapt in fast paced environments and

possesses strong organizational, interpersonal, and communication skills.

In her present assignment, she is responsible for instructing NY and NJ employees on the utilization and troubleshooting of company software, including, but not limited to Quick Books, Microsoft programs and Bamboo HR. She maintains all compliance and credentialing for the NY and NJ branches of the company.

She has demonstrated herself to be a people person with keen technical and administrative skills which have prepared her well to serve her town as a member of the Borough Council.

### Sayreville Democratic Candidates **Mary Novak Democratic Candidate for** Sayreville Borough Council

Mary Novak has served several terms



on the Governing Body and is currently the Council President. She has extensive experience chairing various Council Committees and presently is responsible

for the Public Works Committee. Mary is also the liaison to the Office on Aging, and serves as a Commissioner on Sayreville Economic Redevelopment Agency.

Mary, her husband James and their Brian was born and raised in the family have lived and been actively involved

### **Vincent Conti Democratic Candidate for** Sayreville Borough Council

Vincent Conti is seeking his first full term on the Governing Body after being



appointed to a vacancy earlier this year. He has made Sayreville his home for the last 15 years moving here from New York. He is married with three children and

holds an Accounting degree from Baruch College. He has been an active member of the community serving as a Commissioner on Sayreville Economic Redevelopment Agency. He is also a director for the Sayreville Athletic Association.

### South Amboy Arts Gallery Exhibition

Reflections...Home is where your heart is...

its windows and doors for their first show is where your heart is...will open the end of admitted at one time.

South Amboy Arts Gallery is opening September. Please call 732-525-5971 for an appointment to visit. Masks must be worn in months. This show Reflections...home inside the gallery. Only 5 visitors can be

### The Area's Top Nightclubs/Entertainers

included the "Rt. 35 Strip" going down to the Jersey Shore, and other clubs in between. Many great bands and musical talents entertained at these establishments.

Clubs-Colonel's Garter, The Playpen Lounge, Mel's Lounge, The Hideaway, Club Bene, The Barbary Coast, Colonel Cooper's, Brothers II, Zaffy's, Tradewinds, Emmit's Sand Dollar, Joe Pops, Club Spanky.

Trigger, The Michael Mauro Show, Yasgur's

Trigger, who appeared many times may have missed.

From the 1960's through 1980's, there at Colonel's Garter, among many other were quite a few nightclubs in the area that establishments, released a few records, and some of the songs/videos can be seen on youtube.com. In 1975, they cut the song "Somebody Like You," and in '78, under contract with Casablanca Records, they recorded an LP titled "Trigger." A few of their excellent songs include "Rockin' Cross The USA," "We're Gonna Make It," and "Gimme Your Love."

\*We're sure this is only a limited list of Bands/Entertainers-Cowtown, People, names of nightclubs/entertainers, so if you would like to contribute to our list please contact The SA Times with any names we

### **Favorite Duos/Duets**

selected their Top 10 Favorite Duos/Duets

**Tom Burkard** 1-Simon & Garfunkel 2-The Carpenters 3-Hall & Oates 4-The Righteous Bros. 5-Sonny & Cher 6-Air Supply 7-The Everly Bros. 8-Jan & Dean 9-Captain & Tennille 10-Peter & Gordon.

Clem Skarzynski 1- Les Paul & Mary Ford 2-Everly Brothers 3 Santo & Johnny 4-The Fendermen 5-Righteous Brothers 6-Zager & Evans 7-Sonny & Cher 8-Mickey & Sylvia 9-Simon & Garfunkel 10-Sam & Dave. Selections based on Instrumental Work and/ or Vocal Harmonies.

Brian Stratton 1-Hall & Oates 2-Williams Hono 3-Blues Brothers 4-Jan & Dean 5-The Judds 6-rBrooks & Dunn 7-Nelson 8-Loggins & Messina 9- Seals & Crofts 10-Wham.

Phyllis Stratton 1-Raquel Layton & Jack O'Connor,2- Bridget Winkler & Rachel Hulsart, 3-Dan and Luke O'Connor, 4-Breanna Vazquez & Louis Mastro, 5-Melissa Hoehman & Jason Olivares, 6-Kaleigh DeLucca & Alex Rothman, 7-Asford & Simpson, 8-Florida Georgia Line, 9-Steely Dan, 10-Indigo Girls.

