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St. Patrick's Day Parade Rescheduled

By Steve Schmid

Concerns surrounding the coronavirus disease forced South Amboy to postpone its annual St. Patrick's Day parade which was scheduled for March 15. The parade has been rescheduled to launch at 1 p.m. Saturday May 16. Parade organizers are requesting all participants to re-register. South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry said in a statement, "Regrettably, due to the uncertainty surrounding the current public health crisis we are postponing the St. Patrick's Day parade in the interest of public safety. It was a difficult decision to disappoint so many residents and visitors, but the safety of everyone must always be our prime concern." South Amboy's parade began in 1976 and was the inspiration

of Monaghan House owner Frank Conley. According to the parade's website, the original parade consisted of one bagpiper, the city police, fire, and first aid squads, plus a group representing the Frank Conley Association.

This year's parade honorees include Grand Marshals Karen and Tim Walczak. Deputy Grand Marshal Larry Parsons, Honorary Grand Marshal Dennis Kelly, and special honored guests Mary Szaro and Karen Robson. The 2020 parade is dedicated to the memory of Ron Sturgis, a past co-chairman of the South Amboy Parade Committee. Hopefully our situation will be a lot better by May 15 and we can enjoy fresh air and the wonderful parade.

Sayreville Issues Coronavirus Regulations

By Steve Schmid

The borough of Sayreville has issued new rules and regulations dealing with the coronavirus crisis. According to the borough website, Sayreville is following state regulations mandating that social gatherings are 50 people or less. Restaurants and bars are take out/delivery only. All gyms and movie theaters are closed. Non-essential businesses must close by 8 p.m. each day. Every borough school public, private, and parochial are closed until further notice. All Sayreville parks are closing at 8 p.m. daily. All borough buildings are closed to the public until further notice. There will be staff onsite to answer questions and assist residents via phone, email, or fax. Appointments can be made for specific issues. Residents are asked

to utilize the drop box outside for payments related to tax, water, licenses, parking permits and dog licenses. All committee meetings including the March 23rd council meeting are canceled. Sayreville officials encourage the public to follow their website and social media sites for updates. Sayreville municipal court sessions for the weeks of March 16 and March 23 have been canceled. Borough officials appreciate your patience and understanding as they continue to combat COVID-19. Mayor Victoria Kilpatrick said, "I implore you to heed the warnings and follow the mandates and restrictions, and practice social distancing measures in an effort to protect yourself and our entire community. Please be safe and stay healthy."

Magielnicki In Seventh Decade As Teacher

By Tom Burkard

On January 17, 2020, South Amboy School District teacher Thomas Magielnicki reached a milestone by teaching in parts of seven decades! His amazing journey in the educational field began in January, 1969 at Hoffman High School, and has continued through today, as a substitute teacher at South Amboy Middle/High School.

Tom, who turned 75 years old in February, has many fond memories of "The Pleasant Little City." He said that when he got his first contract from Hoffman HS in Sept. 1969, it was for \$6,800. His first classroom was on the third floor of the old school on John St., and right next door stood the old South Amboy City Hall/Police Station. "Around that time, the students and I watched from my classroom window, a wrecking ball demolish the old City Hall," he said. Magielnicki also recalled that there was a church across the street, and the Thompson Funeral Home right next to that. He reminisced about old businesses in town, saying, "I enjoyed lunches from the Raritan Diner, especially fish on Fridays.



Tom Magielnicki

I also miss the bread and doughnuts from Daylight Bakery. Jo-Tom's was the best pizza place in town, and Baranowski's Market had delicious Italian hot dogs."

While subbing these days, an occasional student may come up to him and say, 'My grandmother said to say hello to you. She was one of your students years ago.' Tom said that the oldest student that he's taught in his career, is now 70 years old! "He was a 19-year old senior in 1969."

Fifty-one years, and he still loves teaching children! "I still relate to the kids," he stated. Probably thousands of youngsters have benefited from his dedication and caring through the years. What an incredible run for Mr. Magielnicki!

He said "I have a good association with the city of South Amboy. It's like a second home to me." All of Mr. Tom Magielnicki's students must have been truly blessed to have him as a teacher. Congratulations, Tom, and thank you for your many years of service to the students in the South Amboy School System.

Finnegan Receives Irish Award

By Tom Burkard

New Jersey State Police Lieutenant Mark Finnegan, formerly of South Amboy, was selected for a prestigious Irish Law & Order 2020 Award. Finnegan was raised in South Amboy, graduated from South Amboy High School, and then Rutgers University with a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice and Sociology. Following college graduation, he attended the N.J. State Police Academy in Sea Girt, and graduated in November 2001. He holds a Master's degree in Public Administration from Seton Hall University, and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy.

He has been with the New Jersey State Police for the past 18 years, and has been assigned to the Intelligence & Criminal Enterprise section, served as an Academy instructor at the Training Bureau, and is currently an Assistant Bureau Chief at the Regional Intelligence Operations Center.



Lieutenant Mark Finnegan

He said that he chose a career in law enforcement because "I knew from an early age that I wanted to be in law enforcement. The town I grew up in, South Amboy, was home to Colonel David B. Kelly, who was Superintendent of the New Jersey State Police in the mid to late 60's to early 70's, so the State Police was always well-known and respected." In high school, he attended Trooper Youth Week, and was a N.J. State Police college intern while at Rutgers, before entering the State Police Academy.

Lieutenant Finnegan is a proud member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in South Amboy, and attained his AOH 1st Degree in 2007.

Congratulations to Lt. Mark Finnegan on your Irish Law & Order 2020 Award, and also on your outstanding career with the New Jersey State Police.

