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## Channel 2: South Amboy A New Hot Spot

By Steve Schmid

The city of South Amboy is becoming well-known in the New York City metropolitan area as a place to be. WCBS TV Channel 2 aired a report January 16 during the five o'clock news hour. Channel 2 correspondent Meg Baker reported that local officials want to turn South Amboy into a "hot spot." The report said the city has the advantage of undeveloped land along a waterfront such as Raritan Bay. South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry is pleased the New York TV station featured the municipality. "The ferry will get you to lower Manhattan within 41 minutes, so we're hoping that's going to bring in more commuters to South Amboy and also help with our redevelopment," he told Channel 2 news. The city expects to become the first state designated transit village with rail, bus, and ferry service. The project will be paid by federal funds, and the hope is that it will be completed in two years. The new train station already exists and is part of the transit village plan. Mayor Henry said the city has to deal with the state Department of Transportation, the Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and state historians. The ferry terminal will be constructed on land that was used for the coal business. The coal was shipped by train across Pennsylvania and loaded onto barges. Business Administrator Glenn Skarzynski is looking forward to the project completion and told Meg Baker, "There's not a better place in New Jersey, to be next to everything that New York City has, and to come here and enjoy our nice little suburban enclave on the bay."

## Novak Chosen President

Sayreville Democrat Mary Novak was recently selected as the new Borough Council President.



Pictured (l-r) are the 2020 South Amboy St. Patrick's Parade Honorees: Special Honored Guest Karen Robson, Special Honored Guest Mary Szaro, Deputy Grand Marshal Larry Parsons and Grand Marshals Tim and Karen Walczak. Missing from the photo is Honorary Grand Marshal Dennis Kelly. (Photo by Brian Stratton) See more photos on page 32.

## 44th Annual South Amboy St. Patrick's Day Parade - March 15, 2020

The South Amboy St. Patrick's Day Parade is one of the biggest events in the city of South Amboy and has become one of the largest parades in the State of New Jersey featuring more than 23 bands and over 2,000 marchers. Marchers will begin line-up at 1 pm on South Pine Avenue. Due to road construction on Main Street, the parade route has been changed and marchers will move down Second Street to avoid the construction area. Residents are advised that roads may be closed as early as 11am on parade day.

This year's parade is dedicated to South Amboy native, Ron Sturgis, one of the original Co-Chairman of the Parade Committee. Sadly, we lost Ron in January of this year. Ron was a friend to all and through his leadership, hard work and enthusiasm, the South Amboy St. Patrick's Day Parade continues to become bigger and better. Ron

will be greatly missed by all, but we take comfort in knowing that he will be smiling down upon the City on parade day.

This family friendly event will provide spectators with a multi-cultural array of entertainment including various pipe and drum bands, the sounds of Salsa music, a traditional Chinese folklore Waist Drum Team, and the Uptown String Band bringing the color, excitement and grandeur of the Philadelphia Mummers to our city.

Spectators are encouraged to bring non-perishable canned or boxed food items to donate to the less fortunate. Donation bins will be located at City Hall and near the Grandstand on Parade Day.

For details and information on all St. Patrick's Day events and additional parade details please visit our web site at [www.southamboyparade.com](http://www.southamboyparade.com).

## Women's Health Initiative Gala Honors Area Women

(Article/Photo submitted)

On Thursday, March 19, starting at 6pm at the Grand Marquis, 1550 Rt. 9 South, Old Bridge, the Women's Health Initiative, a program of the JRMC, along with Aetna Better Health, will honor 3 Central New Jersey women for their commitment to community, and women's health and wellness initiatives. The "Brazilian Carnival" is the gala's theme this year.

The honorees at this year's Gala are Middlesex County Sheriff, Mildred Scott of Piscataway for the Magnanimity Award; Perth Amboy Mayor's Aide, Jeanette Rios of Perth Amboy for the Service Award; and JRMC Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Amit Saini of Edison for the Leadership Award.

The Women's Health Initiative is a comprehensive health and wellness program that provides medical and behavioral health services to women who are primarily from

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## McGill Fills Council Seat

Sayreville Democrat David McGill, was unanimously approved to fill the council seat of new Mayor Victoria Kilpatrick. The term runs through Dec. 31, 2020. William Henry and Kenneth Scott were also suggested for the council position.

McGill will serve as the council's liaison to Public Safety. He has served the Borough as councilman from 2013-2016, and ran unsuccessfully for mayor. In 2019, he ran for council.

He was a New York City Police Officer from 1969-89, and has worked 30 years in logistics and quality control at United Juice Companies of America. David served on SERA for 3 years, and was again reappointed to serve.

## Hoist A Pint

Saint Patrick's Day Parade Fundraiser, St. Patrick's Day is right around the corner and celebrations have begun. Fundraising for the parade continues on Thursday, February 27th at South Stevens Pub, 200 South Stevens Ave., where the South Amboy St. Patrick's Day Committee will host their last pre-parade Hoist-A-Pint from 7 to 10 pm. We invite you to join us for an evening of 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. Kelly Drum & Bugle Corps. Proceeds will support the efforts of the South Amboy Saint Patrick's Day Parade Committee.



Skylar Honimar

## Honimar Crowned International United Miss Florida

(photos/Story Submitted)

Skylar Honimar, daughter of Charlie and Jessica Honimar of South Amboy was crowned the International United Miss Florida on January 25, 2020 and will represent the state of Florida at the International pageant in July 2020 at the Stockton Seaview Resort in Galloway, New Jersey.

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Pictured at St. Mary's Church following a recent 10 a.m. Mass are (l-r) South Amboy City Council President Michael "Mickey" Gross, St. Mary's Pastor Rev. Dennis Weezorak, Diocese of Metuchen Bishop James Checchio, and South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry. Bishop Checchio paid a special visit to St. Mary's and also Sacred Heart Church. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

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The Northfield Bank Foundation recently presented a check to the Middlesex County College Foundation for \$5,000 to support five \$1,000 scholarships for deserving MCC students. "Thank you to the Northfield Bank Foundation for helping to make success happen," said MCC Foundation Executive Director Lisa L. Kelly. "The Northfield Bank Foundation has been a generous benefactor of our students for years. Their gifts to MCC have enabled many students to pursue their dreams." From left: Michelle Campbell, MCC's Vice President for Institutional Advancement; Zeida Weekley, Northfield Bank Linden Branch Manager; Diane Senerchia, Executive Director, Northfield Bank Foundation; MCC President Mark McCormick; and Ms. Kelly. (Photo/Info Submitted)



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### Talk Of The Towns

By Tom Burkard

#### 50 Years For Al's Auto Body

Congratulations to Don Rzepka, owner of Al's Auto Body on the 50-year Anniversary of serving the local communities! Don and his daughter Jill, who is the manager, have done an outstanding job, and their dedicated service to patrons is without a doubt, the best around! Al's Auto Body is located at 2072 Rt. 35 North, South Amboy.

#### Farbaniec Retires

Sayreville Borough Clerk Terry Farbaniec has recently retired, after serving the community faithfully for many years. Jessica Morelos has been selected as the new Borough Clerk. Congratulations Terry on a job well-done, and may you enjoy your retirement!

#### Sister Mary Martha Celebrates 80th Anniversary

Mercy Sister Mary Martha Harcar will celebrate her 80th Anniversary as a Sister of Mercy on Sept. 22nd. She taught primary

grades throughout the state, and many locals will remember her as the kind and caring sister who taught the first grade class grade 1A, right across the hall from the principal's office at St. Mary's Grammar School back in the late 1950's. She also taught in the Borough of Sayreville. Her kindness and nurturing inspired many youngsters to better lives and successful careers. Congratulations Sister Mary Martha, may God Bless, and thank you for your true and loving dedication to children!

#### Former St. Mary's Principal Celebrates 70 Years

Sister Margaret Waldron, former St. Mary's High School principal is celebrating her 70th year as a Mercy Sister. In the early 1980's she was appointed principal at St. Mary's, when it was a parochial high school, but the next year, the Diocese of Metuchen was established, and the school became a diocesan school, and Sister Margaret left in 1982. Congratulations Sister Margaret, God Bless you, and thank you for your service!

#### In The Colleges

Congratulations to the following locals who have been named to the Fall Dean's List: Tracy Asare (Sayreville)-East Stroudsburg University; Mary Kate Kersting (Sayreville)-Lincoln Memorial University in Harrogate, Tennessee.

#### St. Anthony, Saint of Miracles

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 ready to speak for those in trouble. Loving and gently St. Anthony, reach down from heaven I implore you and assist me in my hour of need. Obtain for me (mention petition 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. Amen. - L.G.

#### The Miraculous Prayer

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

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### Pleasant little TRIVIA

By Tom Burkard

- Name this cemetery on Ernston Rd. in Sayreville?  
 a. Ernst Memorial Cemetery b. Veterans Cemetery c. Borough of Sayreville Cemetery
- Sworn in as South Amboy Police Chief in 2000?  
 a. Steve Pavich b. Jim Wallis c. Jerry Pizzillo
- Served as President of the Sayreville Lady Dems for 20 years?  
 a. Anna Buglosky b. Shirley Dill c. Joanna Patel
- Grand Marshal for the South Amboy St. Patrick's Day Parade in 2000?  
 a. Ed Semoneit b. Bill Tierney c. Jack O'Leary Sr.
- In 2010, this pizzeria was located at Washington Rd. in Parlin?  
 a. Mama Mia's b. Nonna Rosa's c. Rizzuto's
- South Amboy Fire Chief in 2000?  
 a. Kevin McCarthy b. Mark Herdman c. Larry Parsons
- In 1995, this business was located at Sayreville Plaza on Rt. 9?  
 a. Willie's Bait Shop b. China Chef c. Mail Boxes Etc.
- Named interim Superintendent of Schools for South Amboy in '95?  
 a. David Inman b. Bernard Siegel c. Dr. Anthony Novembre
- Topped the 2010 Sayreville Board of Education voting with 2,871 votes?  
 a. Thomas Biesiada b. Curtis Clark c. Daniel Balka
- The top vote-getter in the '10 South Amboy Board of Education voting with 741 votes?  
 a. Cindy Zammit b. Kevin Riley c. Elizabeth DeLuca

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

**Business Of The Month**  
**John Auto Center**

By Steve Schmid



John Auto Center, located at 272 North Stevens Ave., South Amboy features a fine staff of expert mechanics including (l-r) Alex Shevtsov, Owner Surjit Singh, and Chris Hagelgans. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

Twelve years ago, Surjit Singh achieved his dream of opening an auto repair business. He realized South Amboy had few places where people could get cars fixed. He purchased the former Harry's auto repair location on 272 North Stevens Ave. and opened for business in January 2008. Surjit established an immediate rapport with the community, and current South Amboy City Council President Mickey Gross, was one of his first customers. His reputation has only grown stronger in the intervening years. By the 1990s every car had computers controlling sensors, combustion and interactions between electrical systems. That's why it's important to trust Surjit and his team of mechanics, to deal with computers that monitor engine emissions, because you want your car to have low emissions. They are well-trained to deal with modern or older vehicles. John Auto Center is a great place to go for inspection. Surjit and his team will make necessary repairs so your vehicle will pass inspection. Their work is 100% guaranteed. They're all professionally certified to repair foreign and domestic cars or trucks. No job is too big or too small. They'll fix your snow blower or lawn mower or replace a light bulb, and if necessary replace an engine. When you have a problem, they will thoroughly examine your vehicle and arrive with a diagnosis. They'll let you know what

they found before they start work, so you'll make an informed decision. Surjit loves working on old and new cars and enjoys solving problems, and getting customers' cars back on the road. He has worked on cars since his junior high school days when he changed oil, fixed brakes, and replaced burned out lights for his family and friends. His mechanics share this passion for auto repair and their goal is to get the customer's car or truck back on the road. Spring will be here soon, and you should consider taking your car to John Auto Center, to prepare for spring and summer driving. They'll check your coolant, wiper blades, cabinet filter, and tires. The next time you need an oil change, stop in. It's only \$29.95 for most cars. Surjit and company will give you a friendly greeting, and make sure you're happy with their work. Surjit enjoys South Amboy's small town atmosphere, where people know their neighbors, and there is a strong community bond. John Auto Center shares the community spirit, and strongly supports local police and civic organizations. Their motto is: "Winter, Spring, Summer, Fall, we basically can do it all." John Auto Center is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. To make an appointment, call 732-727-8500, or stop in and say "hi". You'll be glad you did.

**Honimar Crowned**

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While Skylar attended South Amboy High School, she was involved in Student Council, Honor Society, President of the Art Honor Society, a member of the S.A. player and a multi-sport athlete. She is currently a Junior at Mississippi State University studying Business and Technology and is anticipating graduation this upcoming December.

It is important to note that International United Miss is a scholarship-style pageant system dedicated to the girls and women who represent it. They pride themselves in recognizing the incredible accomplishments of their Queens and competitors, achieved both on and off the pageant stage. The experienced directors (who together have over 35 years of dedication to the pageant community) along with their staff have worked diligently to create a pageant organization focused on the competition aspects that REALLY work the best and that delegates enjoy the most. Beauty is not only on the outside, but the inside as well which is why they have based their system around



Skylar Honimar

the aspects of personal judges' interview, community service and involvement, as well as poise and personality during on stage competitions.

**Sacred Heart Tricky Tray**

(Article submitted)

Sacred Heart Church will be holding their 3rd annual tricky tray on Friday, April 24, 2020. Location is Sacred Heart Memorial Hall, 531 Washington Avenue, South Amboy, NJ (across the street from the church). Doors open at 6 pm and the first ticket is drawn at 7:30 pm. Cost is \$20 pp, which includes admission, coffee, tea, dessert and 6 small prize tickets with additional prize tickets being sold separately at the event. (CASH ONLY!) Or, purchase a PRE-SALE bundle

package at \$55 (not available at event) which includes admission, 1 sheet of small, medium and large prize tickets, and 1 grand prize ticket ... a \$15 savings! Bring your own food and refreshments to enjoy! Must be 18 years or older - NO MINORS/NO EXCEPTIONS! Reservations required, no walk-ins! Any questions or to reserve seating, please call the parish office at 732-721-0040 or email sheart224@aol.com. Order forms are also available at the parish offices.

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South Amboy Parade committee and friends at the Wildwood Polar Bear plunge in January for Special Olympics. (Photo Submitted)

**Yearbook-Hoffman 1970**

By Tom Burkard

H.G. Hoffman High School seniors probably blasted their car radios to The Rolling Stones' "Honky Tonk Women" or "Crystal Blue Persuasion" by Tommy James & The Shondells, as they cruised the "Pleasant Little City" on that early Sept. '69 day to start their final year. Eugene Dobrzynski was Superintendent of Schools, and Adam Martin principal. A few top-notch teachers were: Donald Parker, John Oleyar, Michael Poll Jr., and George Virgilio. The yearbook was dedicated to Michael Olszak. Senior Class President was Micheline Havlusch; VP-Anne Wahler; Sec.-Geraldine Papp. Christine Zavodsky was Student Council President, and also Editor-In-Chief of the school newspaper. Kathleen Kubinak was president of the Honor Society, and also Future Teachers of America Club. Vivian Bolen was the Library Council President. The energetic seniors, all 68 of them, sold candy, cushions, cake, and also took a trip to New York. The South Amboy kids also got a chance to tour Washington, D.C. on their class trip.

Gonsalves, Larry Kurzawa (All-State baseball player), Jerry Prusakowski, Gary Read, Joe Smith, Andy Soltis, Ron Sturgis, John Yates, Jim Pavlonnis, Ruth Bloodgood, Linda Kojzar, Wendy Romer, Kathy Baranowski, Chris Zavodsky, Colleen Switzer, Kathy Bouchard. Other great grads from '70 were: Tom Brinamen, Ed Campbell, Sharon Dennis, Eddie Diem, Sue Ellison, Dolores Dohn, Billy Fell, Billy Forte, Pat Gorman, Cecelia Jones, Bob Kaboski, Monica Karamon, Mike Kulcsar, Chris Komosinski, Bonnie McKay, Bob Moglia, Sharon Nemeth, Lorette Nycz, Sam Morris, Denny Pappa, Walt Peterson, Christine Powers, Catherine Prill, Madeline Rufus, Roland Ruiz, Jean Saccone, Suzanne Stader, Stella Suau, Chris Triggs, Joyce Whitcomb, Jane Wisniewski, Bonnie Lange, and the late Dave Beshada. Several top songs on the radio at graduation time were "The Long And Winding Road," "Which Way You Goin' Billy," "Everything Is Beautiful," and the Hoffman High School Class of 1970 was truly a most-memorable, and "beautiful group of people."

Some of the top senior athletes included Jerry Disbrow, Dennis Hutson, Tony

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**Women's Health**  
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underserved communities, and who may lack sufficient, if any health insurance. The Women's Health Initiative was created in response to a desperate need for healthcare services within Central Jersey, especially breast cancer screenings through mammography.

The Gala is the 2nd annual fundraiser, with proceeds going toward the purchase of a 3-D mammogram machine; available to a population of women who would otherwise not have access to advanced screening for breast cancer. Early detection saves lives and the Women's Health Initiative is dedicated to providing resources for all women, regardless of their ability to pay.

Tickets and Sponsorship opportunities are still available. Please contact Lisa Lucia at 732.376.6610 or Email to: llucia@jrmc.us



**Mildred S. Scott**  
 Sheriff of Middlesex County  
 Magnanimity Award



**Sheriff's Office Swears in 12 Officers**

Middlesex County Sheriff Mildred S. Scott swore in twelve Sheriff's Officers on January 23. While these twelve new officers come from a variety of backgrounds, all are graduates of Mercer County Police Academy, and all went through 21 weeks of training from September 3, 2019 thru January 23, 2020. The graduates are: Lawrence Lenahan Jr. and Christian Paez, both of Sayreville; Jeremy Vargas, of Colonia; Helder Paredes of Monroe; Jennifer Lukacs, of Perth Amboy; Devin Gray, of Milltown; Jaquan Cook and Taylor Clanton, of Piscataway; Antonios Zaferellis, of South River; Danae Rebelo, of Middlesex, who earned the firearms qualification award with perfect score; Islam Saad, of Parlin; and Jessica Tymitz, of Fords.

"I congratulate each of our new Officers and wish them continued success in their careers," said Sheriff Mildred S. Scott.



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## Alumna Takes Center-Stage In Blogging/ Theater Industry

By Brianna Benitez

After years of auditions, rehearsals and show-stopping performances, alumna Maggie Bera is taking her experiences and sharing them with the theater industry.

