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Luke A. Lovely American Legion Post #62, South Amboy, and the City of South Amboy held a beautiful service for Veterans Day in front of City Hall. Commander Bob "Zak" Sekerak, Mayor Fred Henry, and others gave excellent speeches, while the wreath was placed in front of the veterans monument by Legion members Tom Noble and Bill Garrish. (Photo/caption by Tom Burkard)



On Veterans Day, Nov. 11th, Rich Kosmoski (l) from American Legion Lenape Post #211, Sayreville and Ken Kelly Sr. (r) VFW Post #4699, Sayreville placed a wreath to honor all of our deceased veterans, and all who participated for the U.S. military in every war. (Photo/caption by Joe Lotkowitz)

Coughlin, Lopez Retain Assembly Seats

New Jersey State Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin and his running mate Yvonne Lopez, both Democrats, were re-elected to their Assembly seats. Coughlin topped the field of 5 candidates with 17,878 votes, followed by Lopez 17,039, Republicans Rocco Genova 9,046, and Christian Onuoha 8,705, and Independent William Cruz 661.

The ballot question whether NJ should extend property tax deductions to military veterans who live in continuing care retirement communities, was approved by a vote of 867,123-279,913.

Walsh Tops Sayreville Board of Education

John Walsh pulled in 2,978 votes to top a field of 4 candidates vying for 3-three year terms. He was followed by Lucille Bloom 2,914, Daniel Balka 2,712, and James Bello 2,331 votes.

Three Chosen For SA Board of Education

South Amboy voters selected three candidates for 3-year terms. Ann Marie "Amy" McLaughlin topped the voting by racking up 606 votes, and was followed by Joan Marie Conway 534, and Rafael Albarran 496.

Family Fun & Holiday Cheer At South Amboy Arts Alliance's Winter Wonderland Workshop

The South Amboy Arts Alliance invites families attending South Amboy's December 6 tree lighting ceremony to a Winter Wonderland Workshop in its 141 North Broadway gallery from 6 to 8 pm. Alliance members and volunteers will help children of all ages create a holiday ornament for their home and one to give to someone else they choose to share some holiday cheer.

The Alliance strives to build a community of local-area artists and provide a space where they can exhibit their work, run workshops, and add to the color and vitality of South Amboy's downtown. Since its inception in

Democrats Win On County Level

Democratic incumbent Sheriff Mildred Scott easily defeated Republican challenger Anthony D. Gallo, 69,383-47,353. Seven candidates battled for three Board of Chosen Freeholders 3-year terms. The voting went as follows: Charles Kenny (D) 66,194, Kenneth Armwood (D) 65,921, Clary Azcona-Barber (D) 64,116, Thomas J. Cohan (R) 44,893, Edna Cox-Rivers (R) 43,956, Gregg R. Rubenstein (R) 42,659, Brian P. Kulas (An Inspired Advocate) 3,219.

Cassidy-Maher Win Council Seats

Two, three-year terms for Borough Council were up for grabs in the Nov. 5th election, and Incumbent Democrat Michele Cassidy Maher topped the voting with 3,630 votes, followed by Republican Donna Roberts with 3,597 votes. They were followed by Democrat David McGill had 3,565 votes, and Republican Christian Hibinski 3,453.

Sayreville Parade Of Lights

The Sayreville Parade of Lights will be held on Sunday, Dec. 8th starting at 6 p.m. on Marshall and Main St. Come on out and get in the holiday spirit!

June, the Alliance hosted three exhibits in its North Broadway Gallery and two cultural events this fall: ArtsFest 2019, a celebration of local art, crafts and music, and Voices from the Holocaust, a remembrance project of Theresienstadt ghetto and concentration camp.

The Alliance is expanding its gallery space this winter and expects to host workshops, lectures, and other educational opportunities for all ages throughout 2020. Also, it's actively seeking local-area artists and volunteers. Email SouthAmboyArtsAlliance@gmail.com for membership details and benefits.



Victoria Kilpatrick



Arthur J. Rittenhouse

Kilpatrick Wins Mayoral Race By 3 Republicans Request Recount

By Tom Burkard

In probably the closest election in history for Mayor in the Borough of Sayreville, Democratic Councilwoman Victoria Kilpatrick was announced the new winner by a slim, 3-vote margin over Republican Arthur J. Rittenhouse, 3,629-3,626. The latest tally came after a final count of provisional and vote-by-mail.

The unofficial count which was released immediately after the election on Nov. 5th had Rittenhouse ahead by 33 votes, 3,578-3,545. Rittenhouse, a former Borough Councilman said that "We have requested a recount, and will also contest the election because of irregularities. There are 41 provisional ballots we feel should be looked at."

Benefit Basketball Games

This year's Friends of South Amboy fundraising event will be held on Saturday, December 21st at South Amboy Middle High School. The proceeds from this year's event will benefit the Leonard Family, long time city residents dealing with the recent loss of their husband and father, Pat. As in years past the event will feature local high school basketball games, as follows:

- 2:00 South Amboy Varsity Girls vs Piscataway Vo-Tech
 - 4:00 South Amboy Varsity Boys vs Piscataway Vo-Tech
 - 6:00 South River Varsity Boys vs Sayreville
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2020 marks the 44th annual South Amboy Saint Patrick's Day Parade set to begin at 2 pm on Sunday, March 15. This year, the committee has chosen to highlight residents of South Amboy who have a history of volunteerism and service to the city and residents of South Amboy.

Serving as Grand Marshals of the 2020 parade will be Tim and Karen Walczak, lifelong resident of South Amboy have a 20-plus year history of volunteering for various organizations throughout the city. Mr. Walczak, in addition to his position as a volunteer firefighter with the South Amboy Fire Department, he also serves as a member of the South Amboy First Aid Squad. Mrs. Walczak, is also a member of the South Amboy First Aid Squad and along with her husband has been active in South Amboy's youth baseball, softball, football and basketball programs.

Dennis Kelly, President of APG Security, has been named Honorary Grand Marshal and

joins his brother Brian, mother and father as individuals recognized and honored by the South Amboy Saint Patrick's Day Parade Committee. Dennis has been honored and recognized over the last 30 years for his contributions and philanthropy by various local, county and state civic groups.

Hoffman High School graduate and South Amboy resident Larry Parsons will serve as Deputy Grand Marshall. A member of the Protection Engine Company #1 since 1973, Larry is also a retired member of the South Amboy First Aid Squad and active in many civic organizations that benefit the residents of South Amboy.

In addition, Karen Robeson, Director Of Operations, South Amboy YMCA Branch and Mary Szaro, President of the Historical Society of South Amboy will be recognized as Special Honored Guests for their contributions to the City of South Amboy on parade day.

Local South Amboy Businesses Support Parade Efforts

Planning for the March 15th 2020 South Amboy St. Patrick's Day Parade is well underway! Through the generous support of the City of South Amboy and local business owners, the parade continues to grow in attendance, diversity and participation.

Fundraising for the parade continues through the efforts of two South Amboy businesses as they host "Hoist-A-Pint" events. The first will take place on Thursday, January 16th, at Murphy's Shamrock Inn, 147 So. Pine Ave., So. Amboy followed by a second event on Friday, February 28th at South Stevens Pub, 200 Stevens Ave. North. Each event will be held from 7 to 10 pm and will include fun, food and friends.

A \$20 pp entrance fee, collected at the door, entitles participants to beer, wine, food sampling and a performance by the D.B.

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The parade committee will also host Grand Marshals Night at 7 pm on February 7, 2020 in the Auditorium of St. Mary's Elementary School where the 2020 Grand Marshal, Deputy Grand Marshal and Honorary Grand Marshal will be formally announced, and recognized for their contributions to the City of South Amboy. Congratulations to all of the 2020 honorees: Grand Marshals -Tim and Karen Walczak, Honorary Grand Marshal- Dennis Kelly, Deputy Grand Marshal - Larry Parsons and Special Honored Guests-Karen Robson and Mary Szaro.

Tickets for the Grand Marshal's Annual Dinner are \$50 per person (includes dinner, beer, wine and soda as well as a performance by the DB Kelly Drum & Bugle Corps, and will be available at the door or may be purchased at any of the following locations:

- Main Liquors**
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 - AOH Hall**
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Pleasant little TRIVIA

By Tom Burkard

- Who did South Amboy Police Chief Darren LaVigne succeed?
 a. James Wallis b. Gerard Pizzillo c. Stephen Pavich
- In 2009, this business was located at 115 N. Feltus St. in South Amboy?
 a. Freddie's SA Pub b. Brave Bull c. Corner Pub & Grill
- What year was the Sayreville Public Safety Complex (Police Station) dedicated?
 A. 1977 b. 1980 c. 1999
- Sayreville Council President in 2009?
 a. Nick Perretti b. Paula Siarkiewicz c. Ken Kelly
- What section of Sayreville is Dave's Hot Dogs located?
 a. Melrose b. President Park c. Morgan
- In 1999, was named Acting Athletic Director at South Amboy HS?
 a. Kenneth Kokoszka b. William Beattie c. Michael Rivers
- Back in '99, this 3 1/2 year old South Amboy girl appeared in the TV Soap "One Life To Live?"
 a. Bailey Malik b. Belinda Wilson c. Lucretia Montalbo
- Became Principal of St. Stanislaus Kostka School in 1999?
 a. Anita Gronski b. Harriet Samim c. Jolene O'Halloran
- Named South Amboy First Aid Man of the Year by the South Amboy Lions Club in '99?
 a. Brian McLaughlin b. Jim Ryan c. John Piskorski
- In '09, this 11-year old Sayreville resident starred in "Little House On The Prairie, The Musical" at the Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn?
 a. Melissa Mercado b. Mary T. Smith c. Taylor Leigh Bera

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

Business Of The Month
Main Liquors & Wines



Main Liquors & Wines outstanding staff is pictured (l-r) Pintu Patel, Owner Hershey Patel, and Bimal Patel. Don't forget to stock up for the holidays at Main Liquors & Wines, 533 Main St., South Amboy. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

Main Liquors and Wines located at 533 Main St., South Amboy, is the place to stop when you're planning that special celebration or party, or just to stock up for watching sports or auto racing on TV. Cold ones always taste good, so if you're in the mood for the "coldest beer or wine coolers" in town, stop in and visit owner Hershey Patel and his fine staff. Main Liquors is a modern, state-of-the-art store, which has become one of the finest, complete liquor, beer and wine businesses around. Main Liquors offers discount prices on a huge selection of thirst-quenching foreign and domestic beer, wine, wine coolers, and all types of liquor. (See Main Liquors & Wines ad each month in The SA Times). This store is the place to shop for your best buys! You won't find a cleaner liquor store with such a neat appearance, and the outstanding staff is always congenial and helpful to all. Main Liquors features the finest wine selection in all of Middlesex County, and is proud of the fact that it

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Luxury Suite Raffle

Mechanicsville Hose Co. of South Amboy will hold a Luxury Suite Raffle for the Colorado Avalanche vs. New Jersey Devils hockey game, which will be played on Jan. 4, 2020, 7 p.m. at the Prudential Center, Newark. The raffle donation is \$25, and winners will

be notified on Jan. 1, 2020.

Contact the following for tickets and more info: Rob 732-713-2366; Chris 732-890-3192; Greg 732-501-4025; Mike 609-351-7865; Bob 908-296-4254.

OLV Senior Group Trip to Riverdance

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip on Sunday, January 19, 2020 to the American Music theater to see Riverdance. The cost of the trip is \$135 which includes theater ticket, bus transportation, bus gratuity

and snacks. Lunch will be on your own in Lancaster prior to the show. Bus departure is 10 AM and the group will return by 7 PM. For further information or to reserve a seat please call Carmen at 732-254-9425.

Veterans Support



The Veterans Club at Renaissance at Monroe expanded its support of student-veterans by adding \$4,000 to its fund to help student-veterans attending Middlesex County College. The fund assists student-veterans in purchasing books and educational supplies at the MCC Bookstore, and student-veterans in need of emergency support. "We are tremendously grateful to the members of the Renaissance Vets for their long and generous support of our student-veterans," said Veronica Clinton, executive director of the MCC Foundation. "Our students who served the nation so well will greatly benefit from the club's efforts." Seated, from left, Michael Barany, coordinator of the MCC Veterans Services Center; MCC student Cristina Reyes (South Amboy), a U.S. Army veteran; Victoria Beverly (Rahway), an Army veteran. Standing: Veronica Clinton, executive director of the MCC Foundation; Bob Friedman, Veterans Club vice president; Noel Schleifman, treasurer; Mark McCormick, MCC president; Abe Adams, Veterans Club president; Nick Burghgraet, president emeritus; Michelle Campbell, MCC's vice president for Institutional Advancement; and Richard Cole, registrar.

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Yearbook-Hoffman 1984

By Tom Burkard

It's hard to believe but it's been 25 years since the great H.G. Hoffman High School Class of '84 graduated! When the seniors returned to school in the fall of '83, many interesting and exciting things were happening in the world. A new Bible was published in October that said God was without gender. The Orioles defeated the Phillies in the World Series. The U.S. invaded Grenada. Martin Luther King's birthday was approved as a national holiday. Jesse Jackson announced his candidacy for president. Hoffman High's Class of '84 had some of the most super-talented athletes in history, and also some very gifted and talented intellectuals. The yearbook "Special Guest Star" dedication was to Woodrow McCarthy. The memorial was for John F. Kuhn. Mr. DePasquale was principal, and Mr. Corigliano was his assistant. Other popular teachers of the day were Mr. Bernosky, Mrs. Rim, Mrs. O'Brien, Mrs. Lopez, Mrs. McDonnell, Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Silla, Mr. Gifford, Miss Folis, Mr. & Mrs. Walter. Peter Smith was an outstanding, all-around student, excelling in both academics and athletics. He was President of the National Honor Society, Senior Class President, Valedictorian, and in basketball scored over 1,000 points, was All-County and All-State, won the county scoring championship, and was also superb in baseball. Nancy Garsick was also a true

standout, both in the classroom, and in sports, where she scored over 1,000 points for the Lady Guvs. Rookie baseball coach, George Krzyzanowski guided his talented team to the Group I state championship. John Skarzynski and Mark Thompson were two of the best pitchers in New Jersey, and received all kinds of honors and awards. Barbara McCabe and Vicky Gonzalez were co-editors of the yearbook. McCabe also starred in all sports. Robert Monaghan was President of the Chess Club. Some of the top songs on the radio during the 1983-84 school year were "Tell Her About It," "Islands In The Stream," "All Night Long," "Karma Chameleon," "Jump," "Against All Odds," "Footloose." Some of the Class of 1984, selected randomly included Sandra Dowling, Clark Gregoreski, Eric Krauss, Thomas Krygier Jr., Susan Kuhn, Margaret Miller, Tracey Popowski, Ann Marie Whitaker, Todd Zulin. Other talented senior athletes were John Attardi, Carson Bloodgood, Billy Bright, Bob Gallery, Kevin Gorczyca, Ken Huryk, Pat Leonard, Joe Lewis, Kim Reick, Jim Shaw, Jeri Smith, Mike Toth, Stanley Zawacki. There were some very interesting and talented people featured in the Hoffman High School Class of '84. Athletes, intellectuals, characters and comedians, all made this class something very special.

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**Brunch With Santa
 December 15**

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 are hosting brunch with Santa Sunday, December 15 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the K of C Hall on 308 Fourth St. South Amboy. Bring your camera to get pictures of Santa Claus with your children. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$3 for children aged 2 to 12. Children under 2 are free. For more information call 732-721-2025.