Coronavirus Shuts Down Schools And More

By Steve Schmid

Sayreville and South Amboy residents are trying to adjust to a "new normal" as Governor Phil Murphy issued an executive order dealing with coronavirus disease from China. Murphy's order closed all public, private, and parochial schools. Colleges and universities were also instructed to cease all in-person instruction. The order also banned all activities in the state to 50 people or less with few exceptions. All restaurants with or without a liquor license are limited to delivery or take out service. All casinos, nightclubs, racetracks, movie theaters, gyms, fitness centers, and performing arts centers are closed. The disease has affected churches as well. Metuchen Bishop James Checchio temporarily suspended all public Masses beginning March 18 and resuming no earlier than April 3. Checchio said churches should remain open for private prayer, private devotion and adoration. Praying in large groups should be avoided. Despite the suspension of public Masses a private one will be celebrated daily at the Cathedral of Saint Francis of Assisi and can be viewed at that time on their website www.stfranciscathedral.org Other religious programming is available on several television channels. Most local events have been canceled due to the health crisis. South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry recently sent an advisory to city residents stating: 1. Out of an abundance of caution, public events involving large groups have been postponed. The Senior Center is temporarily closed, but routine transportation for grocery shopping and

medical appointments is still being provided. 2. Frequent handwashing with soap and water is the best proactive step to stop the spread of germs. 3. If you develop "flu like symptoms," the best practice is to stay home and to contact your personal physician for advice as to if you should be seen at their office, or have a prescription called in. 4. If you experience profound respiratory difficulty, you should seek immediate emergency care. 5. All City service both routine and emergency are continuing uninterrupted. The City has plans and assets in place that can be employed if necessary. The city Health Department, Office of Emergency Management, Police, Fire, and EMS officials are in contact frequently throughout the day monitoring developments, and are ready to provide additional services if needed. They are in frequent contact with the Superintendent of Schools in terms of moving forward and will continue to monitor the situation through the Middlesex County and State Departments of Health.

Mayor Fred Henry has been providing a podcast online each day at the South Amboy Homepage for local residents, and keeping them informed with updates from City Hall and City officials. This has been an excellent way for informing citizens regarding the health emergency.

The Mayor said in his advisory message, "Life has changed and many things we take for granted have become inconvenient. But, by maintaining calm and staying up to date with the latest factual information, we will get through this crisis together."



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Pictured(l-r) South Amboy Board of Education members Amy McLaughlin, Joan Conway, and Rafael Albarran after their swearing-in ceremony on January 2, 2020. (Photo/Info Submitted)

Talk Of The Towns

By Tom Burkard

Locals Receive Confirmation

Congratulations to the following students who recently received their Confirmation at St. Mary Church: Colton Benevento, Andrew Blanchard, Andrew Bouchard, Mary Kate Brew, Jamie Finnegan, Emma Glasser, Lola Grasso, Alejandra Harvey, Corinna Hatter, Abigail Henn, James Jamolawicz, Isaiah Mercado, Jonathan Moakler, Matthew Murphy, Karissa Orsine, Leilani Rodriguez, Thomas Seig, Ryan Skokowski, Karma Smith, Michael Solano, Shane Storrs, John Zapotoczny.

Happy Birthday Sy!
A very special Happy Birthday greeting to Sy Attardi of South Amboy, who recently celebrated his 90th Birthday! Sy is a former South Amboy Councilman, and a terrific guy, respected and admired by all who are honored to know him! God Bless, Sy!

Evigan Shooting Christmas Movie
Renowned actor Greg Evigan has recently been shooting a Christmas movie in Minnesota. The movie is called "Christmas Inn Farmstead." Greg was born in South Amboy, lived in Sayreville, and graduated from Sayreville War Memorial HS. He rose to worldwide fame on TV shows, "BJ & The Bear," and also "My Two Dads."

Sayreville Police Help Seniors In Health Emergency

By Steve Schmid

Sayreville senior citizens are getting much needed help from the borough police department. Police have been delivering groceries and good cheer to help senior citizens during the coronavirus crisis. Lt James Novak heads the Sayreville Police Department's Community Outreach unit. He is directing the effort to help limit their exposure to the disease. Sgts. Brian Braile, Angela Maot, and Tom Sheehan have delivered important items to homebound seniors. Novak is working with the borough's Office on Aging to work on plans that include busing seniors to attend the Stop & Shop senior shopping hours from 6 to 7:30 a.m. Novak said the seniors have been in their homes for awhile and they needed help. Novak contacted local food pantries, including Our Lady Of Victory Food Pantry, Sayreville Care and Share Food Bank, and Food Pantry of First Presbyterian Church to provide them with items so they could put together grocery bags for distribution. He added the local Shop Rite also gave them a significant amount of food and other items. He added a bag of groceries is always appreciated by the seniors many of whom are on a limited income.

Rib Roast
The St. Stan's Holy Name will be holding a rib roast on Saturday April 25. We will start at 11:00 Am and continue until we sell out. The rib roast will be held at our carnival grounds at the corner of Main St. & MacArthur Ave. Prices are \$20 full rack, & \$12 for a 1/2 rack.

Murder Mystery Show Postponed
The St Bernadette Knights of Columbus has postponed the murder mystery show on April 18 Saturday till further notice.

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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 -T.B..