Bera graduated from Texas State with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in musical theater May 2017. At the start of her final semester, Bera created her blog, "Actor Aesthetic," which focuses on musical theater and her experiences. Bera said she wanted to use her industry knowledge in hopes of becoming a resource for those pursuing musical theater professionally.

"By sharing information that I learned along the way through personal experience and chats with colleagues, I have always hoped to bridge that gap for young artists," Bera said.

Bera said the lack of information online for actors in the industry was a motivator in the development of her blog. On "Actor Aesthetic," readers can find information on the logistics of auditions, where to find job listings, how to submit resumes and more.

Bera's love for performing bloomed at a young age. During the ages 9-11, Bera said she performed the National Anthem at minor league baseball games throughout the tri-state area. Bera said she also had the opportunity to sing the National Anthem for the New York Mets and Philadelphia 76ers.

"I really caught the theater and performing bug early on," Bera said. "I've always wanted to be a performer—it's always been my love."

Bera is currently based in New York City and has performed regionally for several productions including "The Little Mermaid" in Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin, "The World According to Snoopy" in Houston and "Peter Pan" in Mansfield, Connecticut.

Bera said her favorite part of performing is the ability to tell stories. She said she finds enjoyment in being able to dress up as a completely different person for each show as well as fueling a connection with her audience.

"I love telling stories and I feel as actors, it is our job to tell a story as truthfully as possible with as much integrity to the author as possible," Bera said.

From ages 11-18, Bera said she trained with Papermill Playhouse, a regional theater in New Jersey. For eight years, Bera said she participated in the theater's Musical Theatre Summer Conservatory, a program that trains students on all aspects of musical theater.

Bera said her involvement in Papermill Playhouse ignited her passion for musical theater.

"Every single year I got more interested in pursuing this as a career, so by the time I was (a) senior I knew I had to go to school for this and pursue this professionally," Bera said.

In 2013, Bera auditioned for Texas State's musical theater program and other universities in Chicago at the Unified Auditions, a form of musical theater auditions where multiple programs hold auditions for incoming classes.

Although Bera is from New Jersey, she said she was drawn to Texas State's program due to award-winning actress, director and educator, Kaitlin Hopkins, who created the program in 2009.

After performing for Texas State's program, Bera said she was accepted into

the program on the spot, an experience that rarely happens during the audition process.

"It was unlike anything I had ever experienced," Bera said. "It was an absolute dream."

Hopkins said she went into the audition process knowing what kind of class she wanted to build for her program. After seeing Bera and two other students perform, Hopkins said she knew she had to offer each of them a spot.

"I jumped on that opportunity and made offers on the spot hoping that they would say yes and all three of them did," Hopkins said.

When creating Texas State's program Hopkins said she developed it in a holistic approach, meaning the program focuses on training students in mental wellness, vocal health, physical health and nutrition. She said the program also focuses on business aspects of the industry, such as how students should read contracts, information on national tours and how students can build their social media presence.

"Our curriculum is what performing artists need to enter the market," Hopkins said.

Hopkins said the musical theater program not only focuses on raising good artists but also good people. Hopkins said she is proud Bera is giving back to other artists.

"Maggie took all of her innate gifts, as a person and as a performer, and everything that she's learned here and she's giving back to her community," Hopkins said. "I think that speaks a great deal to her character and the person and professional that she is."

Cassie Abate has been the head of the dance area for Texas State's musical theater program for eight years. Abate said Bera was one of the hardest working students in the program and is an energetic yet nuanced performer with incredible skills in all areas.

"She's very good at interpreting the story, conveying character and expressing character through whatever medium she's utilizing," Abate said.

Abate said Bera's blog is a great resource for aspiring performers because Bera features content that cannot be taught in a university setting, such as discussing her personal experiences in the industry.

"She always comes up with really amazing, not only insightful but creative solutions to common problems actors face today," Abate said. "She's able to take things that may seem daunting or unknown to performers and really makes it accessible and relatable."

To further her outreach in the theater industry, Bera launched her podcast in November 2018 as an extension of her blog under the same name. On the podcast, Bera interviews special guests, such as individuals working on Broadway to individuals performing on national tours.

Bera said her podcast is also a platform where she provides tips on how actors can submit to casting directors, how they can get an agent and even tips on how to audition for college programs.

For more information about Bera, visit <https://www.actoraesthetic.com/> or follow her on Instagram @actoraesthetic. The "Actor Aesthetic" podcast is available on Apple Podcast, Google Play, Spotify and Stitcher.

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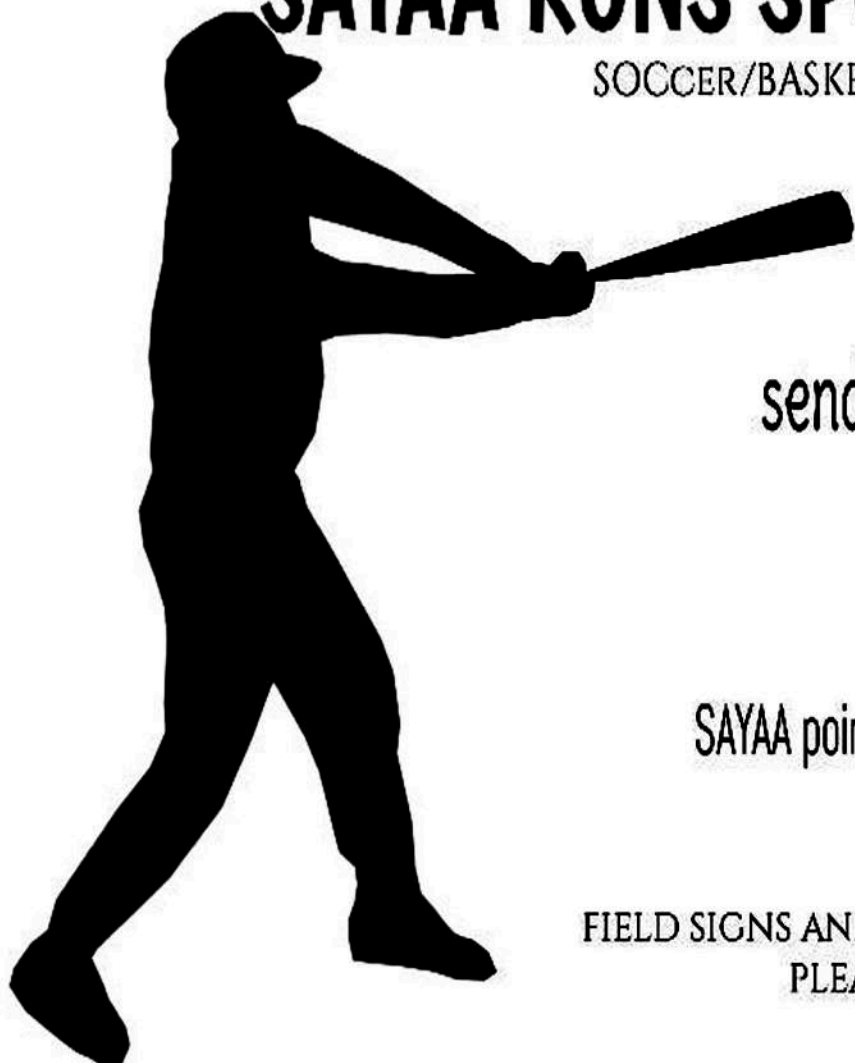
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## Bishop Checchio Visits South Amboy

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Bishop James F. Checchio visited St. Mary's and Sacred Heart churches recently. In photo (l), Bishop Checchio looks at an antique bible he blessed for Steve Schmid and his wife Cheryl. In photo (r) The Bishop greets Florence McCarthy of South Amboy.

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## The Smoke Column

By Ex-Chief Richard Kosmoski, BA, MS

In a previous article I reported on the "Traffic Incident Management System" (TIMS) and the importance of it being implemented at all roadway incidents. This program and all its components cannot be reinforced enough.

WHY? During the first fourteen days of this new year, seven first responders were killed while working roadway incidents. This figure is unacceptable.

What can we do to prevent these tragedies? When a Line of Duty Death (LODD) occurs, it affects so many people including the first responder's family, the organization, and the entire community. More first responders are now being killed or injured at roadway incidents than in fighting fires. This is a trend that has been increasing over the past few years and must be reversed. What do we relate it to? Speed of the passing motorist plays a factor in some cases, lack of attention in others, and of course we must include usage of the cell phone. Taking your eyes off the road to text just a word or two on your phone or attempting to take a picture of the accident as you pass by can divert your vehicle into the first responders or into the accident itself in fraction of a second.

Firefighters attend training in the tactics and strategies in fighting structure fires. An experienced fire officer can usually predict how a house fire will burn given the weather conditions, location of the structure, estimated time if ignition, and the resources available. These indicators will assist the fire officer in the decisions that have to be made in suppressing the fire.

This same thinking applies when responding to a roadway incident involving a fire or motor vehicle accident. In most cases these are easily handled with minimum effort and resources. But on a roadway incident other

factors also must be considered. Arriving on the scene and making the incident a safe area in which to work becomes a top priority for all involved. We must protect those first responders while they are concentrating on performing their duties to rescue any victims and secure the incident. We must do everything we can to "protect the scene" using all available resources. This includes using our law enforcement personnel and their vehicles as early warning indicators and placing them well in advance of the incident. The earlier we can warn someone who is approaching an incident scene, the quicker they can take evasive measures. It's almost impossible to determine the mental condition of a passing motorist as to whether they are under the influence, being distracted by other factors in their vehicle, or just having a bad day. But we can place early warning indicators ahead of the incident to warn them as they approach the scene. Or there may be times when the person-in-charge must decide to completely shut down the roadway in order to make it safe. Unfortunately, this may make for some irate motorists but in the long run it would provide a much safer scene for our first responders to work.

If some of this article seems redundant, it is meant to be so. There is no reason why any first responder should be injured by a passing vehicle while working a highway incident. Our response area covers major roadways, Routes 9, 35 and the Garden State Parkway. If you think that those motorists are slowing down and paying attention to the roadway as they are passing the scene, think again. Their thoughts are getting to their destination as quickly as possible and YOU, working that scene, are only obstructing their route and delaying their arrival.

## Contest Winners!



This past October, the third grade students from Our Lady of Victories School in Sayreville entered the Spooky Sagas contest held by Young Writers. Out of the 10,000 entries received, Young Writers chose two OLV students, Emma Burns and Katherine Livshina, to be published in their Spooky Sagas 2019 Mid-Atlantic Tales. Young Writers aim has been to get children to be passionate and confident writers, enjoy creative writing and have a realistic chance of seeing their work in print. Young Writers were really impressed with Emma and Katherine's writing. They chose the stories based on imagination, creativity and expression. Spooky Sagas 2019 Mid-Atlantic Tales is scheduled for publication on February 29, 2020. A copy of the book containing Emma and Kathrine's work will be sent to The Library of Congress in Washington DC to provide a lasting record of their achievement. (Photo/Info Submitted)

## BBQ, Baseball, and Fireworks July 10

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 will sponsor an outing Friday July 10 to see the Somerset Patriots host the Lancaster Barnstormers in a 7:05 pm game. Cost of \$35 includes all you can eat barbeque through the third inning. Entrees include hot dogs, hamburgers, pulled pork, veggie burgers, mac & cheese, cole slaw, chips, cookies and fountain soft drinks.

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Former well-known and respected South Amboy resident, George Kurtz (r) is pictured at his outstanding Shooter's Sporting Center business in Little Egg Harbor, with his friend, and former Cheesequake resident, Billy Holton (l), who is retired from the New Jersey State Park system. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

## Kurtz: A Big Success In Business

By Tom Burkard

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Award. She is often heard in area churches, including the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart and St. Patrick's Cathedral. Her newly established recital series, "ChamberMusic for Charity," presents works for harp and various instruments to benefit area charities. Come join us on SATURDAY, March 14, 2020, 7pm, at Saint Mary Church, 256 Augusta Street, South Amboy NJ, 08879. Free admission (\$15 donation suggested). A wine and cheese reception will follow the recital. For questions call MASM @ 732-857-0202

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Freelance Comic and Caricature Art created by Edwin Yuan, and Irish Mementos collected by Maryann Matarangolo are both on display this March at the Dowdell Library.

Edwin Yuan was born in Brooklyn, NY and currently resides in New Jersey. Edwin had a love of drawing since he was a child. As a teenager, he traveled to Taiwan to study traditional Chinese brush painting techniques. He graduated with a BA in Graphic Design from Boston University as well as CSS in Business from Harvard University Extension School. He has also studied at the School for Visual Arts in New York. He has exhibited at the Soho Digital Arts Museum, Art & Activism Show at the School For Visual Arts, as well as other venues in the NY/NJ area.

Edwin Yuan is the founder of ED<sup>2</sup> Media Group <https://www.ed2mediagroup.com/> a Digital Marketing Agency, specializing in providing A.I. Powered Messenger Bots, Chat Bots and Video Marketing for businesses. ED<sup>2</sup> Video Creator Portfolio Website: <https://www.ed2videocreator.com/> Edwin is a serial entrepreneur, who enjoys creating multiple passive income streams and sharing his knowledge with others. Edwin has published 3 e-books on the subject, which are available online: <http://sqindie.com/author/EdwinYuan> A special Facebook page Laptop Lifestyle Fan will offer inspirational motivation and resources for the aspiring laptop lifestyle entrepreneur. <http://>

### Lenten Night of Reflection March 12

South Amboy Knight of Columbus Council #426 will hold a Lenten Night of Reflection hosted by Sister Hosea Rupprecht of the Pauline Center for Media Studies on Thursday, March 12 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in St. Mary's Church, South Amboy. This event is open to all men and women of the community. Let us journey through Lent together. For more information call John Kobiernicki at 732-721-1514.

laptoplifestylefan.com. Edwin's many other interests include travel, good food, martial arts, art and physical fitness.

Maryann Matarangolo doesn't remember how her Irish collection started, except that her mother and father are both Irish. She visited Ireland in 1996 with her sisters and her (Italian) husband, Frank. While on her trip, she brought several mementos home with her.

While in Ireland she visited her father's county Lietrim, where her grandparents grew up. Lietrim known as the "Wild Rose County," is part of the border region by Northern Ireland. She visited many of Ireland's famous sites like the Blarney Stone, but Lietrim was truly special. Before she married her husband, her surname was Britt. To honor her heritage, one of her grandchildren is named Brittany. Her family has always celebrated St. Patrick's Day, by attending South Amboy's parade, eating corned beef and cabbage, and baking Irish soda bread for her family. She loves buying Irish mementos and enjoys the spirit of her heritage.

Comments, queries, compliments? Please visit [www.dowdell.org](http://www.dowdell.org), or contact the Library at 732-721-6060 or [comments@dowdell.org](mailto:comments@dowdell.org). The library is located off John O'Leary Blvd, adjacent to South Amboy Middle High School.

### Free Show

Linda Ipanema and the Dixie Cats will perform a FREE show sponsored by the Sayreville Cultural Arts Council on Wednesday, May 5, at 7:30 p.m. at the Sayreville Senior Center, 423 Main St. Enjoy a red hot performance of foot-tapping, hand-clapping, finger snapping music consisting of jazz, blues, and Dixieland classics. Ipanema is boisterous, fiery, and passionate in her delivery, recalling the days of music halls, revues, and vaudeville. ALL ages invited; light refreshments will be served. For more information, call Edna at 908-208-2358.

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## St. Stan's School

(Photos/Info Submitted)



Stan's Principal, Elena Malinconico, presents a certificate to sixth grade student, Roseyn Gozum, for winning the Spelling Bee.



Second grade student, Emily Bogusz intently watches Principal Elena Malinconico light her sins on fire after receiving her First Penance at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church.



St. Stanislaus Kostka School joined in the fun at the annual Ancient Order of Hibernians' Polar Bear Plunge for Catholic Education on Sunday, January 26 in Sea Bright, New Jersey.



Pastor Rev. Kenneth Murphy takes the time to bless the throats of each student and staff member on the feast of St. Blaise.



Eighth grade student, Darshini Ajithkumar (center) and her fellow teammates feel confident as they answer a question during the Brain Show Assembly.

## Happy 100th Birthday Wishes To Lillian and John!



Lillian Nardone



Dennis Nardone poses proudly with his mother Lillian Nardone. (Photos by Tom Burkard)

## 100-Year Old Woman "Fell In Love With South Amboy"

By Tom Burkard

South Amboy resident Lillian Nardone, who celebrated her 100th Birthday on December 4, 2020 moved to South Amboy in 1960, and said "I fell in love immediately" with "The Pleasant Little City," and she still loves the town. Lillian mentioned that, "The people were my type of people, and when I was Class Mother at St. Mary's, I met lots of wonderful kids and parents. One of the main reasons my husband and I picked South Amboy to live in, was because we wanted our son Dennis to attend a Catholic school, St. Mary's. I also love the South Amboy Police, who do an excellent job."

One person who really stands out in her

mind is the late Oscar Reiner, who owned Reiner's Hardware Store on Broadway in South Amboy. "I'll always remember Mr. Reiner. He was always so helpful and kind when you went in to buy something, such a wonderful man."

Lillian, who was born and raised in Madison, NJ, was also very proud to mention that her late brother, Torey J. Sabatini, had a school named after him in Madison, the Torey J. Sabatini Elementary School, for his outstanding years of service on the Board of Education, and many other voluntary community endeavors. Happy Birthday Lillian, and may God Bless you always!

## 100-Year Old Sayreville Man: Hard-Worker, Big Success

By Tom Burkard

John E. Andrejewski of the Melrose section of Sayreville, will turn 100 years old on March 10th, and has had a most interesting and illustrious life. He attended Sacred Heart Grammar School, and Hoffman H.S., went on to construction work on the highway, worked for John Cross Welding until he was 21, and then went on to work at National Lead for 41 years. He served 3 1/2 years in the Air Force in Texas, and said he was "very lucky."

He married Lillian Juhrdan whom he met at Morgan Creek.

During the Great Depression, his father John had a roadside stand, where he sold hot dogs, sandwiches and drinks. John E. recalled that as a youngster, "The original Hole-in-the-Wall had one entrance. Also, everyone walked to school, no matter where you lived." He remembered meeting Gov. Harold G. Hoffman, and told him a joke, which he really enjoyed. "Hoffman was always friendly and easygoing." John said that in the late 1920's, "There were not enough roads for cars. My dad's first new car was a 1928, 2-door Ford Sedan that cost \$400.

He remembered "FDR brought our country out of a deep Depression, plus he started Social Security, Unemployment, and Pensions."