American Legion Visits Wilson School

(Photos/info by Joe Lotkowitz)



The children of Wilson School really enjoyed instructions from American Legion Lenape Post 211 Color Guard of Sayreville, on explaining how to fold the American flag.




The teachers saw how much fun the children were having and joined in to help fold the flag.



Wilson School Principal Timothy Byrne (l) thanked Ed Streck (r) of the American Legion Color Guard for the wonderful job they did informing the children all about the American flag.

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Craig J. Coughlin, Speaker of the New Jersey General Assembly (l) spoke on how much all the veterans mean to our country, and how the brave women protect our rights and freedom. Also pictured is Ken Kelly Sr. (r) who was selected Veteran of the Year for 2019. (Photo/info by Joe Lotkowitz)

Toys For Tots Drop-Off At Lagoda's

Lagoda's Saloon, located at 109 South Broadway, South Amboy, will once again serve as a drop-off point for the Toys for Tots charity. Organizers of the local location, Lagoda's owners, Ray and Anne Kukulski, and retired State Police Officer Rich Schnyderite announced recently that "Last year was our first year, and a big success with two pickup trucks loaded with toys. All toys are brought to a warehouse in Metuchen where they are distributed to needy

families with children in Middlesex County, by the U.S. Marine Reserve. There will be a banner hanging outside of Lagoda's Saloon on the fence to the right of the entrance of the bar, advertising that this is a Toys for Tots drop-off point. The last day for drop-off is Dec. 12th, and all toys will be delivered to the warehouse on Dec. 13th."

Toy donations will be greatly appreciated by the underprivileged and less fortunate youngsters.



The Middle School students at Our Lady of Victories School wanted to honor our Veterans so they walked to Boro Hall to attend the Veterans Day ceremony. (Photo/info Submitted)



Members of the American Legion Lenape Post 211 Color Guard attended a Veterans Memorial Mass at the Messiah Lutheran Church on Bordentown Avenue. (Photo/info submitted)

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"Kash" Kim
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Kash Kim (l) and his wife Christine are pictured at Carnegie Hall prior to performing in 2018. (Photo submitted)



Kash Kim salutes the American flag at the Sayreville Memorial Day Parade several years ago. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

Fred's Bait & Tackle: A Huge Success

By Tom Burkard

Thirty-four years ago, "Kash" Kim and his wife Christine purchased Fred's Bait & Tackle store on Rt. 35 South in Morgan. If you live in the local area and are into fishing or other outdoor activities, you most likely have stopped in to purchase equipment or have repairs done on your fishing poles, tackle or whatever. Once you have visited this fine store, with most knowledgeable and helpful owners, it's almost a guarantee that you will return in the future. "Kash" has a pleasant smile and great sense of humor, plus an enormous expertise in fishing. He helps customers with tips such as what and where the fish are currently biting, and the baits and lures they should use for a successful fishing trip. This is a tremendous personalized-plus, and great help for all of their customers.

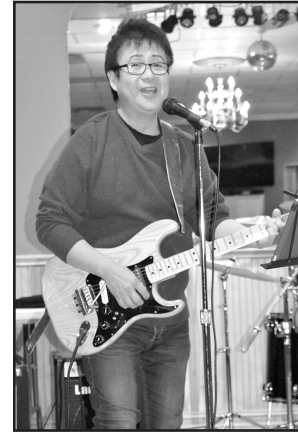
Jung Kim, affectionately known by all as "Kash," came to the United States from Korea in 1969 with his family, and they settled on the East Side of Manhattan, and then moved to Queens. In high school, he became very interested in golf, and excelled on the varsity team for 3 years. Kash went on to further his studies at FDU, where he majored in Biology, and planned to take pre-dental, and follow his father, an Orthodontist, and his brother a Dentist in that professional field. While in Queens, he worked in two restaurants in Manhattan, and also during his college days, worked as a weekend cook at Rivervale Rehab Center in Paramus, and also as a skating guard in the evenings.

Christine, is originally from Long Island, and graduated from Buffalo University with a Masters Degree in Business Administration. So why trade a potential career as a Dentist for a bait and tackle shop? Kash said, "I was always interested in outdoor life, animals, and fished all my life," so it seemed like a perfect fit for him to purchase Fred's Bait & Tackle from the original owners Fred and Andy Poliny, when it was up for sale, and pursue something that he really enjoyed.

On July 4, 1985, a new era began at Fred's, when Kash and Christine Kim took over the bait and tackle shop, and quickly turned it into one of the finest and most popular stops for fishermen/women on their fishing trips to the Raritan Bay; party boats; or the Jersey shore for all of their fishing needs.

Kash and Christine have been valuable assets to the Borough of Sayreville and surrounding communities. They have always donated prizes to local charities and also the Sunrise Rod & Gun Club, and Bayview Rod & Gun Club for fundraising events. Kash, now 62 years old, is well-known and respected throughout the area, especially in Sayreville, where he worked his way up through the ranks, and became a Lieutenant with the Sayreville Auxiliary Police, retiring recently after 7 years of dedicated service. He is a certified NRA Instructor, and a certified Chief Range Safety Officer covered by the NRA legal system. An expert marksman, who has competed all his life, Kash has taught marksmanship to men and women, who are going into the military or police work.

Christine and Kash are both accomplished singers, and had the thrill of a lifetime last



A very talented musician, Kash Kim is pictured performing live at the South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council #426, Friday Night Open Mic in 2018. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

year, when they sang at the world renowned Carnegie Hall in New York on Sept. 18th. He previously served 3 years as welcoming soloist for Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Old Bridge. Through the years, he has entertained at area nursing homes, the Gillette Manor in Sayreville, and has made several appearances at the South Amboy Knights of Columbus #426 Open Mic Fridays, where he was a huge hit playing guitar and singing. He is a very gifted musician, who also plays ukulele, clarinet, Irish Pennywhistle, and said "My future goal this winter is to learn keyboard. I have too many hobbies, but not enough time. It gives me something to look forward to." He lists his favorite hobbies as fishing and golfing, and now offers custom fitting equipment for golf clubs at his shop.

The hard-working proprietors have many wonderful memories of their years in business. Kash said, "One thing I find amazing is when a customer comes in and brings his grandchildren in to the shop, and shares a memory of when he first came in as a teenager." He added, "We have met so many great and interesting people. Former Heavyweight boxing champion Larry Holmes had a boat here and used to come to the shop incognito. Geraldo Rivera also was one of our customers."

The Kims have a son and daughter who have been very successful in their lives. The son is a graduate of Michigan University Grad School, and has been working for Public Health in New York and in Kash's words "Is in training to take over the business. He showed interest, and we've been fishing." Their daughter has a Masters Degree from Harvard University Graduate School, and along with her husband, formed Opelite Media Co., which makes videos for education and politics, and she works for companies that allocate funds for educational activities in Massachusetts.

So, Kash Kim, what is your advice to someone who hopes to open a business one day? "Do what you enjoy, so it's not actually working, and you become good at what you do," he said.

Kash and Christine Kim are not only "good" at what they do, but are true experts, and most knowledgeable in their field.

Congratulations Kash and Christine on your 34 outstanding years at Fred's Bait & Tackle, and thank you for all you have done to help our local communities and non-profit organizations!

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Veteran of the Year



Pictured (l-r) at the Veteran of the Year ceremony held at St. Stanislaus Kostka School are (l-r) former State Assemblyman John S. Wisniewski, Sayreville Mayor Kennedy O'Brien, Kenneth P. Kelly, Jr., a retired U.S. Air Force Staff Sergeant, who was honored as the Veteran of the Year, and Bishop James F. Checchio, who opened the ceremony by presenting the invocation. (Photo/story by Joe Lotkowitz)

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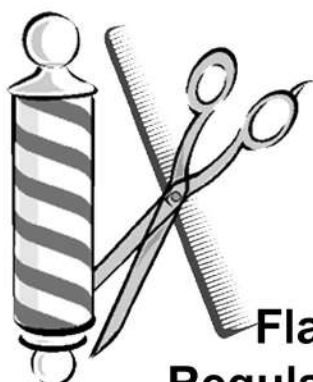
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Carmen Torres, who just turned 100 years old is kissed by her daughters Nelle Chapman (l) and South Amboy Councilwoman Zusette Dato (r). Carmen is also pictured in photo (r).

Local Woman Celebrates 100 Years

By Zusette Dato

Carmen Torres was born on October 13, 1919 in the small coffee farming village of Yahuecas, a municipality of Adjuntas, Puerto Rico. She was one of seven children of Joaquin and Josefa Torres. Patron Torres was a coffee farmer high in the mountains. After a successful public school education, Carmen decided to follow her oldest sister who had emigrated to the United States mainland to work in the war-time industries. In 1941, with the ever present threat of German U Boats, Carmen and Conchita took a steamship from Puerto Rico up the Atlantic coast to the port of New York. She settled with her sisters in Linden.

Once in Linden, she utilized her sewing skills to provide work to the likes of Kate Smith, and later went to work for Singer Sewing Machine Company in Elizabeth Port. While working at Singer, she met Peter Morphy, who would become her husband in 1947.

Carmen and Peter moved to Avenel later

that year, and began their family, raising two daughters: Zusette (South Amboy Councilwoman) and Nelle. She continued her sewing, making many outfits for herself and her daughters. She also crocheted as a hobby, making many very fine tablecloths for family and friends. She continued to crochet well into her 90s, most recently making fine scarves for fellow residents of Roosevelt Care Center.

Carmen worked for Regina in Rahway for many years, and upon her retirement she volunteered with the Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxiliary and traveled extensively with Peter, to Hawaii, Alaska, Florida, and to France for D-Day Memorial celebrations in honor of her husband Peter's service.

Carmen has two grandsons, Christopher and Craig Casale, and three great grandchildren, Blaise, Caiden and Olivia who brings her much joy. She is a current resident of Roosevelt Care Center, where she enjoys outings and many patient activities.

OLV Seniors December Meeting

The OLV Seniors will hold their December meeting on Friday, December 13, 2019 at 1:30 PM in Monsignor Dalton Hall. This is the last meeting that dues of \$15.00 will be collected. All new members are welcome. After the business portion of the meeting, we will have our traditional Christmas luncheon. The luncheon is free to all members. If you have not already signed up for the luncheon, please call Mary Bouchard at 732-727-5056.

All luncheons and dues must be paid prior to the December 13th meeting. All luncheon requests must be given to Mary by Monday, December 9th. No requests will be taken after that date.

Countdown to the Holidays food bags are due at the December meeting for St. Vincent de Paul.

Any questions please contact Teri Yetsko at 732-727-7639.



A fire broke out on Conover St. in South Amboy in the early morning of Nov. 8. Firefighters were on the scene quickly, and no one was injured. Great job, firefighters/rescue workers! (Photo by Sandor Schneck)

OLV Senior Trip to Esther at Sight and Sound

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to see the play Esther at Sight and Sound in Lancaster, Pennsylvania on Thursday, April 23, 2020 for the 3 PM Matinee. The cost of the trip is \$180 which includes the play, the luncheon at Shady Maple, bus transportation, bus gratuity and snacks on the bus. We also have priority seating for the play. Contact Teri at 732-727-7639 for reservations or questions.

Open Mic January 31

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 resumes its Open Mic series after the holidays. The next one is scheduled for Friday night, January 31 at 8 p.m. at the K of C on 308 Fourth St. South Amboy. The holiday break allows you time to practice your singing and playing. As always there is no cover charge and refreshments will be available. For more information call 732-721-2025.



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6. Blueberry Hill
7. One Bad Apple
8. Green Onions
9. Raspberry Beret
10. Little Green Apples
11. Cherry Pie
12. Mashed Potato Time



- a. Tommy Roe
- b. Warrant
- c. Prince & The Revolution
- d. Booker T. & The MG's
- e. John Mellencamp
- f. O.C. Smith
- g. Dee Dee Sharp
- h. The Beatles
- i. Jay & The Techniques
- j. Harry Nilsson
- k. Fats Domino
- l. The Osmonds

Answers: 11g, 12b, 11b, 12g, 11a, 12a, 11c, 12c, 11d, 12d, 11e, 12e, 11f, 12f, 11g, 12g, 11h, 12h, 11i, 12i, 11j, 12j, 11k, 12k, 11l, 12l



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Sayreville War Memorial High School Class of 1969 celebrated their 50th Class Reunion on October 7, 2019 at The Breakers on the Ocean in Spring Lake. It was another bangin' shindig, with alumni having their yearbook photo faces on a stick. (Photo/caption Submitted)

Sayreville War Memorial High School

Class of 1969 Reunion
By Kathy Strek Ayala

Sayreville War Memorial High School Class of 1969 celebrated their 50-Year Class Reunion on October 7, 2019 at The Breakers on the Ocean in Spring Lake NJ. The "Once in a Lifetime" theme mirrored their Senior Prom theme back in May 1969. The Team planned this Reunion for two years in order to make it very special, and their efforts produced a lot of excitement and anticipation for the five-hour event.

Pre-activities were the night before at the Spring Lake Tap House, and day-of breakfast at the The Buttered Biscuit.

The banquet dinner was a total of 119 alumni and guests, which included two faculty, four Class Marriages, six All Reunions Attendance, and even five First Time Attendees. The oceanfront venue

provided the perfect setting, as the beach was part of most after-prom memories. Beautiful centerpieces and a special homemade cake welcomed guests warmly into the room.

A raffle included a special-label champagne, and bottles of spring water from the Fountain of Youth in St. Augustine FL. The surprise handout was their yearbook photo faces on a stick. It quickly brought everyone back to 1969, and they had a blast with them.

The 69ers laughed and danced, the food and music were excellent, and they loved each other as a family. Yes, it was another bangin' shindig.

A Farewell Breakfast was hosted the morning after. All were fired up about the next Reunion - so it's 55 OR BUST!

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

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

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Reunions

St. Mary's High School, South Amboy, NJ

Class of 1969 Reunion Oh, What a Time They Had!

By Bob Paulukiewicz

Graduates, spouses, and friends gathered on the evening of October 19th, 2019 At Doolan's Shore Club in Spring Lake Heights to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Class of 1969's graduation from St. Mary's High School, South Amboy.

Folks traveled from Florida, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, as well as various parts of New Jersey to join the celebration. For many it was the first time they had seen one another since that Sunday in June back in 1969. Since two people actually counted the graduates from the Yearbook, we knew that there were 146 of us. Unfortunately, along the way to this destination we lost 16.

Hand-made center pieces courtesy of Denice Matura Hogan graced the tables along with blue and gold balloons placed just so by Ginny Curato, and copies of a Special Edition of "The Crown" published by Bob Paulukiewicz, all members of the Reunion Planning Committee. In addition, a Proclamation from the City of South Amboy honoring the Class of 1969 and a copy of a New York Times magazine "Summer of 69" were on display for all to review. Floating over the entrance welcoming guests to the to the ballroom were two gold balloons, 50.

Among the topics overheard through the night were the girl's uniforms, rolled up skirts, navy blue blazers, THE Fire, the Extra Back, and split sessions. The most common questions asked of one another were "How

the heck have you been?" and "What have you been up to?" Of course, there were the usual discussions revolving around medical issues such as blood pressure meds, knee and hip replacements, cataract surgeries, and retirement.

The DJ furnished music covering the past fifty years which provided a background allowing attendees to reminisce, or an opportunity to dance, which a few took advantage of especially to the Motown Set requested by Kate O'Connor. Nancy Piluso Walter's birthday was celebrated by all with a rousing rendition of Happy Birthday; as requested by her husband Garth who seemed to have forgotten her day.