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Pleasant little TRIVIA

By Tom Burkard

- 1.South Amboy City Council President in 1992?
a.Michael Gross b.John Hulsart c.Craig Coughlin
- 2.Selected Sayreville Senior Citizen of the Year in 2005 by OLV Knights of Columbus #2061?
a.John Tamborini b.Stella Misiewicz c.Joanne Patel
- 3.South Amboy Irish-American Association Person of the Year in 2010?
a.Mike McGinnity b.Erin O'Malley c.Anne Mundy-Kukulski
- 4.What section of Sayreville is Teddy's Bar located in?
a.Melrose b.Morgan c.President Park
- 5.Borough of Sayreville Council President in 2000?
a.Mary Novak b.Jeff Pawlowski c.Ray Skarzynski
- 6.The name of the pedestrian bridge at Waterfront Park near Lighthouse Bay?
a.Harold G. Hoffman b.William Kurtz c.B. Judith Lecki
- 7.In 2000, Gomolka's Auto Body was located where in Morgan?
a.Rt. 35 South b.Rt. 9 North c.Rt. 35 North
- 8.South Amboy St. Patrick's Day Parade Grand Marshal in 2005?
a.Jim Ryan b.Francis "Butch" Mulvey c.Elizabeth "Betty" Leveille
- 9.Briefly, in 2010, this national ice cream/Italian ice shop was located on Broadway in South Amboy?
a.Big John's b.Tricky Rick's c.Uncle Louie
- 10.Where was the Dutch Boy Paints tank located in Sayreville?
a.Melrose b.Morgan c.Bordentown Ave.

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



Faithful Navigator of the Msgr. John F. Brady Assembly 676 Jan Williams (c) recently presented a certificate to Rev. Dennis Wezorak (l), Pastor of St. Mary Church in South Amboy, in honor of his 20th year of membership in the Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus. Deacon Richard O'Brien (r), is also a member of the Monsignor Brady Assembly. (Photo by Steve Schmid)

The Winter That Wasn't

By Steve Schmid

The winter of 2019-20 will go down in the record books in our area as one of the mildest ever. Above average temperatures were observed in December, January, February, and March. There were few opportunities for snow as temperatures were consistently in the 40s and 50s, well above freezing. We had only two snow events, one in December and one in January totaling about four inches. No snow was recorded in February and March. The lack of winter has led to an early spring with daffodils, crocuses, forsythias, cherry and dogwood trees blooming much earlier than normal.

New York City's winter festival was canceled because temperatures were too mild to make snow. Washington D.C. moved up its annual cherry blossom festival because of the early spring. Over in Europe it was also unusually mild. Helsinki, Finland, and Oslo, Norway recorded no snow in January for the first time. Kiev and St. Petersburg, Russia each had their warmest February. Weather experts say the unseasonably warm temperatures in North America and Europe were caused by a record strong polar vortex, which sat directly over the North Pole and kept most of the arctic air bottled up far north.

Concert Rescheduled

Music at Saint Mary's and the South Amboy Parade Committee presents an Encore performance! Join Irish folk singer Sara McCabe and harpist Merynda Adams for a special Saint Patrick's Day Celebration concert event. One reviewer wrote, "Sara is an outstanding vocalist...her scholarly approach to Irish music suggests a labor of love...her audiences love her...". Described by the Newark Star Ledger as having "played the harp with color and great facility," Ms. Adams is a 1994 winner of the Artists International Competition and the Goldblatt

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, "Chamber Music for Charity", presents works for harp and various instruments to benefit area charities. Come join us on Saturday, May 16th 7:00pm, 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

The Sayreville War Memorial High School 2020 Hall of Fame Annual Awards

In view of the current situation with the corona virus the SWMHS Hall of Fame Committee has cancelled the April 25th Hall of Fame Banquet. It has been rescheduled for Saturday, September 26th. All previous ad book and ticket requests will be honored for the September date. For problems or questions please contact Elaine Kubacz at 732-727-0192 or epkubacz@verizon.net.

Join us as we honor these outstanding alumni of SWMHS. The honorees are: Chris Beagan, Class of 1990: 3-Time State Championship Coach, 2009, 2016 & 2018; GMC Coach of the Year, 2003, 2009 & 2016; Steven Casano, Class of 1985: Founding Executive Director, NeuroSearch, Scientific Search Firm; Sayreville Little League Coach, Sponsorship Coordinator &

Board Member; William D'Amico, Class of 1973: Distinguished Military Career/3 Special Operations Commanding Officer Tours of Duty; Post-military career in Corporate Medical device, consumer goods & industrial manufacturing Industries; Matthew Lynch (Posthumous Award), Class of 1985: President of Friends Of Children's Hospital in Warsaw, Poland; Honored by USAmbassador to Poland for 20 years of service; Farrah Reilly, Class of 1994: New York Times & USA Today bestselling Author under the pen name Emma Chase; Books translated into over 20 languages around the world.

Tickets are \$50.00 each and \$30.00 for children with a choice of meals. For further information, call Elaine Kubacz at 732-727-0192.

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.

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.

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Yearbook-Sayreville 1970
 By Tom Burkard