In 1955, he began building a house for his family which consisted of his wife Lillian and two children Diana and Donald J. The job was not easy, as he worked full-time for National Lead, and would come home after a tough day, and go right back to the task of working on the new home until late at night, every night. The beautiful home was completed in May 1956 after only 10 months of hard work. Andrejewski said that, "Building the home was a family-operation, and done all by hand."

John was always hustling and finding creative ways to make extra income for his family. In addition, Lillian opened Lillian's Gift & Jewelry Shoppe on Scott Ave. in Melrose, which she ran from 1956-2012. The couple and their children would drive to Canal St. in New York to purchase costume, solid gold, and diamonds at very low prices, and bring them back to the Shoppe, where



John E. Andrejewski proudly holds the award he received in 2016 from Raritan Bay Federal Credit Union for 41 years of service.

they would sell them at reasonable prices and still turn a profit. Lillian's Gift & Jewelry Shoppe was revolutionary for that time by extending credit to customers, a business practice that was in its infancy. In addition, they sold watches, and repaired jewelry and watches. John also had another side business where he bought and sold used cars. Though their lives were very busy, they managed to enjoy themselves on trips to Hawaii, Atlantic City, and the Monmouth Racetrack.

Somewhere along the way, John took a businessman's advice and entered the stock market as a hobby, investing in Public Service stock, and did quite well. He went on to serve as a member of the Raritan Bay Federal Credit Union Board of Directors for 41 years, and received an award for his service in 2016.

John achieved his goal of sending his children to college, Diana went to Douglass College, and Donald J. graduated from the University of Dayton. Andrejewski also has 4 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

When asked what his secret was for a long and successful life, he responded, "Not worry about anything. I never took anything too seriously. Life is too short. I've had a full life and I'm satisfied."

Happy Birthday John, and may God Bless you always!

NOTE: Sayreville Mayor Victoria Kilpatrick signed a Proclamation for March 10, 2020 to be "John E. Andrejewski Day" in the Borough of Sayreville.

## THANK YOU

The Friends of South Amboy would like to thank everyone who helped make our annual fundraiser basketball games a huge success. A special thank you goes out

to the South Amboy Board of Education and the local businesses for their generous donations.

## Happy 100th Birthday Wishes George!



The Morgan Lions Club held a special meeting on Dec. 1, 2019 to honor Lion George Wist on his 100th Birthday. Lion George has been serving the community since Nov. 1947. He is also a Melvin Jones Fellow. Standing (l-r) are some members of the Morgan Lions Club (l-r) Dale Roberts, Rose Pawlik, Richard Behr, Robert Pawlik. Seated (l-r) George Wist, Tony Travisano, President of the Morgan Lions Club. Happy Birthday and Best Wishes Always, George from your friends at The South Amboy-Sayreville Times! (Photo/info submitted)

## YMCA Fundraiser

(Photos/story by Joe Lotkowitz)



Pictured at the South Amboy YMCA fundraiser on Jan. 15th are (l-r) Anthony Conrad, South Amboy Board of Education President, Karen Robson, YMCA Director of Operations, Mayor Fred Henry, Councilwoman Zusetta Dato, Councilwoman Christine Noble, Council President Michael "Mickey" Gross, Jan Williams, Donna Williams, Val Tarr, South Amboy Elks.



Having a great time at the event (l-r) Greg Wyzykowski, South Amboy/Sayreville Rotary Club, Letitia "Tish" Ciocci Coughlin, Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin, Anthony Conrad, President of South Amboy Board of Education, Owner/Mgr. Kurzawa Funeral Home, Rocco M. Cuoco, Jan Williams.



Also showing their support for the South Amboy YMCA, (l-r) Mayor Fred Henry, former State Assemblyman John Wisniewski, Council President Michael "Mickey" Gross, Owner/Mgr. Kurzawa Funeral Home, Rocco M. Cuoco .

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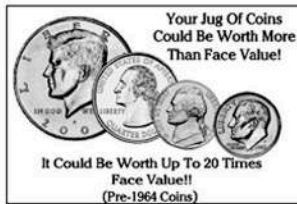
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## South Amboy YMCA Launches 2020 Annual Support Campaign Fund

(Article submitted)

A luau-themed celebration was held at the South Amboy YMCA to kick-off the 2020 Annual Support Campaign fundraising season. As a 501c3 charity, all funds raised by the Y are used to address community health needs and subsidize program fees for community members. In 2019, more than 1200 community members received scholarships to gain access to the YMCA facility or participate in programs such as senior fitness, summer day camp, basketball leagues, 7th Grade Fee Memberships, family health classes, and swim lessons.

The event was led by Jared Gonsalves, Master of Ceremonies in the YMCA facility. While it was freezing outside, the Y facility was decorated like a tropical island to warm up the giving season. Mission Possible was the theme this year to ensure enough funds are raised so no one is turned away for scholarships. It was recorded LIVE for Facebook and can be found on the Y's handle at #southamboymca. Over \$15,000 was already raised through a face-to-face campaign with YMCA employees and board members donating half of these funds.

Special guests Shanna Lasko, Dian Clark, David Leeman, and Michelle

Buchanan shared how the Y has impacted them and their community this past year in the three areas of focus of the Y including youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility. Ms. Buchanan shared the impact the Y had with confidence in second grade students due to the Safety Around Water curriculum at the Y's aquatic center. Ms. Dian Clark shared how her special needs brother, David, has been impacted to become more social and losing over 100 lbs. Ms. Shanna Lasko shared how the Y has been a key part of her family's success so she can go to work knowing her children are safe and happy at the Y every day.

Additional special guests in attendance were community members, YMCA impact recipients, Mayor Fred Henry, Speaker Craig and Tish Coughlin, YMCA of MEWSA Board President Michael Lackland, YMCA of MEWSA President & CEO Rose Cushing, South Amboy YMCA Campaign Chair Anthony Conrad and board members Mary Taylor, Janet Kern, Maureen Strzykalski, Dan Buchanan, Susan Gross, and South Amboy Council Members Michael Gross, Zusetta Dato, Christine Noble and OEM Director Mark Herdman.

## Creative Art Contest For Sayreville Students

The Sayreville Shade Tree Commission will host a creative art contest on March 27, 2020 for Sayreville students at the Sayreville Senior Center from 6pm - 8pm, light refreshments will be served.

We are looking for students to express what a tree means and represents to them. Whether a favorite tree, a memory involving a tree, the beauty of a tree, whatever the passion, we want you to show us through art. We hope that this challenge inspires our youth to get involved and show just how amazing Sayreville really is.

Categories: Elementary (Grades K-5),

Middle School (Grades 6-8), High School (Grades 9-12), Special Needs, Three Dimensional, Group Project (4 or more students). Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in all categories, except the Group Project. One winner will be selected for the Group Project.

Please notify the Shade Tree Commission by March 20th if you will participate or you need additional information at: Phone: 732-814-9964, Email: heather.sayrevilleshadetree@gmail.com or Facebook: @sayrevilleshadetree.

## Benefit For New Legion Building

South Amboy Luke A. Lovely American Legion Post 62, will hold a Benefit Dinner Dance for Construction of their new legion building. Representatives for the South Amboy Luke A. Lovely American Legion Post 62, have scheduled their first Benefit Drive, with a Night of Oldies and Classic Rock Benefit Dinner Dance, for Saturday, April 18, 2020, to be held at the Sayreville Knights of Columbus Building, at 775 Washington Road., 7 pm to 11 pm, tickets are \$50 per person which includes a Buffet Dinner, Beer, Wine and Soda, with 3 hours of live music from the 50's to the 80's, provided by Jersey's own "Clem and Friends." A Cash Bar will also be available. For tix and more info Call Frank @ 732-921-9089, and Gary @ 732-727-2969. Tix will be available for pickup also at the South Amboy A.O.H. Building. So, C'mon out and support our local Veterans for this worthy cause, and have a great night with friends and great music! Hope to see you all there!

## SH Seniors "I Love Lucy" Trip May 31

Sacred Heart Seniors hold a four day three night trip to upstate New York, and visit the Lucille Ball/Desi Arnaz Museum in Lucy's hometown of Jamestown. You'll see the history of the #1 TV comedy show in the 1950's. You will also see the National Comedy Museum, and learn about Lucy and Desi. Cost of \$900 includes round trip motor coach transportation, three nights at the Chautauqua Hotel in Celeron, southeastern end of Chautauqua Lake, museum admissions, guided tour to the American side of Niagara Falls, Maid of the Mist boat ride, Cave of the Winds, Whirlpool State Park, Niagara Gorge, a visit to the Made in America store with dinner cooked by a local chef, and time to visit 9,000, made in America items. You'll see historical grounds of Chautauqua Institution. You will lunch at Atheneum Hotel the country's oldest standing wooden hotel. You'll ride on the "Chautauqua Belle" steamboat and enjoy a chicken barbeque dinner as you sail the lake. For more information call Judy at 732-727-0154.

## Corned Beef Dinner

There will be a St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef Dinner at Sayreville United Methodist Church, 406 Main Street, NJ on Saturday, March 14, 2020, from 6:00 p.m to 8:00 p.m. The cost is Adults: \$12.00, Seniors/Students/Children 6-12: \$8.00, Children 5 and under-Free dinner of Spaghetti & Meatballs.

Dinner includes: Corned Beef or Spaghetti & Meatballs, Boiled Cabbage & Carrots, Boiled Potatoes, Rye Bread or Roll, Beverage and Dessert. Take out available. For questions or reservations, please contact Winsome Melvin (732)432-9072.

## Pancake Breakfast

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## To Pump or Not to Pump...That is the Question

By Elaine Holton Scott

In all the many years I had lived in the South, I never drove up to a gas station to buy and pump any gasoline into my car. It hadn't mattered if the needle was showing next to empty, I just wouldn't do it. A few times when I was desperate, I drove near the pumps and asked men if they would pump the gas for me. None ever refused, acting as though I were doing them a favor asking for their help. Men are like that. Have a flat tire, and, voila, a man will usually appear to change it with the only requirement being it was for a female. If it were another man, their cars wouldn't even slow down. I remained a Jersey girl, expecting gas to be pumped FOR me and not BY me...and it always was, just not by a gas station employee. In the much slower environment of the South...a place which still embodies the ideals of feminine charms thanks to Scarlett O'Hara in Gone with the Wind, it just seems kind of "going against the grain" seeing females pumping their own gas. It was also scary at times, sitting in the car as gasoline was being pumped and seeing men filling their vehicles with lit cigarettes dangling from their lips, or flicking open a lighter to light one up...just as it was seeing women do the same. In Arkansas where I had lived for 10 years, at least half the vehicles

on the road were pickup trucks which usually had shotguns, probably loaded, and hunting dogs in the back. In Georgia where I had lived for 18 1/2 years, it was more "cited" but still a place where women can own guns, drive pickups, and pump their own gas as well as any man. I may never have pumped gas or driven a pickup but I have to confess I had owned a .32 in Arkansas and a .357 Magnum in Georgia.

New Jersey seems like a different world unto itself. Toughened by life, taxes, crowded cities, and by the New Yorkers who moved and mingled here, this state isn't for the weak of heart. Unfortunately for me, I seem to have become "weakened" in many ways by having lived in the South a total of 28 1/2 years. In other words, I now feel like a half breed, a Yankee with a lot of Southern attitude, but one who feels almost gloriously happy to be home in the state where I belong.

I definitely will never be able to drive on the Turnpike or Parkway...heck, I'm beginning to doubt if I'll ever find my way out of this development with its maze of streets and turns. Since I have no sense of direction, I may become like the man in an old song who had never returned. I'm now living here in Whiting, a place surrounded

by woods, wildlife, foot doctors, pharmacies, and banks which cater to all of us seniors who have made "down in the boondocks" their home. Actually, I love it here. I am home in Jersey for good. End of story.

Did you know that our wonderful State of New Jersey is the ONLY state which does not allow customers to pump their own gasoline? In 1949, Congress passed a statute called the Retail Gasoline Dispensing Safety Act, prohibiting customers from pumping their own gas. Only New Jersey still adheres to the old law...one state vs. the other 49. That's the Jersey attitude at its best. Yes, it's wonderful to be home in New Jersey again!!

## Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner March 15

South Amboy Knight of Columbus Council 426 will continue the tradition of hosting a delicious corned beef and cabbage dinner after the South Amboy St. Patrick's day parade, Sunday March 15. Cost is \$10 and children's meals and take-outs will be available. For more information call 732-721-2025.



## CENSUS 101: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

The 2020 Census is closer than you think!

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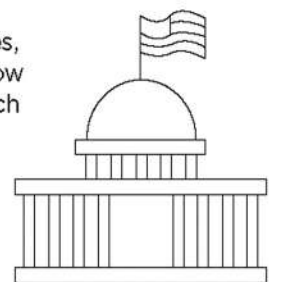


### It's in the Constitution.

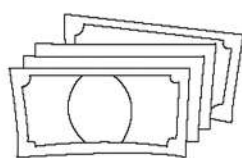
The U.S. Constitution mandates that everyone in the country be counted every 10 years. The first census was in 1790.

### It's about fair representation.

Every 10 years, the results of the census are used to reapportion the House of Representatives, determining how many seats each state gets.

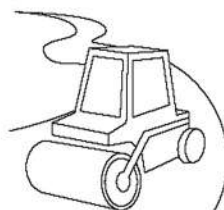


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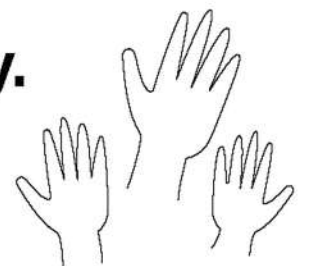


### It's about redistricting.

After each decade's census, state officials redraw the boundaries of the congressional and state legislative districts in their states to account for population shifts.

### Taking part is your civic duty.

Completing the census is mandatory: it's a way to participate in our democracy and say "I COUNT!"



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## Area Nuns Observe Milestones

By Steve Schmid

Mercy Sister Mary Martha is celebrating her 80th anniversary as a Sister of Mercy. Sister Martha graduated from Trenton Cathedral High School in 1940. She entered the Sisters of Mercy on September 22, 1940. She continued her education and graduated from Georgian Court College [now University] with a Bachelor of Science degree and earned a Master of Arts degree from Seton Hall University. Sister Martha began her religious life by teaching elementary school in the Metuchen, Camden, and Trenton dioceses. Among the schools she was assigned to were Sayreville and South Amboy. Sister Martha today lives in her religious community's McAuley Hall Health Care Center in Watchung, where she is enjoying a quiet retirement. The motto Sister Martha chose when entering the Sisters of Mercy was "Thy will be done." That's been her way of life for 80 years. Former Saint Mary High School principal and Mercy Sister Margaret Waldron is celebrating her 70th anniversary as a Sister of Mercy. After graduating from high school and working five years, in 1950 she joined the Sisters of Mercy. Sister Margaret taught elementary grades for eight years and earned degrees in math, science, administration and supervision at Georgian Court College [now

University] and Rutgers University New Brunswick. The studies prepared her for the 1973 appointment to vice principal at St. Pius X High School in Piscataway which today is St. John Neumann Pastoral Center. She was next named vice principal at St. Mary High School in Perth Amboy in 1974. One year later she became principal where she worked until 1981 when she had to oversee the closing of the school. After leaving Perth Amboy, Sister Margaret returned to Georgian Court and helped administer the evening program, one year later she was appointed principal of St. Mary High School South Amboy. At this time, St. Mary was a parochial high school, but the year after the diocese of Metuchen was created the high school became a diocesan school. Sister Margaret left St. Mary's in 1982 when it was no longer a parish school. She wrapped up her religious educational career as a math teacher at Union Catholic High School. Today Sister Margaret is retired and is living with the Sisters of Mercy at Mount St. Mary's Watchung where she is still active at Gabriel Hall community. Sister Maria Cordis Richey celebrates her 70th anniversary as a Sister of Mercy. Sister served as a leader, mentor, teacher, and friend to many a local Georgian Court graduate. Mercy Sister Mary Louiseann Fritz is celebrating her 60th anniversary as a Sister of Mercy. She is the daughter of Alfred and Helen Fritz and attended Our Lady Of Victories School, Sayreville and St. Mary's High School, South Amboy. The example of the Sisters of Mercy and her father's devotion to the Blessed Mother inspired her religious calling. Sister Louiseann entered the Mercy community after she graduated from St. Mary's High School and continued her education at Georgian Court College [now University] in Lakewood. She earned degrees in elementary education and reading. Her teaching assignments took her to St. Mary's School, South Amboy. She also taught at St. Joseph School, Bound Brook, and St. Francis Cathedral School Metuchen. Sister Louiseann is now serving as a Life Coordinator to retired sisters at Gabriel Hall, Mount St. Mary's in Watchung.



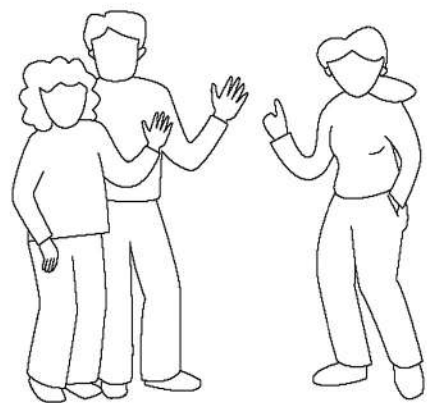
OLV Principal Cynthia Casciola-Kitts and OLV Seniors President Teri Yetsko join 8th grade students after these students served a Senior Appreciation Luncheon to about 30 seniors during Catholic School Week activities held at the school. (Photo and info by Steve Schmid)

## OLV Senior Trip to Finger Lakes/Corning

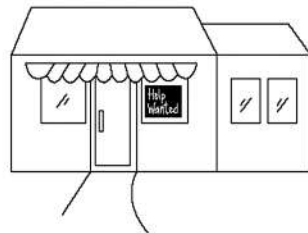
The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to the Finger Lakes/Corning from October 12 - 16, 2020. The five day trip includes: bus transportation, hotel stays at Staybridge Suites and DelLago Casino, all breakfasts, all dinners, 2 lunches- one at The Kitchen with a food demonstration, admission and guided 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.