Cameras and iPhones were flashing throughout the night to capture memories to be shared on Facebook or The SA Times. Speaking of which, Publisher Tom Burkard gathered four members of the Boys' Varsity Basketball team for a photo op. Jim McCloud, Mark Bratus, Bob Howarth, and me, Rex Paulukiewicz willingly obliged. And what would a reunion be without a group photo. Paul Kusic, Denise Dibling's husband, did the honors after getting everyone to squeeze in just a little bit more.

The night drew to a close with exchanges of phone numbers, email addresses, promises to keep in touch, and many hugs and kisses. A few even suggested to do it all over again in five years.

"Til we meet again!"

Hoffman HS Multi-Year Annual Reunion

By Lenn Ambroziak

The Multi-Year Annual Reunion of HGH/HS tradition continued on Oct.13, 2019 this year, with the help of the new Alumni organizing committee. The members consist of Billy Croddick, Helen Mae Stader, Mimi Woznica and Jill Pappa. And what a wonderful job they did!!!

In fact, this year marked the 20-year Anniversary of this annual gathering, which was held at the South Amboy Boat Club for many years, before moving to Seabra's Armory in Perth Amboy. Ms. Susan Mattsson and Ed Szatkowski handed over the reins a few years back, after so many fun-filled gatherings that occurred on the Raritan Bay.

This year's event had over 60 Alumni attending, which spanned four decades. The Class of 1959 celebrated their Diamond 60-Year anniversary since they left the hallowed halls of old H.G. Hoffman High. And The Class of 1969 was not that far behind with a nice showing of class members, for our 50-year Golden Year celebration.

Many thanks to the "Youngsters" who planned this event, with a wish that this great tradition will carry on... For the Purple and Gold of H.G. Hoffman High of South Amboy NJ -- Go Guvs! "From a little school they shall lead."



Harold G. Hoffman High School held their 20th annual Multi-Year Class Reunion at Mara's in South Amboy on Oct. 13th. Everyone had a great time, and posed for this Multi-Class picture. (Photo by Marissa Barbieri)



Many Hoffman High School alumni were reunited, and had a fun time visiting/reminiscing about the good 'ol days at the John Street school in South Amboy. (Photo by Marissa Barbieri)

St. Mary's Class of 1969-50 Year Reunion At Doolan's in Spring Lake, NJ

(Photos by Tom Burkard)



Everyone gave the peace sign back in '69, and 50 years later....Wow! Nancy Piluso-Walters keeps it alive!



Former South Amboy Councilman Chet Meinzer Jr. (r) and his wife Judy Kurowsky-Meinzer, a former actress & outstanding musician had a great time.



Pictured (l-r) Jill O'Connor, Bill Wozniak, and Susan Mulvey.



In photo (l-r) Elaine Ballance-O'Connor, Kate O'Connor-O'Keefe, Gene Cross, Bob Paulukiewicz, Terri Redmond-Dempsey.



Long-lost friends and classmates having a fun time on the dance floor.



(L-R) Marjorie Zalewski-Bryner, Linda Lapchuk-Nielsen, Donna Derent-Grabert.



The St. Mary's High School Class of 1969 had had a wonderful and most memorable time at their 50th Reunion! (Photo by Paul Kusic)

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From The Firefighters Archives



1965 - Atlantic City-South Amboy firefighters marching at the 75th Anniversary of the NJ State Firemen's Association Parade. Our locals captured a huge 1st place President's Trophy for being the best in New Jersey. Special thanks to Dennis Quinlan who informed us that the NJ State Firemen's Association Parade did not start in Wildwood until 1975, and prior to that was held at Atlantic City. (Photo courtesy of Cathy McCarthy)

The Smoke Column

By Ex-Chief Richard Kosmoski, BA, MS

As we approach the holidays and make plans to decorate our homes with festive lighting displays, keep in mind SAFETY. Before you decorate either the inside or outside of your home, look very carefully at the electrical wiring on your displays. If your lighting sets are older, look at the wires themselves for any cracking or deterioration which can lead to a short circuit or an overloaded circuit. Just because there are additional outlets for you to plug your displays into doesn't mean it's safe to do so. Remember that the circuits in your home are rated at either 15 or 20 amps and you should not go above 80% of that rating. So, what does that mean? A 15 amp circuit should have a maximum of 12 amps of electrical wiring where a 20 amp circuit no more than 16 amps of electricity usage. READ the little notices that come with each set of lights, each display, or any other electrical device you intend to use. This small tag will tell you the number of amps that it will draw when plugged in and lit. If you are using multiple displays/lights on the same circuit, add them up to get a total of the amperage being drawn. Don't exceed the rating of your circuit or the individual light set otherwise the wiring will start to overheat and possibly lead to an electrical fire in your home. When decorations state on the label "For Indoor Use Only" this means they are for inside use ONLY. They may not be waterproofed to be used outside. It may be a nice warm sunny day when you are decorating your home so this may not be a concern to you. BUT, in late December or early January there could be plenty of snow on the ground and on your decorations, which could cause them to short circuit due to moisture getting

into the sockets. This situation could also prove deadly to you if you attempt to fix the circuit and get electrocuted! DON'T leave your light/displays on when you are not at home or go to sleep.

During the holidays, just about everyone wants to be a culinary specialist showing off their skills in preparing large family dinners or baking lots of holiday goodies. If these are your plans, please plan ahead and accordingly! Some of you may remember my Thanksgiving story of a few years ago where the young cook wanted to impress the in-laws on Thanksgiving. After shopping for all the necessary items, the big day finally arrived. After making the initial preparations, it was now time to preheat the oven. While the oven was pre-heating, the kitchen started to fill with heavy black foul-smelling smoke which continued to circulate throughout the entire house. 911 was called and was reported as a kitchen fire. To you culinary artists out there, please remember to check the inside of your oven for any items you may have stored inside BEFORE preheating. In this case, Tupperware was stored inside the oven and was destroyed along with the stove when the oven was turned on to pre-heat. This was one embarrassing moment for the cook.

For the upcoming holidays incorporate safety in whatever you plan to be doing. When cooking/baking, be careful with those hot pots and pans especially if there are little children running around the house. It only takes an instant for a child to run past the stove and accidentally hit an overhanging pot handle and spill a scalding liquid on himself/herself.

I want to wish all my readers a very safe, enjoyable, and Happy Thanksgiving!

Ads For Fundraiser Sought

This year's Friends of South Amboy fundraising event will be held on Saturday, December 21st at South Amboy Middle High School. The proceeds from this year's event will benefit the Leonard Family, long time city residents dealing with the recent loss of their husband and father, Pat. As in years past the event will feature local high school basketball games, as follows:

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

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

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(Teams appearing first are Home Team)

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Dad-Daughter Dance

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By Al Gomolka Jr.
Times Poet Laureate
c.1996

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Coffee With A Cop

(Photos by Tom Burkard)



McDonald's on Rt. 9 South in Sayreville held a special "Coffee With A Cop" on Nov. 11th. Pictured (l-r) Police Officer Rebekah Morales, Sgt. Thomas Sheehan; Femi Omokeji, and Eduardo Heidelberg, who enjoyed chatting with the helpful officers.



McDonald's fine employees are pictured with the Sayreville officers, Officer Rebekah Morales and Sgt. Thomas Sheehan.

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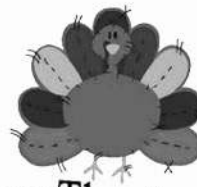
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Michael "Mickey" Mauro Sr. pictured at a wedding he sang at on July 1, 1978 in Sayreville. (Photo courtesy of Debbie Carling)



2011-Michael Mickey Mauro Sr. performing at Covello's Restaurant in Morgan. (Photo by Debbie Carling)

"Mickey" Mauro Was An Amazing Man/Top-Notch Entertainer

By Tom Burkard

The passing of Michael "Mickey" Mauro Sr. on Sept. 6th at age 68, shocked and saddened his large family, and countless friends. Known affectionately as "Mickey" by all who knew him, he was born in Hoboken, lived in Perth Amboy, and graduated from Perth Amboy HS, lived in Parlin for 40 years, and moved to Orlando, Florida.

Blessed with an incredible singing voice, he was one of the top entertainers for generations. He was an FDU graduate, and a successful businessman/owner for many years, but first and foremost, loved his family.

In 1968, he was the talented lead singer for The Young Temptations, also known as The Young Tempts, the top young band in Perth Amboy. The group's big moment came in '69, when they were the opening act for legendary singer Marvin Gaye at the old Majestic Theater in Perth Amboy.

Mauro, with his golden voice/tremendous on-stage presence/terrific personality certainly appeared to be a rising star in the music industry, and went on to have a good run with The Michael Mauro Review, which included the late Joey Mongiovi, Steve Turk, Jeff Marnes, and Paul Badia. This group had some really big shows, and Mickey went on to record a great cover version of "Susie Q." on vinyl, and this song had a really powerful beat, with a very different style than the original. In 1983, he recorded a 12" maxi vinyl, "Talk To Me" on Sutra Records, which is an excellent song with a strong beat, perfect for dancing.

One of Mickey's last local performances was in 2011 at Covello's Restaurant in

Morgan, where he enthralled the crowd with his singing of covers by Frank Sinatra, Tom Jones, Neil Diamond, and more. If you go to youtube.com, you can see him singing by typing in "The Michael Mauro Show" which was posted in 2011. He also sang an outstanding acapella version of "At This Moment" in 2012, as a video to be sent to the TV show "The X-Factor."

Debbie Carling saw Mickey in concert for the first time back in April 1977 at the old Club Bene in Morgan. Shortly after, her late husband Willy Carling, a good friend of Mauro's, introduced her to the singer, and she became a huge fan. The couple enjoyed Mickey's shows many times through the years. Debbie said, "My favorite song that he sang was "Delilah" originally recorded by Tom Jones."

Many fans and friends said goodbye to Mickey on Facebook, and Al Bolk, wrote and sang a heartfelt tribute to his good friend titled "My Friend Don't Sing Here Anymore." Al did an excellent job with the lyrics and catchy hook part of his song which he dedicated to Mickey.

Michael "Mickey" Mauro will never be forgotten by the countless family, friends, acquaintances, and fans who loved and admired him.

*The family will dedicate a prayer service on Friday, Nov. 29th at Carmen F. Spezzi Funeral Home, 15 Cherry Lane, Parlin from 12 noon-2 p.m., followed by a Memorial in celebration of Mickey's life of accomplishments, at The Armory, 200 Front St., Perth Amboy, from 3-5 p.m.

- #1 Country Hits-Nov. 23**
 2000-Best Of Intentions-Travis Tritt
 1993-Almost Goodbye-Mark Chesnutt
 1988-I'll Leave This World Loving You
 Ricky Van Shelton
 1971-Daddy Frank-Merle Haggard
 1969-Okie From Muskogee-Merle Haggard

- #1 Top 40 Hits-Nov. 23**
 2004-My Boo-Usher & Alicia Keys
 1999-Smooth-Santana with Rob Thomas
 1982-Up Where We Belong-Joe Cocker & Jennifer Warnes
 1976-Tonight's The Night-Rod Stewart
 1963-I'm Leaving It Up To You-Dale & Grace



Southside Johnny Lyon (l) was recently inducted into the New Jersey Hall of Fame. His good friend formo Sayreville resident and 1980 Sayreville War Memorial HS graduate, Jon Bon Jovi inducted Lyon into the Hall of Fame. Lyon is pictured above with another NJ HOF member Bruce Springsteen at the 2011 Hope Concert held at The Count Basie Theatre. (Photo by Brian Stratton)

Southside Johnny Inducted Into NJ Hall Of Fame By Bon Jovi

By Steve Schmid

Sayreville native and rock star Jon Bon Jovi has a way of getting involved in popular activities. Bon Jovi recently inducted Southside Johnny Lyon into the New Jersey Hall of Fame at a recent ceremony held at the Paramount Theatre in Asbury Park. Bon Jovi said he grew up on the Jersey shore sounds of Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band, but always wanted to be an Asbury Juke. He added those guys made Asbury

Park, New Jersey a happening place where the impossible became possible. After the induction, Bon Jovi and Southside performed the Jukes' classic "I Don't Want To Go Home" with Carl Gentry's house band. Southside said he had a Jersey edge because venues in New York and Philadelphia were not enthusiastic about New Jersey bands and it was difficult to get gigs.

One Hit Wonders

40 Years Ago

1979-New York Groove-Ace Frehley; Got To Be Real-Cheryl Lynn; Shake It-Ian Matthews; Livin' It Up (Friday Night)-Bell & James; Knock On Wood-Amy Stewart; Music Box Dancer-Frank Mills; I Got My Mind Made Up-Instant Funk; Just When I Needed You Most-Randy Vanwarmer; You Take My Breath Away-Rex Smith; Ring

My Bell-Anita Ward; Ain't No Stoppin' Us Now-McFadden & Whitehead; Makin' It-David Naughton; Born To Be Alive-Patrick Hernandez; Cruel To Be Kind-Nick Lowe; Hold On-Ian Gomm; Pop Music-M; Come To Me-France Joli; You're Only Lonely-J.D. Souther.

OLV Oldies Dance

(Photos/Info Submitted)

The Our Lady of Victories Senior Club recently held a classic rock/oldies dinner dance benefit at Monsignor Dalton Hall. It featured music by Clem and Friends. Proceeds from the event were donated to the school.



Pictured (l-r) HSA President Jackie Gluchowski, Father Ryan, OLV Seniors President Teri Yetsko and Principal Cynthia Casciola-Kitts



Clem & Friends really rocked the house at Msgr. Dalton Hall.

MUSIC TRIVIA

By Tom Burkard

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3. Tallahassee Lassie
4. Please Come To Boston
5. By The Time I Get To Phoenix
6. Kansas City
7. Harlem Shuffle
8. Allentown
9. Nashville Cats
10. San Francisco
11. Battle Of New Orleans
12. The Night Chicago Died

- a. The Rolling Stones
- b. Glen Campbell
- c. Bertie Higgins
- d. Billy Joel
- e. Freddie "Boom-Boom" Cannon
- f. Bruce Springsteen
- g. Paper Lace
- h. Wilbert Harrison
- i. Dave Loggins
- j. Scott McKenzie
- k. The Lovin' Spoonful
- l. Johnny Horton

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School Sports

By Tom Burkard

College Notebook

Patrick Walsh (South Amboy) has been making his mark for the Rutgers U. men's cross country team. In the recent Princeton Invitational, he led the Scarlet Knights in an 8K race for the first time this season by breezing to a 24:42.0 time, and finished 28th out of 235 runners, as Rutgers came in 15th of 24 teams entered. At the previous Metropolitan Championships, he finished 2nd for his squad with a 26:53.1, and was 13th overall in a field of 85. At the Big Ten championship, he was the top finisher for Rutgers with a 25:25.5 time taking 71st place as the team finished an overall 12th...Connor Holmes (Sayreville) has 17 receptions for 148 yards, an 8.7 avg., and 1 touchdown for Bucknell U. (1-6)...Myles Hartsfield (Sayreville) has registered 25 solo tackles, 5 assisted, and has 1 interception for the University of Mississippi (3-5)...Linwood Crump (Sayreville) has 3 solo tackles and 1 assisted for Temple U. (5-3).