Al Gomolka 1-Simon & Garfunkel 2-The Everly Bros. 3-Sonny & Cher 4-The Righteous Bros. 5-The Carpenters 6-Seals

### **#1 Country Hits** Sept. 26

2002-I Miss My Friend-Darryl Worley 1993-Holdin' Heaven-Tracy Byrd 1982-What's Forever For-Michael Murphey 1978-I've Always Been Crazy-

Waylon Jennings 1965-Is It Really Over?-Jim Reeves 1957-My Shoes Keep Walking Back To You-Ray Price

### #1 Pop Hits-Sept. 26

2003-Shake Ya Tailfeather-Nelly/P.Diddy/Murphy Lee

1998-I Don't Want To Miss A Thing-Aerosmith

1987-Didn't We Almost Have It All-Whitney Houston

1970-Ain't No Mountain High Enough-Diana Ross

1966-Cherish-The Association 1955-Don't Be Cruel/Hound Dog-Elvis Presley

### Several staff members of The SA & Crofts 7-Chad & Jeremy 8-The Smothers Times are real music lovers. The following Bros. 9-Frankie Avalon & Annette Funicello 10-Loggins & Messina.

Steve Schmid 1-Simon & Garfunkel 2-Hall & Oates 3-The Carpenters 4-The Everly Bros. 5-Kenny Rogers & Dolly Parton 6-Sonny & Cher 7-Ike & Tina Turner 8-Joe Cocker & Jennifer Warnes 9-The Righteous Bros. 10-Peter & Gordon.

Honorable Mention: Milli Vanilli, Kenny Rogers & Dolly Parton, Pet Shop Boys, Flo & Eddie, Chris Cross, Dj Jazzy Jeff & The Fresh Prince, Peaches & Herb, The Buggles, Marilyn McCoo & Billy Davis, Ike & Tina Turner, Sam & Dave, The Weather Girls, Marvin Gaye & Tammy Terrell, England Dan & John Ford Coley.

### LETTERS

Thanks! You do a great job with The SA Times. Sure love reading it each month. Fay McAndrew

**South Amboy** 







1.Dance, Dance, Dance 2.I Can't Stop Dancing

3.Let's Dance

4.Dancing In The Dark

5.Dance With Me

6.Dancing In The Street

7. You're Mama Don't Dance

8.Tinv Dancer

9. Dancing On The Ceiling

10.Keep On Dancing

# Dance/Dancing

a.Lionel Richie

b. The Beach Boys c.Bruce Springsteen d.Elton John e.Martha/The Vandellas f.Orleans g.The Gentrys h.David Bowie

i.Archie Bell/The Drells

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

### You Tube-In

Europe reached #8 on the Billboard Charts a singer called Vitamin C, who is from our in 1987...A couple other great tunes that area, reached #38 with "Graduation (Friends had more than one cover version were the original "My Girl Sloopy" by The Vibrations in '64, which reached #26, and was changed to "Hang On Sloopy a year later by The would be used by thousands of graduations McCoys who took it all the way to #1. Also across the U.S.A. His "Graduation Song... in '65, The Ramsey Lewis Trio reached #11 with their version of "Hang On Sloopy.".. Way back in 1956, "Graduation Day" by The Rover Boys hit #16, and also in '56, song, "Won't Stop Lovin' You."..Actor The Four Freshmen, (who inspired Brian Creed Bratton, of the TV show "The Office," Wilson of The Beach Boys), released their formerly played in the 60's group, The Grass "Graduation Day" and peaked at #17. The Roots, and has a good song called "All The Beach Boys covered the song with beautiful Faces." If you're inclined to, check some harmonies on one of their albums, but it of these out!

"The Final Countdown" by a band called did not chart as a Top 40 single...In 2000, Forever)."..Back in 1959, The Fleetwoods tune, "Graduation's Here" made it to #39... In '61, Adrian Kimberly recorded a song that Pomp And Circumstance came in at #34... Superstar actor Kevin Costner and his band Modern West came out with a beautiful

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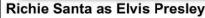
### Brick House End Of Summer Bash

(Photos by Tom Burkard)



Brick House owner Mary Ann Spisso (c) is pictured with Joan Rivers impersonator Linda Axelrod (I), and Elvis Presley tribute artist Richie Santa (r) following their superb performances.