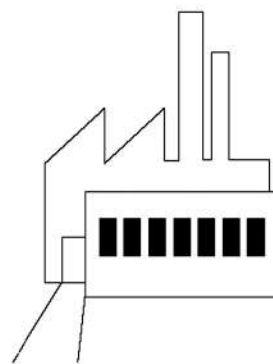
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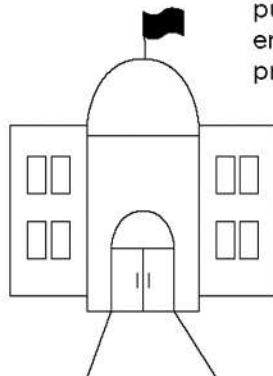
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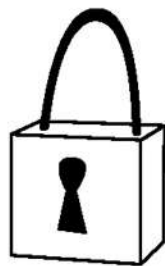
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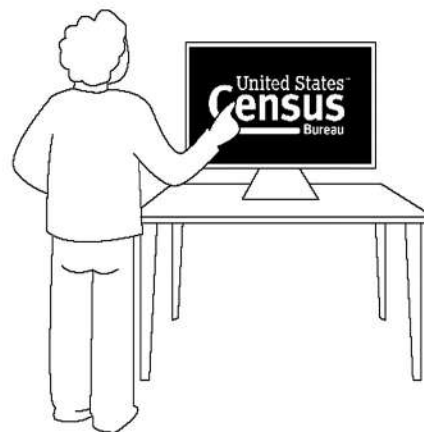
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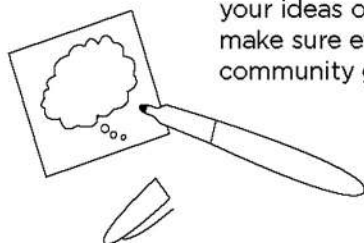
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## Rumbles from the Rock and Roll Reunion

By Clem Skarzynski

Wishing all a New Year filled with all you wish for and more! We all need that, and of course, more music in our lives! First up on the music calendar, Saturday March 7th, at the Count Basie Theater in Red Bank, The Johnny Maestro Tribute Band will be performing at "An Evening of Do-Wop, Volume II. Check their website, thejohnnymaestrotributeband.com, for more info. Promises to be a great show for you "Oldies" out there! Saturday March 28th, next up with the Sayreville VFW Auxiliary 5th Annual "Benefit the Troops" "Oldies/Classic Rock Dinner Dance," featuring Jersey's Premier Classic Rock Band, "Clem and Friends" playing your faves from the 50's to the 80's. \$50.00 a ticket gets you an open bar, buffet dinner, live music and 4-plus hours with your friends and neighbors, to enjoy the company and music together, and for a great cause, "OUR TROOPS"! Call Carmen at 732-254-9425 for tix and info! Doors open at 6pm! Forward to Saturday, April 18th.. keep your calendars open to the date! South Amboy's Luke A.Lovely American Legion

Post 62, Benefit Dinner Dance for funds for their new building, will be held at the Sayreville Knights of Columbus Bldg. 775 Washington Road, Parlin, N.J., 7 to 11 pm. Tickets are \$50 per person which includes a Buffet Dinner, Wine, Beer and Soda, and Live Oldies and Classic Rock Music from Jersey's own "Clem and Friends," with music from 8 to 11 pm. There will also be a "cash bar." For tix call Frank @732-921-9089, and Gary at 732-727-2969. Tickets will be available for pickup also at the So. Amboy A.O.H. Bldg. when open. So, get the word out for Post 62, and c'mon out and support the Veterans for their new building, and enjoy a nite out with your friends!

Fractured Axe Guitar Repair Shop is now taking repair customers musical instruments that are for sale/trade, and will list on our email listing that goes out to an extensive listing of fellow musicians, so ya got something ya wanna sell/trade, etc., email info to: frktrdaxe@optonline. So till next time, be well all, and Rock and Roll!



Kenny Dubman and the Fearless Four played to a packed house at the Red Bank Elks in Red Bank on February 8th. It was a NIGHT OF HARD DRIVING ORIGINAL ROCK AND ROLL! Great Show! Pictured (l-r) Former South Amboy resident Joe Bellia on drums, Dubman guitar and lead vocals, Dave DiPietro guitar and vocals, Eric Winnicki on bass and Rob Clores on keyboard. (Photo by Brian Stratton)

## Bon Jovi Opens Another Charitable Restaurant

By Steve Schmid

Sayreville native son and rock star Jon Bon Jovi once again has opened his heart for needy people. Bon Jovi opened his latest JBJ Soul Kitchen with a different twist. This restaurant is located on a college campus which will help college students without a lot of money. The eatery is at Rutgers-Newark's Paul Robeson Center and it is the first JBJ Soul Kitchen at a college location. Bon Jovi and his wife have already opened pay-what-you restaurants in Red Bank and Toms River. The menu has no prices and residents and

students can "pay it forward" by making a suggested \$12 donation for a three course locally sourced meal using cash, credit card, or university dining credits. Those who are short on cash can volunteer at the restaurant or elsewhere on the Rutgers-Newark campus to cover food costs. Dorothea Bongiovi, wife of the musician, developed the idea that dignity and respect are vital. She said students have enough on their plate with studies and should not have to worry about their next meal.

## Hangin' With The Stars



Former Parlin resident Walter Krzyzkowski (r) is pictured at the Light of Day Weekend concert with Anthony D'Amato (A.K.A. Remember Jones), whose band did the rock opera "Tommy" on Jan. 17th at the Paramount Theater. The Weekend featured all types of music, and raised money to fight Parkinson's Disease, in Asbury Park. Walter said, "It was a great weekend!" (Photo/story by Walter Krzyzkowski)

### #1 Pop Hits-Feb. 29

- 2007-Say It Right-Nelly Furtado
- 1994-The Power Of Love-Celine Dion
- 1983-Baby, Come To Me-Patti Austin with James Ingram
- 1977-Torn Between Two Lovers-Mary MacGregor
- 1965-This Diamond Ring-Gary Lewis & The Playboys
- 1955-Sincerely-The McGuire Sisters

### You Tube-In

Check out the legendary Tommy James in early January on the Huckabee Show, where he knocks out excellent acoustic performances of "Draggin The Line," and "Crystal Blue Persuasion." His interview with Huckabee is also very interesting as he discusses the upcoming movie on his life.

### Rory Kelly Band Coming To NJ

The Rory Kelly band is coming back to New Jersey on Friday, July 17th at Ryan's Pub in Monroe Township, and to the South Stevens Pub in South Amboy on Saturday, July 18th. Don't miss this incredible band!

### #1 Country Hits Feb. 29

- 2004-American Soldier-Toby Keith
- 1998-What If I Said-Anita Cochran with Steve Wariner
- 1983-Why Baby Why-Charley Pride
- 1972-It's Four In The Morning-Faron Young
- 1963-The Ballad Of Jed Clampett-Flatt & Scruggs
- 1957-Young Love-Sonny James

### One Hit Wonders-45 Years Ago

- 1975-Doctor's Orders-Carol Douglas; Loving You-Minnie Riperton; Poetry Man-Phoebe Snow; Chevy Van-Sammy Johns; How Long-Ace; I'm Not Lisa-Jessie Colter; Love Won't Let Me Wait-Major Harris; Magic-Pilot; The Hustle-Van McCoy; Rockin' Chair-Gwen McCrae; Third Rate Romance-The Amazing Rhythm Aces; Feelings-Morris Albert.



## Elvis

**A Huge Hit At The Brick House**  
Outstanding Elvis impersonator Richie Santa is pictured (upper right) with Brick House owner Mary Ann Spisso at the Feb. 15 sold out show in Sayreville. In photo (bottom), Elvis poses with Bobby Alfrey (l) and Mary Ann Spisso (r), following another great performance. Elvis will be back in the building at the Brick House in July, and if you haven't seen him yet, make sure to get your reservations way in advance. (Photos/Story submitted)



## MUSIC TRIVIA

By Tom Burkard

- 1.The House That Jack Built
- 2.The House Of The Rising Sun
- 3.Haunted House
- 4.Burning Down The House
- 5.Come Home
- 6.Who Says You Can't Go Home
- 7.Our House
- 8.Home
- 9.Brick House
- 10.Pink Houses
- 11.Homeward Bound
- 12.Sweet Home Alabama
- 13.Bring It On Home To Me

## House / Home

- a.The Commodores
- b.The Animals
- c.Daughtry
- d.Lynyrd Skynyrd
- e.Aretha Franklin
- f.Sam Cooke
- g.Bon Jovi with Jennifer Nettles
- h.The Dave Clark Five
- i."Jumpin" Gene Simmons
- j.John Mellencamp
- k.Crosby Stills Nash & Young
- l.Simon & Garfunkel
- m.Talking Heads

Answers 13f. 12d 11j 10j 9a 8c 7k 6g 5h 4m 3i 2b 1e



## School Sports

(As of Feb. 12)  
By Tom Burkard

### Boys Basketball

**Sayreville (7-15)** Scoring Leaders-Luca Ventricelli 188 points, Aidan Ryan 153, Casey Hodder 127.

**South Amboy (5-15)** Scoring Leaders-Joshua Jimenez 258, Artis Ray 197, Aiden Pelkey 137, Deavonte Jones 109. Top Rebounders-Michael Ajilowura 127, Jimenez 119.

### Girls Basketball

**Sayreville (15-7)** Scoring Leaders-Stephanie Van Note 341 points, Brooke Holland 281, Janeva Holland 185, Jordan Wehrle 102. Top Rebounders-B. Holland 161, J. Holland 148, Van Note 131, Chisom Ejikeme 110.

**South Amboy (3-15)** Scoring Leaders-sophomores Faith Nemeth 241, and Taylor Gliese 200.

### Wrestling

**Sayreville (18-7-1)**

Sayreville wrestlers listed with weight class, and won-lost record for this season (As of Feb. 1st): 106-Tristan Hidalgo 10-12; 113-Dylan Acevedo 23-0; 120-Jaden Johnson 8-9; 126-Darren Figueroa 16-4; 138-Jariel Severino 13-10; 145-Jake Wagner 18-4; 152-Marcos Moreira 9-7; 160-Dennis Whitford 8-14; 170-Elijah Ade-Festus 17-2; 182-Thomas Wasieczko 7-5; 195-Ryan Bouchard 19-4; 220-Joe Porcaro 14-0; 285-Vincent Rebak 12-6.

## Bouchard Leads Sayreville To Victory

The Sayreville Bombers wrestling squad, seeded #5 staged an incredible comeback, to defeat #4 seeded Franklin, 28-24 in the CJ Group V Tournament quarterfinals. Ryan Bouchard took down Kendall Carruthers in overtime of the final bout to seal the victory. The win was extra sweet for Coach Marcus Ivy, whose Sayreville team dropped a heartbreaking 37-35 contest earlier in the season.



## Pink Night Scores Big Win for Cancer Awareness

“Pink Night,” a program in which the Middlesex County College and Ocean County College basketball teams supported cancer awareness, was held at Middlesex on Jan. 23. The teams from both schools wore special warm-up t-shirts and members of the MCC volleyball and softball teams organized a bake sale and collected donations, which were used by MCC nursing students to buy Chemo kits for patients undergoing cancer treatments at area hospitals. Before the women’s game, College President Mark McCormick officiated at a ceremonial tipoff. He is tossing the ball, and is flanked by Middlesex forward Gabriela Agosto (left) and Ocean’s Shauna Bruker. Middlesex won both games, 94-91 (women) and 91-80 (men). (Photo/Info Submitted)

## College Notebook

The Middlesex County College (MCC) baseball team will feature 3 local talents for the 2020 season. Zach Honimar (South Amboy), and Nick Charmello (South Amboy) are expected to contribute on the pitching staff, and Bryan Fernandez (Sayreville) should do a fine job as the MCC centerfielder.



Dennis Noon Jr. is a South Amboy resident who plays for East Brunswick Vo-Tech. He scored 43 goals in a single season during his junior year. He has 75 goals in his career as a starting varsity player. Congratulations on an amazing season!

## Volleyball Tournament

The National Honor Society of South Amboy High School is holding its annual volleyball tournament on Thursday, April 2, 2020. The tournament will take place in the high school gym from 6-8 PM.

We are inviting teams of 5-6 players with an entry fee of \$5.00 per player (\$25-\$30 per team), payable to South Amboy Middle High School. Admission for spectators will be \$3.00 at the door. Please register your team by contacting the email below by Friday, March 27, 2020. Entrance fees are due by March 31, 2020. Checks may be made payable to South Amboy Middle/High School. Please contact Nancy Kovacs at the email below if you have questions.

We hope you will join us and help us raise money for our National Honor Society scholarships. EMAIL: [nkovacs@sapublicschools.com](mailto:nkovacs@sapublicschools.com)



Angel Barillas and Giovanni Pepe recently attended the Elks Statewide Leadership Conference in Long Branch. They and hundreds of other students throughout the state spent the weekend participating in workshops dealing with Drug Abuse, Bullying, Leadership and much more. These scholar athletes represented South Amboy High School in a way the entire school community is proud of. Congratulations! (Photo/Info Submitted)



## Dinner Dance To Benefit Carissa Zingarello

South Amboy Knights of Columbus, Columbiettes, and Assumption Catholic School will present a Dinner Dance to benefit Carissa Zingarello to help with her medical costs while battling brain cancer. The event will be held on April 18th from 7-11 p.m. at South Amboy Columbian Club, 308 4th St., South Amboy. For ticket sales: email: [Danielam2978@gmail.com](mailto:Danielam2978@gmail.com).

## Sayreville AA & Sayreville Rec Dept.



The Sayreville Athletic Association in conjunction with The Sayreville Recreation Dept. is forming a new Soccer League for this Spring Season!

Available Leagues: Recreation Co-Ed Teams ages 4 to 16

Where: All games will be played at the Sayreville Sports Complex on Bordentown Ave.

When: April 18, 2020.

Registration: Is now open at [www.Sayrevillerec.com](http://www.Sayrevillerec.com)

Fees: Res. \$30.00 per child Non-Res. \$55.00 per child

Info call: 732-390-7096 / 7092

This NEW League will be the only Municipally Sponsored Soccer League in Sayreville and play at the Soccer Complex.



## Middlesex County College Student-Athletes Excel Academically during Fall Semester

The Middlesex County College Athletics Department has announced that 59 student-athletes finished their fall semester with a grade point average of at least 3.0 or higher.

Of the 161 Blue Colts student-athletes, 59 had GPAs of 3.0 or above. Twenty-four of those had 3.50 GPAs or higher, and four student-athletes had perfect 4.0 GPAs.

“Our primary mission at MCC is for students to succeed in the classroom and develop the skills necessary to prepare them for their future,” said Athletic Director Derrick Johnson. Rachel Erla, Volleyball, from Sayreville was honored with a GPA of 3.0 or higher.



Dennis Noon Jr. (c) and siblings Alexa (l), a senior, and Justin (r) a freshman, all played for East Brunswick Vo-Tech varsity together this year. (Photos/info submitted)

## Jammin For Jaclyn Benefit Concert

The 7th Annual Jammin For Jaclyn Benefit Concert is an annual benefit for those stricken with cancer. We offer a FREE hot and cold buffet with many Vegan Options from over 60 eateries, 9 Live Bands, a 50/50, a Door Prize and a cash bar for just a \$25 minimum donation at the door (Adults only). This year our two beneficiaries are Sienna Smith of Sayreville & Chris Szatkowski of South Amboy, both stricken with cancer. The event is on April 25th, 2020 at the Knights of Columbus in (Parlin), 775 Washington Rd., from 3:30 p.m - 2 a.m. \*Tickets can be purchased at the door.

This year’s Featured Artists: John Walsh, Patsy Palma, Levy Okun, Amber Morgan,

Rocco and the Mob, Jake Tavill & Indigo Soul, The Fog, Nick Ryan and The Mess, Jason and The Magnificent You-Know-Whats, Michael Squillace (Featured throughout the night), Audio Services Provided By Jason Portizo of JTP Audio. To make donations or contact founders: Denise Morgan, Ron Morgan, Michael Squillace 732-525-9536, [JamminforJaclyn.org](http://JamminforJaclyn.org), [JamminforJaclyn@gmail.com](mailto:JamminforJaclyn@gmail.com), Facebook: @JamminforJaclyn, Insta: @JamminforJaclyn, Twitter: @JamminforJaclyn. Event in conjunction with RJC Charities Inc (501c3 non-profit). Sponsored in part by Sayreville Education Association PRIDE.

## The Local Sports Memory Machine

By Tom Burkard

### From The Sports Archives



1950-51-The talented Hoffman Governors boys basketball team bottom row (l-r) Bob Munck, John Kovalski, Coach Eugene "Jimmy" Dobrzynski, Leon Letts, Marvin Wood. Top row (l-r) Jim Inman, Bill Bouchard, John Ciol, Jerry Covell, George Busch. Missing from photo was leading scorer and All-State standout Charlie Koerner.

### South Amboy Men's Senior Basketball League - 50 Years Ago

1970-71-English Chevron was the league's powerhouse club going undefeated (13-0) during the season to capture the league championship, as there were no playoffs. Rick Ferguson was player-coach, and really knew basketball talent. The top scorers for the season were All-City 1st Team selection Nick Charmello 202 points, 20.2 avg., Ed Sucheicki 182, 14.0, Ferguson 150, 12.6, Fran Fitzmorris 133, 13.3, Jerry Drill 132, 11.0, John Lange 114, 10.4, Bill Connors 100, 9.1. Other teammates: Gene Lopez, Steve Flanagan, Warren Walerzak, Ted Krzyzanowski, Walker, Papp. Colonel's Garter (11-3) Top scorers-1st Team All-City guard Jerry Kudrick 241, 18.5, Shaunhouse 176, 14.7, Bob Keegan 117, 23.2, Joe Vigilante 105, 8.9. Others-Bob Kukulski, Ray Selover, John Kaboski, Goodwin, Hefferan, Kevin Nemeth, Bernie Mackiel, Braun, Don Baranowski, Cheeseman, O'Reilly, Dodagowski, Woodhall, Barlick, DeSantis. South Amboy A.A. (9-5) Top scorers-Wagner 213, 15.3, George Osborne 182, 13.0, Tony Jozefowicz 156, 11.2, Jim Higgins 134, 10.4, player-coach Ed Paczkowski 126, 14.0, John Ciol, Bill "Biff" McKeon, Adam Lovely, Bill Mandy, Tony Miklaszewski (1 game, 20 points), Tabasko, Bonis, Frank, Ismaal, Cook, Tobias, Nicholaisen. Bay City Liquors (8-5) Top scorers-1st Team All-City choice Ray Downs 241, 20.1, Dennis Bratus 176, 13.5, Gary Kosovich 140, 10.8, Curt Wood

120, 17.1. Others-Tom "Red" Kelly, Dennis Wood, Chet Meinzer, McQuade, Mullane, Dave Stolte, player-coach Tom Gorman, Joe Castellano, Sean Kelly, Jim Wallis, Harold McLaughlin, Don Potts. Roddy's Tavern (5-8) Top scorers-Billy Clayton 198, 19.8, 1st Team All-City pick Ron Ciszewski 174, 24.8, Henry "Henny The D.J." Conroy 134, 12.2, Bob Martin 103, 17.1. Others-Ken Wahler, Frank Kennedy, Tom Fitzmorris, Ed O'Leary, Al Ust, Leo Dohan, Jay Derent, Jay Kukulski, Good. Brave Bulls (5-9) Top scorers-1st Team All-City selection Tom Holovacko 268, 19.1, Bob Jones 167, 15.2, Joe Gatyas 139, 12.7, Bob Magin 135, 16.7, Joe Zailski 114, 8.2. Others-Mike Holovacko, Val Nadin, Joe Murtha, John Jankowski, Walczak, Don Wernett.