Sayreville Football Update

Sayreville 15 East Brunswick-Bombers now (3-6). No other information on game.
Union 49 Sayreville 13-Undeclared Union upped its record to (9-0), as Sayreville fell to (2-6). No other information on game.
South Brunswick 10 Sayreville 7-The Bombers lone scoring was on a Mark Whitford touchdown pass to Jayvis Rayside, and an extra point by Javiion Simmon, as Sayreville fell to (2-5) on the season. Whitford rushed for 72 yards on 13 carries, while Rayside notched 68 yards in 9 rushing attempts.
Old Bridge 25 Sayreville 23-Undeclared Old Bridge (6-0) got a major scare from the Blue & Gray, and needed a last second 25-yard field goal by Andrew Vera to comeback and beat the Bombers. Sayreville led 16-14 after 3 quarters thanks to Jayvis Rayside, who broke loose for a 98-yard kickoff return for a TD, and later rushed for another touchdown. Whitford racked up 97 yards on 24 rushes to lead the Sayreville ground game, as his club dropped to (2-4).



Mary Ann Walsh (Senior) and Guinevere Kennedy (Sophomore) placed 5th & 6th in the Group 1 Cross Country Sectional meet on 11/9/2019 making them the first girls in the history of South Amboy High School to go to the State Championship race! (Photo/info submitted)

Bill "Biff" McKeon MLB Scout - Part 5 My Friend Buddy Kerr

By John (Flip) Phillips.

During one of the many conversations "Biff" and I had about his scouting days, he mentioned that along the way he became very good friends with a guy named Buddy Kerr. I found this interesting because I remembered Buddy from my early days (mid-late 1940s) when I was a very big New York Giants fan. (Probably one of the few in South Amboy). He was the Giants shortstop in those days, and it brought back memories of when I used to listen to the games on radio station WMCA (?). We did not have a TV in those days, so the radio was my ticket to the games. Hall of Famer Frankie Frisch did the play by play. In the winter of 1949, Buddy was traded by the Giants to the Boston Braves along with outfielder Willard Marshall and third baseman Sid Gordon for Eddy Stanky and Alvin Dark. Buddy was a slick fielding shortstop who held the record for errorless games (68) until it was broken in 1989 by Kevin Elster of the New York Mets. He was an All Star in 1948 and was in the running for MVP in both 1945 and 1946. He retired after the 1951 season. After he retired, he went into scouting, first with the Giants, and then as a special assignment scout for the New York Mets. Buddy was born in 1922 in Astoria, Long Island and grew up in Manhattan a short distance from the Polo Grounds, the Giants home field. He signed with the Giants in 1941. He passed away on November 7th, 2006, a day after his 84th birthday. Bill continues:

"Buddy Kerr was my best friend in scouting. I met Buddy in my early scouting days when he was the San Francisco Giants eastern scouting supervisor, and Frank Burke of Perth Amboy was his NJ scout. We continued the friendship when he became the Special Assignment Scout for the New York Mets. It wasn't long before Buddy would call me and ask where I was going to scout. He took a liking to me and before long we were a twosome. We traveled together scouting the eastern states I was the driver (with a KC Royals car). Buddy had an old Ford that sometimes ran and sometimes didn't, so I was his chauffeur. We also traveled together in Florida during Spring Training. Buddy lived in Oradell, New Jersey and some of the time (when his car didn't work) he would take the train, and

I would pick him up (wherever he landed), and away we would go scouting.

I remember one Sunday afternoon in Baltimore Buddy said he was going to Syracuse, New York the next day. I said I was going to fly to Milwaukee the next day. When I got to the hotel in Milwaukee, Buddy was already checking into the hotel, with two other scouts we hung around with: Lenny Yokum, Pittsburgh Pirates 81, and Freddy Schafer Braves, 83. Buddy was 78, and I was the "kid" at 68. I don't know what happened in Syracuse and why he was suddenly in Milwaukee. When the four of us were in Cleveland on a scouting assignment, we loved going to the Municipal Stadium. It held over 80,000 people, but in those days, the Indians were not very good, and the crowd was always in the 10,000 to 20,000 range. So, whoever guessed closest to the attendance was the winner, and got free beer and pretzels after the game. We would all take a guess except Freddy. I would guess 12,500, Lenny 12,000 Buddy 12,750. Freddy would always listen to the radio, waiting for the announcer to give the attendance in the 8th inning, 13,600. Then he would give his guess 14,000, and surprise- when the attendance went up on the scoreboard, Freddy was the winner. We all knew he waited until it was announced on the radio. Buddy was very religious, and the four of us would always try to attend morning mass in whatever city we were scouting in. During my early years when I was a school administrator, Buddy and several other northern New Jersey scouts would have lunch together during the off season in different diners. Even when I moved to Indiana, I still had lunch with Buddy, when I visited relatives in Jersey, mostly in New Brunswick right off the Turnpike. When Buddy passed away in 2006, I received a note from his wife expressing how Buddy enjoyed our friendship. I miss Buddy, and think of him and the many great times we enjoyed together, being able to make a dollar doing something we loved, being part of major league baseball.

Next month we will wrap up Bill's scouting years, and see where he goes from there.



Pictured prior to the Snapple Bowl are Sayreville football players Damian Lupo (l) and Tristan Behr (r) with former Sayreville resident John Malik. (Photo/info submitted)



South Amboy's Patrick Walsh (2nd from left) and teammates on the Rutgers U. cross country team Sean Martinek, Jared Skalski, and Cole Pschunder were recently inducted into Chi Alpha Sigma, the National College Athlete Honor Society, where the student/athlete must achieve a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.4. Congratulations! (Photo/info submitted)

South Amboy Men's Touch Football League-1972

By Tom Burkard

The short-lived South Amboy Men's Touch Football League got under way in the fall of '72, with five teams participating. The final regular season standings were; Broadway Cafe 3-0-1, Brothers Inn 3-1, Mike's Corner 2-1-1, English Chevron 1-3, Mechanicsville Bombers 0-4. Who were the top performers of that memorable season?

Broadway Cafe was led by Jack Brennan's 3 touchdowns, Ed O'Leary 1, and Dan Weinman 1. Joe Murtha led the league with 2 field goals. Brothers Inn got plenty of offensive pop from the league's touchdown and scoring leader, Gary Lange, who found the end zone for 4 TD's and 24 points. Teammate Joe Castellano scored 3 TD's and led the league by kicking 3 extra points for 21 points, (2nd in the league). Brothers Rich

Klein hit paydirt twice, and booted 2 extra points, Kevin Nemeth scored a touchdown, and Tom Gorman kicked an extra point. Mike's Corner was paced by Jim Pavlonnis with 3 touchdowns, Nick Charmello 1, and Ron Croddick 1. Dan Paone connected on 2 point after touchdowns. Jim Keegan scored English Chevron's lone touchdown of the year, while the Mechanicsville Bombers only TD came on a beautiful interception runback by Bill Masterson. Wayne Pillar notched a safety for the Bombers. Although no playoff records are available, word has it that Brothers Inn won the championship. After the '72 season, the late John Zdanewicz, South Amboy's Recreation Director, halted the league because of fighting. It was a really tough, physical and competitive league.

10 Years Ago

2009-Final Football Leaders

Records-Sayreville 9-2; Cardinal McCarrick 3-7.

Points-Basim Fain, Sayreville 52; Nick Bodtmann, Sayreville 42; David Milewski, Sayreville 36; Delon Stephenson, Sayreville 30. Touchdowns-Fain 7; Bodtmann 6; Milewski 6; Stephenson 5.

Rushing Yardage-Jose Ruiz, Cardinal

McCarrick 824; Bodtmann 376.

Passing Yardage-Joe Geiger, Sayreville 1,329, #2 in county. TD Passes-Geiger 16, #2 in county. **Receiving Yardage**-Stephenson 535, #3 in county; Bodtmann 297; Milewski 244. **Kicking**-Point After Touchdown (PAT) Isaiah Cureton, Sayreville 17.

Yogi-isms

New York Yankees Hall of Fame catcher Yogi Berra was known for his many witty and interesting sayings, including the following:

"I always thought the record would stand until it was broken."

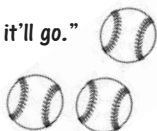
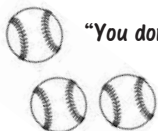
"In theory there is no difference between theory and practice. In practice there is."

"If the world was perfect, it wouldn't be."

"Why buy good luggage? You only use it when you travel."

"You don't have to swing hard to hit a home run. If you got the timing, it'll go."

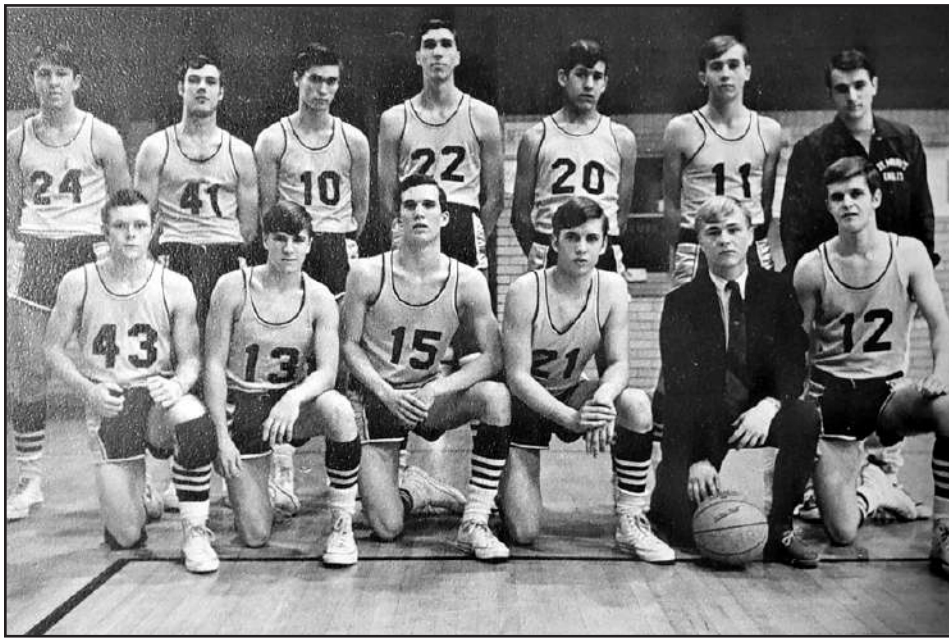
"I never said most of the things I said."



The Local Sports Memory Machine

By Tom Burkard

From The Sports Archives



1969-St. Mary's super basketball team that finished (21-4). Top row (l-r) George Krzyzanowski, Bob Paulukiewicz, Bob Howarth, Jim Day, Ted Krzyzanowski, Jim McCloud, Coach Don Coveleski. Bottom row (l-r) John Ammon, Tom Grabert, Nick Charmello, John Clark, Doug Sprague, Mark Bratus.

50 Years Ago

McCloud Breaks Record

1969-Eagles standout Jim McCloud poured in a school record-breaking 36 points as St. Mary's trounced Mater Dei, 97-61. McCloud connected on 14-of-19 floor shots,

and added 8 free throws, as he shattered the record of 35 points, which was previously held by teammate Mark Bratus.



Members of the 1968-69 St. Mary's outstanding basketball team are pictured at the St. Mary's Class of '69, 50-Year Reunion held at Doolan's in Spring Lake recently. The mighty Eagles pictured (l-r) Bob Howarth, Tom Grabert (Class of '70), Co-Capt. Jim McCloud, Bob Paulukiewicz, Co-Capt. Mark Bratus. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

50 Years Ago

Eagles Bow In Semis

1969-One of St. Mary's greatest basketball teams in history were defeated in the Parochial B semifinals at Atlantic City's Convention Hall by a powerful Gloucester Catholic, 69-65, before a packed house of 2,864 screaming fans.

First year coach Don Coveleski's club made one of the most valiant comeback attempts ever, as they trailed 55-34 with 9:25 left in the game, but played tremendous pressurized defense, before time ran out on

this standout group of athletes. Co-captain Jim McCloud, in his final high school game paced the scoring with 24 points, 10 coming down the stretch in the fourth quarter. Co-captain Mark Bratus pumped in 15 points, was a perfect 9-for-9 on the free throw line, and grabbed 9 rebounds. Bob Howarth contributed 8 rebounds for the Eagles, who finished with one of the all-time best records in school history (21-4).

South Amboy Men's Senior Basketball Teams/Records

1973-74

Bottle Stop 11-0 Lions Den 10-1 Pilots 8-3 Bowery 7-4 Bay City Liquors 7-4 Playboys 7-4 Frank's Cafe 6-5 Halfway House 3-8 South Amboy AA 3-8 Mechanicsville A.C. 2-9 Hot Dog City 2-9 Bulman's Shell 0-11.

1974-75

English Chevron 11-0 Colonel's Garter 10-1 Pilots 9-2 Frank's Cafe 8-3 Mechanicsville A.C. 6-5 Halfway House 5-6 Vince's 5-6 Playboys 4-7 Alumni 4-7 Bob's 2 x 4 Bar 2-9 Midgets 1-10 South Amboy AA 1-10.

*Note Regular Season won-lost records only.

1969-70 Teams (No records available)

English Chevron; Sanitary Fuel; Colonel's Garter; Army Vets; J & B Trucking; Bay City Liquors; South Amboy AA.

1983-84 Teams (No records available)

Lions Den; Smiley's Deli; Bottle Stop; Landmark; Monaghan House; Olde Towne Deli; Eagle Sports Association; Halfway House.

1984-85 Teams (No records available)

Monaghan House; Chet's Gay 90's; Eagle Sports Association; Howie's Halfway House; Lions Den; Smiley's Deli; Bottle Stop; Landmark; City Lights.

1979 Teams (No records available)

Protection; First St.; Lions Den; Mario's Sub Shop; Regency; Pine Liquors.

***In Dec. issue see the players/regular scoring leaders on each team from the 1969-70 season, and also the 1973-74 season.

30 Years Ago

Barella Leads County

1988-89-St. Mary's girls basketball super shooter, Janine Barella led all of Middlesex County with 50-three point field goals for the season.

T.H.E. Game

Sport-Basketball

Year-1981

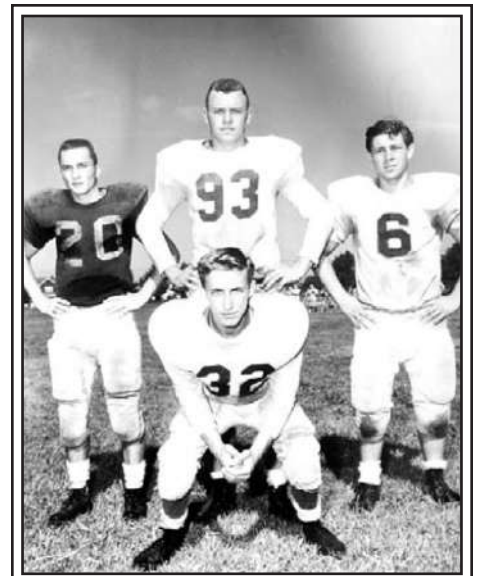
Teams-Hoffman vs. St. Mary's

Recap-Frank Wahler hit the game-winning basket with 40 seconds left in overtime to give the Guvs a thrilling 48-47 victory. Sean Regan hit a bucket in the OT to put the Eagles ahead, 47-45, but Peter Smith flipped in a free throw to cut the lead to 47-46, and set the stage for Wahler's big shot for the winner. Ron Brown topped all scorers with 14 points for the Guvs, and John Kennedy tossed in 12, and Tom Noble 10 for the Saints.

Players-of-the-Game-Frank Wahler and Ron Brown.

