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## Flag Retirement Service-July 9th

American Legion Luke A. Lovely Post #62, South Amboy will hold a Flag Retirement Service on Thursday, July 9th, starting at 6 p.m., at the South Amboy Beach near the Fisherman's parking lot. If anyone has any old, unserviceable flags, please drop them off at the South Amboy Elks, or on the front porch of the American Legion Luke A. Lovely Post #62, South Amboy, which is located on lower David St.

## 30 Attend South Amboy Rally

Approximately 30 people attended a Black Lives Matter rally which was held near the train station across from City Hall. Mayor Fred Henry said that "Everyone was very peaceful, and complimentary to the South Amboy Police Dept." There were five or six police officers on hand if security was needed, and the event went smoothly without incident.



South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry reads a proclamation congratulating The Gundrum Service on their 100th Anniversary of service to the city of South Amboy and surrounding areas. Pictured (l-r) Michael Kurtz, Director, Ryan A. Rone Moran, Director, Hugh Rone, Manager, Mayor Henry, Barbara Rone. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

## Conti Selected For Borough Council

Sayreville Democrat Vincent Conti, 50, was selected to fill the unexpired council term of David McGill, who resigned for health and personal reasons in May. McGill was a unanimous choice to fill Victoria Kilpatrick's unexpired term on the council seat, which runs through Dec. 31, 2020, when she was sworn in as mayor on Jan. 1st. Conti was a commissioner on the Sayreville Economic and Redevelopment Agency (SERA). He is also treasurer and Director of Sports Operations at Sayreville Athletic Association. The two other candidates considered for the post were Thomas Pollando and Michael D'Addio.

Conti and Council President Mary Novak will run on the Democratic ticket in November for two 3-year terms on the council.

## Sayreville Rally Draws 300

On Saturday, June 6th, a Black Lives Matter rally was held near the Sayreville Borough Municipal building. An estimated 300-plus crowd attended the event, which was organized by three Sayreville War Memorial High School graduates, who said they wanted to "raise awareness about the struggles of African Americans in Sayreville, New Jersey and America as a whole."

The march was peaceful and the participants walked down MacArthur Ave., Main St., and Dolan St. Prior to the march, several dignitaries spoke to the crowd. The speakers were Sayreville Mayor Victoria Kilpatrick, new councilman Vincent Conti, Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin, and Rev. Joseph Oniyama of Calvary Baptist Church in East Orange.

## 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!

## Walsh Chosen One Of Central Jersey's Best

South Amboy High School's Mary Ann Walsh was selected one of the Top 6 graduating seniors in Central Jersey by an independent panel of judges, who said the finalists displayed the best academic performance, the most activities in and outside of school, and a drive to succeed. The group, known as Central Jersey 2020 Academic All-Stars excelled both in and out of the classroom, while striving to make the world a better place.

Mary Ann was truly outstanding, and her long list of school activities included: Student Council member; Winter Track varsity team captain; Spring Track varsity team captain; Cross Country varsity team captain; Cross Country varsity team captain; Spirit Week, Olympian; School Safety Ambassador; Municipal Alliance School, representative; Class of 2020 secretary; Student Council, secretary. Her outside activities: Toys for Tots, volunteer; Saint Vincent DePaul Food Drive, volunteer; Middle School Dance,

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Mary Ann Walsh

## Noise Curfews To Be Enforced In South Amboy/Sayreville

Summertime is here, and it's time for friends, parties and lots of fun. Just keep in mind that the City of South Amboy and Borough of Sayreville Police Departments enforce noise curfews starting at 10 p.m. All residents of both communities are asked to respect the law, and be kind and courteous to your neighbors, who may be elderly and have to sleep, or others who have to get up early for work in the morning, and also need their rest.

Loud partying such as playing music, screaming, yelling or talking loud, indoors or outdoors is prohibited after 10 p.m.



Madura Pharmacy of South Amboy donated Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to the City of South Amboy's First Responders. Pictured (l-r) Fire Chief Bob O'Connor, Mayor Fred Henry, SAPD Sgt. Richard Wojaczyk, Trupti "Tina" Patel, Pharm.D, owner of Madura Pharmacy, Krystal Puntiel, Faria Bonsi, Tim Walczak of the South Amboy First Aid & Safety Squad. (Photo by Tom Burkard)



American Legion Luke A. Lovely Post #62, South Amboy members are pictured at St. Mary Cemetery, prior to placing new flags on the graves of deceased veterans for Memorial Day and Flag Day. Pictured (l-r) David McGill, Frank Campbell, Commander Bob "Zak" Sekerak, Joe Lotkowitz, Tom Noble, Phyllis Letteriello, Bill Gerrish. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

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## Engagement



It is with great pride that Mr. and Mrs. Armando Mendoza of Sayreville and Mr. and Mrs. Hal Levine of Old Bridge announce the upcoming wedding of their children, Benjamin Patrick Mendoza and Samanta Jo Levine, who said "yes!" on Thursday, January 3, 2019. Ben and Samantha will become husband and wife on March 27, 2021. Congratulations!

## Talk Of The Towns

By Tom Burkard

**Ziobron Aids Baby Delivery**  
Former Sayreville War Memorial HS standout basketball player Marcin Ziobron, now a NJ State Trooper, recently assisted with two other Troopers in the delivery of a baby girl, in the cab of a tractor-trailer at Interchange 8A on the New Jersey Turnpike. Congratulations to the Troopers on a job well-done!

**Local Woman Writes Inspirational Book**  
Anna Marie Saccone of Sayreville recently wrote an inspirational book, "Take A Bike Ride To Affinity-Enjoy Life, Enjoy The Ride." The author, who was an Assistant Librarian at Sayreville Public Library for 8 years, prior to retiring, said that her "Book is

uplifting and especially helpful during these trying times." You can purchase your copy by going online at Amazon.net.

**Couple Celebrates 61st Anniversary**  
Bill and Pat Scully of the Melrose section of Sayreville will celebrate their 61st Wedding Anniversary on June 27th. Congratulations Bill and Pat, and may God Bless you always!

**Happy 80th Birthday Wishes**  
Bill Scully also had a big 80th birthday celebration on June 23rd. Happy Birthday Bill!

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## Pleasant little TRIVIA

By Tom Burkard

- St. Mary's HS senior play in 1995?  
a. Bye Bye Birdie b. The Sound Of Music c. Man Of La Mancha
- St. Bernadette Church pastor from 2003 to present?  
a. Fr. Andrew Szaroleta b. Fr. L. Eugene Schellberg c. Fr. James W. Hagerman
- What year was St. Stanislaus Kostka new school dedicated?  
A. 1953 b. 1964 c. 1970
- Sacred Heart School's Mom & Dad's Club was organized in '59. Who was the first President?  
a. Charles Lewandowski b. Daniel Lewis c. Stanley Kapica
- South Amboy Fire Chief in 1997?  
a. Larry McMahon b. Phil English c. Larry Martin
- Where was Peterson Pharmacy located in '97?  
a. North Broadway, South Amboy b. Main St., Sayreville c. South Broadway, South Amboy
- Who was Mayor of Sayreville in 1997?  
a. Kennedy O'Brien b. James Zagata c. John McCormack
- President of the South Amboy Historical Society in '75?  
a. Anna Harris-Friberg b. Alice Kupper-Orrriols c. William Marshall
- President of Sayreville VFW Post #4699 Women's Auxiliary in 2003?  
a. Val Olszewski b. Susan S. Smith c. Mary Fuentes
- Grand Marshal for the Sayreville Memorial Day Parade in 2010?  
a. Ed Strek b. Joe Castellano c. Adam Rosinski

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

### Congratulations!



South Amboy HS Valedictorian Nashari Payano (l) and Salutatorian Emma Schaefer pose at the podium after giving their speeches, which were recorded to be shown at the school's Drive-In Graduation ceremony. (Photo courtesy of South Amboy HS)

### SWMHS Class of 1960 Reunion

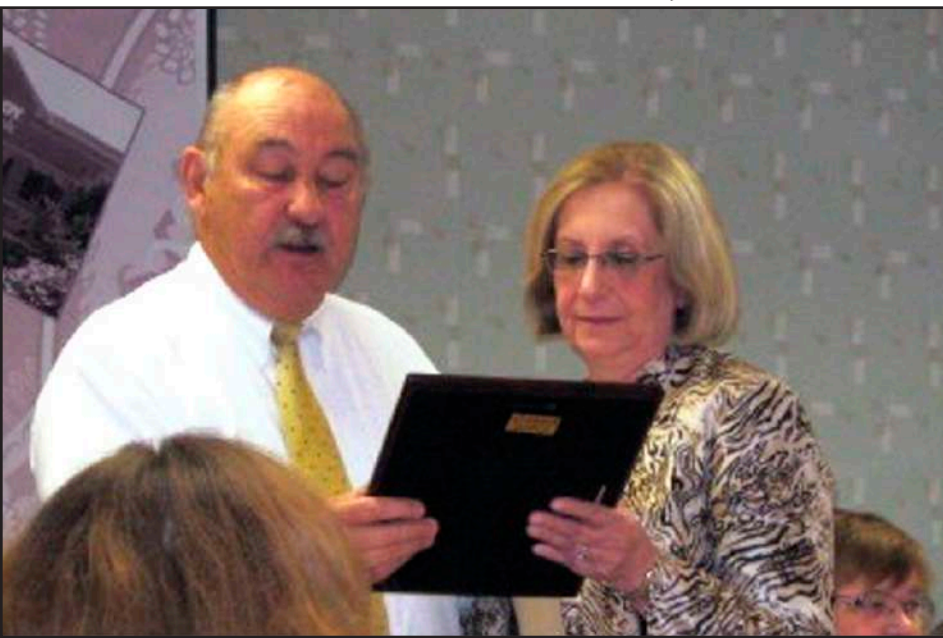
The class of 1960 will hold its 60th reunion on September 12, 2020, Please call Suzanne (Conover) Selover at 732-690-6703 or Rita (Novotny) Bates at 239-919-6950 for more information.