Linda Axelrod as Joan Rivers



The Brick House celebrated its 68th Anniversary in business on Sept. 12th. The popular establishment, family-owned and operated by the Rondesko family, originally opened in 1952 as Kelly's Bar, and later was called Wally's Bar. Pictured (I-r) David Rondesko, Diane Rondesko, Wally Rondesko, Donna Amato, Mary Ann Spisso.

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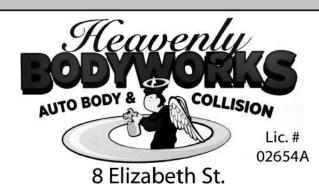
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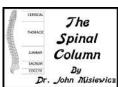


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The main treatment for age related muscle loss is exercise. Researchers have identified weight and resistance training as specific focus of exercise that is the most beneficial. It is important to work with your chiropractor to develop a plan for you.

Prevention is the key to stop age related muscle loss. Lack of exercise is the most common reason for this condition. Just 30 minutes of moderate exercise each day like walking or resistance training will keep your body functioning. As always an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure!

### Pick-Up Roast Beef **Or Turkey Dinner Oct 17**

South Amboy Columbiettes are holding a pick-up roast beef or turkey dinner Saturday October 17 from 3:30 to 6:30 pm at the K of C at 308 Fourth St. South Amboy. Cost of \$12 includes: choice of roast beef or turkey, baked potato, mixed vegetables, and packaged dessert. Curbside pick-up is also available. For reservations call Vicki at 732-598-6910 or call 732-721-2025 and leave a message. Monies raised help fund charitable organizations.

### **Fishing Flashes**

By Teo "Weebles" Weber



Fluke fishing remains good along the coast. Mostly shorts predominately but there are enough big ones to go fishing. Fluke season closes September 19th. More Porgies and Sea Bass are being caught by party boats. Boats that fish for Bluefish are catching some big fish up to 10 and 12 pounds. Chub Mackerel, False Albacore and Bonito are mixed in. More semitropical exotics such as Spanish and a few King Mackerel, Cobia and some Jacks are also showing up here. A 4 foot Barracuda and 2 big Wahoo were caught by charter boats that were trolling for Tuna. Both Bluefin and Yellowfin Tuna trolling is good. At times jigs also catch these fish. Surf Fishing at Island Beach and LBI is mostly small Bluefish and small Fluke. Kingfish are still around and some of them are big. Raritan Bay Beach fishing is slow. I did not see anybody with any fish at Ideal Beach, Cliffwood or Laurence Harbor. I only saw one small Bluefish that was caught at the end of High ST in Perth Amboy. Small snapper Bluefish all over.

### Fresh Water

There is still slow fishing, because of the heat creating warmer than usual water temperatures. Recent thunderstorms have not helped either. Your best bets are Pike in the Passaic River. You can find Bass in early AM and late PM and various Panfish at your favorite fishing spots. There are Smallmouth Bass in the Delaware River, but most of them are small. Carp and Catfish are also there if you want them. Hybrid Striped Bass are in Spruce Run Reservoir.

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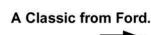


South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry (c) marched along with SA BOE Members and candidates for re-election Patrick Walsh (I) and Board President Anthony Conrad (r).





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### Who Is It?



This photo is believed to have been taken in the 1980's, but no one knows for sure, do you? If you think you know any of the 2 adults, or 4 children pictured, send your answers in to: satimes@aol. com by October 12th.. Winners will be announced in The SA Times 29th Anniversary Special issue on October 24th. (Photo submitted)

### Who Is It? Winners For August

The 5 people pictured at a 1962-Sacred Heart Church Holy Name Society dinner were (1-r) former South Amboy Mayor Richard Schultz, Anne Gomolka, Adam Rzepka, Father Leon Kasprzyk, former South Amboy Mayor Joseph Charmello. Perfect score was 25 points.

Winners were Dot Benson 20 points, Jack Piskorski, Keith Piskorski & Lorraine Krauss 20, Mary Agnes Morris 20, Joan Fulham 15, Pete McIntyre 5.



### **Dowdell Library Programs**

It may be getting colder outside, but for children and teens, and a fun curbside Time videos, and so much more!