75 Years Ago

1944-George Harkins scored 12 points and Bob Fleming 11 to lead St. Mary's to a 33-28 victory over St. Mary's Elizabeth.

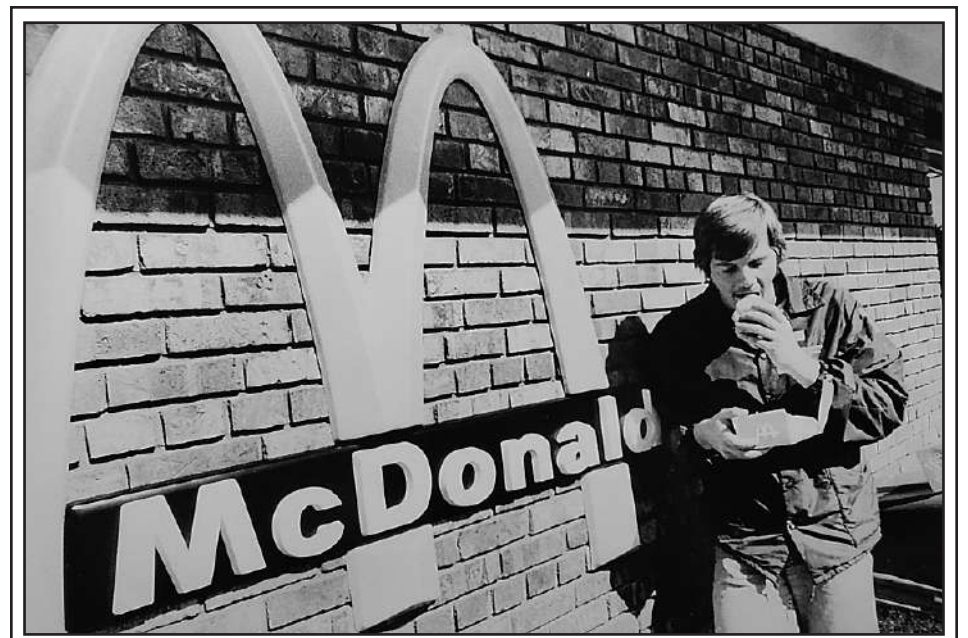


1960-The Sayreville Bombers talented football players posed for this shot during practice. Back row (l-r) Richard Nuzzo, halfback, Rich Mazer, fullback, Lenny Popowski, halfback. Pictured in front is quarterback Ed Popowski. (Photo/info submitted)

Glory Days In Local Sports

1959-St. Mary's edged Red Bank Catholic, 52-51 in hoops action. Joe Jankowski topped the scoring brigade with 13 points and Henry "Henny The DJ" Conroy fired in 12...1962-St. Mary's boys basketball team topped St. Peter's, 75-70 in double overtime. Jack Kreiger led the scoring with 22 points, followed by Tom Farrell 21 points, and a new school record of 25 rebounds. Jay Derent chipped in with 13 points...1978-Hoffman boys soccer team beat St. Joseph's 2-1 in the first overtime. Randy Neumann scored both goals, while goalie Mike Diem registered 38 saves...1986-Hoffman girls basketball team trounced Highland Park, 92-45. Lynn Ust pumped in 20 points, ripped 9 rebounds, had 5 steals and 5 assists, and had

plenty of scoring help from Krissy Kuziemski 18 points, Tricia Popowski 16, and Lisa Smith 14...1996-Sayreville girls soccer squad nipped Watchung Hills, 2-1 in the CJ Group III quarterfinals. Jessica Painchaud scored the first goal, and freshman Brady Gorski nailed her first career goal...2009The #4 seeded East Brunswick shocked the #1 seeded Sayreville Bombers football squad, 13-8 in the CJ Group IV semis. Sayreville's only TD came on a 38-yard run by Basim Fain, and Mike Carey followed with a 2-point conversion pass to Alex Yanuzzelli, which gave the Bombers their only lead of the game, 8-7 with 3:44 left in the first quarter. Sayreville finished (9-2) on the season.



1970-One of Sayreville's greatest all-around athletes, Steve Makwinski, who went on to star in college at FDU, and was drafted by the St. Louis Cardinals Major League Baseball Club is pictured enjoying a Big Mac at McDonald's. (Photo submitted)

Pop Warner Football 1965 Morgan Panthers 20 South Amboy Sabres 0

In what was expected to be a close game between neighboring rivals turned into an easy 20-0 victory by a powerful Morgan Panthers team. Morgan scored its first touchdown on a 4-yard jaunt through the right side by Joe Mastorio in the second quarter. The extra point attempt was stopped by the Sabres defense. Kevin Lynch bolted 6-yards through the left side for a TD in the third stanza, and Mastorio crashed through for the point after touchdown (PAT), making it 13-0, Morgan. The Panthers scored their final

TD in the last quarter when Mastorio bolted off tackle and raced 12-yards to paydirt, and Lynch added the PAT with another line plunge for the final: Morgan 20 South Amboy 0.

The Panthers defense of Dennis Ryan, Dewey Hess, Roy Mastorio, Bob Smith, Jim Champion, and Ed McGuinness was outstanding, and halted the Sabres usually strong running game, which featured Bruce Buckiewicz and Nick Charmello, and the passing of Dennis Nardone.

Most Coaching Wins In Eagles History

Researched by Ed Twomey

The top 7 winningest coaches in St. Mary's/Cardinal McCarrick history are as follows:

Joe Lewis 335-varsity, jayvee basketball; Charlie Eppinger 288-varsity basketball;

Ed Twomey 235-basketball, cross country, tennis; Don Szatkowski 205-girls basketball; Lynn Ust 202-girls basketball; Jim Kazanjian 106-baseball; John Zdanewicz 105-basketball.

10 Years Ago

2009-Unkel Chosen AllArea

Jaime Unkel, Sayreville's outstanding goalkeeper on the field hockey team was selected 1st Team All-Area in the Home News Tribune. She was also named the

GMC Defensive Player of the Year, as she saved 91% of the shots against her, 180-198. She also shut out East Brunswick and South Brunswick, who were co-GMC champions.

Did You Know?

The 1978 Hoffman boys soccer club was the only school in Middlesex County to feature 3 pairs of brothers: Mark and Frank Wahler; Tom and John Mulligan; John and Roy Dragotta.

Before And After
(Photos/info by Joe Lotkowitz)



This is the remains of what the old Henry St. foot-bridge looked like on Oct. 25th. The structure was built in the late 1920's and early 30's.



The following day, the bridge has been demolished, and all that remains is pieces and steps which have not been taken down.



Sparks fly on the railroad tracks while demolition takes place on the bridge. (Photo by Don Zrebiec)

Pedestrian Overpass Removed

By Don Zrebiec

I witnessed the dismantling of the Henry Street pedestrian overpass at the train tracks downtown on the evening of Oct 25-26, 2019.

The workers basically took it apart in two pieces. First, they connected a crane to the top of one of the overpass's walls. They then used torches to sever the cross links in the overpass's floor which connected the overpass's two walls. After severing the wall's connections to the concrete support piers, they then lifted it with the crane. The workers used ropes to turn the suspended wall 90 degrees so as to avoid striking the multitude of wires that surrounded it during the remainder of its lift (see video still shot in the attached file entitled "Removal of Henry Street Pedestrian Overpass, South Amboy NJ (26 Oct 2019, ~0315am)"). Once clear of the wires, the wall as moved above Mason Avenue and eventually loaded onto a large flatbed trailer. This concluded around 3:15 am on Oct. 26, 2019. I didn't stick around to watch the removal of the remaining wall



Cranes and other equipment is used to dismantle the old footbridge on Henry St. (Photo by Joann Niestempski)

since it was so late.

The last train to pass beneath the overpass before its dismantling began was powered by Long Branch bound NJ Transit Locomotive #4654 (a Bombardier ALP-46A).

55 Years Ago

Hoffman Wins 2nd Straight CJ Group I Title

1964-Coach Jim Croddick's amazing Hoffman Governors boys basketball team nipped Henry Hudson, 67-65 to capture their second consecutive CJ Group I championship. Henry Hudson led 65-64 with 0:55 left in the game, and Ted Reick hit both ends of a one-and-one with 0:30

remaining to put the Guvs up 66-65. Chet Meinzer swished a free throw with 0:08 to seal the victory.

The Hoffman scoring line: Dennis Wood 20, Jerry Drill 17, Ted Reick 11, Chet Meinzer 10, Ed Szatkowski 4 Hal Dennen 4, Rich Gunther 1.



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December Raise-A-Pint

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Our Lady of Victories Christmas Bazaar

(Photos by Tom Burkard)



The kitchen staff did a fine job with some very delicious food.



Selling chances are (l-r) Vanessa Hogan and Father Thomas Ryan, Pastor.



OLV's Pastor Father Thomas Ryan (r) stops by the Christmas ornament table to visit with Geri Kabara (l) and Joe Kabara (c).



The cake wheel was once again one of the most popular stops for Bazaar-goers.

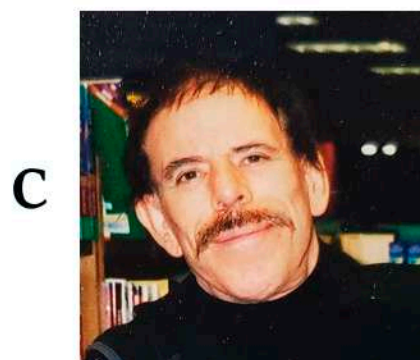
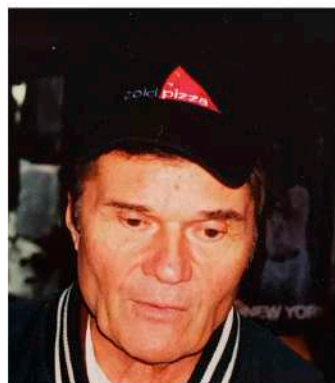
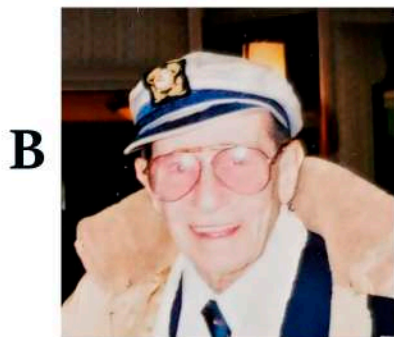


Vendors offered many excellent Christmas/gift items such as these beautiful homemade wreaths, trees, and centerpieces.

The Celebrity Photo Challenge

(Photos by Tom Burkard)

How well do you know celebrities? Think you can identify them by seeing their photos? Give this one a shot and see how you do. Send your answers in to: satimes@aol.com.





Former South Amboy/Sayreville residents Bill "Biff" McKeon (l), and his wife Elizabeth (r) visited Bill's sister Marge Gorczyca (c) in South Amboy recently. The McKeons reside in Indiana, where "Biff" will begin his 11th season as color commentator for the Evansville Otters baseball team. You can listen to his excellent announcing on radio at: WEUV 91.5 FM, University of Evansville. "Biff" is a former minor league baseball player, and longtime teacher/coach in the Old Bridge school system, and has worn many other interesting hats in his most colorful and exciting lifetime. (Photo/story by Tom Burkard)

McKeon And Son Will Get Rings

South Amboy native Jack McKeon, the only manager in professional baseball history to win over 1,000 games in the major leagues, and also the minors, and his son Kasey, will receive championship rings for their work with the Washington Nationals World Series baseball championship team. Jack is employed as a Senior Advisor to the General Manager, and Kasey is Director of Player Procurement. In 1984, as General

Manager of the San Diego Padres, Jack built a talented team that went to the World Series, but lost, and in 2003, he became the oldest manager in history to win a World Series, as he guided the Florida Marlins to a stunning upset over the heavily-favored New York Yankees. Kasey has been in his post for many years, and this is a very proud time for father and son. Congratulations Jack and Kasey!

NJ Devils Holiday Outing December 27

For all of you hockey fans, Saint Mary's Church and the South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 sponsor their annual Christmas holiday outing to see the New Jersey Devils, with top draft pick Jack Hughes, host the Toronto Maple Leafs, with superstar center John Taveras who played many years with the New York Islanders. The

game is Friday night December 27 at 7 p.m. Cost of \$70 includes lower level reserved seat plus a \$10 voucher good for food and beverages. This game is a wonderful idea for kids who love hockey. Deadline to purchase tickets is December 2. For more information call Chris at 732-735-1737 or Steve at 732-727-1707.

St. Stan's School

(Photos/Info Submitted)



St. Stan's School honored Staff Sergeant Kenneth P. Kelly, Sr. of the United States Air Force as Veteran of the Year during their annual celebration. He is pictured with his wife, Diane and his son, Kenneth, Jr.



A group of fourth grade students take a moment to gather for a group photo at St. Stanislaus Kosta School's annual Halloween festivities. From left to right, front row: Rebecca Aguilar, Grace Rispoli, Penelope Abouta, Madelyn McGrane. Back row: Elisha Bulathwelage and Jacob Mikhail.



Seventh grade student, Elizabeth Bera, participates in a "Take Back Your Voice" assembly as Joe Scorsone from FLINTFACE listens. FLINTFACE's mission is to teach resilience and healthy coping mechanisms through song and honest, unscripted communication.



Holiday Remembrance Service Kurzawa Funeral Home



Dear South Amboy & Sayreville,

This past year has been challenging, as we are aware, to learn how to live without those who are special to us. I am inviting you to join us for our third annual "Remembrance Service" to be held on Wednesday, December 11th, 2019 scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. however, please join us when it is most convenient for you.

During this time of year we reflect on the wonderful people whom we loved so much. We invite family and friends to come together to celebrate a special night where our family here at Kurzawa Funeral Home remembers your loved ones who are missed during this holiday season. The Service will be held at The Kurzawa Funeral Home, located at 338 Main Street, South Amboy NJ 08879.

We will be recognizing those who have gone ahead, accompanied by inspirational and seasonal music, in addition to light refreshments. Life Celebrant Mario Spadaro, Chaplin at Karen Ann Quinlan Hospice, will conduct a very memorable service. Please join us in celebration and prayer in honor and memory of your loved ones, along with a special tribute to our Nation's Veterans, Law Enforcement and Firemen, who have selflessly sacrificed and served our community. A festive setting is being planned which includes our Tree of Remembrance decorated with Shimmering Angel Ornaments, each one in honor of those who cannot be with us this holiday season. As a special gift everyone in attendance will bring home a Shimmering Angel Ornament in their memory.

We are hoping you can join us in celebrating Please RSVP by Monday, December 2nd, 2019, to the Kurzawa Funeral Home if you will be attending. Any questions please don't hesitate to call The Funeral Home at 732-721-0475. We hope to see you then!