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### Amboy Bank Celebrates Peggy Ann Dembowski's 60th Anniversary with Bank



Ten years ago, George Scharpf, former Amboy Bank President and CEO, presents Peggy Ann Dembowski, Senior Vice President, with a plaque declaring June 10, 2010 "Peggy Ann Dembowski Day" in honor of her 50 years of service at the bank.

Peggy Ann Dembowski, Senior Vice President, Cashier and Trust Officer, has celebrated her 60th Anniversary at Amboy Bank.

Peggy, a resident of Sayreville, joined the bank in June 1960 in the Accounting department and has continued to assume increased responsibilities over the years, culminating in being approved as a Senior Vice President of the Bank by the Board of Directors. "Peggy Dembowski has been invaluable to Amboy Bank during her remarkable career. She has always been willing to fill a need, lead by example, and represent what Amboy is for generations of clients and associates," said Greg Scharpf, Amboy Bank President and CEO. "Peggy has been, and continues to be, a dedicated

employee and a friend and mentor to so many at Amboy."

A graduate of St. Mary's High School in South Amboy, she holds an Associate's degree in Accounting from Marywood College and holds certifications in many Banking areas.

Ten years ago, the Amboy Bank Board of Directors adopted June 10th as "Peggy Ann Dembowski Day" in honor of her 50th anniversary with Amboy. Ten years later, the Bank is just as proud.

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### Walsh Chosen - continued from page 1

chaperone.

She has received many awards and achievements during her high school career including: National Honor Society, member; National Art Honor Society, member; Junior National Honor Society, member; American Legion N.J. girls state delegate (2019); Middlesex County Unsung Hero Award (2019); Winter Track, school record holder in 1,600m and 3,200m; Spring Track, school record holder in 1,600m, 3,200m, and 5,000m; Cross Country, All-Division, school

record holder.

South Amboy High School counselor, Jared Gonsalves, who nominated Mary Ann said, "Mary Walsh is a true leader in every aspect of her life in and out of the school environment. Her strong work ethic, character, and great personality will serve her well."

Congratulations, best wishes and continued success always to Mary Ann Walsh from The SA Times!

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## Yearbook-Sayreville 1980

By Tom Burkard

In September 1979, when the Sayreville War Memorial High School Class of 1980 returned for its final fling, "My Sharona" ruled the airwaves. . . At the time, no one had any clue on how successful and famous, two of the graduates would become. '80 graduate, Jon Bon Jovi, has been a worldwide rock 'n' roll superstar and actor for over 30 years. His success in the music industry has been phenomenal. John S. Wisniewski, one of the most prominent politicians in the state of New Jersey also graduated in '80. He has accomplished countless, wonderful projects, always fighting for the people of New Jersey's best interests, as a longtime State Assemblyman. . . Some of the faculty was comprised of: Loretta Lamprecht, Susan Mills, Darlene Schwenk, Kevin Corrigan, Elyse Gelsinon, Elizabeth Helwig, Robert Szabo, Richard Tewell, Donald Schmeier, . . . Activities were abundant, such as the popular "Anything Goes," the Fall Drama "After Magritte," and "The Real Inspector Hound." "LaTuna" performed Spanish folk music on Columbus Day. . . The first Olympics of the Mind team was started. . . On Oct. 25, 1979, the Sayreville Marching Band played for President Jimmy Carter at New Brunswick. . . The 13th Olympiad was celebrated when a 52-year old man from Georgia carried the Olympic flame to Sayreville. . . Do you remember the Christmas Festival and the rock band, "Schmeg?" How about the Acappella Chorus? 3 members, George Bell, Kathy Diaczyszyn, and Pat Grau were selected to All-State chorus. . . Don Ferenci was editor of the school newspaper. . . Anthony Matagrano was president of the Chess Club. . . Veronica Spolowitz was Homecoming Queen. . . Carol Durrua was captain of the Twirlers. . . Sandra Check and John Lynch were managing editors of the yearbook. . .

Some of the Class of '80 selected randomly included: Audrey Allman, Elaine Bolk, Kevin Cahill, Cynthia Connors, Kelly Conover, Jerry Covell, Jim Coyle, Joan Crummy, Kimberly Deatherage, Cheryl DeLucia, Lisa Downes, Jim Dolan, Dawn Fallon, Lisa Falls, Scott Formica, Sue Firestine, Ricky Garbowski, Lisa Hammer, Dorothea Hurley, (Bon Jovi's high school sweetheart, whom he married), Jeff Jedrusiak, Douglas Jolly, Jeffrey Juliano, Dave Karlowitz, George Karlowitz, Bob Keating, James Kenny, Christine Krieger, Judy Krzyzkowski, Larry Lenahan, Raymond Lockwood, Kitty Lynch, Dawn Lytkowski, Mike McKeon, Stephen Malik, Madeline Malkiewicz, Sandy Megill, Paul Merski, Donna Miara, Kevin Moran, Linda Nagle, Ron Nash, Kevin O'Connell, Ed Paczkowski, Jeanne Pavlik, Scott Pearson, Craig Peterson, Denise Poignant, Ann Pytel, Betty Rathbun, Bob Seminaro, Mark Simko, Tracy Skarzynski, Linda Stary, Joel Stolte, Brian Jeeter, Tourai Tehrani, Michael Tischler, Lisa Toth, Jeffrey Turback, Mary Ann Venus, Jeff Volosin, Anthony Wiemer, Kathleen Walsh, Sandra Wille, Jean Ziola, Dawn Zollinger. Sayreville's Class of '80 featured many fine athletes including: Glen Guido, Dave Sutton, Nancy Burbank, Frank Devine, James Hauser, Linda Almeida, Mary Ellen D'Angelo, Bill & Ray Lockwood, Caralyn Donnataria, Sue Klein, Denise Kowalewski, Dale Buchberger, Kevin Shanley, Donna Gaasbeck, Rich Plewa, Scott Kominkiewicz, Pat Ryan, Jim Cassidy, Steve Condiracci, Mark Ryan, Cindy Ritter, A.J. Sabine, Ralph Novak. . . Lori Rosenkopf was Valedictorian and Lynn Kowzan the Salutatorian. SWMHS Class of '80 was an extremely outstanding, and talented group of teenagers.

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## Great Addition to the Historical Society of South Amboy

By Jerry Pizzillo

Several months back the Historical Society of South Amboy was contacted by Mary Wolfe from Sayreville. Mrs. Wolfe had in her possession an original roll top desk that once stood at the South Amboy Train Station. Mrs. Wolfe explained that she acquired the desk back in the 1960's when the train station was being modernized. Mrs. Wolfe stated that she would like to donate the desk to the Historical Society of South Amboy. She felt that the desk belonged back in South Amboy. Unfortunately, Mrs. Wolfe passed away before we could take possession of the desk.

In January of this year President Mary Szaro contacted the family of Mrs. Wolfe and inquired about the desk. She spoke with Mrs. Wolfe's son Kevin. Kevin explained that he had possession of the desk at his home and was still interested in donating the desk to the Historical Society. After arrangements were made this writer along with Joe Szaro traveled to Ewing Township to meet Kevin

Wolfe and pick up the desk. On a cold clear January day, we went to pick up the desk. After introductions I inquired as to how Kevin's mother had acquired the desk. Kevin had no answer to this question. He advised us that after Mrs. Wolfe had possession of the desk, he used the desk while attending law school and eventually used it at his law office.

So, as you can see this desk has a lot of history, and if it could only tell the story of its journeys. It is a pleasure and a treasure that the desk is back in South Amboy and on display at the Historical Society Gallery on Broadway. The Historical Society of South Amboy would like to extend a heartfelt THANK YOU to the Wolfe Family especially Mary Wolfe for her kind and generous gift to South Amboy and the Historical Society.

PS When things get back to a "New Normal" the historical society is planning a grand Reopening of the Gallery at 141 No. Broadway. Keep reading The SA Times for the future date of the reopening. Stay Safe.

### A PRAYER FOR HEALING

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## Growing up in South Amboy The Way it Was-Summer Afternoons

By John "Flip" Phillips

1955

It's a lazy summer afternoon with nothing to do, while we hung out at Astarita's store on Stevens Avenue. Doing what? Well, we talked about girls, baseball (who is better Willie, Mickey or Duke?), cars, music and whatever anyone wanted to talk and argue about. Many of the world's problems were solved on those "lazy" afternoons. Maybe a little card game up the alley, until the cops broke it up. Out of boredom someone would say: Let's go over to the St Mary's schoolyard and play some steamin-in. Steamin-in? What the h... is that? It's a game that only required a broom handle and a 25-cent Spalding rubber ball. It had to be a Spalding! And we played it on the concrete portion of the schoolyard. With colored chalk we would draw a strike zone on one of the concrete walls, and let the game begin. What made this game enjoyable was that you only needed two to play. If you had more players, they could wait until one guy made an out then in came the next guy. The new player would replace the pitcher, while the pitcher got his turn at bat. Sounds simple doesn't it? There were no innings, we played until we got bored. Then it was back to Astarita's until it was time to head home for supper. After supper we gathered back at Astarita's to talk about: girls, baseball, cars whatever until it was time to go home to watch TV.

Some of my favorite TV shows in 1955 included: Gunsmoke, The Honeymooners, The Milton Berle Show, Dragnet, Sgt. Bilko, Your Hit Parade, The Perry Como Show and The Red Skelton Show, (my favorite!), and of course, there was night baseball on Tuesday and Friday, on Channel 9, we watched the Dodgers, and on Channel 11, the New York Giants and Yankees. Is it my imagination, but wasn't TV better back then? Even though we watched on a 12-inch, B&W TV.