1970 marked the death of rock legends Jimi Hendrix and Janis Joplin, while on the local scene, Sayreville War Memorial High School seniors were cruising through the Borough, and paying only 36 cents a gallon for gasoline. Several popular teachers at SWMHS were Barbara Kolojay, Colette Solinski, William Doll, Susan Curato, and John O'Rourke. The yearbook was dedicated to John Gutkowski, and Betsy Cottrell was Editor-In-Chief. Robert Fleming was Board Secretary. Senior Class Officers were: President-Joseph Gabel; Vice President-Anne Elwood; Secretary-Lorraine Vargo; Treasurer-Debra Cuddihy. Some of the huge class selected randomly were: Carol Baker, Gay Batterson, John Bottomly, Sue Brain, Robert Castellano, Diane Casanova, Steve Ciak, Nancy Cipo, Dennis Danku, Gail Dehnz, Peg Dieker, Shirley Dzergoski, Patricia Faith, Clint Farfel, Ronald Feret, Robert Fleming, Anna Friberg, Arlene Fross, Carol Golaszewski, David Griffith, Kenneth Hand, Patricia Hathcock, Elizabeth Himey, Debra Hyslop, Dennis Kehoe, George Kern, James Kopystecky, Gary Knoblock, John Kozak, John Lawrence, Marlene Letts, Diane Kukulski, Michael Lockwood, Edward Lotkowitz, Keith Manion, Elaine Mango, Bill Marine, Bob Masterson, Judith Ann McCormack, Thomas Misiewicz, Linda Monks, Val Nadin, Daniel Mosakowski, Ken Noble, Mary O'Connell, David Parsons, Nancy Pease, Robert Pomykala, Suzanne Shaver, John Sieke, Diane Teeter, John Ust, William Wagner, Steven Vona, Sherie Wolfthal. Many of the seniors started working that year for a minimum wage of only \$1.60 per hour. The average family income was \$9,867! The Student Council was led by President Matt Anderson; V.P.-Gary DeLena; Treas.-Donna Unkel; Recording Sec.-Claudia Kutz; Corresponding Sec.-Pat Buckalew. Karen Fleming and Pat O'Connor were Editors-In-Chief of the "Echo Lites." Bev Skurka was captain and Nancy Sipo co-captain of the Twirlers. Color Guard captain was Karen Gostkowski and co-captain was Linda Betzler. Karen Downey was Drum Majorette. The Fall Play in 1969 was "Inherit The Wind," and future Hollywood star, Greg Evigan had one of the lead roles. The school play was "My Fair Lady." On the sports scene, the Bombers baseball team under legendary Coach John Wortley captured its first Group IV State Championship with a superb 22-4 record. Jim Champion was the football captain, and Bob Casazza basketball captain. Jason Orlasky and Len Truchan were co-captains in soccer. Claudia Kutz was captain of the cheerleaders. Paul Aleyta and Tony Guido co-captained the wrestlers, while Jason Orlasky and Howie Clark were co-captains of boys gymnastics. Karen and Cindy Ferenci co-captained the girls gymnastics team. "Everything Is Beautiful" by Ray Stevens topped the Pop charts at Graduation time, and it couldn't be more appropriate for the Sayreville Class of 1970, who brought plenty of style, beauty, and talent into the new decade. Jerome Trzeciakowski was Valedictorian, and Ronald McClain was Salutatorian.

Jammin For Jaclyn Benefit Concert

PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE!! (7TH ANNUAL) JAMMIN FOR JACLYN BENEFIT CONCERT will now TAKE PLACE on JUNE 13, 2020. This 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 June 13, 2020 at the Knights of Columbus in (Parlin) SAYREVILLE NJ, 08859, (775 Washington Road) from 3:30 p.m - 2 a.m.
 *Tickets can be purchased at the door.

Some of this year's Featured Artists include: John Walsh, Patsy Palma, Levy Okun, Amber Morgan, Jake Tavill & Indigo Soul, The Fog, 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 FOUNDERSreachoutto: DeniseMorgan, Ron Morgan or Michael Squillace 732-525-9536 JamminforJaclyn.org, 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.

BBQ Baseball Fireworks July 10

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 sponsors an outing Friday July 10 to see the Somerset Patriots host the Lancaster Barnstormers in a 7:05 p.m. game. Cost of \$35 includes game ticket, all you can eat barbeque through the 3rd inning. Entrees include hot dogs, hamburgers, pulled pork, veggie burgers, mac & cheese, cole slaw, chips, cookies, and fountain soft drinks. A condiment bar offers ketchup mustard, cheese, sauerkraut, chili, diced onions, and cheese sauce. Fountain drinks will be available through the 7th inning. When the game ends, the lights darken and a wonderful fireworks show will begin. For more information call Steve at 732-727-1707.

Sight and Sound Theater Bus Trip - Esther

Please join us on Saturday, May 16, 2020 for a bus trip to Lancaster, PA to see the exhilarating Sight & Sound newest show, Esther. We are leaving the parking lot from the Trinity United Methodist Church at 815 Bordentown Avenue, South Amboy (close to Parkway entrance) at 11:15 am for the 3 pm showing. Dinner will be at the Hershey Family Inn and Restaurant at 6 pm. Dinner will include 3 meat family style menu along with many great PA favorites. Snacks included on the bus trip. The cost is \$155 per adult and \$100 per child (up to age 12). If you are interested in reserving a seat, please call Lori at 732-763-6232. Seats do go fast, so please contact me ASAP. Thanks.



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Sister Hosea Rupprecht, FSP, Regional Director of Pauline Center For Media Studies, is pictured after presenting a fine Lenten Night of Reflection about the Holy Season of Lent, at St. Mary Church. (Photo/caption by Joe Lotkowitz)

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SA Arts News

(Article Submitted)

South Amboy Arts Alliance is the non-profit organization referred to as SA Arts. The mission of the SA Arts Alliance is to strengthen our community by providing cultural and artistic offerings that educate, entertain, and inspire our residents by creating new alliances that support local artists.

SA Arts has been working on events for the city's holiday celebrations. We began to initiate our 2020 program with a monthly painting and line dancing lessons in January. Unfortunately, due to obstacles and the COVID-19 all activities and gallery shows were postponed. Even though we are all in this withdrawal from our everyday lives, we need to take the time to enjoy the things we hold dear.... reading, writing, drawing, doodling, painting, listening to music...and when we return to the hectic days of life, we will be here to help you create, enjoy and share a little joy with a friend or two or perhaps a new found friend...

For your interest we are planning a children's art class, Creating Sculpture from Recyclables. Children are all artists and when we give them the space and freedom to create, they show you their imagination.

We will be adding children's Painting and Drawing Classes too! All workshop art will be exhibited in our gallery.

SA Arts Gallery has had to postpone our opening of the city-wide exhibition, Faces of the City, but as soon as we can we will be publicizing the event along with South Amboy High School Art Show and the 2020 Artsfest Artist Show which will be opening before the 2020 SA Artsfest scheduled for September 20th.