Mechanicsville Bombers (2-11) 1st year club Top Scorers-Al "Jocko" Jakimowicz 154, 14.0, Bob Rodziewicz 131, 11.9, Bob "Zak" Sekerak 96, 12.0. Others-Gene Cross, Ray Leonard, "Pistol" Pete McIntyre, Tom Ruszala, Joe Jancola, Al Gomolka, player-coach Tom Burkard, Ed Campbell, Dennis Hutson, Rick Shingola, Jim Lonseth, Wayne Pillar. J & B Trucking (1-13) Top Scorers-Jerry Disbrow 257, 18.4, Jim Lyons 243, 18.7, Jack Mason 115, 9.7, Mike Tingle, Bill "Monk" Wozniak, Larry Kurzawa, Jim Pavlonnis, John Norek, Bill Parisen, Bob McKeon, Gerry Freeman, Gene Kaboski, Pat Rock, Szatkowski, Benson, Lynch, Johnson.

### Players Wanted

The over 60 Men's Middlesex County Senior Softball League in Old Bridge is looking for players. If you are a softball player who will turn 60 or older this calendar year, and are interested in being placed on a team, please contact Ray Datrio at 732-239-8743.

### South Amboy Middle School Basketball Teams 1988

The boys selected for the 7th/8th grade team by Coach Ray "Butch" Tomaszewski, were: Mike Novak, Jeff Moskal, Jeff White, Dave Dengelegi, Keith Erickson, Joe Guzzi, Mike Hoehler, Mike Nagle, Brendan O'Connell, Greg Policastro, Jason Pietruski, Duff Regan, Aaron Sargeant. Brian Keegan was the scorekeeper.

The 7th/8th grade girls team, coached by Sharon Selesky consisted of Jennifer Ingstrup, Shannon Reick, Tiffany Tooker, Christina Zampella, Kate McLaughlin, Lisa Disbrow, Jessica Ferguson, Pam Krieger, Aneca Matarangolo, Krista Ryan, Jennifer McDonnell, Kim Mocariski, Mary Purcell, Tricia Purcell, Dania Musto. Tanya Yunker was the scorekeeper.

### Back In Those College Days

Priscilla Senyah (Sayreville)-track, College of New Jersey; A.J. Szatkowski (South Amboy)-baseball, Florida State College; Joe Bartlinski (South Amboy)-baseball, Kean University; Vince Rosario (Cardinal McCarrick)-basketball, Stonehill College, MA.

### T.H.E. Game

#### Sport-Basketball Year-1992

**Teams-St. Mary's (8-5) vs. Hoffman (1-12) in City Series action.**

**Recap-**The Eagles hammered the Guvs, 65-46, with Matt Cannon leading the scoring attack with 16 points. Teammate Brian Thomas popped in 12. The Purple and Gold was paced by Russell Boyer 14, Jeff White 13, and Scott McNerny 11.

**Player-of-the-Game-Matt Cannon**

### 15 Years Ago

2005-Cardinal McCarrick boys bowling team downed South Amboy, 3-1. The Eagles were led by Matt Jones 215-562, Brian Hentz 533, Jamison Ruiz 501, Doug Pritchard 469, Joe Pryor 398, Eric Poltrictzky 378. The Guvs rollers finished in the following order: Joe Bloodgood 495, Kyle Dabkowski 469, Gerard Kelly 450, Jeff Lampart 387, Frank Richiusa 380, Tim Sharp 368.

### Locals Who Made It To The Big Time

Many Middlesex County athletes played professional sports, but very few made it to the highest level of their particular game. The following is an incomplete list of well-known Middlesex County athletes who were pro players, and advanced all the way to the Big Time:

**Baseball-**Allie Clark (South Amboy), John O'Brien (South Amboy), Ed O'Brien (South Amboy), Jack McKeon (South Amboy), Tom Kelly (South Amboy/Sayreville), Ed "Buddy" Popowski (Sayreville), Bob Dustal (Sayreville, played for South River), Kevin Mulvey (Sayreville), Billy Urbanski (Perth Amboy), Joe "Ducky" Medwick (Carteret), William Pennyfeather (Perth Amboy), Eric Young Sr. (New Brunswick), Eric Young Jr. (Piscataway), Jose DeLeon (Perth Amboy), Dave Meads (Monroe), Mike Ciardi (Piscataway), Harding "Pete" Peterson (Woodbridge), Ted Kubiak (Highland Park), Darren Winston (Played for Bishop Ahr).

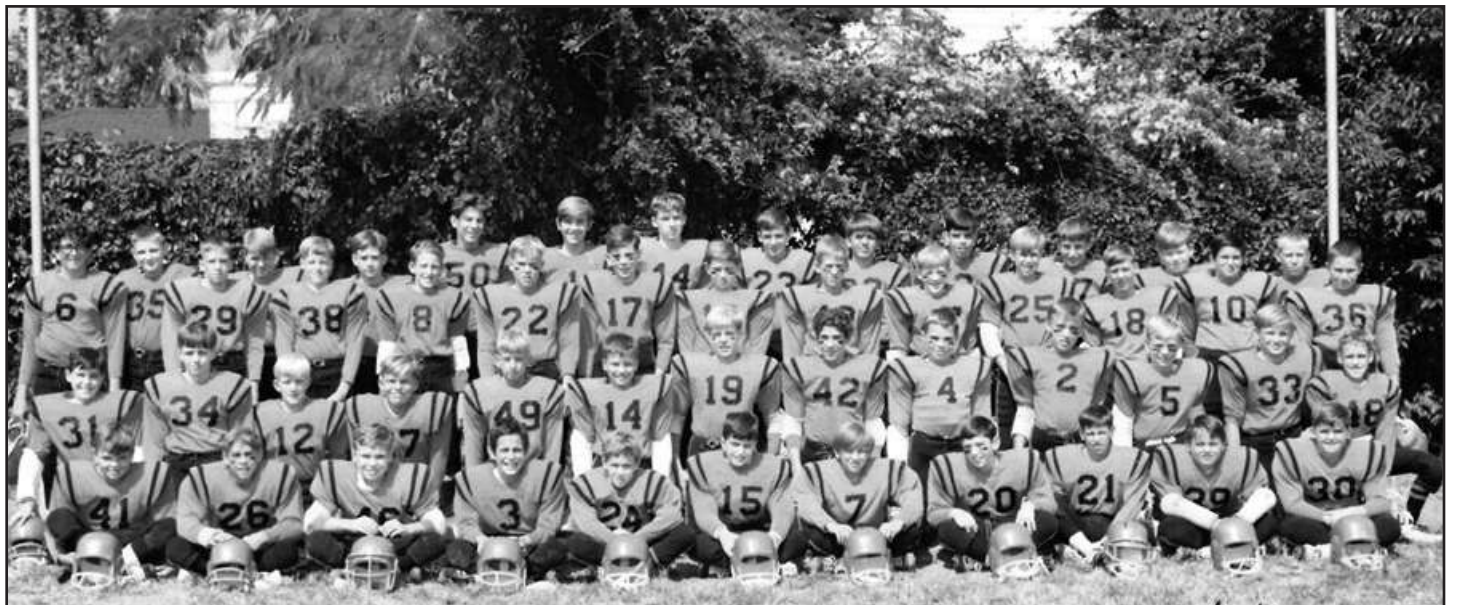
**Football-**Alex Wojciechowicz (South River), Bruce Taylor (Perth Amboy), Joe Theismann (South River), Drew Pearson (South River), Kenny Jackson (South River), Mohamed Sanu (South Brunswick), Josh Miller (East Brunswick), Lou Creekmur (Woodbridge), Malcolm Jenkins (Piscataway), L.J. Smith (Highland Park), Jeremy Zuttah (J.P. Stevens), Jonathan Casillas (New Brunswick), Jason Worilds (Carteret), Anthony Davis (Piscataway), Kyle Wilson (Piscataway), Dwayne Jarrett (New Brunswick).

**Basketball-**Brian Taylor (Perth Amboy), Gary Brokaw (New Brunswick), Dave Wohl (East Brunswick), Karl-Anthony Towns (Born in Edison, played for St. Joseph's).

\*Let us know if we missed any others.



### Name The Sabres Contest



1970-Pictured is the talented South Amboy Sabres Pop Warner League football team. Many faces should look familiar to you, so see how many you can identify, and send the names into: satimes@aol.com. To enter the contest write the players number and who you think it is, and e-mail it to: satimes@aol.com. The winners will be mentioned in the March 28th issue. (Photo submitted by Ken Spiecker)

### Glory Days In Local Sports

1965-St. Mary's boys basketball club stopped St. Joseph's, 65-56, as Ed Sucheicki swished in 15 points, and Fran Fitzmorris 14...1979-Sayreville boys basketball jolted J.P. Stevens, 45-36. John Tarnacki tossed in 15 points and Dan Osborne 14...1981-Steve Richmond's 3-point play with 2:24 to go broke a 59-59 tie, and paved the way for a Governors 64-62 nail-biting victory over Perth Amboy St. Mary's. He finished with 18 points, while Bob Aucone topped all scorers with 26 points...1992-Sayreville boys basketball team ripped Madison Central, 66-52. The Bombers balanced scoring was paced by Paul Thompson 20 points, Harry Nakielny 16, Paul Sola 13, and Tom Kubacz 11...2006-In February, South Amboy standout Joe Bartlinski fired in his 1,000th career point against Dunellen, and Vincente Rosario of Cardinal McCarrick hit the 1,000 mark versus Bishop Ahr.

### 25 Years Ago

1995-St. Mary's girls basketball squad captured the Gold Division championship with their easy victory over Piscataway Tech, 54-26. Robyn Palomo turned in a stellar performance with 13 points.

### 40 Years Ago

1979-80-Sayreville boys basketball finished at a fine (20-5). Ralph Novak was the leading scorer with 471 points, 18.8 avg., and Dan Osborne followed with 370 points, 14.8 avg.

### 50 Years Ago

1970-C.B.A. nipped St. Mary's, 64-63 in hoops action, to end the Eagles 23-game home court winning streak. George Krzyzanowski led the Saints with 28 points.

### 55 Years Ago

1965-St. Mary's 10-foot Eagle mascot, named "Ollie," made his debut at a basketball game, and quickly became a regular at games and pep rallies psyching-up fans when he appeared. "Ollie" was portrayed by Harry White...Also the same year, St. Mary's introduced boy cheerleaders for the first time in the school's history. The charter boys cheerleaders were Bill Bulman, Brian George, Vince Cannata, Pat Casey, John Germak, and Jerry Ilaria.

### Yogi-isms

New York Yankees legendary Hall-of-Fame catcher had some witty and humorous sayings throughout his lifetime including the following:

"If people don't want to come to the ballpark, how are you going to stop them?"

"If you ask me a question I don't know, I'm not going to answer it."

"Slump? I ain't in no slump. I just ain't hitting."

"It was hard to have a conversation with anyone, there were too many people talking."

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

## Bill "Biff" McKeon - Major League Baseball Scout



By John "Flip" Phillips

Well, it's time to bring Bill's long scouting journey that began way back in 1960 with the Philadelphia Phillies, and ended in 1990 with the San Diego Padres to an end. Along the way, Bill had more than a few accomplishments and highlights, and met and became friends with many of the game's greats. From Mr. Dodger Tommy LaSorda, Mr. Padre Tony Gwinn, Mr. October Reggie Jackson, Mr. Cowboy Gene Autry owner of the Los Angeles Angels.. and a lot more baseball notables, including players, managers and owners. And, of course the MLB scouts who shared his game days and evenings analyzing players, having a few laughs and "draughts". Bill especially remembers the scouts who welcomed him to the Scouting Fraternity in 1960 and showed him the "tricks of the Trade": Frank O'Rourke Yankees, Frank Burke Giants and Bill McCarren Red Sox. Then along came a guy who took Bill under his wing and would be his best friend and partner in scouting for many years: Buddy Kerr, The old New York Giant shortstop.... Buddy and Bill would share many "adventures" together. When Bill speaks of Buddy you can tell they had a special friendship.

### Significant Baseball Accomplishments and Highlights

If you followed Bill's scouting stories in the South Amboy/Sayreville Times, you will have read that there were many. Here are some that Bill feels are special:

1. Being in the San Diego Padres locker room when they celebrated winning the National League Championship in 1984. "I liked being soaked with Champagne."
2. Being a San Diego Padre catching instructor during the team's 1984 Spring Training. "Imagine, I instructed Benito Santiago and Sandy Alomar Jr. on "the fine art of catching." Both Benito and Sandy went on to have outstanding, long baseball careers.
3. Drafting an Ole University of Mississippi quarterback named Archie Manning for the Kansas City Royals. He was a pretty good baseball player and could have (?) made the majors. But he picked the NFL. Yes, he is the father of two NFL Super Bowl MVP winners: Peyton (1) and Elie (2).
4. In 1968 I recommended that the Kansas City Royals organization establish a Baseball School and College for players they thought had the potential to combine major league baseball potential with



Bill "Biff" McKeon (r) said one of his career highlights was coaching the Evansville Otters baseball team with his son Jeffery (l).

education. The organization liked the idea and I helped set it up. "Unfortunately, I had to turn down the offer to be director. Why? I liked scouting!" Frank White a graduate from the school, went on to play 18 years with the KC Royals and was an All Star 5 times.

5. In 2003 I began my nonplaying affiliation with the Evansville Otters, an independent minor league organization. Over the years I acted as a player evaluator, bench coach, and even managed 2 games, 1W 1L.

6. In 2010 I began my tenure as the radio analyst for the Otters, still going strong and love it! My classmate (SMH 1950) and good friend Sister of Mercy Louise Gorka once said I belonged on the radio. She was right! And here I am getting ready and looking forward to the 2020 season.

7. In 2011, Bill was selected to the AAABA (American Amateur Baseball Association) Hall of Fame for his play in the 1951 National Tournament with the South Amboy All Stars. Bill was also inducted into the St. Mary's Hall of Fame.

\* An interesting fact: Both McKeon brothers (Jack and Bill) and the O'Brien twins (Johnny and Eddie) are the only brothers in both Hall of Fames.

### Personal and Family Highlights

Bill met, dated, proposed and married his Lady Elizabeth (L/E) in 1957 while playing for the Evansville Indiana Braves. 1957 also saw the end of Bill's playing career due to a serious arm injury. Bill and his new bride relocated to South Amboy/Sayreville where they raised a family of 7. They now have 12 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. In 1988 they moved back to Evansville Indiana to take care of Elizabeth's elderly father.

Bill graduated from Seton Hall University with a BS and MA in Physical Education, and an MA in School Administration. Before Bill became affiliated with the Evansville Otters, he spent many years (New Jersey and Indiana) as a teacher, high school principal, high school administrator and college baseball coach.

Bill coached the Ashford University baseball team in Clinton Iowa, "I enjoyed coaching my son Jeffery who went on to be inducted into the Ashford Athletic Hall of Fame". While at the college Bill also designed a College Coaching Course that was approved by the college and the Iowa Department of Education. Bill and Jeffery would later team up as father/son coaches for the Evansville Otters. A time that Bill says he really enjoyed.

### Summary

Bill worked his way up from a part time scout with the Phillies to full time responsible positions with the Los Angeles Dodgers, Los Angeles Angels, Kansas City A's and KC Royals. (when the KC A's franchise moved to Oakland CA, Bill continued scouting for the Royals the new Kansas City franchise), and finally with the San Diego Padres. A long scouting career that spanned 30 years!



Former South Amboy/Sayreville resident Bill "Biff" McKeon (l) and David Jarman are pictured in the play-by-play booth broadcasting an Evansville Otters baseball game last year at Indiana.

## Jeter Gets Hall of Fame Vote

Derek Jeter, one of the greatest and most beloved New York Yankees of All-Time was almost a unanimous choice for the Hall of Fame in the January election. He is pictured here the day after his famous catch when he dove into the seats by third base to make a spectacular catch, and cut his chin in the process. (Photo by Brian Stratton)



2000-This photo of Derek Jeter was taken 20 years ago during Spring Training at Fort Myers, Florida, before the Yankees took on Tom Kelly's Minnesota Twins in an exhibition game. Jeter was warming up on the sidelines and assumed the catcher's position while playing catch with coach Luis Sojo. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

## 10 Years Ago In The Times



Joe Charmello (c) who scored his 1000th career point as a South Amboy High School Governor was congratulated prior to a recent home game. Joe is pictured with his mother Joyce (l) and father Nick (r). (Photo by Brian Stratton)

## Remembering Vince Abbatiello (Abbott)

By Bill "Biff" McKeon

Vince Abbatiello, 88, formerly of South Amboy died on Dec. 4. He was a very reserved player/student /good hustler/good teammate, but not the rah-rah type just a player who played hard.

Vince Abbatiello was a St. Mary's HS "Eagle Baseball Player" for 4 years from 1948-51. In Vince's junior year he played 3rd base and got 1 for 2 against city rival Hoffman HS. Jack O'Brien was the Eagles 2nd baseman. In Vince's senior year he played 2nd base and was considered a good defensive player with some power. Bob "Ace" Hennessey was the Eagle Shortstop and Archangelo "Arky" DiMattia was the hot corner player on the Eagle 1949 baseball team. It was noted in the Eagle newspaper "The Crown" that "whomever replaces Vince

Abbatiello at 2nd base, they better have a good glove."

Vince was a talented baseball player, and got his genes from his father Vince Abbatiello Sr., who was the baseball coach at Sayreville High School. Vince was also a talented singer, getting this from his mother, who taught music in St. Mary's Grammar School. I remember Vince's mother teaching the song "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" when I was in the 3rd grade.

After graduating from St. Mary's HS, Vince attended Rutgers University and played 4 years of varsity baseball for former Major Leaguer George Case, a former second baseman who had played for the Washington Senators. Vince said he was one of the finest coaches in his baseball career.

## Sara's Law Expansion

Sara Dubinin tragically passed away on Sept. 25, 2007 as a result of a car accident the previous day. The circumstances surrounding the accident and her subsequent death motivated Betty Dubinin to advocate for families throughout New Jersey with Sara's Law and now the expansion of that law.