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Pictured at the Jewish Renaissance Medical Center (JRMC) press conference at Seabra's Armory in Perth Amboy is (l-r) Lisett Lebron, Quiche Jones, Jack O'Leary, CEO of the (JRMC), Jaime Rivello, Dr. Cynthia Vuittonet. (Photo credit: Paul Wang)

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(Article submitted)

An Organizational Response to Breast Cancer with Early Detection and Prevention

The Jewish Renaissance Medical Center (JRMC) held a press luncheon on Tuesday, October 22, 2019 at Seabra's Armory in Perth Amboy to announce their enhanced women's services, including the purchase of a 3-D mammogram machine in 2020. The event featured a panel of speakers including Lisett Lebron, Women's Health Initiative (WHI), Board Chair; Jaime Rivello, JRMC's Chief Compliance Officer and Breast Cancer Survivor; Quiche Jones, Strategic Alliance Account Manager for AETNA Better Health of NJ (event co-host); and John T. O'Leary, Chief Executive Officer of the JRMC. Guests in attendance were from local and surrounding business districts, city officials, JRMC staff, and residents. The announcement was made during Breast Cancer Awareness Month, as breast cancer is the second most common type of cancer in women. The goal of the event was to promote awareness and education for breast cancer screenings, early detection, and support services. The JRMC is a federally qualified health center that offers adult medicine, pediatrics, women's wellness, dental, nutrition, and behavioral health. JRMC provides 75,000 patient encounters annually within the combined centers located in Perth Amboy and Newark. "We exist to

deliver quality, community-based primary care services in a culturally sensitive manner with integrity and respect to all patients," said John T. O'Leary, Chief Executive Officer of the JRMC. "Our services are affordable, accessible, and comprehensive so that all who seek medical care can find it with dignity". JRMC treats 16,000 female patients annually. More than 50% of these patients have never had a mammogram. This is a healthcare crisis. "The good news is that most women can survive breast cancer if it is found and treated early," stated O'Leary. It is our mission to expand our reach into education and awareness to save lives through the expansion of services including an in-house 3-D mammogram machine. Early detection saves lives. This is the mantra of the JRMC leadership, and we are counting on everyone to join in our mission to save lives." The WHI, part of JRMC, a 501(c)(3) corporation, is an integrative health endeavor that expands Women's Wellness to include mammograms, nutrition, and other vital services integral to a woman's healthy mind and body, regardless of income. For more information, contact Denise Batista at (732) 376-6616 or email dbatista@jrmc.us www.jrmc.us

Robin Spielberg's Holiday Sing Along

December 3 & 4 (Photo/story submitted)

The Avenel Performing Arts Center (APAC), a new multi-disciplinary performing arts center located in Woodbridge, New Jersey, presents Robin Spielberg's Holiday Sing-Along Tuesday, December 3 at 7PM and Wednesday, December 4 at 2PM and 8PM.

Robin Spielberg will perform in a concert that incorporates the joy of the season with sing-alongs, meaningful reflection, fun stories and concert films. Perfect for the entire family, audiences will leave feeling uplifted and in the spirit of the season! Incorporating "follow the bouncing ball" sing-alongs and a guest choir, Robin's shows brings nostalgia, warmth and fun to the Avenel.

Known around the globe for her expressive style and concert rapport, Robin's career at the piano has taken her from coast to coast. She has performed on PBS and CBS TV, Carnegie Hall and throughout South Korea and China where she is a bonafide "piano star."

A long time elite member of the prestigious Steinway Artist Roster, Robin Spielberg has sold over one million CDs, and has hundreds of millions of plays on Pandora, Apple Music and Spotify. As her popularity continues to skyrocket, Spotify has now created a 'Robin Spielberg Spotify Playlist'. Her latest CD, On the Edge of A Dream, debuted at #6 on the Billboard charts. With the experience and numerous accolades to prove it, Spielberg is hailed as one of America's most popular contemporary female pianists/composers.

Tickets for Robin Spielberg's Holiday Sing-Along are \$29.50. Tickets for Seniors (age 65+) and Active Military are \$26.50.

The Avenel Performing Art Center

is located at 150 Avenel Street in Avenel, New Jersey (located within Woodbridge Township). To purchase tickets, visit www.avenelarts.com or contact the Box Office Tuesday-Saturday from 12pm-5pm at (732)314-0500.

The Avenel Performing Arts Center opened April 10, 2019. The Avenel Performing Arts Center promises to energize Avenel and surrounding communities by programming exceptional, professional theatre, music, comedy, dance and more. The Avenel Performing Arts Center is also the home of Curtains Bar and Restaurant.

Funded by the Woodbridge Arts Alliance (WAA), the organization's goal is to inform and help build capacities needed to organize and distinguish Woodbridge as an arts destination to help advance the economic position of artists, creative entrepreneurs and associated entities. Woodbridge Arts Alliance will build and expand on these existing arts activities to further activate the Township of Woodbridge as a regional hub for the arts.

Avenel Performing Arts Center's Season includes:

- November 12-16:** Humor in High Heels- Female Comedian Week
- November 17:** Broadway's Analisa Leaming
- November 21-22:** Dale K- Hypnotist
- November 23-24:** Freda Payne, singer of Band of Gold
- November 26-December 1:** My Big Gay Italian Funeral
- December 3-4:** Robin Spielberg's Holiday Sing-Along
- December 6-7:** BariToned
- December 10-11:** Celtic Angels Ireland
- December 12-15:** It's a Wonderful Life: Live from WVL Radio Theatre
- December 18-23:** Santa's Circus
- January 10-11:** One Man Star Wars Trilogy
- January 22-26:** Big Band Broadway
- February 15-16:** Erich Bergen Live in Concert
- March 20-22:** The New York Tenors
- April 17-19:** My Big Gay Italian Midlife Crisis
- May 27-June 7:** My Mother's Italian, My Father's Jewish & I'm in Therapy



Robin Spielberg

Sayreville Candidates Show Halloween Spirit

(Photos by Tom Burkard)



Borough of Sayreville council candidate, Republican Donna Roberts (l) and Republican mayoral candidate Art Rittenhouse were at the Trick or Treat Trunk to greet residents and give out candy to all.



Sayreville Democratic candidate for mayor, Vicky Kilpatrick chatted with everyone and gave out plenty of sweet treats.

The Vintage Car Contest



Can you identify the year, make and model of this car? Send your answer in to satimes@aol.com. Deadline is December 9th. Good luck! (Photo by Tom Burkard)

Vintage Car winners for October

Last month, the following correctly identified the car as a 1952 Oldsmobile 98: Jay Engelberg, Steve Laskiewicz, Anthony Carlo, Jack Piskorski, Keith Piskorski & Lorraine Krauss. Marie English, Ed English, Russ Fisher, Steve Yuhas, Joseph Severino, Bill Severino, Ginny Severino. One incorrect answer was a '54 Olds '98. (Close, but no cigar LOL)



1952 Oldsmobile 98

Where in New Jersey?

October Information

Where in New Jersey?

By Brian & Phyllis Stratton

The correct answer was the first Jersey Mike's in Point Pleasant New Jersey. It opened in 1956. They offered a unique product - the submarine sandwich, exceptional quality products and unparalleled service. Their Jersey Shore location was an hour from New York City and Philadelphia. Mike capitalized on the influx of vacationers, offered them his unique new product, while recognizing his customers by name, and knowing the sandwich they were going to order, because of their frequent visits. People would line up throughout the summer to buy the sub sandwiches that Mike was selling, and to enjoy the experience of coming into his shop. For over half a decade, he built the business into a thriving landmark, and was a pioneer of the authentic subs sandwich.

In 1971, Peter Cancro at 17 years old purchased the original location, after working there for 3 years. He expanded the business by opening additional locations and trained his growing crew to interact and talk with the customers. In the mid-eighties, he started researching



This month's hint is "It is in NJ not Massachusetts." Send your answers to Satimes@aol.com by December. 9th

the possibilities of franchising the Mike's concept. In 1987, Peter began franchising. He changed the name from Mike's Subs to Jersey Mike's Subs to capture the authenticity of where the authentic sub sandwich was born.

Today, Peter Cancro is CEO of Jersey Mike's Franchise Systems Inc., overseeing more than 2,000 locations nationwide.

Where in NJ? Winners for October

Winners who correctly answered Jersey Mike's in Point Pleasant NJ. We also accepted Mike's as it was the first store for Jersey Mike's were: Mark Clark, Dennis Quinlan, Judy Guilfoyle, Marie English, Ed English, Eleanore Westerholm, Dane Colburn, Mark Moniello,



October-Where in New Jersey
Mike's Subs, Point Pleasant, New Jersey

WWW.?



If you've been around the area, this building should look familiar to you. This photo was taken in 2004. Do you know what it is (was)? Send in your answer to: satimes@aol.com. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

WWW.? Winners For October

The answer to last month's was the former office of Dr. Eli Younes on Main St. in South Amboy. Prior to that it was the office of Dr. Stephen Jonap, and before that, Dr. Cannata's office. Any of those three was a correct answer. The winners: Chuck Pickard, Mary Agnes Morris, Gerry Sherry, Leon Cerdico, Joan Gorczyca, Dennis & Kathy OLeary, George F. Kern III, Dennis Quinlan, Eileen Coman, Judy Guilfoyle, Paul Sohayda, Steve Laskiewicz, Gary Feret, Laurie & Gary Loftus, Pat & Bill Scully, Jack Piskorski, Keith Piskorski & Lorraine Krauss, Chelle Martin, Raymond Tyska, Marie English, Ed English, Marlene Letwenski, Maryanne Matarangolo, Joan Fulham, Peggy and Steve Yuhas, Eleanore Westerholm, Don Zrebiec, Dane Colburn, Mark Moniello, Pete

McIntyre, Lisa Grankowski, Elizabeth Levielle, John Gelsinon, Dawn Roberts, Kevin Kania.

Note: Mary Agnes Morris was not listed in Sept., but correctly identified Bear's as the Mystery Photo, and so did the terrific trio of Jack Piskorski, Keith Piskorski & Lorraine Krauss.



October-WWW.?
Dr.'s offices of Cannata, Younes, or Jonap.

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City of South Amboy/SAYAA Fall Extravaganza
(Photos by Tom Burkard)



South Amboy Police Lt. Brian McCabe (l) and Mayor Fred Henry discussed the many activities at the event.



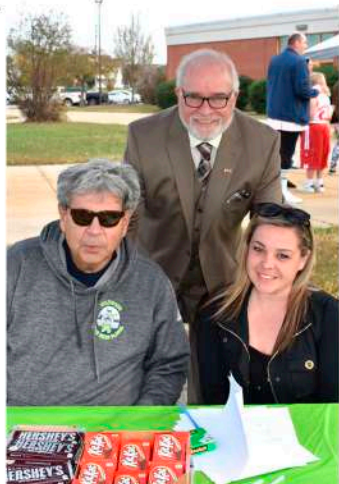
This family was dressed in really scary costumes.



Two dinosaurs stage a fake "fight" to the delight of youngsters and adults.



Christmas in October was a great theme in one trunk. (Photo by Marissa Barbieri)



At the city of South Amboy tent (l-r) Council President Michael "Mickey" Gross, Mayor Fred Henry, and Jackie Kelly.



This trunk featured an outstanding, and pretty spooky display.



Some adorable visitors to the SA Police Vehicle. (Photo Submitted)



The school parking lot was filled with hundreds of excited trunk or treaters! (Photo by Marissa Barbieri)



1967-SA Times feature writer Elaine Holton Scott took this photo when she was living in Germany in 1967. The man who is pictured worked for the sanitation dept., and was collecting trash in her neighborhood. (Photo/info by Elaine Holton Scott)

FIRST TURKEY & FIRST TRUE LOVE

By Elaine Holton Scott

It's that time of year when discounted Halloween candy and cheap Halloween outfits are squeezed between not so cheap Christmas items, many of which seem like they've been unsold for far too long. To all of us who have been around for longer than we care to admit that means one thing...it's the time when every writer in the world tries to tell everyone who either hasn't been around very long or who just hasn't spent much time in the kitchen how to cook the Thanksgiving turkey. Each year seems a repeat of the year before probably because it is. Writers become experts; short order cooks become experts; and even people who have never touched an uncooked turkey before try to show us how to fry one in the backyard without getting burned from the sizzling oil. Unfortunately, none of those so-called experts were around to give me any advice when I cooked my first turkey, one which was so big, it could have passed away from old age. I was in Germany in 1967 with my husband. I was all of 19 years of age. Unfortunately, the man I had married and who later became my ex, wasn't the one I should have married in the first place. As brains aren't fully developed until around 26 years of age, I was way too young to have gotten married, but then again, it was a time when guys my age were fighting in Vietnam, many of them coming back "broken," while others never did return at all.

The name of the man I should have married must go unmentioned. I'll only say he was a local boy my age, one with a bright future in front of him. He was my secret love then and must remain so. It was different for him as he had loved me openly, as only young guys can do when they fall in love for

the first time. I was his first love, and as he'd later tell me, I had "kicked him to the curb." When I realized the mistake I had made it was still a time when "good girls" didn't call boys, so I never saw him again. He stayed at college instead of coming home I had heard.

I had made another mistake, a really big one, and that's how I ended up being in Germany unable to lift the freebie turkey given to the guys at the Army missile base where my "mistake" had been stationed that Thanksgiving of 1967. We had rented a two room basement apartment built almost entirely underground in the little village of Carlsberg, a place which made the "Pleasant Little City" seem like Manhattan. It was also a place surrounded by ex (?) Nazis. Inside the apartment was a kitchen sink the kind which hung on the wall, and it had one faucet for cold water. The stove was right next to it, making the chore of heating water in a heavy cast iron kettle a bit easier. The stove was also really narrow and had an oven with only one dial to turn it on and turn it off. All the lifting of the heavy kettle had given me a little muscle in my arm but not enough muscle to lift the turkey without falling into the stove when doing it. With the help of a meat tester I had turned the oven off and on for most of the day. Finally it was done, well almost. I hadn't known to clean and wash the inside of the turkey beforehand so that's how I learned where the giblets were kept. Mistakes...I made quite a few when I was young...but didn't we all??

A special Remembrance to Everyone's "First Love" !!

Happy Thanksgiving

Trinity United Methodist Church News

(Article Submitted)

How exciting to see chairs set up for our Children's sermon only to not have enough set up!! God is Good!! We've seen new faces, people searching for that connection and hoping that Trinity gives them a sense of family and commitment.

Our Sunday School started in September. We have classes for all different ages—all the way up to 12th grade. Come and see what our church has to offer on Sundays at 9:15 am. If you'd like to call the church and ask questions, please feel free at 732-721-3558.

We had a wonderful Italian Dinner in September with new folks stopping by. Lots of compliments on the homemade food. On October 19, we held our roast beef dinner which also went well. Many compliments on the great roast beef. Thank you to all that attended.

We are getting ready for our Christmas Bazaar on December 7 from 9 am to 3 pm. We have vendors, crafts, bakery, café, children's room with Santa and games, a Tricky Tray, and much more. Come and shop!! If you are

interested in having a table to sell your items call 732-763-6232.

We are hosting a Parent's Night Out on Saturday, December 14 from 5:30 – 10:00 pm. Bring your children (2-11) to the church for a night of fun, games, snacks and movies while you shop or just relax in preparation for the holidays. Call Lori at 732-763-6232 to reserve a spot.

As always, our Thrift Shop is open on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturdays from 9 am to 12 pm (weather permitting). We sell clothing, household items, books, small appliances and much more. Drop offs are welcome at all times; please be considerate as we do not take furniture and large items. We've switched over to our fall and winter clothes so stop by for new and exciting items. Drop by for some great sales!!

Sometimes you just need a sanity check, some peace and quiet, or a good ear. Stop by and see if we can offer any of the above to you. God Bless!!

OLV Senior Trip to Hunterdon Playhouse

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to the Hunterdon Hills Playhouse to see Sherlock Holmes Returns, an all new immersive musical-mystery comedy on Wednesday, April 8, 2020 for the afternoon

matinee. The cost of the trip is \$105.00 which includes the show, lunch, bus transportation and all gratuities. For further information or to reserve a seat, please contact Carmen Delikat at 732-254-9425.