Do you Remember Marco Marcelo? (His photos were in The SA Times last month in the May issue). He lived on Catherine Street, and drove around town in a big car, a Cadillac, I think. He would come running out on the stage during the show in a funny costume and smack Milton in the face

whenever he said "Make Up!" A South Amboy celebrity.

A few hits that year included: Rock Around the Clock, Cherry Pink and Apple Blossom White, Autumn Leaves, Unchained Melody, Sincerely, Earth Angel and Only You. Your Hit Parade singers: Dorothy Collins, Snooky Lanson, Russell Arms and Gisele Mc Kenzie. Sponsor? Lucky Strike. Songs cost only a nickel on the JB. And, every Friday night there was a dance next to the old Police Station. Guys in one corner girls in another, until someone broke the ice and then...???

1956

It's amazing what changes a year makes. Things were not the same the summer of 1956. Some guys got day jobs, so the group thinned out until late afternoon, or early evening. And, instead of "talking" about girls and cars a few had girlfriends and wheels. Me? I had a girlfriend but no wheels. I could only use the family car, a '56 Chevy "occasionally." I did have a job though. I worked as a carhop at the Stewart's Root Beer Stand in Morgan. I liked that job, there was always something happening, especially on date nights, the weekend. And the tips were good. After the stand closed, between 11 and 12 depending on the business flow, and if I could not "bum" a ride home, I would walk and jog from Morgan to South Amboy. Why not hitchhike? There were very few cars on the road at that hour, and I did not mind walking or jogging. (Funny how age changes things, today I can't go from my house to the mailbox without getting tired). Sometimes I would stop at the Raritan Diner for a rest and to see what was "happening." And at that hour there were a few laughs to be had most of the time, especially on the weekends.

Steamin-in? We still played sometimes... but not nearly like the summer of '55. Things really changed from '55 to '56. And they would continue to change from year to year until high school graduation, when most of us went our separate ways. Some to college, some to factory jobs, some joined the Army, Navy or Air Force and me? Well, I became a United States Marine, go figure.

### Bon Appetit, Covid-19 Style

By Elaine Holton Scott

It's quite amazing how history seems to keep repeating itself. All through the millennia there have been pandemics, epidemics and scourges of every variety threatening the lives of people. Even the tiny but voracious locusts had eaten the grain growing in the fields which the ancient Egyptians needed to survive; rats carried the plague decimating the world's population; while bats carry rabies. Now, we have this Coronavirus, or Covid-19 as it's being called, killing people just as the Spanish Flu had done back in 1918 and 1919. Having lost both of my grandmothers along with their newborn babes to that flu, I realize how deadly pandemics really are. How shocking it is to realize that when this virus disappears, the world as we once knew it, will probably never be the same.

Here's our world now: pigs and chickens have been slaughtered because the workers who care for them became ill. Produce of all kinds, ready to be picked, have been plowed under because there aren't enough workers to pick, pack and get the produce to the market. Thousands upon thousands of gallons of fresh milk have been poured on the ground...because the farmers' customers, mainly eateries and our nation's schools, have been closed due to the "no gathering" mandate. Fruit will go sky high in price too, if, that is, there's anyone who will pick, pack, and get it trucked to the supermarkets. With food becoming more and more scarce, it really doesn't hurt to see what people had eaten in the long ago past.

We all have heard how the poor Irish had subsisted on potatoes, and how they starved

when the potatoes rotted in the ground. The "lowly" potato has enough vitamins to keep a person in pretty good shape. Well, maybe we should hurry to begin growing them in our backyards...just bury a few rotten ones, then watch them sprout on their own. Cabbage, the now almost forgotten vegetable, had kept many of our European ancestors alive, especially in the wintertime. Cabbage is filled with Vitamin C, and cheap to buy, well, in pre-Covid-19 times it was. It's also pretty easy to grow. Cabbage is very versatile. You can boil it alone, fry it, shred it for making sauerkraut, add it to soup, make cole slaw or sweet and sour cabbage with it, and even substitute it for a coconut texture in a scratch cake. Yes, I'm serious. Just take a can of drained sauerkraut and run it under running water, then, squeeze out the excess. Keep doing that until the sour taste is gone, and it's ready to chop for adding to the cake batter.

The most basic food ingredient without a doubt is flour made from any kind of grain. Flour has been the key ingredient in keeping bellies full for many thousands of years. Homemade bread, pierogies, noodles, pancakes, griddle cakes, and even dessert cakes and pies using honey as a sweetener, if need be. I think it might be a good idea to have a lot of flour and yeast on hand while growing as many onions, carrots (drained and mashed canned carrots can taste like pumpkin in a pie), cabbage and even potatoes as you can. It's better being prepared than going hungry. Bon Appetit, Covid-19 Style.

**\*Stay Safe...Stay well....and ALWAYS wear your mask and glasses in public\***

#### 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 sees it. Then, in His merciful eyes, it will become your favor, not mine. Amen. (Say this prayer for 3 days, promise publication and your favor will be granted. Never known to fail.) -C.P.

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## The Smoke Column

By Ex-Chief Richard Kosmoski, BA, MS

Throughout the history of the fire service in the United States there have been some historic and notable fires. Some of these fires have changed the way fire departments conduct operations at fire scenes. Many of these fires are used as "learning tools" for fire officers and firefighters. Unfortunately, almost all these historic fires resulted in numerous deaths. Occasionally I will include one of these historic fires in the Smoke Column for information purposes and as a learning tool for the fire service.

Thirty-two years ago, on Friday, July 1, 1988 a fire erupted in the service area of the Hackensack Ford Dealership in Hackensack, NJ. Calls started coming into the dispatch center reporting flames and smoke coming from the roof of the structure. The entire Hackensack Fire Department, 100 firefighters, responded to the fire. The first arriving firefighters observed a heavy smoke condition at the roof area and began an investigation of the source from inside the building. For 20 minutes the suppression effort was concentrated on initial tactics, but little headway was made, and the fire continued to intensify inside the garage. It was at this point that the Incident Commander ordered an evacuation of all firefighters from the interior. There were currently nine firefighters inside. Suddenly and unexpectedly, a 60 foot square section of the building's wood bowstring truss roof collapsed. Four firefighters were able to escape, three others were killed instantly. Two other firefighters attempted to seek refuge in a tool room where they spent the next 13 minutes calling for help. They were found 90 minutes later, deceased.

This fire was significant because it was one of the first devastating fires involving a bowstring truss roof structure in New Jersey with a loss of five firefighters. These types of roofs are common in bowling alleys, supermarkets, car dealerships, and anywhere there is a large open area unimpeded by columns or other roof supports. The original Incident Commander surveyed the roof upon arrival and thought it was a steel truss

roof which would have allowed for more time inside the garage. Unable to see the underside of the roof in the service area due to it being covered up, no one realized that it was a wooden truss constructed roof support system and once it started burning, would pose an early and tragic collapse. This type of truss construction is very strong because of its triangular design and will support the weight of a roof and equipment on it. Fires in this type of construction will burn fiercely and quickly leaving very little time to save a building once the fire gets started. When one truss fails due to fire destroying the triangular supporting web, all the trusses will begin to fail because they are engineered to work together as support structures. What was learned as a result of this tragedy? In most cases when a fire erupts in a truss constructed structure, fire fighters will go to a defensive operation and fight it from the outside. All buildings in the State of New Jersey having wooden truss construction must be identified. This is accomplished by mounting a red diamond shaped emblem/sign on the outside of the structure near the entrance. This red emblem will have either a "R", "F", or a "R/F" imprinted on it. This signifies that the building is constructed with trusses used in the "Roof", "Floor, or used in both the "Roof and Floor". This emblem is a reminder to incoming fire fighters that the structure is truss constructed, will burn rapidly, and is unsafe to enter if the interior is involved in fire. This does not in any way preclude these heroic firefighters from entering the structure to rescue trapped individuals but to serve as a warning to the possible dangers lurking inside.

With the 4th of July just around the corner, please be very careful when using any of the "so-called" legal fireworks that are available in our local stores. The wire from an ignited "Sparkler" can reach temperatures of over 1000 degrees and destroy human skin in an instant, especially the tender skin of a child. Even though they are legal, they are dangerous as soon as ignited and can cause severe injury or even death. BE CAREFUL!

## Zoom Graduates!!!



It's been a challenging school year for many students with online learning during the pandemic. South Amboy Pre-K teacher Ms. Oks and the class parents provided the Pre-K students with shirts and caps for a Zoom Graduation Ceremony as classes finished for the summer! Congratulations on moving on to Kindergarten!





### Graduation 1990



30 Years Ago-The Hoffman H.S. Class of '90 had its senior class picture taken in the gym on George St. Many members of this class went on to make a positive mark on society and the world. (Photo courtesy of Dawn Gorczyca).

### Congratulations Graduates!



The street lights on Broadway in South Amboy were graced with banners celebrating the seniors from the class of 2020. (Photos by Brian Stratton)

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**War Hero**  
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### War Hero

By Bob Olenczak-Olin

Since Memorial Day was last month, I thought I would honor my Uncle Ignatius Olejniczak (name also written Olenczak or Olencak). Many of our extended family does not realize that his mother Veronica, was a gold star mother.

Pictured above is her son, who was nicknamed "Patsy," who enlisted in the Army on October 12, 1915, after he just turned 21. While Europe was engaged in war in July 1914, the United States did not enter the war until April of 1917, after the ship RMS Luisitania was sunk, killing U.S. civilians.

When Patsy went overseas he was attached to the 1st Division Company D of the 28th Infantry Regiment. The 1st Division was the first to enter European soil on June 8, 2017. They repelled an advance by the Germans, which resulted in the turnaround of the war that ended October 12, 1918. The Division was known as the Black Lions of Cantigny.