We are currently seeking patrons, members and volunteers who would like to contribute their ideas and skills to the organization through teaching and/or volunteering to help our program grow. We need your help and enthusiasm. We want our community to enjoy the arts by creating and sharing their joy in order to help build our community....

Please look to our South Amboy Arts Alliance Facebook page for updates on all events and there is a new website coming soon...

But, for now, be safe, stay home and love the ones you are with!

MCC Receives Apprenticeship Grant

Middlesex County College has received a grant of \$82,960 from the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development to create and operate a program for eight nursing apprentices and two in advanced manufacturing.

In the health sector, MCC will recruit and train eight apprentices for Certified Nursing Assistant positions at Roosevelt Care Center in Edison. The College will also recruit and train two Advanced Manufacturing apprentices for electromechanical technician positions at Tropical Cheese and Commercial Metals Company, one at each company.

"This is a great opportunity for individuals to gain employment in the field of advanced manufacturing, or in the healthcare field as a Certified Nurse Assistant," said Roseann Bucciarelli, dean of Continuing Education.

"These apprenticeship opportunities link formal instruction with a paid, on-the-job learning program. Participants will benefit by earning money while learning specialized skills that lead to a sustaining career."

The program will encourage employer participation by providing a 50 percent wage reimbursement for the first six months of newly hired apprentices' employment, offset costs incurred for training, and spur employers to hire registered apprentices from the program. Wages will begin at \$16.50 per hour.

All students going through apprenticeships will have a company mentor, who will monitor their progress and offer assistance if needed.

For more information, contact Continuing Education at 732-906-7740.



Middlesex County College honored adjunct faculty members for service anniversaries during Adjunct Faculty Development Day in March. Here, Runae Edwards-Wilson (c) of Sayreville, receives her award for 30 semesters of teaching from Linda Scherr (l), vice president for academic affairs, and College President Mark McCormick (r) (Photo/Info Submitted)

The Smoke Column

By Ex-Chief Richard Kosmoski, BA, MS

While watching a news report of a police chase in Bloomingdale, New Jersey, that ended up being an active shooter incident, with shots fired, I was surprised at what I saw in the video of the scene. Maybe I wasn't really surprised because nothing surprises me much anymore. There were two fire chiefs command vehicles at the scene. Many times, I have seen in news reports, videos of fire apparatus at the scene of mass shooting incidents. I ask myself why, but I know that in today's world all first responders place their lives in jeopardy every time they respond to an incident. So why are firefighters needed at an active shooter incident, we don't carry guns (yet)? Many times, the fire apparatus is used as a blocking device to protect both firefighters and police. These big red vehicles can usually stop a speeding bullet fired from a perpetrator's weapon. A large percentage of firefighters are certified EMTs and will respond in that capacity. They respond to provide medical attention to any injured persons. The problem with that type of situation, is that it places the firefighters in proximity of the shooter and stray bullets. It would be a misnomer to think that the current Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) worn by firefighters would stop a bullet, it won't. It is worn to protect firefighters from fire/heat/moisture conditions and is only a fabric material constructed with a waterproof liner and thermal barrier.

A recent article in one of the fire service publications is reporting on a new trend in the fire service occurring around the country. Fire departments and emergency medical service (EMS) squads are either weighing the possibility of or actively outfitting at least some of their personnel with bulletproof protective equipment that would allow them to function in an active shooter incident. We all know that it's up to law enforcement personnel to neutralize an active shooter, it may be the fire and EMS responsibilities to remove wounded individuals from harm's way. There are a variety of bulletproof vests

available and the type is dependent on the duties of the first responder. The new style police vest is worn on the outside of the shirt and carries their equipment in sewn-in pouches. Firefighters have the option of wearing a vest under their turnout PPE that contains a hard armor plate to protect the chest. If they are doing EMS duties, they can wear the vest as an outer garment that also has pouches to carry their medical equipment and supplies. Resources are available but when do we make the decision to wear them and where will the funding come from? If we decide to wear the vests during an active shooter incident, when is it determined it IS an active shooter incident, after the shots are fired? At that point it may be too late!

In an article I wrote in 2018, I mentioned a structure fire where firefighters were ambushed by the owner of the home as they arrived to extinguish the fire. These types of malicious and demented people are not in someone else's community, they are all over. When you hear reports about a tragic incident in a small community, you hear the neighbors stating that, "this never happens in our town." Unfortunately, we don't know where the next incident will occur, so we must be prepared at all times for any and all possibilities.

The Middlesex County Office of Emergency Management (MCOEM) has been offering classes on "Response to Active Shooter Incidents". These classes are open to all first responders and are held at the Middlesex County Fire Academy at various times. They are free but you must register online.

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 Thank you, St. Jude. E.P

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 six 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!



On March 15th members of SAFA were given a quick in-service training on COVID-19 virus latest information and policy/ procedures, and a review of proper donning of personal protective equipment. The in-service was provided by Michelle Golba-Norek RN, CEN, MICN from Hackensack-Meridian, JFK/RBMC EMS DIVISION. (Photo/Info Submitted)

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Hook, Line & Sinker

By Elaine Holton Scott

Teo “Weebles” Weber who writes Fishing Flashes for The Satimes would surely know how to put a sinker on a fishing line, bait a hook, then, cast the line as far out as it can go in the hope a lot of fish would be biting that day. In a way, Ad Men follow the same concept for their advertising, and seemingly will go to any length to reel in as many suckers as they can via TV commercials where the largest audience is. The targets for these Ad Men are you, me, and anyone who is watching. Day and night, we see commercials for weight loss products, often suspiciously promoted by someone who surely looks like she had areas photoshopped...mascara commercials bragging about their ability to make eyelashes thick and long with just a flick of their mascara wand, but never mentioning the mascara was being applied directly to false eyelashes ...lipstick advertised to last all day when it actually lasts for no more than an half hour...and women in their 20s acting like their young skin was made to look young by some product instead of by nature. If “up in age” women are used, you can bet your life digital corrections have been made to their already “corrected” faces. So, is this kind of legal fraud new? Heck, NO!!