STAVE OFF THE HOLIDAZE AT THE DOWDELL: KIDS EDITION

It's the biggest party of the year! Stop by during the Dowdell's 'Tis the Season Community Holiday Open House on Monday, December 16 from 6:30pm to 8pm! Learn more about the library, including our plans for the coming year, while enjoying our signature holiday punch and other refreshments. Adults can enjoy door prizes and refreshments while kids, tweens, and teens participate in a Make-It-Yourself party including craft and tech activities! You don't want to miss out on our largest event of the year!

The Dowdell needs your help! It seems that an elf snuck into the library and hid amongst the shelves. For the entire month of December, participants between the ages of one and one-hundred-twenty-five are invited to participate in the Dowdell's Elf on the Shelf Scavenger Hunt! Take our list of clues and search for our puckish intruder (we'll time you!). Everybody who finds the elf will receive a small prize, and the person with the fastest time will win the elf at the end of the month. Entries are limited to one per person.

Go viral during Social Media Mondays from 3:30pm to 4:30pm! Each week features a different platform; highlights include the VSCO Girl Challenge, MIY Snapchat Icons, the Tik Tok Challenge, and an Instagram #Bookface contest.

For generations, human beings passed the winter months by sharing tales in front of fires. Sit by the Dowdell's own roaring hearth—well, a visual approximation of one—at Fireside Storytelling every Tuesday from 3:30pm to 4:30pm! Listen to an amazing story from Norse mythology, Ashanti

folklore, or Nahuatl legend, then spin your own favorite yarn!

As always, Wednesdays are three-dimensional! Learn about 3-D printing while the Dowdell's 3-D printer whips up snowflakes, snowmen, and presents between 3:30pm and 4:30pm. A different object is printed each week!

Thursdays offer a blizzard of options! Enjoy a beautiful animated picture book during Hoopa Storytime, held every week from 1pm to 2pm. Boogie down at the International Ninja Dance Party on December 5 from 3:30pm to 4:30pm, then make your own holiday card from 4:30pm to 5:30pm. Create your own horrific masterpiece during Edvard Munch National Scream Art Day on December 12 from 3:30pm to 4:30pm, then participate in the Origami Snowflake Challenge from 4:30pm to 5:30pm. Test your self-control during the Silent Library Challenge on December 19 from 3:30pm to 4:30pm, then link up for the Paper Chain Challenge from 4:30pm to 5:30pm. Finally, put it in high gear for the Mario Kart Tournament on December 26 from 2:30pm to 4:30pm.

Fridays are Club Days! Options include Anime Club, Art Club, Board Game Club, and Gaming Club. Meetings are planned for every Friday and run on a drop-in basis from 3pm to 4:30pm. No registration is required; please contact the library for additional information. The Dowdell is also hosting a Donner Party Live-Action Roleplaying Game on December 6 from 3pm to 4:30pm—don't be caught dead missing it!

Arctic Blast

By Steve Schmid

The first blast of Arctic cold air slammed into our area Tuesday, November 12, as cold northerly winds brought wind chills well-under freezing. Temperatures plunged from the low 60s on November 11 to the

low 20s by November 13. Snow flurries accompanied the arctic blast. This winter surge will certainly not be the last one since winter doesn't officially arrive until Saturday December 21.

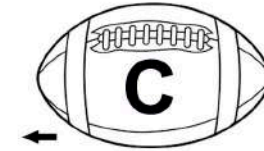
Football Challenge Game 3: The Final

Former South Amboy resident Dennis Quinlan was stopped in Game 3, The Final which was won by John Kelly of Parlin, who named 3 of the 4 football stars pictured in the October issue of The SA Times. Kelly missed only one, which was the C photo-Randy Beverly, and was correct on

the others A-Troy Aikman B-John Elway D-Joe Montana.

Quinlan connected on 2 of the 4, correctly identifying Aikman and Elway. Congratulations to both men on a very difficult contest!

THE FOOTBALL CHALLENGE GAME #3 (THE FINAL) (PHOTOS BY TOM BURKARD)



Sayreville Rec Halloween Parade and Trick or Treat Trunk

(Photos by Tom Burkard)



Sayreville Recreation Assistant, Jeff Schnitzer, shows his "favorite pet" that fascinates youngsters.



A proud mother and her child show off a cute costume.



Another great idea was a baby in a laundry basket.



Everyone gets a great treat at this stop along the route.



This "baby" turkey was one of the most unique out of hundreds of youngsters in their Halloween costumes.



Sayreville Police Sgt. Thomas Sheehan and Police Officer Rebekah Morales give out candy to the kids.



The Sayreville Recreation Dept. held another excellent event, drawing over 1,000 people. Pictured (l-r) is Recreation Board members Bruce D'Apolito and Peggy Yanuzzelli, Recreation Director Jerry Ust, Recreation Assistant Cheryl McQuade.




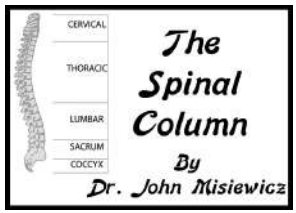
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There are special considerations to remember for cold-weather exercise:

-Athletes may not be aware of the loss of fluids in cold weather, but the loss is real and potentially dangerous. -Athletes have similar hydration needs year round, but many of them simply don't drink enough fluids during the winter months. Sports nutrition experts advise athletes to drink about one quart of non-caffeinated fluids for every 1,000 calories expended each day. "Drink two cups of fluid two hours before exercise and least 4-6 ounces of fluid every 15-20 minutes during exercise."

-Don't overdose. Exercise raises body temperatures significantly and even a moderate workout can make you feel as if it's 30 degrees warmer. The answer to this is wearing several layers of loose-fitting thin layers of clothes.

-The first layer should be thermal underwear made of a fabric that draws perspiration away from your body. -That layer should not be cotton, as cotton holds moisture next to your skin and makes you feel cold and clammy.

-Your middle layer should be a synthetic turtleneck and wool swather. Sweat pants or Lycra tights worn over thermals will help keep your legs warm. If precipitation is evident, your outer jacket should be waterproof, wind-resistant, yet breathable. Or for a short workout in dry weather, just an ordinary windbreaker would be suitable.

-Zippers make clothes more adaptable for controlling the amount of air you let in or for removing quickly. -Mittens are warmer than gloves. Fingers resting against each other stay warmer than fingers separated by the added air surface between the fingers of gloves.

-Headgear is important since you lose so much heat through your head. Be sure to wear good running shoes, with enough support and cushion.

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OLV Senior Trip to Finger Lakes/Corning

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to the Finger Lakes/Corning from October 12 - 16, 2020. The five day trip includes: bus transportation, hotel stays at Staybridge Suites and DeLago Casino, all breakfasts, all dinners, 2 lunches- one at The Kitchen with a food demonstration, admission and guided tour at Corning Glass and Rockwell Museum, guided tour and wine tasting at Sonnenberg Gardens, wine tasting at 5 wineries and amenities at the casino and bus driver gratuities and snacks during the trip. The price for the trip is \$875.00. For further information or to reserve a seat, please contact Teri Yetsko at 732-727-7639.



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From left: Thomas Brennan (South Amboy), William Niven (Jamesburg), who received scholarships from Middlesex County Freeholder Director Ronald Rios (right).

Middlesex County College Foundation Donors Connect with Student Scholars

Scholarship recipients met their benefactors at the Middlesex County College Foundation Annual Scholarship Reception Thursday, November 7. The program allowed those who donate to Foundation scholarships to connect with students, learn about their goals, and understand how scholarship support has assisted them. Approximately 300 people attended the event.

"This evening will celebrate the fact that last year over 350 students received scholarship support totaling \$630,000," said Foundation Chair Diane Conboy. "Most importantly, we are here this evening to congratulate our scholars. You were selected to receive an award because you met the qualifications and worked hard to achieve your goals. As you continue down your path, we hope you will remember tonight's celebration and the impact that MCC and the MCC Foundation had on your success, and how the assistance provided to you by generous, caring individuals and corporate leaders helped you along the way."

The evening included remarks from Middlesex County Freeholder Director Ronald G. Rios, whose charitable trust fund created five scholarships for MCC student-veterans in 2018.

"I've always believed that it's our duty as Americans to assist and care for our veterans when they return home," he said. "We owe our safety to their courage and hard work. Caring for our veterans can take many forms, from providing them with healthcare or housing to helping them find employment."

Freeholder Director Rios introduced the five recipients and then disclosed an increase for next year.

"I am proud to announce that, moving forward, I will be doubling the number of recipients of this scholarship to 10 students," he said. "This is an issue so close to my heart,

and I am honored to have the opportunity to give back to those who have given so much to all of us."

Engineering Professor James Finne also spoke about what motivates him to support MCC students through his donations to the MCC Foundation. Professor Finne has established three endowed scholarships: the Florence and Gilbert Finne Endowed Scholarship for Women in Engineering and Technology in honor of his parents; The Marianne Lewerth McGarrity Memorial Endowed Scholarship in memory of his late wife; and The Stanley Spikes Memorial Scholarship, in memory of a childhood friend.

College President Mark McCormick noted that Professor Finne's generosity is a testament to his belief in MCC students and an affirmation of the mission of the College and the MCC Foundation.

Coincidentally, the student speaker, Genesis M. Torres Arbildo, was a recipient of the Florence and Gilbert Finne Scholarship. Born in Peru, the 19-year-old student arrived in the United States two years ago to study her dream career in Engineering. After beginning her studies in Miami, she moved to New Jersey and enrolled at MCC. Actively involved in community service on-campus, Ms. Arbildo noted that she joined the YMCA in her home country as a child, and is dedicated to helping others. On behalf of all the students, she thanked the donors for their generosity.

In addition, Dr. McCormick thanked The Provident Bank Foundation for its loyal and generous support, including sponsorship of the evening's program, as well as all the donors who contribute to scholarships.

"We thank all of our donors for their generous support of students on their journey to a better life through higher education here at Middlesex County College," he said.

Winners!



Once again victorious in the Old Bridge election were Republican incumbents Mayor Owen Henry (l), (no relation to South Amboy Democratic Mayor Fred Henry), and Councilwoman Mary Sohor who was the popular cashier at the old Peterpank Diner on Rt. 9 in Sayreville for many years. (Photo/story by Tom Burkard)

Handbag Bingo Tricky Tray

Sayreville Middle School will have the 5th annual handbag bingo tricky tray Jan 31 2020. Doors open at 6 pm. Tickets are \$30.00 on sale now @www.sayrems.ch2v.com in the Store section of the website. You may also send in to SMS PTO 800 Washington Rd Parlin, NJ 08859. For more information please contact Sharine Rivera at srivemaspspto@aol.com.

Brunch With Santa

There will be a Brunch with Santa at Sayreville United Methodist Church, 406 Main St., Sayreville, NJ on Saturday, December 14, 2019, from 11:00 a.m to 1:00 p.m. The cost is Adult: \$8.00, Children 12 and under \$5.00, 3 and under - Free. Brunch Includes: Pancakes, Sausages, Eggs, Macaroni & Cheese, Bread, Cereal, Coffee, Tea and Juice. We will have Craft, Christmas Story Time and Gifts. Please contact Winsome Melvin at 732-432-9072 for additional information.



Historical Society Of South Amboy Tour Of Christ Church Cemetery

(Photos by Brian Stratton)



Tour guides, grave diggers and re-enactors pose for a photo prior to the first tour.



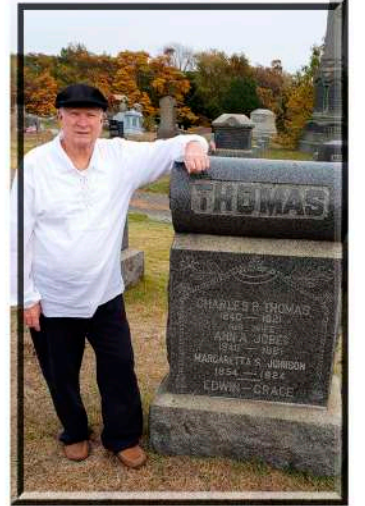
Jerry Pizzillo portrayed Noah Furman.



George Francy portrayed Christian Straub.



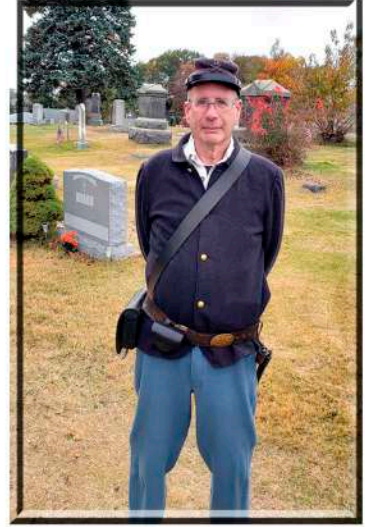
Tom Boychuk portrayed Elias Mason.



Jan Williams portrayed Charles Thomas



Mayor Fred Henry portrayed George Henry.



Joe Coakley portrayed Alfred Rue.



Mary Thomas portrayed all the little angels laid to rest without headstones or markers in one section of the cemetery.



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By Teo "Weebles" Weber



Salt Water

The big change in our weather pattern to cold has changed fishing. Striped Bass are now moving down the coast from New England. Some are quite big. The Queen Mary and other party boats that jig for them are catching some Bass going over 40 pounds. Some days the catch is better than others. There are some big Bluefish around going up to 15 pounds. The surf is also producing Stripers on plugs. There are large Bunkers schools past the surf line and big Bluefish are right on them. The real cold weather coming up will move these fish out of the area. Raritan Bay shore fishing is slow. I did see a few short Stripers caught at Ideal Beach one night. Party Boat Blackfish fishing is good. The bag limit goes up to 5 fish in mid month. Tog jigs baited with crab are doing a number on these fish. Porgies are still around along with Ling.

Fresh Water

My wife and I fished the Pequest in mid October for fall Trout. Our biggest problem was low water levels in our favorite spots. All we could do was one Rainbow about 13 inches. I also tried the Black River near Chester the first weekend of this month for a few hours. I managed to catch 2 Rainbows 14 and 15 inches and missed one. I tried the North Branch at Far Hills but didn't do anything except for one possible strike. My wife and I took a long ride up to Tilcon Lake on Election Day. I did nothing but she was able to bring in a 15 inch Landlocked Salmon. Winter Trout stocking in selected lakes starts November 25th.



OLV Senior Trip to Doolan's

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to the St. Patrick's Festival - From Ireland to America on Tuesday, March 10, 2020 from 11:30 AM to 3:30 PM. The cost of the trip is \$90.00 which includes lunch/show, bus transportation and bus gratuity. For further information or to reserve a seat, please contact Carmen Delikat at 732-254-9425.

Friends of South Amboy 50-50

The Friends of South Amboy will be selling 50-50 tickets for our annual Friends of South Amboy charity event on December 21. Tickets are \$5 and the winners will be announced during the last game on December 21.

All proceeds will go to the family of Pat Leonard. For tickets please call Mickey Kuhn at 732-310-4204 or Ed O'Connor at 732-570-9691.



Dinosaur Sighting!



This huge dinosaur was spotted in someone's backyard on Halloween. (Photo by Tom Burkard)



At the South Amboy Veterans Day service, Mayor Fred Henry presents an excellent speech, thanking all of our veterans for their service, and remembering those who died defending our great nation. (Photo/info by Tom Burkard)

STAVE OFF THE HOLIDAZE AT THE DOWDELL: ADULT EDITION

Trees are bare, skies are grey, and a cold breeze is blowing in from the bay. Just like that, 2019 is coming to an end—but winter programming at the Dowdell is just warming up!