This October, we are excited to release two new videos in our YouTube series; Story Time and Test Kitchen. Listen to Ms. Maryanne read aloud during Story Time and join Dennis and Maryanne while making a delicious pumpkin cheesecake in Test Kitchen. You can find both programs on the library's YouTube channel, social media posts, webpage, and our online newsletter.

National Fire Prevention Week starts on Sunday, October 4th! Don't miss our online visit from South Amboy's Fire Chief, Bob O'Connor! Watch Chief O'Connor arrive in style on the ladder truck and listen to him read a story during our Celebrity Story Time! You can find this fun event on the library's YouTube channel and web page, Dowdell.org. Make sure to check the library's Facebook page all week, too, for fun crafts and books to teach your family about the importance of fire safety!

Along with our new video programs, we will share virtual craft projects for our younger viewers, new bingo boards

things inside the Dowdell Library are heating pumpkin decorating take-home kit for the up! This month our calendar is jam-packed entire family. Join in the fun and share a with virtual activities, fall crafts, new Story picture of your family participating in any of our virtual programs. You can share it on our Facebook page or email us at comments@ dowdell.org. Also, keep an eye out during the month for the release of our latest virtual program. This program will showcase unique historical collections and interviews from the community members who own them.

TEENtober is here, and we are celebrating our teen patrons! This month we are debuting a handful of new programs created specifically for teens. There is a new YouTube video where Ms. Laura explores the ins and outs of 3D printing. The video will explain how the 3D printer works as well as demonstrating an object being printed. We are also introducing a new Teen Review section on our Teen website page. Teen Review is a place for teenagers to read peer reviews of some of the most popular video games, tech gear, sports equipment, and more. Are you interested in creating a review to have posted on the Dowdell webpage? Please email us at comments@dowdell.org to request more information. For every review submitted, you can earn up to three community service hours!

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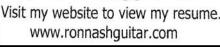
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### God Break

By Al Gomolka Jr. **Times Poet Laureate** c. 1995

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Headache, worry, turmoil. Uncertain, unsafe, undone. Take a God-Break

Soothe, restore, heal. Close your eyes. In the light of your mind, whisper;

"Please God? Thank you, God!" That's the God-Break.

### **Drive-Thru Pancake Breakfast Oct 24.**

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 are holding a drive-thru pancake breakfast Saturday October 24 from 9 to 11:30 AM at the Council Home parking lot. 308 Fourth St. South Amboy.

You can remain in your car because members will take your order and deliver it right to you. Cost is \$8 per person and includes pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, and home fries. For reservations call Garv at 732-512-8923 or call 732-721-2025 and leave a message. Proceeds help the Knights support their charitable groups.

The "Battle Of The Garden State" see story on page 21



New Jersey native Mike Trout of the Los Angeles Angels is pictured prior to belting his 300th career home run. (Photo submitted)



Houston Astros pitcher Brandon Bielak of Sayreville, is pictured as he faced baseball's greatest player Mike Trout, who blasted his 300th career home run off of the talented rookie oitcher from Sayreville. (Photo submitted)

### The Local Sports Memory Machine

By Tom Burkard

### **Glory Days In Local Sports**



1978 Champions-The talented Lions Club team won the South Amboy Little Fellas League baseball championship. The members of the squad were top row (l-r) Coach Jim Beshada Sr., Coach Al Smith, Coach W. Tom Kross. Second row (l-r) Mark Thompson, Frank Brennan, Peter Smith, Tom Ramer, Harry Flakker, Warren Johnson, Jim Beshada Jr. Third row, kneeling (l-r) Brian Brennan, Frankie Dill, Pat Kelly, Jim McCabe, Joe Ramer, Tom Hessner, Michael Kross. Bottom row, seated (l-r) Bill Tibbitt, Jim Kennedy, Roger Kuhn, Dan Selover, Matt Witham, Tim Gay. (Photo courtesy of Jean Smith, names courtesy of Roger Kuhn)

# **Tom Terrific**

Tom Seaver, the New York Mets greatest pitcher in history died on August 31, 2020 at 75 years old. He was NL Rookie of the Year in 1967, won the Cy Young Award 3 times, compiled a (311-205) won-lost record, 2.86 ERA, and had 3,640 strikeouts, #6 All-Time. The above photo was taken in 2001 at Spring Training in Port St. Lucie, Florida, when Seaver was a special instructor/coach for the Mets. Seaver (l) is pictured chatting with Mets' Director of Public Relations Jay Horwitz (r). (Photo by Tom Burkard)

### The "Battle Of The Garden State"

By Tom Burkard

Bielak, who has been with the parent club task of facing Major League Baseball's Millville, NJ met head to head for the first time on a recent Astros trip to Los Angeles to play the Angels.