Highly paid Ad men and Artistic “re-enactors” seem to have been like bottom feeders of the commercial world. Cheating has been a part of television commercials since, well, the beginning of television commercials in the booming economy of the early 1950s. In 1968, The Campbell Soup Company found out the hard way when the advertising company they had hired put clear marbles at the bottom of the soup bowl making the noodles and the few pieces of chicken look like it was rising from the

bowl. That was cheating at its finest...or, rather, at its lowest. When their competitor, Heinz, notified the FDA about the fraudulent commercial, the disgraced Campbell Soup company had to pay a hefty fine. In retaliation, The Campbell Soup Company pressed charges against Heinz claiming their products contained mold. Heinz then paid its own fine and suffered its own disgrace.

The Campbell Soup Company and Heinz were mere amateurs in cheating the public, as Ad men became very bad men when it came to deviously by-passing the laws in effect to protect the viewer against “malarky.” For example, “food stylists” were, and still are, paid big bucks to make food look tremendously different from what you actually get. Filming commercials usually takes time so using fake food in commercials is being “cost saving.” A good example of what is and isn’t allowed would be a commercial with tortillas for burritos. Almost all of us know how soft tortillas get when filled. So, while using a fake tortilla in a commercial is illegal, it’s not illegal to glue the tortillas together.

Just as in everyday life, the bottom feeders of the advertising world seem to always find a way to beat the system... like when Crisco was used to replicate ice cream, resin to make old mashed potatoes look fresh, and cooked turkeys stinking to high heaven from sitting around for far too long before the final take look delicious. Advertising people keep finding ways to make “fishing” a profitable business. Just ask Teo “Weebles” Weber from The SATimes... he knows everything you want to know about a hook, line & stinker....oops, I meant sinker.

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The Pollman-Orellana band has a new 5-song CD out titled "Don't Feed The Lion." Pictured performing live on the "Trivia King Show" is (l-r) Michael Pollman-guitar, Moses Orellana-guitar/vocals, Mike Antol-drums/percussion, and Sayreville's own Mike Moe-bass guitar. Pictured in the center is John Slover, "The Trivia King," also of Sayreville. The show can be found on Hamilton Radio. Get your copies of this excellent CD by searching e-bay for Pollman Orellana, or call Mike Moe at 732-257-3760 for pickup. Cost is \$10 cash.

MUSIC TRIVIA! By Tom Burkard

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Rory Kelly Band Releases New CD

The fabulous Rory Kelly Band recently released a red-hot CD, "The Crown," which really kicks! "We Had It All," is a cool sound from this great group with South Amboy roots. The Rory Kelly Band will be back in

New Jersey on Friday, July 17th at Ryan's Pub in Monroe Twp., and at South Stevens Pub in South Amboy on July 18th. Mark your calendars for two must see/hear shows!

Bon Jovi Teams Up With Prince Harry

Sayreville native son and rock star Jon Bon Jovi once again has helped a worthwhile charitable cause. Bon Jovi teamed with England's Prince Harry to re-record his 2019 single "Unbroken" at the legendary Abbey Road recording studio in London. That studio is where the Beatles recorded their famous later albums. The charity song which was just released, honors the service of military veterans who are suffering from post traumatic stress disorder. Prince Harry was present when the New Jersey rock star sang with the Invictus Games choir. After

the recording session, Harry met choir members and athletes from the previous Invictus Games. Harry founded the Invictus Games, a multi-part competition scheduled for May 9-16 in the Netherlands. Both of Bon Jovi's parents served in the U.S. Marine Corps and "Unbroken" will be featured on his next album which will be released later this year. Proceeds from the song will benefit the foundation that oversees the sporting event. Afterwards, Bon Jovi said Harry is a wonderful young man who has served his nation well in and out of uniform.

#1 Pop Hits-March 28

- 2000-Say My Name-Destiny's Child
- 1993-Informer-Snow
- 1988-Man In The Mirror-Michael Jackson
- 1976-December, 1963 (Oh What A Night)-The Four Seasons
- 1966-The Ballad Of The Green Berets-SSgt. Barry Sadler
- 1959-Venus-Frankie Avalon

#1 Country Hits-March 28

- 2005-That's What I Love About Sunday-Craig Morgan
- 1997-We Danced Anyway-Deana Carter
- 1985-Seven Spanish Angels-Ray Charles/Willie Nelson
- 1977-Southern Night-Glen Campbell
- 1961-Don't Worry-Marty Robbins
- 1957-There You Go-Johnny Cash

OLV Senior Trip to Hunterdon Christmas Show

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to the Hunterdon Hills Christmas Show on Wednesday, November 18, 2020. The price of the trip is \$100 which includes the show, full course meal, dessert buffet, bus transportation, bus gratuity, and snacks on the bus. For further information or to reserve a seat please contact Carmen at 732-254-9425.

One Hit Wonders 40 Years Ago

1980-Romeo's Tune-Steve Forbert; Pilot Of The Airwaves-Charlie Dore; Funkytown-Lipps, Inc.; Cars-Gary Numan; Tired Of Toein' The Line-Rocky Burnette; Why Not Me-Fred Knoblock; Take A Little Rhythm-Ali Thomson; Into The Night-Benny Mardones; One In A Million You-Larry Graham.