Sara's Law allows those 14 years and older to register on the Next of Kin registry where they can provide emergency contact information allowing Law Enforcement to reach families/loved ones if a person in a motor vehicle accident is unable to communicate. Sara's law has now been expanded to allow individuals to add their VIN # (Vehicle Identification Number) to the registry.

Betty was completely unaware that her daughter had even been involved in a car accident until a friend of one of Sara's friends contacted her. By the time she got to the hospital, Sara had slipped into a coma. She died the next day robbing Betty of any opportunity to let her daughter know she was there before she passed away. "I always think...if I was holding her hand, would she fight harder to live?" asks Betty.

The anguish surrounding the circumstances of Sara's death led to endless hours of advocating and multiple visits to Capitol Hill before the Senate eventually resulting in Sara's Law and a Next of Kin Registry. In 2018, an expansion of the law allowed people to add their VIN to the registry. Finally, as a result of Betty's efforts, last month State Sen. Joseph Vitale's office notified Betty that the online registry, [www.state.nj.us/mvc/drivertopics/nextofkin.htm](http://www.state.nj.us/mvc/drivertopics/nextofkin.htm) has been officially updated to allow those in New Jersey to add the VIN. Senator Vitale stated this is "another important tool that



Sara Dubinin

will allow first responders to contact a family member if another member is injured in a motor vehicle accident and no other contact information is present." Betty views this as a major victory as she has known "people who have been in crashes and the only thing left on the car is the VIN number and so they've tried to track family" with that information.

The New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission states via a spokesperson that the information gathered under Sara's Law is not public and only used by Law Enforcement officers to reach emergency contacts. It is Betty's hope that all residents of New Jersey utilize this important tool and add their information to the registry. Please direct any questions to Betty on Facebook @saraslawnj

## Men Are From Mars Women Are From Venus LIVE!

Men Are From Mars-Women Are From Venus-LIVE will be playing at The Avenel Performing Arts Center Tues. Feb. 25-Sun. March 1. The Avenel Performing Arts Center (APAC), presents the Off-Broadway hit comedy for 7 performances!

This is a one-man fusion of theatre and stand-up, and is a light-hearted theatrical comedy based on the New York Times #1 best-selling book of the last decade by John Gray. Moving swiftly through a series of vignettes, the show covers everything from dating and marriage and more.

This hysterical show will have couples elbowing each other all evening as they see themselves on stage. Fast paced and funny, this show is definitely for adults, but will leave audiences laughing and giggling like little kids!

When Mars and Venus collide, the adventures are earth-shatteringly hysterical. It's a great recipe for a night out: a little storytelling blended with some comedy and a dash of sage wisdom from the book. A delicious evening of entertainment!

The performance schedule for Men are from Mars- Women are from Venus LIVE! is as follows: Friday, February 28 at 8PM, Saturday, February 29 at 2PM & 8PM and Sunday, March 1 at 3PM.

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](http://www.avenelarts.com) or contact the Box Office Tuesday-Sunday 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.

Avenel Performing Arts Center's line-up continues with:

**February 25-March 1:** Men are from Mars-Women are from Venus- Live

**March 12-13:** When Irish Eyes are Dyin' Murder Mystery

**March 20-22:** The New York Tenors  
**April 3-5:** Rearview Mirror: Dancing through the 80s

**April 17-26:** My Big Gay Italian Midlife Crisis

**May 6-10:** Late Nite Catechism: 'Til Death Do Us Part

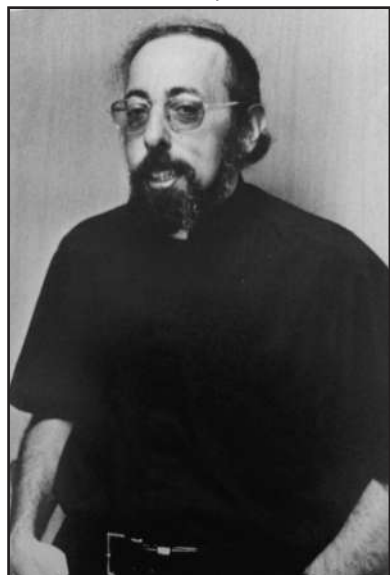
**May 27-June 7:** My Mother's Italian, My Father's Jewish & I'm in Therapy

**July 8-17:** Auruem

**August 25-29:** Late Nite Catechism: Back to School

## Father Cioffi Has South Amboy Ties

Father Ronald Cioffi, who was ordained in 1969 by Bishop George W. Ahr, and around that time was a Parochial Vicar at St. Mary's Church, South Amboy. In '81 he became a Parochial Vicar at St. Joseph's Church, Keyport, and was named Pastor in 1989, serving in that role until retiring in 2016. Father Cioffi is still active, and celebrates Mass regularly in the Chapel of De La Salle Hall, Lincroft, a nursing home residence on Christian Brothers Academy campus. In addition, he celebrates Masses for prisoners, travels monthly to Catholic worker sites in New York to celebrate Mass, and delivers clothing and other items for those in need.



Father Ronald Cioffi (1976)

## Oh How Times Have Changed!



1961-64-St. Mary's High School girls students were required to wear blazers with the school emblem, and also caps with the year they would graduate. Does anyone know any of the four students in the photo? Wow! How times have changed!

## MARCH IS THE DOWDELL LIBRARY'S BIRTHDAY MONTH

Celebrate the Dowdell Library's 106th birthday with programs and services including, Dr. Seuss Day, ESL Café NJ, Makers Day, VITA Tax Assistance, Meditation For Beginners, STEAM Gaming Platform and Homebound Delivery Service.

Celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday for family fun on Monday, March 2 from 3:30-4:30 pm. Hear stories, and make a fun Dr. Seuss themed craft.

Hola! Enjoy practicing your English in a casual, supportive environment at the ESL Café on Tuesday/Thursday nights from 6:30-8 pm and on Saturday afternoons from 1:30-3 pm.

Celebrate the Library's 106th birthday and try some hands on maker kits at NJ Makers Day on Wednesday, March 18 from 2:30-4:30 pm. Explore circuits that make objects light up, create 3D printed objects, enjoy Lego building block fun, and learn how to design your own video game level and much more! Family fun for all ages!

There's still time for tax assistance! Sign up for VITA free tax preparation assistance for individuals earning less than \$64,000 per year is available on Thursday, March 5 from 10 am - 1 pm. To register: 732-721-6060 or [comments@dowdell.org](mailto:comments@dowdell.org)

Meditation for Beginners returns on

Saturday, March 21 from 1-2 pm. To register: 732-721-6060 or [comments@dowdell.org](mailto:comments@dowdell.org)

Enjoy STEAM Madness in March using the STEAM gaming platform available on select days! Enjoy gaming with Source Filmmaker Workshop by creating 3D digital movies, and the Hammer Editor videogame level designer program. Take part in this new gaming platform throughout the month.

Are you or a loved one unable to come to the Library due to temporary or long term disability? Consider the homebound delivery service! Participants of this service receive print books, and books on CD in a monthly delivery to their home. Contact the Library at 732-721-6060 or email [comments@dowdell.org](mailto:comments@dowdell.org) for more details and how to sign up.

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 and view adult and children's activity calendars, which are updated on a monthly basis.

Comments, queries, compliments? Please visit [www.dowdell.org](http://www.dowdell.org), or contact the Library at 732-721-6060 or [comments@dowdell.org](mailto:comments@dowdell.org). The library is located off John O'Leary Blvd, adjacent to South Amboy Middle High School.

## Movie/Documentary Ratings

Fairly recent movies from 2019. Rated by our staff from lowest 0 to the highest 10.

**Richard Jewell**-Another excellent movie about the terrorist bombing at the Olympics in Atlanta in 1996. Clint Eastwood is the director. Starring: Paul Walter Hauser, Sam Rockwell, Kathy Bates, Olivia Wilde, Jon Hamm. **Rating: 9.5.**

**Kitchen**-Starring Melissa McCarthy. **Rating: 8.0**

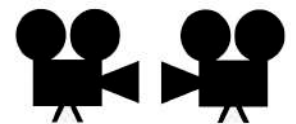
**Dr. Sleep**-A continuation of the movie classic "The Shining." Ewen McGregor and Rebecca

Ferguson. **Rating: 6.5.**

**Motherless Brooklyn**-starring Ed Norton, Bruce Willis, and Alec Baldwin. **Rating: 6.0.**

**Western Stars**-Bruce Springsteen talks about his life and plays songs from his most recent album, with the filming being done in his beautiful barn in Colts Neck. Starring: Bruce Springsteen, Patty Scialfa. **Rating: 5.5.**

**The Aftermath**- **Rating: 5.0.**



Betty Matthews (c) was recently honored with a surprise 70th Birthday Party at Yesterday's in Hazlet. Pictured with Betty are her son Bob Matthews (l) and daughter Dawn Matthews-Gorczyca (r) who planned and organized the huge celebration, which was attended by more than 70 people. Everyone had a great time! (Photo/info submitted)

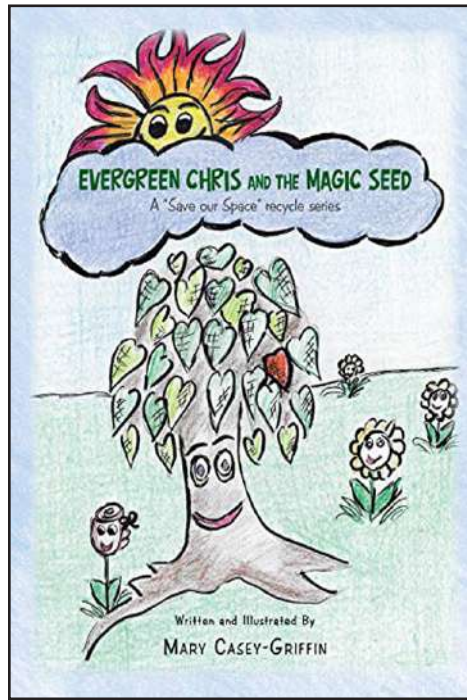
## Author Mary Casey-Griffin Book Signing March 21

South Amboy's newest author Mary Casey-Griffin, will be signing books March 21st at the Blue Moon on South Broadway from 2-4 p.m., followed by our very own Dan Toye performing from 4-8 p.m.

Everyone in town is welcome to the event! Mary is a graduate of St Mary's HS Class of 1971, who went on to teach at St. Mary's from 1976-1982, eventually moving on to Perth Amboy, where she taught for many years before retiring.

Mary's family has long roots in our little town as her grandfather was Mayor Robert A Casey in 1940. Her dad, Mr. Pete Casey was also well known, as the milkman for the Raritan Valley Farms in the 50s & 60s. He went on to be the Grand Marshal for the 2004 Veterans Day Parade, and again for the 2007 St. Patrick's Day Parade. Mary also has served as manager of Frog Hollow from 1990-95, and additionally served as the elected president for the 1991 & 1992 seasons for the swim club.

If you are planning to attend Mary's signing you can order a book in the series of children's books from Barnes & Noble or Amazon. The series teaches Children the important lessons of recycling. Her first book is titled "Evergreen Chris and the Magic



Seed", Mary has authored a second book titled "Quinnys Art Lesson," which is still in production. Again, following the book signing our very own Dan Toye playing/singing from 4-8 p.m.

## Stamps Being Collected For Veterans

(Article submitted by Charles Koppelman)

The Monroe Twp. Post #609 is collecting U.S. and foreign stamps both "ON" and "OFF" envelopes for veterans to be used as hobbies and therapy to support medical staffs at VA Medical Centers nationwide in the treatment and rehabilitation of disabled, homebound, shut-ins and outpatient veteran patients. They do not sell or trade stamps, just forward to

those veteran patients who request them at NO CHARGE to patients.

Also requested are DVD's suitable for veterans at these locations. Please send all items to: J.W.V. Post #609, % Charles Koppelman, 6 Yarmouth Dr., Monrod, Twp., NJ 08831-4742.

## New Sign



Pictured is a new sign as a reminder to keep off any ice at the Waterfront Park Beach. So far it has been a relatively mild winter for the great northeast in 2020. Be safe. (Photo/caption by Joe Lotkowitz)

## Super Bowl Sunday

Insanity rules the air  
Football fans are in a  
frenzy everyplace, everywhere  
Your team has made it  
to the biggest game  
If they don't win it's a shame  
It's the big dance  
It's their last chance  
For a Super Bowl Ring  
That's what they play for  
That's their thing  
As you watch the game  
partyin' with family and friends  
Rootin' for your team  
To win just once again  
Super Bowl Sunday  
Comes just once a year  
Have a blast  
Give a cheer  
For the biggest game of the year  
Super Bowl Sunday  
is finally here.



Nick St. Clair is 25, and an artist from Cherry Hill, who lives with autism. In his own words, "Ever since the age of two I was diagnosed with autism, but I was always obsessed with cartoons to the point where I wanted to make my own characters, starting at the age of 12. Through the years I always enjoyed showing my work to people like flipbooks, comics, and sketches. At the age of 23, I started to realize that it has also helped me make friends, and develop relationships and social skills. Now my artwork has given me more opportunities to not only help the autism community, but to diversify my skills to help the community even more like public speaking and mentoring. I hope to pursue more of these opportunities in the future." (Photo/info submitted)  
\*Note: This is one of Nick's beautiful works that was on display at Dowdell Library in South Amboy.

## ST. MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1970

We will be celebrating our 50th reunion on October 17, 2020. If you would like to join us please email zupsunshin@aol.com (Maripat Lauritsen Zupko) for all the details. If you're a 1970 EAGLE, this is where you need to be!

## Really Old People

By Al Gomolka Jr.  
Times Poet Laureate  
c.1983  
Really old people  
Are a forgotten commodity  
of this society  
Like a torn encyclopedia  
Or a piece of fine silverware  
left to tarnish  
By the younger generations  
They have seen life at its utmost  
And their potential to be  
Advise and instruct  
and pacify young people  
By words or example  
Or even just a look  
on their aged faces  
Is a gift that is  
enormous and unlimited  
And something this  
society should revere.

## Saint Ambrose School



Saint Ambrose School Principal Rita Naviello greets parents and students at the school's January 26 Open House which marked the beginning of Catholic Schools Week (Photo/Info by Steve Schmid)



## A Note Of Thanks

I want to thank the couple who did something kind for me. From the bottom of my heart, God Bless them and keep them healthy and happy. I hope someone will do something kind for them. They deserve it.

Thank You,  
Grandma Dee

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

## Homecoming HS Band 1975



This band played at the St. Mary's HS Homecoming Dance in 1975. Does anyone know the group's name or any of the members? Please let us know if you do.



The Sayreville Human Relations Commission (HRC) held a special event for Black History Month on Feb. 20th at Borough Hall. The guest speaker was Reginald Johnson-Agent for the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office Bias Unit. Approximately 50 people attended the educational and enlightening event. (Photo/info submitted)

## By Any Other Name

By Elaine Holton Scott

"A rose by any other name would smell as sweet," wrote Shakespeare in his play, Romeo and Juliet, but it surely wouldn't sound so sweet if it had been given some crummy name. For example, just think about that poor boy named Sue by his dad so he'd grow up tough. Ever notice how Johnny Cash never did mention the first name of Sue's father in that song? Bet it wasn't anything like the sissy boy name of Sue. Names... we all need them but did you ever wonder how in the world did some ordinary names be transformed into something else entirely? We refer to those names as "Nicknames," while others who get stuck with some of the really lousy ones call them something else which isn't fit to print in The SATimes.

Years ago, all of us seniors had grown up with kids called Johnny, Joey, Tommy, Jimmy, Ricky, Harry who later would be called Hal, Peggy, Bobby, Billy, Jack (male) or Jackie (female), Margie, Susie, Connie, Jerry, Terry/

Terri (from Theresa), Patty, Danny, Betty, Bethie, Betsy, Kathy (from Kathleen), Cathy from Catherine, Vinny, Tony, Donny, Ronnie, Mike or Mickey, Dotty, Henny, Chrissy, and even Chuck...nor can we forget Jenny from Jennifer, Frank from Francis, Kate, from Kathleen, Babs from Barbara, Hank from Henry, and Jake from Jacob...while Jake somehow also dribbled down from another nickname for Jack which comes from the real name of John.

Just like the seasons come and go, so, too, nicknames...but before they do, I just want to know how in the world Billy came from William, Bobby came from Robert, Lisa and Liza came from Elizabeth, Jerry with a "J" came from Gerard and Gerald both with a "G", Tony came from Anthony, Peggy from Margaret, Chuck from Charles...and the worst nickname of all, Dick from Richard. Does anyone know??

## Lisa Kelly Named Executive Director of the Middlesex County College Foundation

Lisa Kelly has been named Executive Director of the Middlesex County College Foundation.

Kelly was most recently the Chief Development Officer at the Metropolitan YMCA of the Oranges and led annual \$2 million campaigns for its seven branches, as well as a \$3.9 million capital campaign.

"I didn't start out wanting to go into fundraising, but when I found it, I knew that's what I wanted to dedicate my career to," she said. "The Y and community colleges have a common trait - they both have a strong focus on the mission. I'm a big believer in community colleges. It's an amazing cause. I love the diversity, in terms of age, ethnicity, ability. There's a place for everyone; the door is always open."

While at the Y, Kelly created the Signature Partners program to facilitate corporate partnerships for social responsibility. She coordinated standards resulting in a four-star rating from Charity Navigator for nine years in a row and chaired the New Jersey YMCA State Alliance Development Network for two years. She was a mentor in the Victoria Emerging Leaders Program and a member of the Community Advisory Board of the Junior League of the Oranges and Short Hills.

"One of my initiatives was developing diverse streams of support for different programs," she said. "Rather than saying

'This is who we are, support us,' we said, 'these are the programs we offer, which ones do you feel connected to?' We wanted donors to own their part of the cause."



Lisa Kelly

College President Mark McCormick said Kelly's experience and enthusiasm are a great fit for the MCC Foundation.

"I'm very pleased Lisa Kelly will be joining us," he said. "The MCC Foundation's support of students attending Middlesex County College is critical to ensuring that students have access to the educational opportunities they need for a successful future. The Foundation has

developed an ambitious strategic plan, and I'm confident in Lisa's ability to implement it. I look forward to continuing to work with the MCC Foundation Board and staff, under Lisa's leadership, to open the door of opportunity wide at MCC for generations of students to come."

Prior to joining the YMCA, Kelly was an independent management consultant for six years. Before that, she worked in development for Hope House, the College of Saint Elizabeth, and Villa Victoria Academy.