Trout belted a double in his first at-bat against Bielak, and in the third inning, with cutter, for his 300th career homer, to pass while posting a 6.00 ERA.

Houston Astros rookie pitcher Brandon Tim Salmon as the all-time Angels home run leader. When Trout fouled off 2 pitches and for only about a month, had the unenviable was behind with an 0-2 count, Los Angeles announcer Victor Rojas billed the matchup greatest player, Mike Trout recently. Bielak as "The Battle of the Garden State," and of Sayreville, NJ and Trout originally from said they could call it "North versus South, because Bielak was from Edison and Trout was from Millville." (Bielak was actually born in Edison and grew up in Sayreville).

Bielak Now (3-2) Brandon Bielak (as of Sept. 8th) is one out and a runner on second base, he currently (3-2). He has pitched in 8 games, unloaded a towering home run off a 93 m.p.h 27 innings, struck out 22, and walked 15.



The boys varsity soccer team celebrated last season's awards party at Sciortino's. The team was elated when they heard the news that the Board of Education would allow fall sports. Check out their schedule on the school's website. (Photo/Info courtesy of Tony G.)

home runs, but dropped a tough, 8-7 contest to Perth Amboy St. Mary's. Bob "Rock" Sowa captured the Middlesex County shot put title...1978-Hoffman boys soccer team ripped Ranney Prep, 8-1, as Mark Wahler set a single game record by scoring 5 goals, 4 which came from assists by Tom Mulligan...1981-

### **Babe Ruth League** Flashback...

1976 South Amboy Babe Ruth League

Independence 7 Komar's 2 (Championship Game). Coach Bob Munck's champions were led by Mark Wahler, who ripped 2 hits, drove in 2 runs, and scored 2 runs.

### **10 Years Ago**

2010-The Sayreville Bombers football team opened its season with a 28-7 romp over South Brunswick. Delon Stephenson scored 3 touchdowns, two on runs of 16, and 26 yards, and caught a 15-yard scoring strike from quarterback Joe Geiger. Stephenson rushed 13 times for 142 yards. The Bombers first TD of the season came on a 5-yard aerial from Geiger to Syd Holt. Isaiah Cureton booted 2 extra points.

### 15 Years Ago

2005-The South Amboy Governors baseball team finished with a strong (17-8) record. Brian Seres led the team in almost all offensive categories including runs-43; hits-43; doubles-10; triples-3; home runs-4; stolen bases-23; bases on balls-16; batting average-.534. He also notched the most wins (6), while Joe Bartlinski led the pitchers with 51.2 innings pitched, and 80 strikeouts. Jared Mundy turned in the top ERA with a 2.72.

### Looking Back To...

1984-Sayreville and Hoffman High Schools featured some of the most outstanding pitchers in local schoolboy history. Tom Lasko (8-1), and Chuck Frobosilo (7-3) with a no-hitter, and one-hitter, were super for the Bombers, while the Guvs John "Skeets" Skarzynski (9-0) with 2 one-hitters, and Mark Thompson (8-1) with a one-hitter, were also amazing.

### T.H.E. Game

Year-2010

**Sport-Football** 

Teams-Mater Dei vs. Cardinal McCarrick

Recap-The Eagles, won their first game for new coach, Bob Kearns, as they topped Mater Dei, 12-0. Jose Ruiz rushed 22 times for 146 yards and a 4-yard touchdown run, and Calvin Peeples broke loose for a 12-yard TD jaunt. John Appiah had 12 unassisted tackles, 2 sacks, and a fumble recovery to bolster the CM defense.

Players-Of-The-Game-Jose Ruiz, and John Appiah.