Patsy was part of the Division that repelled the Germans in 1918 at the battle of Cantigny in the Second Battle of the Marne.

Machine guns in WWI were responsible

for 20% of all casualties. While attacking the Germans, Patsy was killed by a machine gun bullet on July 21, 1918, just as his company was crossing the Paris-Soissons road south of Berzy-le-Sec. France. The war Department did not notify his family until several months after. They had him listed as severely wounded. He was buried on the spot, where he fell, by the regimental burial staff.

Patsy's body was finally returned to the U.S. from France on May 10, 1921, and was given full military honors and buried in his final resting place at Sacred Heart Church Cemetery, Parlin, NJ in the family plot. Patsy earned a Silver Star.

I did not want his sacrifice to go unnoticed on this day.

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Congratulations to this year's graduates of St. Stanislaus Kostka School. Pictured (top row, left to right) Tara Osumanu (Valedictorian), Darshini Ajithkumar (Salutatorian), (middle row) Dennis Barone, Christian Flanagan, Kenneth Laffey, Michael Zappola, (bottom row) Ann-Michelle Afere, Hannah Alisie, Olivia Baczor, Noelle Semeniuk, and Madison Vitucci.



The Home School Association of St. Stan's School surprised our eighth grade students with lawn signs to celebrate their upcoming graduation. (photo credit: Beth Poulsen)



Sophie Helmy, learns about the true meaning of Memorial Day in a distance learning lesson and completes a coloring activity. (photo credit: Margarita Li-Helmy)



Kindergarten student, Olivia Jackowski, holds her decorated mortarboard. (photo credit: Jean Jackowski)



Being unable to crown the Blessed Mother in school, third grade student, Hailey Giambrone has her own May Crowning at home. (photo credit: Renee Giambrone)



Martin Lang, holds a picture of his love for the American Flag. (photo credit: Kerry Lang)



St. Stan's Home School Association ended the school year with a Drive-in Movie Night featuring, High School Musical. (photo credit: Beth Poulsen)



St. Stan's school end of year food drive for Sayreville seniors and those in need. A special thank you to the Sayreville Police Department for all they do. (photo credit: Lisa Grover)



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Caroline Faccone of Sayreville, celebrated her 100th Birthday on May 25, 2020. Her daughter Anna Marie honored her with the following: "A Centenarian"...is what she's called, living 100 years loved...and will be remembered by all! We all gather being gratefully blessed...To share in this memorable occasion, allowing God to the rest, enjoying gathering with family & guest. May our Mom be blessed to live beyond her 100th year, knowing we had this time to love her & share. Our family wishes her good health, God's favor and best.

Love,  
All Her Children, Grandchildren, Great Grandchildren



**Don't Give Up...Keep On Trying**

Story/Photo by Jack Pipas

In this life we all feel like we just need to climb those stairs. We have to keep on climbing until we reach the top but who truly knows how many steps or how many floors it will take until we reach where we want to be. Even in the example of this picture, stairs are designed in different ways, but in this particular picture are steps that anyone would see, just as they would when they go outside. Stairs can be either in an office building or anywhere else but have different designs and a different number of floors. The number of stairs doesn't determine how far you will get in life, you just keep on climbing, and you keep on climbing up those stairs until you are so tired, that you are out of breath. We

must not take a breath. We must inhale and exhale, pause for however long we need, and continue climbing. There may be stairs, where there may be cracks, or the stairs are so high that you trip and fall. When you have fallen, you must not stay on the ground, but continue to climb those stairs because once you reach the top floor, you can say to yourself that you have made it. The more you climb those different types of stairs, there may be things in front of you that will want to try to block you from trying to climb, but you must not stop climbing. You must either walk around that crack, or take a huge step to get up that high step and keep on climbing.

**#1 Pop Hits-June 27**

- 2004-Burn-Usher
- 1990-It Must Have Been Love-Roxette
- 1981-Medley-Stars On 45
- 1970-The Love You Save-The Jackson 5
- 1969-Love Theme From Romeo & Julie -Henry Mancini
- 1956-The Wayward Wind-Gogi Grant

**#1 Country Hits June 27**

- 2005-Making Memories Of Us-Keith Urban
- 1996-Time Marches On-Tracy Lawrence
- 1985-Little Things-The Oak Ridge Boys
- 1970-Hello Darlin'-Conway Twitty
- 1962-She Thinks I Still Care-George Jones
- 1953-Take These Chains From My Heart -Hank Williams

**You Tube-In**

Interesting videos to see: "John and Shane Fogerty Lodi 2015" shows off CCR's John and his son Shane flashing some great guitar work and jams..."Bruce Springsteen and Neil Young All Along The Watchtower 2004" is something to see, as these two pair up to rock out a Hendrix song..."Paul Simon and George Harrison Here Comes The Sun" features great harmony by these two legends..."California Saga Sings I Can Hear Music At Harvey's Lake Tahoe" shows children of The Beach Boys, all grownup, and showing off their inherited vocal talents..."Unleash The Love-Mike Love"-The co-founder of The Beach Boys has a really good and catchy tune here.

**Top 10 Hits 25 Years Ago**

- 1995-The Top 10 Hits/Performers for the year in Billboard Magazine were: 1. Gangsta's Paradise-Coolio featuring L.V. 2. Waterfalls-TLC 3. Creep-TLC 4. Kiss From A Rose-Seal 5. On Bended Knee-Boyz II Men 6. Another Night-Real McCoy 7. Fantasy-Mariah Carey 8. Take A Bow-Madonna 9. Don't Take It Personal-Monica 10. This Is How We Do It-Montell Jordan

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*Happy Anniversary* **55**  
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June 5, 1965



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**Flag Day Service**

(Photos/Info Courtesy of Rich Kosmoski)

On Sunday evening, June 14th, Flag Day, American Legion Lenape Post 211 of Sayreville conducted its annual flag retirement services. With over 5000 flags to retire, Post Commander Larry Bishop ignites the accumulation of unserviceable flags. These flags have flown over our schools, businesses, industries, parks, ballfields, firehouses, post offices, etc. It is now time to retire them and replace them with new brightly colored flags that will fly proudly over our local buildings and recreational facilities. The services were conducted behind the American Legion Post home for the 30th consecutive year.



**Congratulations On Your Retirement**  
Your years of service to the South Amboy School district are truly appreciated and you will be missed!!



Mary Judith Davidon (l) with her daughter Mary Kate (r)



Liz Bartlinski



Debbie Rutkowski

## LITTLE RICHARD PERFORMS IN SOUTH AMBOY IN 1966-Part 2

By Henny "The DJ" Conroy

The night of his performance I was there early. This was strange in itself because as any experienced night club devotee knows, there is always an early cheap bar you go to first, to get tuned up before you go to the party bar. However, this was not the night for that type of frugality. I had been a fan of Little Richard since I was 12 years old in the 7th grade at St Mary's, and heard Tutti Frutti come out of Biff McKeon's car radio as he and George Daly drove us down to St Catherine's in Spring Lake for a Grammar School basketball game. Little Richard's early songs were always the peak for me, and I was not going to miss a minute of his performance.

As luck would have it, it was a terrible night weather wise for bar hopping. Because of frozen rain and sleet, the roads were horrible, which for me meant the terrible realization that there was not going to be a big crowd for the performance! But, slow night or not the show started at exactly 10 pm. First, The Upsetters, Little Richard's 7- piece band with horns and guitars, and bass and rhythm played with no vocalists and filled the place with rhythm. Then a Sam and Dave type of duo sang a couple of songs. Next, a very healthy, robust girl singer sang some Memphis Soul, and then the stage went completely dark. When the lights came on there he was! Little Richard in all his glory. A tall drag queen with his layered on Max Factor #9 makeup, form fitting sequin purple jumpsuit, purple sequin slippers to match, and lacquered, pomaded hair swept high on his head with a matching sequined purple headband around his sweaty brow. But, no! The Colonel Cooper's crowd was having none of it!

At first there was complete silence. Then it started. Some boos and then some catcalls and insults came raining down on him. Loud. Louder. Then the jeers turned to name calling and more insults. So bad that I thought the next thing was going to be some beer bottles being thrown up at him. All of it was about his appearance, of course. The guys in this place were there to pick up girls, not be entertained by a guy who looked like one. I was mortified and heartbroken all at the

same time. There he was, my Little Richard being humiliated in my hometown.

Embarrassed by his reception and fearful for his safety, I was looking timidly now at the star himself for what his reaction would be to this uproar. Instead of a look of worry on his face, I saw the opposite. A look of unbelievable calmness. At that time I didn't recognize that look at all, but I've seen it since then a few times on masterful doctors, teachers, coaches and Army Sergeants. It is the look of ineffable confidence that comes from experience and competence. Right in the middle of all this clamor Little Richard strode to the front of the stage made eye contact with the biggest, loudest and meanest looking boosers and jeerers in the crowd and hollered, "Shut Up!" Then he cooed, " I know what you're thinking, but you're wrong! I'm married. Just the other day I said to my wife, I said, RALPH!" And his self deprecating humor instantly won over the clamoring crowd.

The whole place, including Little Richard, burst out laughing and immediately his band broke one of his most popular songs, " Lucille" and the crowd was now with him all the way. At once the focus was not on the performer's dainty appearance, but on the rocking music coming from his band. You'll have to take it from me, but the whole floor was shaking with the hitherto tough guys jumping up and down to the rhythmic, thumping, manic sounds his rocking piano and his band were pumping out. At the end, the same people who wanted his head on a platter when he started the show, were now begging him to do one more song.

Little Richard is gone now you'll be seeing some clips of him on TV and people will be making comments about his goofy appearance or over the top persona, especially how bizarre it was way back in the straight laced 50's. But now when you see him, look a little deeper into those made up eyes and remember this story and see if you can look past all that glitter and see the huge-hearted showman who demonstrated what courage and pride in a performance are all about on a little stage in good old South Amboy, New Jersey way back when!