Kelly holds a bachelor's degree from Belmont Abbey College, a master's degree in counseling psychology from the College of Saint Elizabeth, and a master's degree in organizational psychology from Rutgers University.

## Black Bear Visited Parlin



2005-This Black bear was in a 40-foot high tree in a resident's backyard on Bordentown Ave. in Parlin. The animal is believed to be the only one ever sited in the Borough of Sayreville. The 2-year old bruin was in the tree for over 2 hours until local and state wildlife officials captured it, and took it far away for a safe release. (Photo/story from the Tom Burkard Archives)

\*See the full story on our website: [www.thesatimes.com](http://www.thesatimes.com). Go to May 21, 2005, page 1.

## Orchestra To Perform At Dowdell Library

The first program of the Collegium Musicum 2020 Concert Series will be the Veritas Youth Orchestra on March 31 at 6:30 pm at the Dowdell Library of South Amboy. This ensemble is a private non-profit orchestra based in East Brunswick. The orchestra's foremost goal is to provide well-crafted and professional education in a large ensemble form to teenage musicians and reach out to the local community with music.

Each student, based on their aptitude and potential, receives customized coaching and attention. Students are encouraged to find a way to give back to the community with their given talents and opportunities. Under the careful supervision of Artistic Director Dr. Mira Kang, the orchestra receives a high standard of education along with the excellence of Dr. David Jeong's conducting.

Outstanding musicians and educators are on board in the ally of working with students such as Brennan Sweet, Associate Concertmaster of New Jersey Symphony; Maureen Hurd, a Lincoln Center Chamber Music Society clarinetist and faculty member at Mason Gross School of Art at Rutgers University; Carlos Franzetti, a multiple-time Grammy Award winner/composer; Allison Franzetti, the director Emeritus of Chamber music program at Extension Division at Mason Gross School of the Arts, Pianist; and Vladimir Dyo, Concert violinist, a faculty member at Temple University.

Please join us at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, March 31 for an exciting evening full of wonderful music selections and the talented individuals that make up the Veritas Youth Orchestra.



Our Lady of Victories School recently held its annual Pocketbook Bingo event at Monsignor Dalton Hall. Pictured (l-r) HSA President Jackie Gluchowski, Principal Cynthia Casciola-Kitts and Father Ryan. (Photo/Info Submitted)

## March Is Here

c. 2020

Have no fear  
The month of March  
Is finally here  
The parade will be bigger  
And better this year  
Time to laugh  
And time to play  
And wear your green  
On St. Patrick's Day.

## St. Patrick's Day Parade Show

c. 2020

It doesn't matter  
Where you're from  
Or wherever you may go  
Today's the day  
You've been waiting for  
The St. Patrick's Day  
Parade Show  
So grab your green  
And make the scene  
At South Amboy town  
Have lots of fun  
And party down  
Until the big day is done  
At the St. Patrick's Day  
Parade Show.

## The Big Day

c. 2020

They come from all over  
Both near and from far away  
To "The Pleasant Little City"  
South Amboy, U.S.A.  
To celebrate St. Patrick  
On this special Irish Day  
The town is buzzin'  
Colors of green everywhere  
The proud Irish spirit  
You can feel it in the air  
The AOH is at its best  
Marching and playing  
Irish music  
They never need a rest  
The bagpipers are pipin'  
"Danny Boy"  
Filling parade watchers  
With so much joy  
All Irish eyes are smiling  
All over town  
There's so much joy  
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bigger and better  
Each year  
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Have no fear  
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It's finally here.  
Happy St. Patrick's Day!

## Long Ago...



Early 1960's-The South Amboy Auxiliary Police also known as South Amboy Police Reserves are pictured standing on the steps of the old City Hall on John St., which was near the former Hoffman High School. Many of the officers are unidentified? question marks, so if anyone could tell us who they are, we will mention them in the March issue. Pictured top row (l-r) ?, Joe Lotkowitz (The SA Times ace photographer), William "Jimmy" Gray, ?, Roy Dragotta. Bottom row (l-r) Ray Parrish, South Amboy Police Chief Ed O'Leary, ?, Jim Hanaway, Mayor J. Peter Rush, John Boychuk.

## LETTERS

### Letter to the Editor;

The South Amboy-Sayreville Times newspaper has featured many articles relative to the McKeon and O'Brien brothers, of which we are very appreciative, however, a real star is John "Flip" Phillips. John "Flip" Phillips was a star basketball player for St. Mary's Grammar/High School, who went on to serve his country proudly with the US Marines, who helped develop his character/pride and workmanship for E. I. DuPont. He elevated himself from the depths of the janitors broom to one of E. I. DuPont's top-ranking employees, a true case of personal achievement. For a young boy from below the tracks, to obtain the position that carried "Flip" from South Amboy, NJ. to the far lands of Europe, and beyond is a credit to himself, his parents, and the Good Sisters of Mercy. Flip may not have been a Major League player or college basketball star, but in my mind John "Flip" Phillips is bigger than any person of athletic fame.

### Bill "Biff" McKeon

(Formerly of South Amboy/Sayreville) Indiana

### Dear SA Times,

Cool...new game! The "What Is It?" picture in your 18 Jan 2020 edition is a drive-in movie theater speaker.

### Don Zrebiec



### Tom & Brian:

The featured car is the 1964 GTO. The brainchild of John DeLorean, it was a Pontiac Tempest with a huge 389 cu. in. engine. Initially, Pontiac wanted to limit production to only 5000 models.

### Jan Williams



### Greetings,

The 1/18/20 edition is a 1964 Pontiac LeMans convertible with the \$295 GTO option added on. The GTO didn't become it's own model until 1966.

### Bill Parsons

South Amboy  
1967 Pontiac GTO



## South Amboy Businesses-1985-35 Years Ago

Nebus Plumbing; Olde Towne Deli & Liquors; Sheehan Consulting Group; The Gundrum Service; Kurzawa Funeral Home; Ogan's Tavern; Mason-Wilson Funeral Home; Diesel Plus; Mingles; Haber & McGowan Attorneys At Law; Foodtown; Reiner's Hardware; Madura Pharmacy; Peterson's Pharmacy; Classic Hand Car Wash; Triple "R" Janitorial Services, Inc.; John Massing Exxon Service; City Lights; Monaghan House; Thomas E. Downs,

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\*Note: This is not a complete list. The business names were taken from an old program furnished by an SA Times reader.

## New Name Game Is Well-Received

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton

Last month we retired "Where in NJ?" (for now), and were not sure how that would be received. We started the new What is it? game and received over 60 correct answers with most commenting how they missed the good old days going to a drive in movie. I remember going to Amboy Drive In and playing on the swings before the movie started, some of our readers pointed out that at one time the cost was \$3.00 a car load!

Those were the days that the Oldsmobile Vista Cruiser loaded up the family and went to see a movie and they also brought their own snacks too. Today a movie and snack for two people can be well over \$30.00. A quick google search (Drive in movie theatres still operating in New Jersey) revealed one result. Delsea Drive-In Theatre located in Vineland NJ.

## Nardone Retires From Music

By Tom Burkard

Dennis Nardone, one of the greatest drummers to ever come out of the South Amboy-Sayreville area has decided to put his drumsticks down for the last time after 40 outstanding years as a professional drummer. In an exclusive interview, he said, "The time has come. I handed in my union card and thanked everyone."

He has performed with some of the biggest names in the swing music genre throughout his incredible career, including the Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra, Warren Covington, Larry Elgart, Sammy Kaye, The Guy Lombardo Orchestra, Helen O'Connell, Bob Eberly, Gordon McCrae. Teresa Brewer, who had many Top 40 hits, toured Europe, and Dennis was her drummer. He said, "She was the best! We played in Romania, backing her."

Nardone graduated from St. Mary's HS in '69, where he was co-captain of the baseball team, and an All-State Parochial Group 1st team third baseman, and also 1st team All-County baseball player. He once had a tryout with the Montreal Expos Major League Baseball team, but his true calling was always in the music field, and he certainly did succeed! Dennis has a degree in Elementary Education from the College of New Jersey (formerly Trenton State), and a Masters degree in Liberal Arts from Kean University.

His first music teacher was Jack Spencer at Sayrewoods Music Center, and others through the years were Joe Morello, Charles Tappan, Tony Di Nicola at the College of New Jersey, and "Condit Atkinson, who was my music teacher and mentor at Middlesex County College. Through him, my music career began." Dennis also played with local renowned musicians Brian O'Connor and Roger Johnson, and was a member of Musicians Union 802, New York.

How many people can say that they played at a birthday party for the legendary Elton John? Well, Dennis did, for John's 40th birthday party at the Hotel Pierre in New York City. Nardone was playing with Larry

Elgart, and they secured the prestigious gig with the famous singer. "Elton John was a nice guy," according to Dennis.

The drummer extraordinaire really enjoyed playing shows at "Plays In The Park." "It was a big moment for me. I could finally read charts. Playing the score of "West Side Story" with the orchestra was probably my most uplifting moment as a player."

Dennis' final live performance was with Sandy Sasso's Swingin' Band at Spring Lake Park in Piscataway. He reflected on his amazing career saying, "I'll miss the moments when everything comes together, and when the band is really swinging. It does happen occasionally. You're searching for the moment. I'll also miss the camaraderie and jokes on our breaks."

He is still teaching fourth grade students in Hillside, N.J.

Our congratulations and best wishes go out to Dennis Nardone on your highly-successful career in music. Very few people from the South Amboy-Sayreville area have made a living in the music field, but you have, and did it extremely well! Best wishes always, Dennis!



Dennis Nardone

## SA Times Submission Policy

The SA Times is only too happy to help local, South Amboy/Sayreville nonprofit organizations, such as churches, schools, emergency services, etc., by publicizing their upcoming events. We will gladly print your releases only if they are e-mailed to: satimes@aol.com in Microsoft Word unformatted. There is no charge for these Press/News releases, but if you want to run it for more than one month, you must submit it again by the deadline of the next paper. Note: We will no longer write your press releases for you from flyers of your event, so please write the release and e-mail it to us. One short paragraph should be enough to describe your event or fundraiser. We are glad to be of service to the community, as we have been for over 28 years. Thank you.

## WHAT IS IT?????

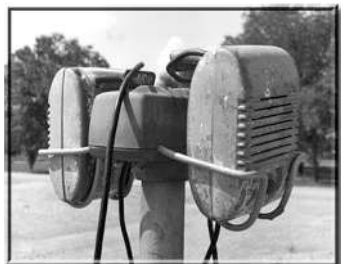


What is it? Does this item look familiar to you? Did you have one in your home? It was a great place to communicate with people. Send your answers to satimes@aol.com by March 16th.

## WHAT IS IT? Winners

Winners for January: Drive in movie speakers Chuck Pickard, Sarah Van Clef, Sheila Knudsen, Lee Szatkowski, Pat & Bill Scully, Jack Piskorski, Keith Piskorski & Lorraine Krauss, Dennis Quinlan, Helen Lacko, Gerard Giesler, John Gelsinon, Debbie Turner, JoAnn & John French, Marlene Letwenski, Richard Sas, Sharon Frank, Marybeth Chodkiewicz, Eileen Truchan, Valarie Beshada, Joanne Niestempski, Mary Agnes Morris, Sue Dooling, Chelle Martin, Christa Renee Fordham, Jay & Barbara McKeon, Stephen Laskiewicz, Vincent Farina, Peggy and Steve Yuhas, Don Zrebiec, George F. Kern III, Pete McIntyre, Joseph L. Desmond, Maryanne Matarangolo, Laurie & Gary Loftus, Charles Nonnemacher, Elizabeth Leveille, David

Krempecki, Adele O'Hara, Joe Tortora, T. Midura, Bruce Grankowski, Anthony Carlo, Bob Cherny, Marie English, Ed English, Paul Sohayda, Leslie Boshko Derwinis, Mark Moniello, John "Abe" Tremel, Lynn Loy, Dawn Leonard Micena, Ken Hayes, Gary Feret, Dane Colburn, Jackie Rooney, Lynn & Steve Villig, T.J. Albanese, Ron Twardos.



Drive in movie speakers

## The Vintage Car Contest



Can you identify this iconic car? Send your answers to satimes@aol.com by March 16th.

## Vintage Car Winners for January

Last month's Vintage Car was a 1964 Pontiac Lemans with the GTO package.

Those who correctly identified the car were: Linda Flannery, Bill Parsons, Stephen Laskiewicz, Jim & Joe Severino, Steve

Yuhas, Jan Williams, Dave Krempecki, Dane Colburn, Stephen Szczecina, Eleanore Westerholm, Marie English & Ed English, Jack & Keith Piskorski & Lorraine Krauss, Steve Villig, T.J. Albanese.



January Vintage Car - 1964 Pontiac Lemans GTO Package

**WWW.?**



This business is/was located in either South Amboy or Sayreville. Can you identify it? Send your answer in to: satimes@aol.com by March 16th. Good luck! (Photo by Tom Burkard)

**WWW.? Winners For January**

Winners for January who correctly identified the current Sciortino's Harbor Lights, and also previous business names at the same location, including Fatso Fogerty's, Harbor Lights, Tutty Tease, Brennan's? Cloverleaf English's Pub, The Yard Arm: Chuck Pickard, Lee Szatkowski, Don Zrebiec, Pat & Bill Scully, Jack Piskorski, Keith Piskorski & Lorraine Krauss, Dennis Quinlan, John Gelsinon, Judy Guilfoyle, Leon Credico, Gerry Sherry, Laurie & Gary Loftus, Joan Fulham, Mary Agnes Morris, Marie English, Ed English, Chelle Martin, Stephen Laskiewicz, Vincent Farina, Joan Gorczyca, Peggy and Steve Yuhas, George F. Kern III, Maryanne Matarangolo, Pete McIntyre, Elizabeth Leveille, Eleanore Westerholm, David Krempecki, Bob Cherny, Dennis & Kathy OLeary, Marlene Letwenski, Paul Sohayda, Lynn Loy, Gary Feret, Dane Colburn, Lisa Grankowski, Adele O'Hara.



January-WWW.? Sciortino's Harbor Lights

**Final Tally: 21 WWW.? Champions**

How did we miss 6 of the most avid SA Times readers and WWW.? contestants? Well, we did, and are happy to congratulate Joan Fulham, who captured her 4th championship and said, "I enjoy the whole newspaper, and look forward to each issue coming out every month." Congrats also go out to Joan Gorczyca, Lisa Grankowski, Dane Colburn, and Ed & Marie English who correctly identified 12-out-of-12 in our Mystery Photo contest each month for 2019. Lisa Grankowski also won her 4th title, while Joan Gorczyca, Dane Colburn, and Ed & Marie English all captured their first titles, bringing the total to 21 champions for 2019. Once again, congratulations to all 21 co-champions on an incredible 2019!

Note: Gary Feret answered 11 out of 12 correctly for 2019.

**D.B. Kelly Pipes & Drums Annual Pub Night Fundraiser**  
(Photos courtesy of Bob Paulukiewicz)



George Fuller of the D.B. Kelly Pipes & Drums thanks all the veterans in attendance.



A capacity crowd turned out for this big event.



The bagpipers were great as usual, and put everyone in the Irish spirit with their excellent selection of songs.



Everyone regardless of age had a wonderful night at the AOH Hall.

**Local Past Businesses-Part 4**

(Photos by Tom Burkard taken in 2004)



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### OLV School

(Photos/Info Submitted)

#### Historical Society Presentation

Our Lady of Victories students had an opportunity to learn about the indigenous New Jersey Lenape Indians. The Sayreville Historical Society hosted a presentation about the different survival methods and practices of the Lenape Indians. The informative presentation highlighted the everyday lives of the Lenape Tribe with descriptions on how the Tribe hunted, fished, cooked and dressed. The presentation also discussed housing, child rearing and even hair and makeup practices.



#### 6th Grade Bake Sale - Tree Keepers

So proud of all the hard work and dedication shown by the 6th grade class in raising money for Pope Francis' Green Initiative. These students have worked diligently in fundraising/raising money to plant a tree at Kennedy Park. We have not only hit our goal but have surpassed it, raising \$409.74. The students needed \$250 for the tree but also wanted to raise funds for a plaque to go with it. In addition, any left over money will be donated to teamtrees.org (for every dollar received they will plant a tree). Thank you to everyone who helped and contributed to this worthy cause.



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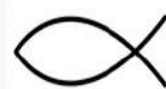


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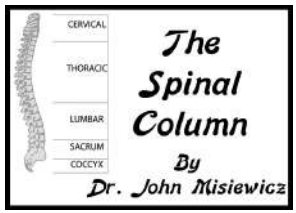
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Dark chocolate seems to lower blood pressure, but it requires an amount less than 2 Hershey Kisses to do it. A small study from Germany adds to mounting evidence linking dark chocolate with certain health benefits such as lowering blood pressure and having an anti-inflammatory effect.

A study appeared in the Journal of the American Medical Association by Dr. Dick Taubert of the University of Cologne. It demonstrated that blood pressure reductions with dark chocolate were small but still substantial enough to potentially reduce cardiovascular disease risks.

Volunteers for the study ate just over 6 grams of dark chocolate daily for almost 5 months. It equaled about 1 & 1/2 Hershey Kisses. People who ate that amount ended up with lower blood pressure reading than those who ate a similar amount of white chocolate. Tests suggested that a steady exposure to dark chocolate prompted a chemical change that helped dilate blood vessels and regulate blood pressure. Cocoa contains flavanols, plant based compounds that are also credited with giving red wine its heart healthy benefits.

Dr. Laura Sevetkey director of Duke University Hypertension center stresses that the study results should not be viewed as a license to gorge on chocolate. The weight gain from eating large amounts of dark chocolate would counteract any benefits.

As always an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. The combination of losing weight, eating less salt, exercising, and eating dark chocolate provides strategies to lower your blood pressure.