### O'Brien Traded To Reds

Pitcher Riley O'Brien, grandson of former South Amboy resident and major league baseball player, John O'Brien, was recently traded by the Tampa Bay Devil Rays to the Cincinnati Reds. He has done very well in the minor leagues for 3 years, and compiled an overall (16-10) record with an 2.83 ERA, and in 232 innings, he has struck out 250, while holding opposing hitters to a .199 batting average. Riley will be on the Reds 60-man taxi squad according to his grandfather, John O'Brien.

**Yogi-Isms**'We have a good time together, even when we're not together." "Little League baseball is a good thing, 'cause it keeps the parents off the streets, and the kids out of the house." "The future ain't what it used to be."

"It ain't over 'till it's over."

1957-St. Mary's baseball squad blasted 4 Hoffman baseball team pounded Perth Amboy St. Mary's, 7-1, as Mark Thompson notched the win, and Tom Mulligan blasted Stader blasted 2 homers and drove in 4 runs, a home run...1993-Sayreville stopped J.P. while Tom Pristavec also unloaded 2 homers Stevens, 6-3 in baseball, on a 6-hitter by and knocked in 3 runs...1962-Sayreville's Ed Kevin Szatkowski. Mike Drozd belted an RBI triple for the Bombers...2008-Cardinal McCarrick hammered East Brunswick Tech, 17-7 in baseball. Tech catcher, Matt Wanko of South Amboy ripped 2 hits and drove in a run.

### 30 Years Ago

Monaghan House Wins Fall Title

1990-After finishing the Sayreville-South Amboy Fall Softball League regular season with a mediocre (6-6) record, Monaghan House defied all odds and breezed through 5 straight playoff games to capture the 1990 championship.

In game #1 of the best-of-three title series against Fatso Fogerty's, playoff co-MVP Dave Gumprecht paved the way with a perfect 4-for-4 game, with 2 doubles to support co-MVP and winning pitcher Marty Lampart, who was (5-0) in playoff action. Rich McCutcheon contributed 3 RBI, as Monaghan's won 8-5. In the final game, Tom Wortley provided the fireworks by blasting a 2-run triple in the 6th inning to put his team ahead for good, as they celebrated after taking the championship by an 8-6 margin.

Gumprecht, who led Monaghan's during the regular season with 19 hits, 3 doubles, 24 total bases, and a .528 batting avg., was also red-hot in the playoffs, hitting a scorching .769, while going 10-for-13. Shortstop John Clayton went 10-for-16, .625 in the playoffs, and led the team with 12 runs, and 13 RBI during the regular campaign. Catcher/ outfielder Mike Mooney ripped the ball for a .538 avg. in playoffs play. Second sacker Fred Wistuba hit .525 during the season, while power-hitting Tom Wortley proved to be "Mr. Clutch" once again in the final game. Other valuable assets for the champions were pitcher Sonny Sabine, who went (4-1) during the regular season, sparkling first baseman Will O'Leary, solid third baseman Rick Bonis, and standout catcher Chris Seaman.

### 1977-Morgan A.A. Award Winners

Midget League Division-MVP-Kevin Hourahan; Rookie of the Year-Bill Oldenburg; Pitching-Scott Spiecker; Slugger-Tom Lasko/ Mike Battaglia.

Little League Division-MVP-Drew Haley; Rookie of the Year-Dave Haltli; Pitching-Rich Rankin/Jim Slein; Slugger-Mark Polak. Babe Ruth Division-MVP-Neil Hourahan; Rookie of the Year-Steve Wintergrass; Most Versatile-Ray Kreiger; Slugger-Dave Gomolka/Dan Ogborne.

Junior Girls Division-MVP-Colleen Crozier; Rookie of the Year-Molly Jones; Golden Glove-Caryn Lukie/Cynthia Kiyak; Slugger-Chris Romel.

Senior Girls Division-MVP-Lisa Ruszczyk: Rookie of the Year-Jeannie Holt; Golden Glove-Debbie Spiecker; Slugger-Laurie Haltli.

### Allie Clark's First **MLB Game**

August 5, 1947-Allie Clark of South Amboy made his Major League Baseball debut, as the New York Yankees traveled to Shibe Park to take on the Philadelphia Athletics before a crowd of 29,442. The Yankee lineup was as follows: Stirnweiss 2b Henrich rf Berra c Clark lf McQuinn 1b Johnson 3b Lindell cf Rizzuto ss Bevens p. New York prevailed, 8-5, as the rookie Clark came through with an RBI single. Note: The NY lineup featured 2 future Hall-of-Famers, Yogi Berra and Phil Rizzuto, but South Amboy's Allie Clark was the cleanup hitter! Now that's really saying something!