It's the biggest party of the year! Stop by during the Dowdell's 'Tis the Season Community Holiday Open House on Monday, December 16 from 6:30pm to 8pm! Learn more about the library, including our plans for the coming year, while enjoying our signature holiday punch and other refreshments. Adults can enjoy door prizes and refreshments while kids, tweens, and teens participate in a Make-It-Yourself party including craft and tech activities! You don't want to miss out on our largest event of the year! (The library will be open from 12pm to 8pm.)

The Dowdell needs your help! It seems that an elf snuck into the library and hid amongst the shelves. For the entire month of December, participants between the ages of one and one-hundred-twenty-five are invited to participate in the Dowdell's Elf on the Shelf Scavenger Hunt! Take our list of clues and search for our puckish intruder (we'll time you!). Everybody who finds the elf will receive a small prize, and the person with the fastest time will win the elf at the end of the month. Entries are limited to one per person.

Adult audiences have their own November entertainment options. Kickstart your perpetual New Year's Resolution with St. Peter's Hospital's registered dietician, Laura Vetter, during Healthy Holiday Eating

Tips on Tuesday, December 3 from 11am to 12pm. (Light refreshments will be served!) The Dowdell's Yoga Series continues with Yoga for Beginners on Friday, December 6 from 11am to 12pm and Meditation for Beginners on Friday, December 13 from 11am to 12:30pm. Have a tech question? Bring your device to the Digital Café, available Monday through Friday from 12pm to 2pm and Thursdays from 6pm to 7:30pm. Finally, this month's culinary program features Peppermint Cocoa Cookies—a sweet, festive treat! Chow down on Monday, December 9 from 11am to 12pm.

As a reminder, the Dowdell is now operating on Fall Hours and is open 10am to 8pm Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays; 10am to 5pm Wednesdays and Fridays; and 12pm to 4pm on Saturdays.

Curious what else is going on at your local library? (We can never fit everything here!) Stop by in-person or visit our website to sign up for our newsletter (available at bit.ly/dowdellnews) and view adult and children's activity calendars, which are updated on a monthly basis.

Comments, queries, compliments? Please visit www.dowdell.org, or contact the Library at 732-721-6060 or comments@dowdell.org. The library is located off John O'Leary Blvd, adjacent to South Amboy Middle High School. Library hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 10am to 8pm; Wednesday and Friday from 10am to 5pm; and Saturday from 12pm to 4pm.

Catholics in American Revolution

By Steve Schmid

Saint Mary's Church was the site where the South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 sponsored an interesting discussion on how American Catholics fared during the Revolutionary War. Paul Soltis of the State Park Service and historian at the Wallace Home in Somerville delivered the lecture which was titled "Catholics in the American Revolution." He explained how Our Lady of Guadalupe became known as

the Empress of the Americas, and will be celebrated on December 12. He talked about how Maryland became the most Catholic state of the Union, led by Lord Baltimore, and speculated that most Catholics supported the colonists against the British, because they were fighting for liberty and religious freedom. South Amboy Knights of Columbus lecturer John Kobiernicki organized the event.

YMCA OF MEWSA RECEIVES \$7,500 GRANT FROM PNC FOUNDATION FOR PRE-SCHOOLER BRAINY BOOT CAMP PROGRAM

The YMCA of Metuchen, Edison, Woodbridge & South Amboy recently received notification of a \$7,500 grant received to support the funding of academic programming for preschool children at the YMCA's Ken Shirk Early Learning Center located in Edison, New Jersey. The program, called Brainy Boot Camp, will be held during the regular school year and will increase a STEM identity and awareness of STEM knowledge to better prepare the children for Kindergarten readiness. This grant was provided by the United Way of Central Jersey, made possible by PNC Bank Foundation.

be centered on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) concepts and will be interactive and exploration-based. This will provide many opportunities for children to become involved. "We are firm believers that it is never too early to introduce STEM concepts into our early education programs", said Rose Cushing, CEO & President of the YMCA of MEWSA. "It will prepare the children for success in college, career and life".

"We believe that augmenting STEM learning during the school day will provide academic support while building confidence, improving social skills, creating a sense of belonging, and making learning fun" said Erin Siemers, Senior Child Care Director for the YMCA of MEWSA. The curriculum will

The YMCA has previously received funding from the PNC Foundation for other STEM-related programs, including Scratch, Jr., a programming and coding class, Intro to STEM, and STEAM.

For additional information, please contact Samantha Cote, Child Care Director, Ken Shirk Learning Center, at 732-287-1131 or samantha.cote@ymcaofmews.org.

Veterans Memorial Signs Dedication November 9, 2019

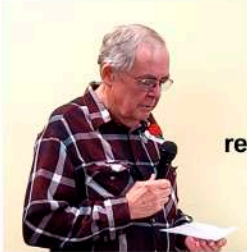
(Photos by Brian Stratton)



Historical Society of South Amboy member Jerry Pizzillo (r) salutes the flag during the national anthem along with the color guard from Luke A. Lovely American Legion Post #62. The table in front holds the street signs of South Amboy Servicemen that were killed in action.



Historical Society President Mary Szaro addresses the standing room only crowd in the Society's new gallery space.



Ken Elyea reads the names from WWI.



Joe Szaro reads the names from WWII.



George Kearn reads the names from Vietnam and Iran.



NJ State Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin (l) and Mayor Fred Henry (r) both made remarks during the ceremony.

(Photos below by Tom Burkard)



George Fuller closes his eyes in prayer as the veterans who were killed in war are remembered.



Dolores Burkshot (l) and Carol Masterson (r) proudly hold new street sign honoring their loved one who was killed in action in World War II.



Former local businessman, John "Jack" Olenczak and his wife hold up street sign in memory of his uncle killed in World War I.



Bob Masterson (r) stands proudly with his brother Bill Masterson, a U.S. Marine who fought in the Vietnam War.



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Max Borruso

Max Borruso, age 27 of Manalapan, passed away Monday October 28, 2019. Born in Freehold, he was a lifelong resident of Manalapan. Max was a mechanic at Mr. Fix It in Manalapan. He was a talented artist, welder, and car enthusiast. Max had a sense of humor that was one of a kind. Max was a loving son, brother, grandson, nephew, cousin and friend and he will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

He is predeceased by his grandfather Robert Witkowski. Surviving are his parents Janet & Paul Borruso, his sister Gina her husband Evan Miller, his grandmother Joan Witkowski, his aunts Debbie Witkowski & Susan & her husband Rudy Brazdovic, his cousins Amy & Skyler Brazdovic, as well as his dog Chico and many other loving family members and friends.



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

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. -M.L...

Save the Date: Young Men's Conference 2019 returns in January

Middlesex County is holding its annual conference for young men aimed at instilling leadership, wellness and prevention of drug and alcohol abuse.

The program will feature interactive workshops designed to provide students with opportunities to learn about a healthy and empowered lifestyle. It will focus on setting and achieving goals and avoiding negative influences. Participants will also learn to identify resources and tools that can be shared with their peers.

"Here in Middlesex County, our focus is always on the well-being of our residents, especially our youth," says Freeholder Director Ronald G. Rios. "We want to give all our young people the education and opportunities they will need to live a safe,

healthy and productive life. I hope all those who attend will take the advice to heart and pass these lessons on to their peers."


The conference will be held on January 17, 2020 at Middlesex County College in the College Center, located at 2600 Woodbridge Avenue in Edison, from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm.

For more information, please contact bicskoj@mcvts.net or call 732 257-3300, extension 1930.

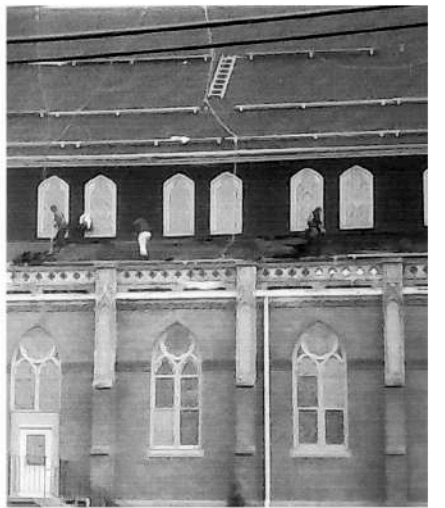
The free event is sponsored by the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders; the Middlesex County Office of Human Services; Middlesex County Vocational and Technical Schools; GCADA; EmPoWER Somerset; MFSC (Mobile Family Success of Middlesex County).

St. Mary Church New Roof

(Photos/info by Joe Lotkowitz)



Pictured is St. Mary Church with all the old roof taken off, and being prepared for new shingles.



The new roof has been put in place and it makes St. Mary Church look like a new place of worship.

The Autumn Leaves



These two found a way to have fun with the falling leaves. (Photo by Phyllis Stratton)


Letters

WWW.Feedback

Hi Tom,

Loved the October Paper! This photo was a tough one! Kathy sent me over to the area, by the old Briggs, Next to Christ Church, where she said the steps looked familiar. Sure enough I stopped there and I called her and told her she was right, the steps were there and not much else, just a demolition job. Then she looked up the address, which, as you know, turned out to be the old office of Dr. Elie Younes at 246 Main Street. Toward the end of the year, and now you are getting devious!

Best,
 Dennis & Kathy OLeary
 Sayreville



Hanaway Receives Degree

Kevin P. Hanaway nephew of Ceil Gosford of South Amboy, and former Fellow with the American College of Healthcare Executives, received a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree from Florida Atlantic University. Currently Dr. Hanaway is on the Medical Staff at Boca Raton Regional Hospital and Select Specialty Hospital in South Florida and practices pulmonary and critical care medicine for the Pulmonary & Sleep Associates of South Florida. Congratulations to Ceil!

Walk To Bethlehem December 22

Come join your fellow church-goers for a wonderful Walk to Bethlehem Sunday, December 22 beginning at 2 p.m. We'll meet at the South Amboy Knights of Columbus at 308 Fourth St. South Amboy where we begin our journey to visit all five churches in South Amboy. After our last church visit we will return to the K of C for light refreshments. For more information call 732-721-2025.

Thanksgiving Blessings



In Memoriam



William "Bill" Connors, 86, of Sayreville died on Oct. 16. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of the Korean War. Daniel Farrell, 66, of South Amboy died on Oct. 21. He was always one of the real good guys and will be missed. John "Chick" Tricarico, 68, formerly of Parlin died on Oct. 30. He was a proud Marine who served in the Vietnam War. Bernard Sekman, 90, of Sayreville died on Nov. 1. Prior to his retirement, he worked at E.I. DuPont in Parlin for over 40 years, and was a member of several fraternal organizations and church groups. Leonard Foderaro Jr., 82, of Parlin died on Nov. 4. He retired in '02 after 31 years with the Old Bridge Police Dept. After retiring, he worked for the NJDOT, and Sayreville War Memorial HS as a monitor/security guard. Donna Booker Caulfield, 56, formerly of South Amboy died on Nov. 4. A wonderful person, she worked as a registered dental assistant for Dr. Joseph Madura, DMD, in South Amboy. Another terrific hard-working lady, Jean Dieker, 72, of South Amboy died on Nov. 5. She was always a big help to all of the Dieker's Farm patrons, with a kind word for everyone. Suzanne Beshada Farmer, 75, formerly of South Amboy died on Nov. 11. Before retiring, she was employed by Middlesex County Vocational School.



A PRAYER FOR HEALING

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

To St. Jude

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored and glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world. Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude gave me hope. -S.S.

Lawrence Henke III

30 years old of South Amboy passed away on Aug. 29th. He is survived by his children Lawrence IV, and Colleen Marie. Lawrence III is the son of Barbara McKeon. He is the grandson of Pat & Bill Scully.

Jean S. Dieker (Pollman)

Jean Stephanie Dieker, age 72, of South Amboy peacefully passed away on Tuesday, November 5, 2019 at Raritan Bay Medical Center in Perth Amboy, surrounded by her loving family. Born in Pottsville, PA, Jean lived the rest of her life in South Amboy. She was part-owner of Dieker's Farm with her husband Jim Dieker, and loved and respected by the many patrons she helped through the years. She worked as a waitress in many restaurants including Spezzi's, Simko's, and Ye Cottage Inn at Keyport, but her true calling was as a wonderful mother, always putting her family first. Jean also was an avid reader of The SA Times, and always read it cover to cover.

Jean is pre-deceased by her parents, Robert and Josephine Pollman. Surviving are her husband Jim Dieker of South Amboy, daughter Jessica Pollman and husband Keith Free of PA, and son Damian Pollman of Carteret; her loving granddaughter Lorelei Free of PA; brother Michael Pollman and his wife Joanne and sister Patricia Pollman, both of Carteret; as well as many loving cousins, nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations may be made in Jean's name to St. Jude's Children's Hospital at www.stjude.org/donate. Letters of condolence, may be found by visiting www.spezzifuneralhome.com.



Obituaries

Boyd, Matthew J. "Matty," 34, of Parlin died on Nov. 3.
 Bozan, Alvin V., 87, of Morgan died on Oct. 18.
 Bracht, Barbara, 81, of Morgan died on Oct. 24.
 Borruso, Max, 27, of Manalapan died on Oct. 28.
 Carew, Mary L. Kirk, 101, formerly of Laurence Harbor died on Nov. 12.
 Caulfield, Donna M. "Dee Dee" Booker, 56, formerly of South Amboy died on Nov. 4.
 Cohan, Harry J. Jr., 86, formerly of South Amboy died on Oct. 22.
 Connors, William "Bill," 86, of Sayreville died on Oct. 16.
 Dabrowski, Sandy Voight, 74, formerly of Parlin died on Nov. 7.
 Dieker, Jean S. Pollman, 72, of South Amboy died on Nov. 5.
 Farmer, Suzanne A. Beshada, 75, formerly of South Amboy died on Nov. 11.
 Farrell, Daniel J., 66, of South Amboy died on Oct. 21.
 Foderaro, Leonard Jr., 82, of Parlin died on Nov. 4.
 Griffiths, Linda C., 62, of Parlin died on Nov. 8.
 Kampo, Charles, 89, of South Amboy died on Oct. 25.
 Krainski, Martha, 97, formerly of Sayreville died on Nov. 5.
 Lajewski, Raymond A. "Howie," of Sayreville died on Nov. 13.
 Michko, Helen, 93, of Sayreville died on Oct. 15.
 Mundy, Ralph E., 72, of South Amboy died on Oct. 30.
 Nebus, Cynthia M., 54, of South Amboy died on Oct. 16.
 Plocic, Corinne Ryan, 92, formerly of South Amboy died on Sept. 15.
 Racki, Krystyna, 71, of Sayreville died on Nov. 5.
 Sekman, Bernard "Dziadzi," 90, of Sayreville died on Nov. 1.
 Siegler, Meagen N., 30, of Sayreville died on Oct. 24.
 Skok, Zdzislaw "Ziggy," 68, of South Amboy died on Oct. 30.
 Sutter, Catherine Auer, 93, of Sayreville died on Nov. 1.
 Swenson, Lorraine, 81, formerly of Sayreville died on Oct. 15.
 Tricarico, John J. "Chick" Jr., 68, formerly of Parlin died on Oct. 30.
 Urbanik, Art, 76, formerly of South Amboy died on Oct. 16.
 Visneski, Pauline M. Pawlowski, 91, of Parlin died on Oct. 16.
 White, Glenn, 66, formerly of South Amboy died on Sept. 1, 2016.



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