## Sayreville Memorial Day Service

(Photos/info by Joe Lotkowitz)



Pictured (l-r) Commander Larry Bishop of American Legion Lenape Post #211, Sayreville, Ken Kelly, VFW Post #4699, Mike Fisher, Chaplain VFW Post #4699, and Carmen Delikat, President of the VFW Post #4699 Ladies Auxiliary salute the flag during the start of the 2020 Memorial Day Service for all of our veterans on May 25th at Borough Hall in Sayreville.



Ken Kelly (l) and Mike Fisher (r) place a memorial wreath in honor of all our veterans. The Memorial Day Service was cut short due to the COVID-19.



The Memorial Day Service ended with a 21 gun salute for all our veterans, who made the supreme sacrifice, and also for all our active military.

## Local Wildlife

(Photos by Tom Burkard)



Mother duck and her young ducklings were out for a swim.



This water snake was approximately 4-foot long.



A large frog, just hangin' out at the local park.



A beautiful Great Egret poses while being passed by a duck on a sunny day at the park.

## MUSIC TRIVIA Special

By Tom Burkard

### Love/ Peace/ Hope

- |                                     |                     |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. What The World Needs Now Is Love | a. Luther Vandross  |
| 2. All You Need Is Love             | b. Lionel Richie    |
| 3. Love Is All Around               | c. Jackie DeShannon |
| 4. All The Love In The World        | d. The O'Jays       |
| 5. Love Can Move Mountains          | e. Whitney Houston  |
| 6. Love Makes The World Go Round    | f. The Troggs       |
| 7. Love Will Conquer All            | g. The Beatles      |
| 8. Love Will Save The Day           | h. Mercy            |
| 9. Love Power                       | i. The Outfield     |
| 10. Love Can Make You Happy         | j. Deon Jackson     |
| 11. Love Train                      | k. Celine Dion      |
| 12. Give Peace A Chance             | l. Journey          |
| 13. Peace Train                     | m. The Eagles       |
| 14. Hope Of Deliverance             | n. John Lennon      |
| 15. Hope                            | o. The Hollies      |
| 16. Peaceful Easy Feeling           | p. Carrie Underwood |
| 17. City Of Hope                    | r. Paul McCartney   |
| 18. I Hope You Dance                | s. Cat Stevens      |

Answers

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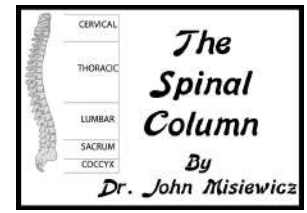
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- C. Fractures of the hips and wrists

Women over 50 are twice more likely to fracture a bone from Osteoporosis than men. Post-menopausal women are the highest risk group. Caucasians are more affected than African Americans, as are smokers, alcohol users, and inactive people.

The most effective ways to combat Osteoporosis are;

- 1. Proper diet, 1000 mg. of calcium per day in conjunction with Vitamin D to help absorption.
- 2. Regular exercise. Bone mass changes are affected by weight bearing activities. These can include aerobic activities, such as walking. Strength training is also beneficial under the guidance of a trained professional.
- 3. Hormone replacement for women post-menopausal under your health care supervisor.

All of these combined, are considered to be the cornerstones of good health and prevention of Osteoporosis. As always, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure!

**Fishing Flashes**

By Teo "Weebles" Weber



**Salt Water**  
Fluke have arrived but fishing for them in Raritan Bay is slow and not too many keepers. It is better in Barnegat Bay and Inlet where there are many more keepers over 18 inches. Bluefish are present here and also in the surf in this area. Bigger Bluefish are also showing up and at Island Beach. Surf fishing has produced a few Striped Bass and some unusual junk fish like Skates and Dog Fish. There is a good showing of King Fish from Island Beach southward. Short Stripers are still being caught in Raritan Bay particularly at Ideal Beach and Keansburg, but that will stop with the warm water coming in. Sea Bass fishing on the Party Boats is good with just about everyone coming off with their 10 fish limits. Ling and a stray Cod or two are mixed in along with a few big Porgies. Due to Covid-19 regulations, the boats are limited to a certain number of anglers, so it means you pay more money, purchase tickets online and wear a mask or face covering or else you will be denied boarding.

**Fresh Water**  
Trout are still around. My wife and I tried the Pequest on Memorial Day. We caught five fish up to 14 inches. The following week we went to Peapack Brook. I saw and missed small natural Browns on a lure. We ended up at the North Branch at Far Hills. We brought home six Rainbows, me with two and my wife with four. One of hers was just short of 16 inches. A week later we went to Tilcon Lake but did nothing. The only catches we saw were a few Sunfish. There are less Shad in the Delaware.

**Good Old Summer Days**

c. 2020  
Remember the good,  
old summer days  
Not so long ago  
When everyone was busy  
Had lots of places to go  
There was so much fun  
All the time  
Times were much different  
Life was so fine.

## WWW.?



Does anyone know what the name of this establishment is? The business is located in South Amboy or Sayreville, and has had a few prior owners and business names through the years. If you think you know, send your answer in to: satimes@aol.com by July 19th. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

### WWW.? May Winners

Last month's WWW.? photo was of the South Amboy Board of Education office on John Street. The following correctly identified it, and were the winners: Dennis Quinlan, Peggy and Steve Yuhas, Leon Credico, Joanne Niestempski, Joyce Medvar, Joan Gorczyca, Chuck Pickard, Jack & Keith Piskorski & Lorraine Krauss,

Pat & Bill Scully, Patti Kanecke, Betty Leveille, Judy Guilfoyle, Steve Laskiewicz, Joan Fulham, Pat & Bill Scully, Mary Agnes Morris, Don Zrebiec, Lynn Loy, Marie English and Ed English, Paul Conlon, Gary Feret, T.J. Albanese, Dane Colburn, Steve Villig, Lisa Grankowski.



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## Who Is It?



Here is a NEW, fun and challenging contest for our avid SA Times readers. Our "Who Is It?" will feature a different picture each month that was taken in Sayreville or South Amboy through the years. Each month, the contest will have different point values, and the monthly-winner is the person who gets the most points each month. In this photo there are 6 people (5 points for each person who is correctly identified). Remember, you must have their first and last name, or the answer is incorrect. If you know where the photo was taken back then, not what is currently located there (3 points). You will get (5 points) if you know why the picture was taken, and a big (10 points) if you know the exact year. Send your answer in to: satimes@aol.com by July 15th. Winners will be announced in the July 31st issue. Have fun, and good luck! Note: If you've lived in the area for awhile, you should be able to name at least 3 of the people in the picture very easily.

## LETTERS

Hi, Brian,

The students who acted the roles in the Wizard of Oz, St. Mary, 1976  
Dorothy - Gail Pelkowski  
Scarecrow - Tom Regan  
Tin Woodman - Matthew Kurtz  
Lion - Brian Hemstreet  
This info obtained from the SA Library on-line yearbooks.

Deb Marion

Note: *The Dowdell Library has yearbooks from Hoffman HS, South Amboy HS, St. Mary's HS and Cardinal McCarrick HS from the first books through 2007.*



Hello!

Thank you to the Friends of South Amboy and Ancient Order of Hibernians of South Amboy for providing a dinner to Senior Citizens on June 13, 2020. It was delicious!

The Senior Citizens of lower Henry St.

## WHAT IS IT?????

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton



Does this item look familiar? Hint it is not a bowling pin and it is not a musical instrument. Send your answers to satimes@aol.com by July 19th.

### WHAT IS IT? Winners

The correct answer was a car cigarette or cigar lighter. The original electrical cigar lighter was invented and patented in the early 1880s by the German inventor Friedrich Wilhelm Schindler. In the 1920s they were renamed "cigarette lighters", as cigarettes overtook cigars in sales. In the United States, cigarette lighters started appearing as standard equipment in automobiles in 1925-1926. In 1928, the Connecticut Automotive Specialty Company patented its version of an automotive cigarette lighter, which used a cord and reel. The modern "automatic" removable automotive V-Coil lighter was developed by Casco in 1956.

The lighter is a metal or plastic cylinder containing a thin flat coil of nichrome metal strip, through which high current passes when the device is activated, usually by pushing it into the socket as though it were a push-button. The heating element glows orange hot in seconds then it can light a cigarette or cigar. As cigarette smoking became less popular- you could choose to eliminate it in your car. Within the last 20 years the ports were used as a charging port for cellular phones. Currently they are no longer included in new cars.

The winners were: Ann Surina, Adele

O'Hara, Michael & Irene Kilcomons, Lynn Freyer, Dan and Grace Spencer, Peggy and Steve Yuhas, Dianna McKeon, Leon Credico, Joe Tortora, Pat "Woody" McCarthy, Angus MacDougall, Jack & Keith Piskorski & Lorraine Krauss, Eleanore Westerholm, Edna Mazur Pilch, Joanne Niestempski, Chuck Pickard, JoAnn & John French, Joyce Medvar, Pat & Bill Scully, Patti Kanecke, Betty Leveille, Bruce Grankowski, Denyse Roberts, Debbie Bellas, John Arden, Elaine Scott, Steve Laskiewicz, Judy Guilfoyle, Pete McIntyre, Joan Fulham, Pat & Bill Scully, Mary Agnes Morris, Don Zrebiec, Lynn Loy, Marie English and Ed English, Bob Richardson, Paul Conlon, Gary Feret, Mark Moniello, Dane Colburn, Steve Villig, Stanley Zdanowicz, Anthony Carlo, Chelle Martin.