### Correction

Avid SA Times reader and researcher Richard Walsh informed us that last month's article "1947-Allie Clark, Jackie Robinson, & Yogi Berra Starred In The International League" stands to be corrected. The year was actually 1946. (Even The Local Sports Memory Machine isn't always perfect and breaks down occasionally). LOL.





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### Drive-Up Pancake Breakfast Oct 3

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### Middlesex County College to Offer Educational Program for Grades 1-5 While Area Schools Operate Remotely

Middlesex County College will be offering an alternative educational program for children in grades 1-5 starting Sept. 8. The program, called "Think Tank," is offered by the MCC Child Care Center.

"Since many of the local elementary schools have decided to go virtual, many working parents are struggling to assist their child with school and maintain a job," said Mary Jo Tivenan-Mackintosh, the Child Care director at the College. "The children will bring classroom assignments and projects from their schools, and our staff will assist but not instruct with the assignments."

Ms. Tivenan-Mackintosh said Think Tank will follow all state and federal health protocols, including social distancing in the classroom and taking children's temperatures daily. Staff members will wear masks, and it is highly recommended that children wear them too. Classes will be limited to 10 students in each.

The children would be responsible for bringing their own tablet or laptop to the classroom, depending on district guidance. Parents will provide lunch for their child.

In addition to the assignments from the school districts, students will participate in a nature walk and journaling, as well as various math, science and art projects.

As some parents may work remotely part of the week, MCC will offer options for three, four or five days per week. The fee is \$40 per day, and capacity is limited. For more information, contact the MCC Child Care Center at 732-906-2542 or email MTivenan-Mackintosh@middlesexcc.edu.

# Open House Expo at Mount Saint Mary

On Sunday, October 18, Mount Saint Mary Academy in Watchung will host its Open House Expo from 2 to 4:30 p.m.

The Angels of Victory Field on the Academy's picturesque campus will be the setting of a "fair" type atmosphere where prospective students can learn more about the wide variety of challenging academic and athletic offerings as well as the slate of extra-curricular activities. Members of our faculty, department chair heads, coaches, current parents and students will be on hand to answer questions.

Donna Venezia Toryak, Director of Admissions, said, "Our Open House Expo will be your personal opportunity to 'meet the Mount!" Once you visit this beautiful campus, talk with many members of our school community and learn of the extensive offerings both in and out of the classroom, you will truly fall in love with Mount Saint Mary where successful journeys begin."

Ms. Toryak continued, "Our mission is to celebrate each individual student and nurture her unique gifts and talents. Whether her passions lie in the performing, theater or creative arts, technology, academics, athletics or volunteer service, we have a wealth of opportunities to enrich her present and inspire her future."

her future."
Registration for the Open House Expo is now open. Visit www.mountsaintmary. org under Admissions to register. To learn more, contact Ms. Toryak at (908) 757-0108, extension 4506 or dtoryak@mountsaintmary.

### First Day of School

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**2020**-Students at South Amboy Elementary School had a chance to meet their teachers on the first day of school. Social distancing was observed and the students are currently attending classes virtually. Best of luck for a great school year!. (Photo by Briandi Richter)

Although some things have changed - we didn't know what social distancing was in 1982; some things will always be the same on the first day of school - meeting your Teacher!





1982-On opening day at South Amboy Elementary School, teacher Mrs. Lula-Mae Modzelewski gets a pleasant surprise, a peach, from student Michael Brown. Mrs. Modzelewski was a teacher for 40 years in Sayreville and South Amboy, and passed away in 2009, when she was 91 years old. (Photo/info submitted)

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### Manvel Edward "Ed" Semoneit

Manvel Edward Semoneit, 85, of South Amboy died on Wednesday, August 26, 2020 at St. Luke's Hospital, Easton, Pennsylvania. Born in South Amboy, he lived there all his life. A veteran of the U.S. Navy he was employed by JCP&L, South Amboy before retiring. Amember of Christ Episcopal Church, South Amboy he was also a member of the American Legion Luke A. Lovely Post 62, South Amboy and the Sayreville VFW Post 4699, as well as past president of the South Amboy Irish American Association and the USS Strong Association. He previously served as president of the System Council 3 of the IBEW. Ed proudly served as Grand Marshal of the South Amboy St. Patrick's Day Parade in 1998.