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By Al Gomolka Jr.  
Times Poet Laureate  
c. 1994

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bored or lonely  
We beckon for a brighter, better day  
Rest or fun and peace come none to soon  
It seems on a Sunday afternoon  
To the bakery  
for jelly buns and rolls  
After church and Sunday papers  
Set the stage With loved ones  
Or alone and anything goes  
A day to release from the week's cage  
Rest or fun and peace come none to soon  
It seems on a Sunday afternoon  
A stroll thru the park or a country car ride to the beach,  
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brunch along the way  
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Rest or fun and peace come none to soon  
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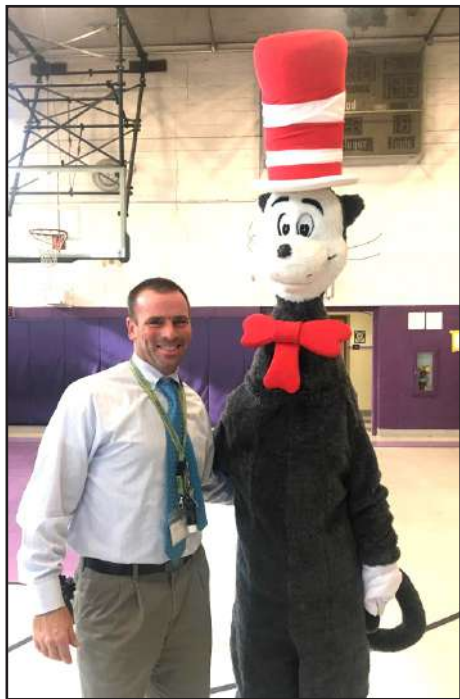

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### The Cat In The Hat Visits South Amboy Elementary School



The South Amboy Education Association provided a Cat in the Hat assembly for Pre-K and Kindergarten students. A fun time was had by all, including Principal Sean Dunphy (Photo/Info Submitted)

### Moving Day

(Photos/story by Joe Lotkowitz)



The Historical Society of South Amboy had a "moving day" to its new meeting quarters on North Broadway across from City Hall. Members who were on hand to help are (l-r) Mayor Fred Henry, Jerry Smith, and Vice-President George Fuller.



Jim Cleary (r) and George Francy (l) members of the Historical Society of South Amboy are hard at work getting the new meeting quarters ready.

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**Fishing Flashes**

By Teo "Weebles" Weber



**Salt Water**

The Bay at this time is closed to Striped Bass fishing. I did see some people one night in Keansburg trying their luck anyway. They didn't catch anything but the warm weather spell in January brought some people out. When Striped Bass season opens on March 1st, I don't expect any kind of Bonanza. The new regulation is one fish from 28 inches to 38 inches. This Striped Bass Regulation is now the law as is the new Bluefish law, 3 fish from shore and 5 fish on a party boat. No season opening date yet for Stripers, but it may be in the works. Regulation arguments that affect keeping big fish over 38 inches are that they are the spawners and the stock is presently overfished. The State does have some leeway to set their own regulations with the 3 options allowed. I haven't heard any more about the ocean fishing for Stripers at Island Beach or LBI. The party boats that do currently sail are catching, Blackfish, Ling and a few Cod on offshore wrecks. Some of the Cod are big. This fishing, overall, is turning out to be a good pick. Take your chance and "go fishing" if you want to get out of the house.

**Fresh Water**

Ice fishing is nonexistent due to the unusual warm winter weather. My wife and I tried the lower Pequest during the warm spell in mid January for a few hours. We didn't even get a bite let alone catch anything. Holdover Trout are still available-you just have to find them. Landlocked Salmon are still out there in the bodies of water that have them.



**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.

**The Miraculous Prayer**

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### OLV Seniors March Meeting

The OLV Seniors will hold their March meeting on Friday, March 6 at 1:00 PM in Monsignor Dalton Hall. After the business portion of the meeting, we will have sandwiches and dessert. Choice of sandwiches are: tuna salad, shrimp parm, eggplant parm or fried flounder. All sandwich orders must be in to Mary Bouchard 732-727-5056 by February 28th. No orders will be taken after that date. Finger Lakes Trip payment is due in March. Initial deposit of \$50 is due for the Lancaster trip. Please remember to bring non-perishable food for the St Vincent de Paul Society pantry.

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

### Vendors Needed

Vendors are needed for the annual Flea Market at the First Presbyterian Church of Sayreville. Flea Market will be held on June 6, 2020. The time is 8am to 2pm, located at 172 Main Street, Sayreville-directly across from the Borough Hall. Spaces are available for \$15.00 for one space, \$25.00 for two. There are a limited number of tables to rent for an additional \$5.00. No food vendors please. For information please leave a message on the church answering machine at 732-257-6353 or e-mail us at churchoffice172@optimum.net.

### Fish and Chicken Fry

The First Presbyterian Church of Sayreville will be having a Fish and Chicken Fry on Friday, March 13, 2020. Tickets are \$15.00 in advance and there are limited tickets available at the door. Chicken is available by advance order only. Take-outs will begin at 5:00 and dining room seating will be from 5:30-6:45pm.

For tickets please call 732-257-6353 or e-mail us at churchoffice172@optimum.net.

#### Saint Gerard

O good St Gerard, powerful intercessor before God and wonder worker of our day, confidently I call upon you and seek your aid. On Earth you always fulfilled God's designs, help me now to do the holy will of God. Amen. K.S..



## Presidential Trivia Special

By Tom Burkard



1. President Lyndon B. Johnson enjoyed this soda so much, he had a tap installed at the White House?

a. Coca Cola b. Fresca c. Seven Up

2. He was not the tallest president?

a. Abraham Lincoln b. Lyndon B. Johnson c. Donald Trump

3. Which president was not assassinated?

a. Franklin D. Roosevelt b. James Garfield c. William McKinley

4. He was the heaviest president?

a. Franklin Pierce b. William Taft c. Thomas Jefferson

5. This president was not left-handed?

a. Bill Clinton b. Gerald Ford c. John F. Kennedy

6. Which president did not attend college?

a. Theodore Roosevelt b. Dwight D. Eisenhower c. Harry S. Truman

7. The last president to survive an assassination attempt?

a. Gerald Ford b. Ronald Reagan c. George W. Bush

8. Who was the oldest-elected president inaugurated?

a. Woodrow Wilson b. Ronald Reagan c. Donald Trump

9. Who was the youngest president elected?

a. John F. Kennedy b. John Q. Adams c. Theodore Roosevelt

10. Who was the shortest president?

a. Richard Nixon b. Jimmy Carter c. James Madison



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

### What is Chronic Pain?

On Thursday, March 26 at 10:30AM, the Sayreville Public Library will host Veronica Zappi, PT, DPT, OCS, part of the team at RWJ Outpatient Physical Therapy in a discussion on how to manage chronic pain. This event is free and open to the public, sponsored by RWJBarnabas Health. Registration at sayrevillelibrary.org or 732-727-0212 x112 is suggested. 1050 Washington Rd., Parlin, 08859.

### Sayreville VFW Auxiliary Benefit Dance March 28th

Sayreville VFW Post Auxiliary President, Carmen Delikat has announced Saturday March 28, 2020, as the date for the Auxiliary's 5th Annual "Support the Troops," Classic Rock/Oldies Night Dinner Dance. Doors will open at 6pm, with open bar and buffet dinner. Tickets are \$50 per person, and you can contact Carmen @ 732-

254-9425. Live music from the 50's thru the 80's, provided by Central Jerseys' Top Classic Rock Band, "Clem and Friends," featuring the best musicians in the area. Please, put the date on your calendars, tell your family and friends, and c'mon out and support our Troops, and enjoy the music and friends.



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**Palm Crosses For Sale**

Sacred Heart Rosary Society will be selling Palm Crosses on the weekends of March 21-22nd and 28-29th in front of Memorial Hall across from Sacred Heart Church, 531 Washington Ave., South Amboy, before and after all Masses. The price is \$8 for one and \$15 for two.

**Lenten Fish Fry**

OLV Knights of Columbus Columbiette's Lenten Fish Fry in the Victorian Hall 775 Washington Rd. Parlin. Flounder Platters (Baked/Fried), Shrimp Combo Platters, Salad Bar, Children's Dinners, Desserts, Coffee & Tea. 4:30 - 7:00 p.m. Dates: 2/26, 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27, 4/3, & 4/10. Take Out available, 732-257-2061.

**OLV Senior Trip to Lancaster**

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to Lancaster from October 28 - 30, 2020. The price is \$590 which includes: hotel accommodations at the Eden Rock Resorts and Suites, all meals while in Lancaster, show at Dutch Apple Theater and dinner, Mount Hope Estate show, wine tasting, and dinner, Amish experiences, and lots more, bus transportation, bus driver gratuity and snacks. For further information or to reserve a seat, contact Teri Yetsko at 732-727-7639

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.

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

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

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**Middlesex CC Earns Military Friendly School Designation**

Middlesex County College has earned the 2020-2021 Military Friendly School label. This is the 8th year MCC has achieved this designation.

Institutions earning the Military Friendly School designation were evaluated using both public data sources and responses from a proprietary survey. More than 1,000 schools participated in the 2020-2021 survey with 695 earning the distinction.

The 2020-2021 list will be published in the May issue of G.I. Jobs magazine and can be found at www.militaryfriendly.com.

"Our ability to apply a clear, consistent standard to colleges creates a competitive atmosphere that encourages colleges to invest in programs that provide educational outcomes that are better for the military community as a whole," said Josh Rosen, Military Friendly's national director.

Methodology, criteria and weightings were developed with input from the Military Friendly Advisory Council of independent leaders in the higher education and military recruitment community. Final ratings were determined by combining the institution's survey scores with the assessment of the institution's ability to meet thresholds for student retention, graduation, job placement, loan repayment, persistence (degree advancement or transfer) and loan default rates for all students and, specifically, for student veterans.


"This designation is impressive because it shows the dedication that the faculty and staff have toward our military-affiliated students," said Michael Barany, coordinator of Veterans Services at MCC.

**OLV Senior Trip to Hunterdon Hills**

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to Hunterdon Hills to see Paul Simon's play, They're Playing Our Song. The trip is on Saturday evening, August 15th. The price of the trip is \$110 which includes the play, meal, bus transportation, bus gratuity and snacks on the bus. For further information or to reserve a seat, please contact Carmen at 732-254-9425.




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**In Memoriam**

Andrew McGinn, 66, formerly of Sayreville died on Dec. 21. A '70 graduate of St. Mary's HS, he was a Regional Sales Manager for Entenmann's, Lakewood for 36 years prior to retiring in 2015. Andrew was also past President of Holbrook Little League, and in addition, President of TKE Fraternity at Belmont Abbey College. Jeanne Rogers, 63, formerly of South Amboy died on Jan. 4. She was a St. Mary's HS graduate, and also an avid SATimes reader through the years. James Galebides, 53, of Sayreville died on Jan. 13. He was a custodian for the Borough of Sayreville BOE for 25 years. Christopher "Stretch" Szatkowski, 57, of South Amboy died on Jan. 17. He was a great guy, who will be sadly missed by everyone. Henry Wantuch, 97, of Sayreville died on Jan. 19. He retired as a foreman for E.I. DuPont Photo Products, where he worked for 39 years. He was a Sergeant in the Army Air Corps in WW II, and a member of Sayreville American Legion Post #211. Ron Sturgis, 67, of Parlin died on Jan. 20. He was born and raised in South Amboy, and a Mechanicsville "Good Guy." Ron played for Daylight Bakery in the Little Fellas Baseball League and the '66 Mechanicsville Babe Ruth champs as a youngster/teenager. He was an active member of the AOH in South Amboy, and also St. Stephen's Masonic Lodge FAM 63 in South Amboy. Ron was a good friend and will be missed. Sister Louise Gorka, RSM, 87, formerly of Sayreville died on Jan. 21. She was an outstanding Sister of Mercy, always helping the needy in any way she could, and never forgetting her roots in Sayreville, or dear friends from St. Mary's HS, Class of 1950. Gregory Timmons, 70, of Parlin died on Jan. 26. He graduated from St. Mary's Grammar School in '63, and Sayreville War Memorial HS in '67. Greg was an altar boy and later an usher at St. Bernadette's Church. Richard Lockwood III, 69, formerly of Sayreville died on Feb. 5. He was a 4th Degree Knight of Columbus at St. Bernadette's Council # 8478, where he served as treasurer, and was degree team captain for 1st and 2nd degree, and confirming officer for 3rd degree. John "Jack" Brennan, 74, formerly of South Amboy died on Feb. 7. A St. Mary's HS grad Class of '64, Jack had an outstanding career with the New Jersey State Police from 1971, when he graduated Valedictorian through 1998, when he retired as a Sgt. 1st Class. He worked under the Governor's Unit under Brendan Byrne and Tom Kean. Jack also played softball, basketball and touch football in the South Amboy Men's Senior Leagues throughout the 1970's and 1980's. Elsie Stab, 92, of Sayreville died on Feb. 8. She was a bookkeeper for Hess Bros. in Parlin for many years, and a former PTA President.

**JOHN F. BRENNAN**



JOHN F. BRENNAN, #2768 passed away on 7 February 2020. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 17 December 1971 as a member of the 86th Class and retired on 1 October 1998 at the rank of Sergeant First Class. He is survived by his wife of 55 years Margaret Brennan of Freehold; three children Michael, Eileen, and Shawn, and three grandchildren Adeline, Thomas and Natalee.

**Obituaries**

Abbott, Vincent (Abbiatiello), 88, formerly of South Amboy died on Dec. 4.  
 Betzler, Bridget J. Charmello, 87, of Sayreville died on Feb. 12.  
 Billie, Paul, 84, of Parlin died on Jan. 12.  
 Bogdzio, Charles J., 73, formerly of Sayreville died on Jan. 31.  
 Boyd, Joanna Swerdzski, 68, formerly of Sayreville died on Feb. 8.  
 Brennan, John "Jack," 74, formerly of South Amboy died on Feb. 7.  
 Clark, Josephine Skwira, 95, formerly of Sayreville died on Jan. 7.  
 Daggett, Christina K., 32, of Sayreville died on Jan. 21.  
 DeBellis, Arlene Albert, 76, formerly of Sayreville died on Dec. 6.  
 Donato, Janine L. Bloom, 42, formerly of Sayreville died on Jan. 16.  
 Dugan, William E., 79, of the Parlin section of Sayreville died on Feb. 9.  
 Fernandez, William, 63, of Sayreville died on Feb. 8.  
 Galebides, James W., 53, of Sayreville died on Jan. 13.  
 Gorka, Sister Louise R., RSM, 87, formerly of Sayreville died on Jan. 21.  
 Haque, Gloria, 92, of Sayreville died on Jan. 26.  
 Heck, Edwin J., PH.D, 77, of Sayreville died on Jan. 13.  
 Hoffman, Thomas, 65, of Parlin died on Jan. 16.  
 Jackson, Edward, 98, of Parlin died on Jan. 28.  
 Jurkiewicz, Perry, 52, of Sayreville died on Jan. 19.  
 Jurkiewicz, Scott, 54, of Sayreville died on Jan. 14.  
 Kwiatkowski, Claire M., 96, of South Amboy died on Feb. 12.  
 Leathers, Anna M., 90, of South Amboy died on Jan. 31.  
 Lockwood, Richard S. III, 69, of Old Bridge died on Feb. 5.  
 McCarron, George, 73, of South Amboy died on Feb. 16.  
 McCurdy, Margaret "Marge" P., 69, of Sayreville died on Feb. 12.  
 McGinn, Andrew S., 66, formerly of Sayreville died on Dec. 21.  
 Mesinger, Margaret Gorman, 89, formerly of Sayreville died on Feb. 7.  
 Morrissey, Gloria, 92, of Sayreville died on Jan. 26.  
 Nemeth, Carol Adams, 75, formerly of South Amboy died on Jan. 31.  
 Ogorek, Casimir "Cas" E., 89, of Parlin/Sayreville/South Amboy died on Dec. 27.  
 Rogers, Jeanne, 63, formerly of South Amboy died on Jan. 4.  
 Shouldis, Russell M., 75, of Parlin died on Jan. 16.  
 Skarzynski, Bernard F. Sr., 91, formerly of South Amboy died on Feb. 7.  
 Sparno, Joseph J., 92, of Parlin died on Jan. 16.  
 Stab, Elsie, 92, of Sayreville died on Feb. 8.  
 Stolte, Helen A. Samuelson, 93, of South Amboy died on Feb. 17.  
 Sturgis, Ronald, 67, of Parlin died on Jan. 20.  
 Szatkowski, Christopher "Stretch," 57, of South Amboy died on Jan. 17.  
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A PRAYER FOR HEALING  
 Lord, you invited all who are burdened to come to You. Allow your healing hand to heal me. Touch my soul with Your compassion for others. Touch my heart with Your courage and infinite love for all. Touch my mind with Your wisdom, that my mouth may always proclaim Your praise. Teach me to reach out to You in my need. Help me to lead others to You by my example. Most loving heart of Jesus, bring me health in my body and spirit so that I may serve You with all my strength. Touch gently with this life that you have created. Amen -B.S..

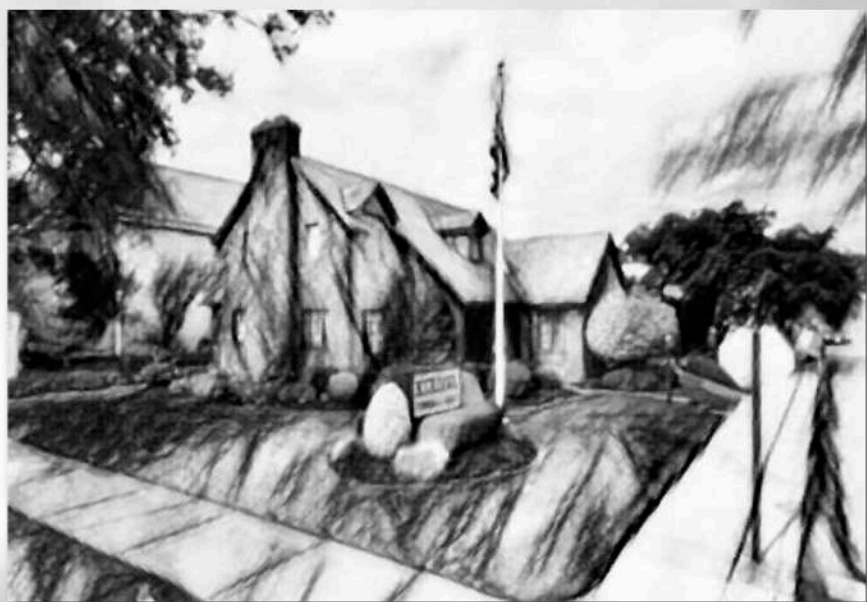
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| 7.Breakeven                 | g.Sinead O'Connor    |
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Answers 1b 2h 3a 4d 5c 6f 7i 8e 9g.



### A History Of St. Patrick's Day Parade Grand Marshal's

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### Annual Grand Marshals Dinner

(Photos by Brian Stratton)



Pictured (l-r) Mayor Fred Henry, Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin, Grand Marshals Tim and Karen Walczak, Councilman Tom Reilly, Councilwoman Suzette Dato and Congressman Frank Pallone.



Council President Mickey Gross (l) poses with Special Honored Guest Karen Robson (r).



Special Honored Guest Mary Szaro (l) with her husband Joe Szaro (r).



Deputy Grand Marshal Larry Parsons (with sash) and his proud family.