1960's Music Show-June 3

Carnaby Street will present a FREE show sponsored by the Sayreville Cultural Arts Council on Wednesday, June 3, at 7:30 p.m. at the Sayreville Senior Center, 423 Main St. Carnaby Street is a band that plays the music from the 1960's featuring the British Invasion; your favorites from the Beatles, Rolling Stones, and more. Carnaby

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School Sports

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Boys Basketball

Sayreville (8-17) Top scorers-Luca Ventricelli 214 Aidan Ryan 173 Casey Hodder 158 Ryan Ament 119 Danny Golzasewski 100.

South Amboy (8-17) Top scorers-Joshua Jimenez 334 Artis Ray 245 Aiden Pelkey 196 Brandon Gasiewski 153 Deavonte Jones 144 Michael Ajilowura 124; Rebounds-Jimenez 150 Ajilowura 148 Jones 119; Assists-Jimenez 63 Ray 52 Jones 42; Steals-Jimenez 24 Jones 16 Louie Martinez 10.

Girls Basketball

Sayreville (17-8) Top scorers-Stephanie Van Note 458 Brooke Holland 346 Janeva Holland 226 Jordan Wehrle 125; Rebounds-B. Holland 205 J. Holland 190 Van Note 162 Wehrle 162.

South Amboy (3-18) Top scorers-Faith Nemeth 258 Taylor Gliese 220.

Wrestling

Bombers Chosen 1st Team White Division 113-Dylan Acevedo (35-7); 126-Darren Figueroa; 145-Jake Wagner; 195-Ryan Bouchard; 220-Joey Porcaro (30-6), and finished his senior year by qualifying for the state tourney at Atlantic City, while joining his brothers Anthony and Micahel, who also qualified in previous years. Coach Marcus Ivy was selected White Division Coach of the Year. Congratulations to Coach Ivy and his talented wrestlers on another great season!

Acevedo All-Area Selection

Sayreville wrestler, Dylan Acevedo, a junior, was chosen Home News Tribune 1st Team All-Area GMC in the 106-pound class. Acevedo had a standout year, winning the Old Bridge Icebreaker Tourney; finishing 3rd in the Conference Tournament; 3rd in District 17; 4th in Region 5, while helping the Bombers capture their 3rd consecutive White Division title.

Pawalek All-State Bowler

Bryan Pawalek, a standout bowler for Sayreville, has been selected 3rd Team All-State in The Star Ledger. Congratulations, Bryan!

Ode-Festus Cops Title

Elijah Ode-Festus, captured the 170-pound wrestling championship at the highly-competitive District 17 Tournament. Congratulations Elijah!



Ryan O'Leary

College Notebook

Ryan O'Leary (Sayreville) has had a fine sophomore season as a starting guard for Rowan University (15-12). He averaged 8.6 points per game (ppg.), and 3.1 rebounds, while being named to the MAAC All-Academic Team...Mansfield "Manny" Warren (Cardinal McCarrick), a junior guard for the Ramapo College Roadrunners (15-11), averaged 6.9 points, and 1.3 rebounds per game, while playing less than a half in each outing...In the first round of the NJAC Tourney, O'Leary and Warren found each other on opposing teams, as Rowan romped over Ramapo 94-80. O'Leary was a perfect 3-for-3 on 3-point field goal attempts, while finishing with 11 points and 8 rebounds. Warren tossed in 5 points and grabbed a rebound.



Kyle Poetsch of Sayreville (Cardinal McCarrick/Mater Dei Prep), broke the Rider University school record in weight throw by hurling it 18.05 meters or 59 feet, 2 3/4 inches to finish 9th place at the Ic4a/ECAC championships in Boston on March 7th. The weight that he threw weighs 35 lbs. Other locals on the Rider U. track & field team were Pat Gorman of South Amboy (Cardinal McCarrick/Mater Dei Prep), who also threw the weight, and two former Sayreville Bombers, Benjamin Aidoo, who competed in sprints and hurdles, and Dylan Rodriguez, who ran cross country/distance events. (Photo/info submitted)



On Saturday February 22, 2020 the South Amboy Middle High School track team turned in one of its best sectional performances ever with three runners qualifying for States. Sophomore standout Rafael Albarran placed 5th in the 1600 meters in a PR time of 4:44 to qualify for the Group 1 State championships. Abe Calderon placed 4th in the 3200 meters in a time of 10:17 to make it to states and Mary Ann Walsh also placed 4th in the 3200 meters to qualify for states. Other PR performances were turned in by Gabriel Albarran in the 1600 meters, Neftali Rodriguez, Juliana Popolizio and Ciara Smocovich in the 55 meters, Tiffany Conrad in the 800 meters and Joe Jamolawicz in the 3200 meters who placed 9th overall in a PR time of 11:04. Congratulations to Abe, Mary Ann and Rafael on qualifying for States. (left to right) Abe Calderon, Rafael Albarran, Coach Anthony Mecca, Mary Ann Walsh. (Photo/Info Submitted)

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You Tube-In

You may find some of the following interesting on youtube.com. Brian Wilson and Al Jardine- Wouldn't It Be Nice, with Al's son Matt Jardine-Celebrate; An instrumental from the '60's called "Torture" by The Fendermen; "Comin' Home Baby" also a 60's instrumental by Herbie Mann. The last two were favorites of a young South Amboy band without a name, led by the late lead-guitarist Wayne Meszaros. The kids, except for Wayne were just starting their first band, and rehearsing in 1967. Check out Bon Jovi-Pretty Woman-Old Time Rock 'n' Roll-Bad Medicine-Horsens 2011. In this video Jon is wearing a knee brace from an injury, and jokes around with Richie Sambora live on stage at Horsens, Denmark.

Mets Trip

For all of you baseball fans, the South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 hold their annual trip to beautiful Citi Field to see the Mets host their National League rivals Miami Marlins. The game will be played Saturday night August 1 at 7:10 as the Mets host their National League East opponent Miami Marlins. Cost of \$135 includes reserved mezzanine seats, round trip motor coach transportation from the K of C parking lot, snacks, refreshments, a Mets promotional item, and \$24 worth of Mets Money that can be spent anywhere in the ballpark. For more information call Steve at 732-727-1707

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.