Son of the late Manvel Edward and Georgine Mack Semoneit Hansen he is predeceased by his brother George Frederick Semoneit, and is also predeceased by his grandson Matthew Semoneit, and his stepfather William Hansen. He is survived by his wife Anita Dexheimer Semoneit; his sons and daughters-in-law Karl and Denise Semoneit of Buena Vista, Colorado and Kurt and Laura Semoneit of Nazareth, Pennsylvania; his grandson Jonathan; his granddaughter Kristen; his step-granddaughters Erin and Emily and his step-great-granddaughter Madeyln.

### 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.

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..

### A PRAYER FOR HEALING

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### Prayer to St. Gerard

O good St Gerard, powerful intercessor before God and wonder worker of our day, confidently I call upon you and seek your aid. On Earth you always fulfilled God's designs, help me now to do the holy will of God. Implore the Master of Life, from whom all paternity proceeds, to render me fruitful in offspring, that Î 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.

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.

### In Memoriam

Mary Ann Toris Bouchard, 74, of South Amboy died on Sept. 2. She worked as a secretary for Johnson & Johnson for more than 5 years, in the garment district of New York City, and as a childcare provider for many years. She was always very involved in the community and church, including the South Amboy Board of Education, Parent-Teacher Association, CCD at Sacred Heart, Girl Scouts, and OLV Seniors. She was very proud of her family, who she loved very much. A wonderful lady, Mary touched countless lives in such a positive and special way. She will never be forgotten for her kindness to all. Jeffrey Gasiewski, 59, of South Amboy died on Sept. 13. He worked as a fleet manager for Middlesex County Area Transit for 35 years. Jeff was also a dedicated coach in baseball, football, and basketball, and a great guy who will be missed.

### **Obituaries**

Baran, Mary M., 93, of South Amboy died on Aug. 26.

Bouchard, Mary Ann Toris, 74, of South Amboy died on Sept. 2.

Caccavale, Annette, 75, formerly of Sayreville died on Aug. 22.

Callahan, Freda, 85, formerly of Parlin died on Aug. 31.

Colella, Lawrence P. Sr., 73, of Parlin died on Sept. 6.

Cucos, Veaceslav, 44, of South Amboy died on Aug. 19. English, Michelle L., 42, of Sayreville

died on Sept. 12. Feeley, Evan P., 43, of Sayreville died

on Aug. 29. Garofolo, Charles J., 65, of South Amboy

died on Aug. 18. Gasiewski, Jeffrey P., 59, of South

Amboy died on Sept. 13. Haefner, Carla A., 82, of Sayreville died

on Aug. 31. Halas, Dennis, 68, of Parlin died on Aug. 29.

Herman, Edward J., 86, of Sayreville died on Sept. 5.

House, Matthew "Skip," 82, formerly of South Amboy died on Aug. 14.

Kwiatkowski, Catherine "Kay," Leonard, 84, formerly of South Amboy died on June 11.

Maher, John "Slim", 64, formerly of South Amboy died on Sept. 10.

McLeanas, Kenneth "Ken," 67, formerly of Sayreville died on Aug. 23.

Paskell, Mary, 79, of Parlin died on Sept. 11. Provenza, Camille T., 77, of Sayreville

died on Sept. 13. Semoneit, M. Edward, 85, of South Amboy died on Aug. 26.

Shopp, Dennis F., 71, of South Amboy died on Sept. 12.

Sowa, Andrzej, 67, of South Amboy died on Sept. 15.

Swiderski, Robert, 78, of Sayreville died on Aug. 18.

Van Deursen, Mary A., 93, formerly of South Amboy died on April 13.

Vayda, Andrew, 59, of South Amboy died on Sept. 3. Ward, Donald, 64, of South Amboy died

on Aug. 22. Wisniewski, Kimberly, 51, of Sayreville

died on Aug. 24.

Zubrzycki, Joanne L., 62, of Sayreville died on Aug. 20.

### 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. -B.S.

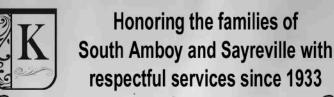
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