Cigarette/Cigar Lighter

## LETTERS

Dear SA Times,

In response to the What Is It? question, my answer would be a cigar lighter, or a cigarette lighter, depending on the car manufacturer that put them in. (In my 1988 Chrysler, the owner's manual called it a cigar lighter, even though most of us would probably call them a cigarette lighter.) **Angus MacDougall**

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Hi, I'm sending this from my email for my husband, Lenny Zawistoski...his email is lz2004@optonline.net...he has identified the car with the boat tail and the 455 cubic inch engine as a 1971 BUICK RIVIERA like the one he bought while he was in Vietnam! The color was green! And yes, while he was in Vietnam...interesting story to be sure! Please see the photo I provided! Stay safe and thanks for the paper as always!

RoseMarie Quackenbush



1971 Buick Riviera "Boattail"

## The Vintage Car Contest



Do you know what this car is? Let us know the make, model and year of manufacture, send your answers to satimes@aol.com by July 19th.

### May's Vintage Car

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton

The photo of the car for May was a 1971 Buick Riviera. The winners were: Michael & Irene Kilcomons, Peggy and Steve Yuhas, Pat "Woody" McCarthy, Eleanore Westerholm, Joyce Medvar, Jack & Keith Piskorski & Lorraine Krauss, Pat & Bill Scully, Patti Kanecke, Betty Leveille, Ann and Bruce Grankowski, John Arden, Steve Laskiewicz, Pete McIntyre, Joan Fulham, Dave McCleery, Pat & Bill Scully, Mary Agnes Morris, Lynn Loy, Marie English and Ed English, Lenny Zawistoski, T.J. Albanese, Mark Moniello, Dane Colburn, Steve Villig, Anthony Carlo,



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U.S. Navy veterans Bob "Zak" Sekerak (r), Commander of American Legion Luke A. Lovely Post #62, South Amboy, and Bob Moglia (l) prepare to place American flags on the graves of deceased veterans at St. Mary Cemetery. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

**10 Years Ago**  
2010-Amy Tyszkiewicz, who was Sayreville War Memorial H.S. Valedictorian in 1998, was a highly-successful contestant on the "Jeopardy" TV show, winning an estimated \$14,500.

**T.H.E. Game**  
Year-2005  
Sport-Baseball  
Teams-South Amboy (SA) vs. Cardinal McCarrick (CM) (6-0) in game #1 of the City Series  
Recap-The Eagles of Coach Frank Notaro entered the game as the only unbeaten team in Middlesex County, but were in for a real surprise from the talented Governors. South Amboy battled back from being behind twice in the game, and pulled out a thrilling, 6-5, 8 innings victory. In the top of the 8th, McCarrick slugger Shane Connors blasted a 2-run double to stake the Eagles a 5-3 lead. With their backs to the wall in the bottom of the 8th, the Guvs soph-standout, Billy Wanko singled in Tom Szatkowski to cut the Blue & Gold lead to 5-4. Joe Tarallo came up with two runners on base and one out, and ripped a clutch, game-winning 2-run single, to knock CM from the unbeaten ranks. Mike DeJoy led the SA attack with a double, triple, and 2 RBI. Brian Seres notched the win in relief of Joe Bartlinski, who was superb, allowing only 3 hits, while striking out 7 in 7 innings. Shane Connors took the heartbreaking setback, but pitched a fine game, fanning 7 in 7 1/2 innings.  
**Co-Players-of-the-Game-Tarallo, DeJoy, Wanko, Seres, Bartlinski.**

**Diamond Dust**  
1975 South Amboy Little Fellas League Rotary 9 English Chevron 1- Tom Misak and George Carroll ripped 3 hits apiece for Rotary. Daylight Bakery 6 Lions 3- Darren Gorczyca drilled 3 hits for the Bakers.  
1975 South Amboy Midget League Mets 4 Yankees 0- Bill Tarallo and Billy Bright combined for a no-hitter and struck out 17.  
Pirates 4 Cards 3- Peter Smith laced 3 hits, while Joe Lewis blasted a home run for the Cards.  
1975 South Amboy Girls Softball League Dodgers 10 Rangers 3- Judy Neumann belted a home run and scored 4 runs.  
Indians 12 Orioles 11- Winning pitcher Laurie Astarita got 3 hits, while Mary Beth Bowlby unloaded a homer and a triple.  
1967 Sayreville Senior Little League Economy Auto Body 2 Lions 1-Winning pitcher Joe Gabel fired a no-hitter, struck out 12 and collected 2 hits. Bob Casazza, who banded 3 hits scored the winning run in the last inning.  
Economy Auto Body 9 Derent's Oil 5-Winning pitcher Bob Casazza fanned 12 and blasted a triple. Joe Gabel ripped a single, double and triple for the winners. Timmy Rhatican stroked 4 hits in a losing cause.





# The Local Sports Memory Machine

By Tom Burkard

## CJ Group IV Champions



1970-Pictured are the Sayreville Bombers CJ Group IV state baseball champions. In photo bottom row (l-r) Dan Hockenjos, George Olszewski, Tony Mancini, B. Cristosi, R. Arden, Bruce Marcinczyk, Bruce Buckiewicz, Steve Gorrie, Greg Lyon, G. Pavao. Top row (l-r) Coach John Wortley, Jim Campion, Gary Unkel, Joe Gabel, Kevin Lynch, Bob Casazza, Rick Popowski, Mike Drahos, Rich Lerche, Asst. Coach Tom Michaels, Trainer, Vito Recine.

## 50th Anniversary: Sayreville Captured Central Jersey Group IV Title

By Tom Burkard

The Sayreville Bombers under legendary baseball coaching-genius, John Wortley had high expectations coming into the 1970 season, after a standout '69 campaign, when the team finished (20-7), and copped the Middlesex County Coaches Association Baseball Tournament (MCCABT). Returning 6 of the 9 Opening Day starters from 1969, Sayreville was ready to continue its assault on all opponents.

The starting lineup for their season-opener against Perth Amboy St. Mary's: Rick Popowski cf Dan Hockenjos ss Joe Gabel 3b Rich Lerche rf Kevin Lynch p Jim Campion 1b Bruce Buckiewicz lf Gary Unkel c Bob Casazza 2b. It was a game to remember, as Sayreville's senior ace Kevin Lynch fired an incredible no-hitter, and struck out 14 to lead the locals to a 4-0 victory over the Lions. Lynch struck out the first 6 batters he faced. Tony Mancini belted an RBI double, Joe Gabel stroked an RBI single, Gary Unkel added an RBI, and Jim Campion unloaded a three-base hit. This was just the beginning for Sayreville, who featured possibly the best 3-man starting pitching rotation in the school's history, Lynch, Greg Lyon, and Mike Drahos, (A transfer from St. Mary's, where he pitched for the '69 champs).

After being shocked by a strong St. Peter's team in their second game, the Bombers behind another no-hitter, this time by lefty Greg Lyon, throttled Matawan, 9-0. Lyon struck out 9 and also drilled an RBI double. Jim Campion belted a double and had 2 RBI, while George Olszewski stroked a 2-run single. This was the beginning of an amazing 14-game winning streak for Sayreville, which was stopped, one short of the school record, by New Brunswick, who tied the Blue & Gray in 8 innings in a game halted by rain.

Sayreville the defending (MCCABT champs) was seeded #1 in the '70 tourney, and in the 1st round, annihilated St. Mary's Perth Amboy, 28-2. In the quarterfinals facing #8 seed, St. Peter's, Coach Wortley's charges were stopped, 4-1 by the always tough Cardinals. The Bombers were then seeded #2 in the most prestigious tournament in NJ, the Greater Newark Tournament (GNT), and rode a beautiful 3-hit, 15-strikeouts shutout by Kevin Lynch, to top Morris Catholic in the opening round. Sayreville was eliminated 5-4 in the 1/4 finals by Columbia, who scored 3 runs in the bottom of the 7th inning. Rich Lerche orbited a 2-run triple, Jim Campion an RBI double, and Rick Popowski an RBI single for the locals.

The Bombers bounced back and blasted Woodbridge, 11-1 in the CJ Group IV semifinals, behind talented righthander Mike Drahos, who fired a 4-hitter, to seal Coach Wortley's 200th win in his illustrious coaching career. Kevin Lynch had a huge game at the plate, going 4-for-4 with 2 singles, 2 triples, and 3 RBI, Gary Unkel had 2 hits, while Rick Popowski, Dan Hockenjos, and Bob Casazza each stroked RBI singles.

In the CJ Group IV championship game

Sayreville (21-4-1) scored all of their runs in the 3rd inning to defeat a highly-regarded Union (26-4), 4-0. Union's standout pitcher, Neal Gold (13-0), was regarded by many as the top pitcher in all of NJ. Bomber ace Kevin Lynch was outstanding once again, firing a 4-hitter and striking out 7 for the big "W." He also drove in the first run with a single. Power-hitting Joe Gabel blasted a 2-run triple to left-center, and scored the final run on a perfectly executed squeeze bunt by Jim Campion, as Sayreville brought home the highly-coveted CJ Group IV championship trophy. It was the perfect ending for Coach John Wortley in his 13th and final season, as the club finished with one of the best records in school history (22-4-1). Wortley racked up an outstanding career record of (201-82-2).

Coach Wortley praised Lynch and Unkel after the final game. "Lynch is a real complete player." "Unkel is the best handler of pitchers that I ever had. It's like having a coach right on the field all the time. He has a strong throwing arm and the ability to call a shrewd game."

### Bombers 1970 Championship Roster

Coach-John Wortley; Players-Kevin Lynch, Joe Gabel, Jim Campion, Rick Popowski, Greg Lyon, Mike Drahos, George Olszewski, Dan Hockenjos, Bob Casazza, Bruce Buckiewicz, Tony Mancini, Gary Unkel, Rich Lerche, Al Pasztonyicky, Bill Campion, Steve Gorrie, Mark Campion, Krolik, Marcinczyk, Cristosi.

### Champions Notebook

Coach Wortley was selected 1st Team Coach for the New York Daily News All-Stars, and catcher Gary Unkel was also a 1st Team selection...1st Team All-Sentinel (Predecessor to The Suburban)-ss-Dan Hockenjos; of-Rich Lerche; c-Gary Unkel; p-Kevin Lynch, Greg Lyon; Coach of the Year-John Wortley. Star Ledger All-Middlesex 1st Team-Lynch, Unkel. Home News All-Middlesex 1st Team-Lynch, Unkel. Star Ledger All-State, All-Groups-1st team-Lynch.

The Bombers 3-man starting rotation was phenomenal. Check out the stats: Kevin Lynch (9-1) IP-72 ER-10 ERA-0.97 H-38 SO-108 BB-17. Also notched 6 shutouts, (#1 in the county), and fired a no-hitter. Greg Lyon (6-1) IP 44 ER-6 ERA-0.95 H-20. Also fired 2 no-hitters. #3 starter Mike Drahos (5-2) with a 1-hitter...Joe Gabel tied for the county lead with 6 triples...Lynch led the team with 6 doubles...Popowski had the most homers for Sayreville (2)... Mike Drahos is most likely the only player ever to play on 2 state championship teams in 2 years at different high schools. In '69 he was pitching for the St. Mary's Eagles Parochial B state champs, and in '70 with the Sayreville Bombers. Quite an accomplishment!

\*The Sayreville Bombers were an amazing team, and Coach Wortley one of the finest coaches ever in high school baseball. A special thank you to Joe Gabel, and also Bob Casazza for providing me with information and clippings to research this story.

## Champions



1991 Sanitary Fuels captured its 2nd straight South Amboy Little Fellas League championship. The talented players are pictured front row (l-r) Lance Sowder, Randy Gagnon, ?, Hector Ramos, Frank DePasquale, David Twaroszka. Middle Row: Danny Mercado, Kevin Cushing, John Sowder, Jeff Ust, Vinnie Sendziak, Joe Bajkowski. Back Row: Coach John Sowder, Coach Nancy Sowder, Manager Al Ust. Missing from the photo are Walt Horezga, Mike Kuziemski, and Coach George Kuziemski. The '90 champions finished with a perfect (14-0) record, and were led by MVP/star pitcher Junior Munoz. (Photo/info courtesy of Al Ust)

## Glory Days In Local Sports

1953-Joe Marcey singled in Pete Vail with the game-winner, as St. Mary's baseball squad nipped St. Rose, 5-4 in 8 innings. Marty Dohaney stroked 2 singles, while Tom Malik was the winning pitcher...1964-Vince Wisniewski drilled a game-winning single in the bottom of the 10th to give the Eagles baseball team a thrilling 4-3 triumph over St. Peter's. He finished with a single and double to support winning pitcher Tom Trenta, who pitched all 10 innings and fired a 5-hitter, while striking out 7. Ray Selover stroked 2 singles for St. Mary's...1974-Sayreville walloped Woodbridge, 8-2 in baseball. Henry Zaleski was the winning pitcher. Steve Makwinski crushed a 3-run homer, and

John Andl a solo home run...1982-Hoffman downed Dunellen, 9-2 as John "Skeets" Skarzynski notched the victory. Frank Wahler had a perfect 3-for-3 game...1994-Sayreville's Laura Zemsky won the CJ Group IV long jump championship with a 16-10 1/2 leap. Dustin Smetana, also a Sayreville Bomber copped the gold for pole vaulting 13-6...2004-The South Amboy HS baseball team finished (14-4) and captured the Gold Division title under returning Coach George Krzyzanowski, who was on hiatus for nearly 10 years. The top batting averages for the season were: Brian Seres .500 Nick Scarillo .491 Joe Bartlinski .421 Joe Magnifico .416.

## Softball Scoring Machines

1976-St. Mary's girls softball squad blasted Roselle Catholic, 32-9. Winning pitcher Sue Wilson crunched 3 home runs, a double and triple to drive in an unbelievable 10 runs. Kathy Redling unloaded 2 round trippers, and Linda Budrewicz, Tina Alvarado, and Diane Klein blasted a homer apiece. Also in '76, the Sayreville girls powerhouse, annihilated New Brunswick 33-1, as undefeated Karen DeSiena and Debbie Spitzer combined for a no-hitter. The Bombers blasted 7 home runs by Sharon Denk, Rhonda Rompola, Deb Szymanski, Lee Szatkowski, Donna Hauser, Melinda McFadden, Barb Hennessey. And, if that wasn't a scoring rampage, in the very next game, the Bombers really kicked it into

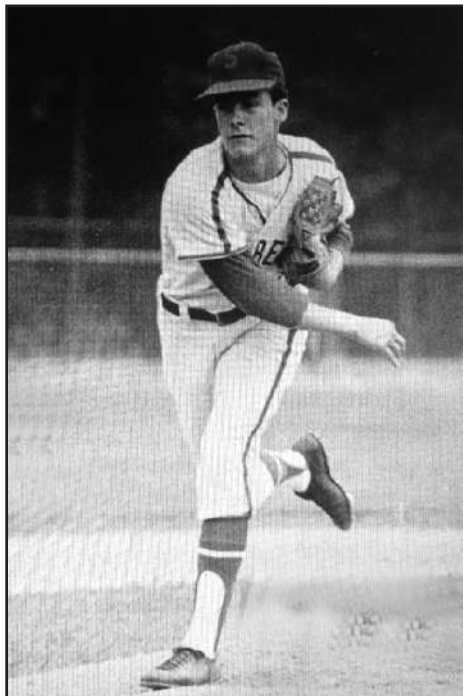
high gear and obliterated Highland Park, by would you believe a 44-2 score! Coach Pat Willis' club was paced by Rhonda Rompola who blasted 3 homers and had 7 RBI, Lu Ann Ferenci 5 RBI, and a homer, Sharon Denk 5 RBI, and a HR, and Janet Murray 5 RBI. 1977-St. Mary's pounded Roselle, 25-11. Winning pitcher Kathy Redling clouted 3 HR's, a 3-run, grand slam, and 2-run homer for 9 RBI. Ann Noble added a solo HR. Also in '77, the Saints destroyed Dunellen, 26-4, behind Redling's 2 homers, 3 doubles, a single and 5 RBI. Sue Wilson was the winning pitcher. Redling then went on to break Wilson's single game RBI record by driving in 11 runs in a 19-5 romp over crosstown rival Hoffman. The slugger orbited a 3-run HR in the 1st inning, a grand salami in the 4th, and a 2-run shot in the 7th, and also pounded 2 doubles for good measure, finishing a perfect 5-for-5.

And the biggest blowout in local high school girls softball history?

April 12, 1984-Coach Rich Klein's powerhouse Hoffman softball squad pounded Piscataway Tech, 52-2! Wow! The talented Lady Governors went on to win the Middlesex County championship, and finished at an overall (23-2). No individual information could be found on this ballgame.

## 15 Years Ago Guvs Set Records


2005-Coach George Krzyzanowski's outstanding South Amboy Governors baseball team went on a hitting rampage, and annihilated St. Peter's, 44-3! Several single game records were established, including the individual RBI mark, as Brian Seres hit for the cycle and drove in 9 runs to break the 60-year mark of 7 RBI, set by Jim Croddick in 1945. Brian Wanko also blasted a homer and finished with 8 RBI in the game. New team highs were set for runs (44), hits (35), and runs scored in 1-inning (17).



1970-Kevin Lynch, the Bombers ace pitcher finished (9-1), and in 72 innings, allowed only 10 earned runs-0.95 ERA, only 38 hits, struck out 108, walked only 17, fired 6 shutouts which was #1 in the county, and spun a no-hitter. He was All-Everything, and All-State All Groups 1st Team, and one of the greatest pitchers in Sayreville Bombers baseball history.



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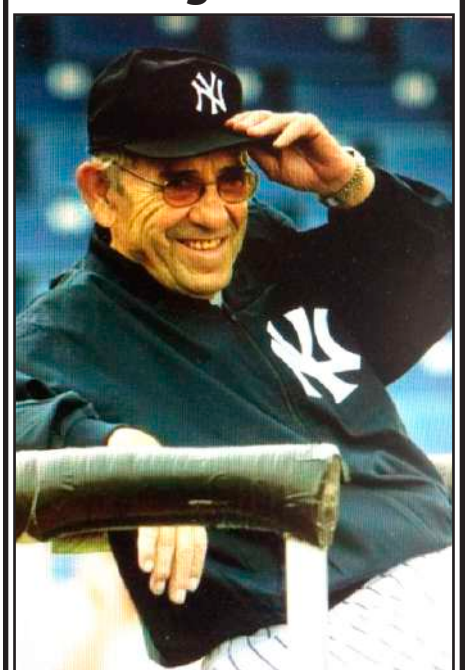
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**Yogi-isms**




**Yogi Berra**

Yogi Berra was one of the greatest catchers in baseball history. The former New York Yankee legend won 10 World Series rings as a player, captured the American League MVP award 3 times, and was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1972. Yogi's manner also let him express some very smart things in the funniest ways. Here are some more Yogi-isms.

- "It gets late early out there."
- "90% of the game is half mental."
- "Always go to other people's funerals. Otherwise, they won't go to yours."
- "Steve McQueen looks good in this movie. He must have made it before he died."
- "I'm as red as a sheet."
- "I wish I had an answer to that, because I'm tired of answering that question."
- "Pair up in threes."

**Trail of Trials**  
By Al Gomolka Jr.  
Times Poet Laureate  
c. 1995

Life is a trail of trials  
"We" by nature  
Do not envision trials as having value  
But trials are "our" way-to-means  
It is in the way "we" handle trials  
Not letting trials rule "us"  
Attitude, vision, and expression  
with these trials  
That "we" all will experience  
Purifies "our" spirit  
Which enhances "our" light  
Or darkens "our" souls  
Storms will always be brewing  
Battles are impending  
The devil will always attack  
Trials, trials, trials  
Pray 'til one trial is over  
And look forward to living  
for a new one  
Until "our" trail of trials  
has ended  
At heaven.



**25 Years Ago  
Tough Year For Hoffman**

1995-The Hoffman Governors baseball club finished (4-15), as ace pitcher Charlie Honimar won all 4 games finishing (4-1). The players who had a decent year, and led the team offensively were: Batting average-. Honimar .355 Mark Finnegan .316 Kevin Manion .313 Chris Gulick .306.; runs-Honimar 15 Chris Smith 13 Finnegan 12; hits-Honimar 22 Finnegan 18 Smith 12; doubles-Honimar 6 Mike Niestempki 4; triples-Honimar 2; home runs-none; stolen bases-Gulick 19 Honimar 11. Pitching-innings pitched-Honimar 41 Jason Cross 30.1 Pete Hoadley 23.1; wins-Honimar 4; ERA-Honimar 3.07 Hoadley 5.70; strikeouts-Honimar 36 Hoadley 13.

**50 Years Ago  
Bombers Set Record**

1970-Coach John Wortley's super Sayreville Bombers baseball team set a school record by scoring 28 runs in a 5-inning game, as they slaughtered St. Mary's of Perth Amboy, 28-2. In the 10-run second inning, Mike Drahos hit a pair of 2-run singles during the Bomber uprising. Joe Gabel blasted a single and triple, while Ralph Arden was the winning pitcher.

**40 Years Ago  
St. Mary's Baseball Ends With (10-11)**

1980-St. Mary's baseball team finished at (10-11). The team leaders were: batting average-John Inman .396 Mike Noble .350 Andy Pipala .295; runs-Pipala 19 Inman 18 Greg Bielat 12; hits-Inman 25 Pipala 18 Noble 14 Tom O'Leary 13; doubles-O'Leary 4 Pipala 4 Inman 3; triples-Inman 4 Noble 2; home runs-Noble 1; RBI-Inman 15 Noble 13 O'Leary 10; stolen bases-Pipala 14 Inman 10 Bielat 10. Pitching-innings pitched-Inman 49.3 Dave Gomolka 38.3 Mike Noble 28.3; ERA-Noble 1.23 Inman 2.55 Gomolka 3.83; strikeouts-Inman 78 Gomolka 38 Noble 30; wins-Inman 4 (4-4) Bill Howarth 2 (2-1) Noble 2 (2-2) Gomolka 2 (2-3).

**45 Years Ago  
Bombers Set Soccer Records**

1975-Sayreville soccer stars Jeff Jacob, and George Burbank had a year to remember. Jacob set a new school record by blasting in 15 goals, while Burbank tied the school mark with 10 assists.

**25 Years Ago  
Sayreville Softball Finishes (15-5)**

1995-The Bombers riding the strong pitching arm of Tracey Thomsen, and standout offense and defense turned in a fine (15-5) record. Team leaders were: batting average- runs-Stephanie Allocco 23; hits-Allocco 22 Dana Feltz 22 Renee Hode 22; doubles-Allocco 2; triples-Tracy Lasko 4 Hode 3 Allocco 3; home runs-Feltz 5 Allocco 2 Lasko 2; RBI-Valerie Bello 20 Feltz 19 Thomsen 14. Pitching-innings pitched-Thomsen 134.7 Vicky Deuel 5; ERA-Deuel 0.00 Thomsen 1.04; strikeouts-Thomsen 125 Deuel 8; wins-Thomsen 14 (14-5) Deuel 1 (1-0).

**76 Years Ago**

1944-Sayreville's baseball nine smashed Scotch Plains, 24-3. The Bombers lineup featured Charlie Derent, Homer Dill, Ted Gutkowski, Stan Jastrebski, John Wortley, Ted Galibedes, Fred Kath, Ed Pasternak, and pitchers Hank Walerzak and Don "Mickey" Czok. The team coached by Tom Limoli finished (9-4).



**Obituaries**

Bailey, Kathleen "Kathy," 79, of Parlin died on June 3.  
 Bottomly, Dorothy, 77, of Parlin died on June 9.  
 Colfer, Daniel, 73, formerly of Sayreville died on May 8.  
 Cuesta, Richard, 75, of South Amboy died on May 30.  
 Fullerton, Laurelle, 69, of Sayreville died on May 23.  
 Giera, Stanislaw "Stella," 89, of South Amboy died on June 1.  
 Kulik, Joseph J., 59, formerly of Sayreville died on May 19.  
 LaVigne, Joseph W., 87, of South Amboy died on June 10.  
 Minchew, Ida, 90, of Sayreville died on May 22.  
 Phelan, John M., 40, of Sayreville died on May 29.  
 Prohaska, Antoinette, 91, of Sayreville died on June 5.  
 Prusakowski, Jane, 95, of Sayreville died on May 23.  
 Purcell, Madalyn Carter, 72, formerly of South Amboy died on May 26.  
 Smelas, Mary Ann, 81, formerly of South Amboy died on June 13.  
 Spiegel, Robert, 32, of South Amboy died on May 29.  
 Swiderski, Rosemary, 77, of Parlin died on June 14.  
 Szul, Florence V., 91, of South Amboy died on May 30.  
 Szyplulski, Honorata "Anna," 79, of South Amboy died on May 20.  
 Tuckey, Lois M., 75, formerly of Sayreville died on May 21.  
 Wilson, Deborah A., 61, of Sayreville died on June 14.  
 Wlodarczyk, Edward Sr., 92, formerly of Parlin died on June 12.  
 Zieniewicz, Dennis H., 70, formerly of South Amboy died on May 23.

**In Memoriam**

Madalyn Purcell, 72, formerly of South Amboy died on May 26. She was the former co-owner of the popular Bake & More on South Broadway, with her best friend Beth. Richard Cuesta, 75, of South Amboy died on May 30. He was an ex-captain of Mechanicsville Fire Dept. Stanislaw "Stella" Giera, 89, of South Amboy died on June 1. She was the owner/operator of The Broadway Inn in Perth Amboy. Kathleen "Kathy" Bailey, 79, of Parlin died on June 3. She was the owner/operator of Buddie's Tavern & Catering in Parlin, with her late husband Ralph Bailey since 1976. Kathy was a wonderful lady, excellent businesswoman, and had a kind and caring heart. Deborah Wilson, 61, of Sayreville died on June 14. She was a member of the OLV Adult Choir; Right To Life Group; St. Vincent DePaul Society, and a Columbiette with the OLV Council.

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 sees it. Then, in His merciful eyes, it will become your favor, not mine. Amen. (Say this prayer for 3 days, promise publication and your favor will be granted. Never known to fail.) -D.R.

**Joseph W. LaVigne**

Joseph W. LaVigne, 87, of South Amboy died peacefully on Wednesday June 10, 2020 at home. Born in Newark he was a United States Air Force veteran of the Korean conflict. Before retiring he was employed in sales by Bernafon and later by Humphrey's Pest Control, Mountainside. A sports fan, he was an avid fan of the New York Yankees, Giants and Jets. He loved music, especially the big band era, the Beatles and Chicago.

He was predeceased by his wife Geraldine "Gerri" Jones LaVigne in 2009; his son Douglas G. LaVigne and his grandson Joseph W. LaVigne, III. He is survived by his sons and daughters-in-law Joseph W., II and Nancy LaVigne of Edison, Darren C. and Joy LaVigne of South Amboy and Corey A. and Amour LaVigne of South Amboy; his grandchildren Michelle Ann, James Douglas, Jennifer Marie, Victoria, Anthony, Amanda and Cori and his great-granddaughter Hannah. Funeral services were held on June 15th at The Gundrum Service "Home For Funerals" 237 Bordentown Avenue, South Amboy. Cremation was private. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project.

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**Lean To The Lovelier**

By Al Gomolka Jr.  
 Times Poet Laureate  
 C. 2020

*Lean to the lovelier  
 Look towards the lovelier  
 Live for a lovelier life  
 There are times  
 When we all need  
 A correction in our outlook  
 All must witness a little hell  
 Before we appreciate heaven  
 Storms precede rainbows  
 Dandelions, flowers, not  
 weeds  
 From worm to butterfly  
 Clouds make way for  
 sunshine  
 Coal precedes diamonds  
 Tears beset smiles  
 Wait it out!  
 Lean to the lovelier  
 Look towards the lovelier  
 Live for a lovelier life.*

**In Memory**



**Ricky Stillwagon**  
 1959-1985



**Russ Stillwagon**  
 1932-2010

*Many years have passed, but we still love and miss you guys so much.*

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My fellow residents,

For the past several months with the help of the Middlesex County Office of Community Services, my administration has been making efforts to encourage each household in our community to complete their 2020 US Census Questionnaire. While we have received good response we are still short of what would be considered a “complete count” of our residents.

Census data is only collected every ten years and is used for setting levels of funding for very important programs ranging from infrastructure improvements to school and senior programs. Many of the major improvements that we have accomplished over the past ten years have in some way been influenced by the data collected by the Census Bureau. Should our count fall short of expectations it could have a negative effect of the ability of our City and the entire County to get their fair share of Federal Funding.

I know that the circumstances of the past few months have not been ideal and the last thing on your mind is completing the Census. I ask that those of you who have not yet done so to take a few moments to complete this very important questionnaire. It is important to all of our residents that South Amboy is in a position to benefit from available public funding for the next decade.

Many thanks to all of you who have completed the 2020 Census and thanks to the Middlesex County Office of Community Services for the funding that made this and all of our Complete Count efforts possible.

Mayor Fred Henry