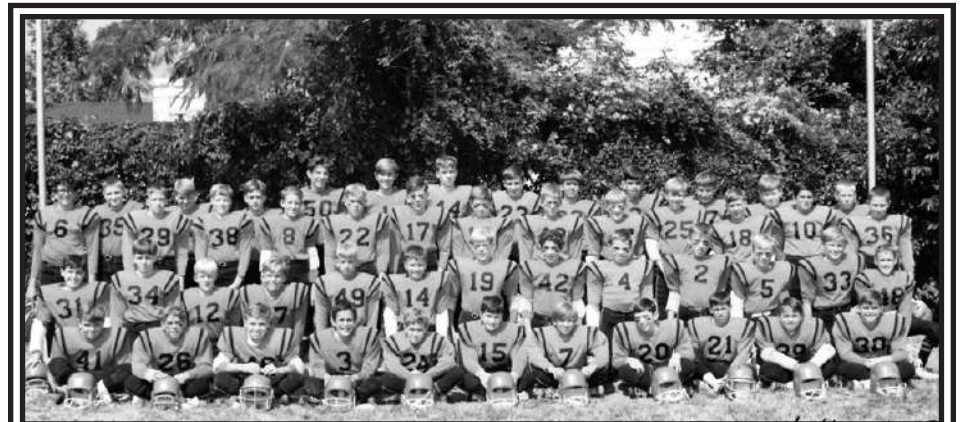


1988-Al Gomolka Jr., The SA Times Poet Laureate (r), who portrayed Abraham Lincoln, and WWF wrestling legend Sgt. Slaughter (l) are pictured when they worked together at the Jacob Javits Center Annual Toy Show in New York. (Photo courtesy of Al Gomolka Jr.)

Yogi-isms

New York Yankee great Hall-of-Famer Yogi Berra is credited for the following interesting and funny quotes:

- "Why buy good luggage? You only use it when you travel."
- "When you come to a fork in the road, take it."
- "We're lost, but we're making good time."
- "If the world were perfect, it wouldn't be."
- "If I didn't wake up, I'd still be sleeping."
- "I usually take a 2 hour nap from 1 to 4."
- "If you can't imitate him, don't copy him."



Stillwagon Wins Sabres Contest

Former South Amboy Sabres Pop Warner Football League great, Ron Stillwagon, easily won last month's "Name The Sabres Contest." The following is his winning submission of players names, uniform numbers, and notes about the coach and some teammates.
"41 xxxx Marcinczyk, 26 Curt Jankowski, Bob Barclay, 7 Paul Piazzola, 20 Mike Dejoy, 21 xxxx Picchini, between 21 and 30 is Walt Zamorski, 30 Jim Attardi. 49 xxx York, 14 Lenny Entrabartolo, 19 Ron Stillwagon, 42 Frank Richiusa, 4 Danny Lewis, 2 Ron Masarik, 5 Pat Eppinger. 35 Larry Farkas, 29 Kenny Spiecker,

between 29 and 38 is Tom Harland, 38 Ricky Stillwagon, 22 George Bongiorno, to the right of 17 is Herbie Belmonte, John Connors, Pete Szaro, Glen Quinton, 18 Rudy Neumann, 10 Ricky Scarfi
Back row 44 Daryl Spiecker.
Notes: Great Head Coach- Bob Eppinger (He died so young)...Best All Around Athlete- George Bongiorno (He could play any sport real well)...Frank Richiusa, Tough as Nails, and played with me on the Jersey Oaks in 1987...
Daryl Spiecker-threw a beautiful pass, great touch!

The Local Sports Memory Machine

From The Sports Archives

by Tom Burkard

Glory Days In Local Sports



The 1949-50 St. Mary's hoopsters finished at a super 17-4 under coach Bill Garry- Looking up from (l-r) Gene Harkins, Bill McKeon, Jerry O'Brien, George Spiecker, Bob Keating, Ed South, Rod Carney, Don Bennett, Luke Lenahan Jack Vail.

Locals Who Played Pro Basketball

Last month we mentioned many Middlesex County athletes who made it to the pinnacle of their sport, by rising to Major League Baseball (MLB), the National Football League (NFL), or the National Basketball League (NBA). "Pistol" Pete McIntyre, one of the most knowledgeable basketball experts in the area, contacted us with facts about a few more players from our county, who also made it to the pros. He said that "Chad Kinch from Perth Amboy was a 1st round, 22nd overall pick by the Cleveland Cavaliers in the '80 draft. He played a total of 41 games for the Cavs and also Dallas Mavericks, averaging 2.9 ppg., in his only year in the NBA...Frank Fitzgerald, a standout player for St. Joseph's Metuchen HS played for former NBA great Bob Cousy at Boston College, and in '71 was drafted in round 8 by the Cincinnati Royals NBA team, which was then coached by Cousy. Fitzgerald never played in an official NBA contest... Jason "Jay" Williams and Andrew Bynum both starred at St. Joseph's, and played in the NBA. Williams after an outstanding career at Duke University was drafted in the 2002 NBA Draft by the Chicago Bulls as their 2nd overall pick. He played one season 2002-03 and averaged 9.5 ppg., but was injured in a serious motorcycle accident in June '03 that finished his career. Bynum, a 7-foot center, was selected by the Los Angeles Lakers in the 1st round, 10th pick, and 10th overall in the '05 draft. In his career, he played

418 games, averaged 11.5 ppg., and 7.7 reb. Besides LA, he played 24 games for Cleveland, and 2 games with Indiana before retiring because of injuries... Jim McCloud, a standout for St. Mary's HS in South Amboy, Class of '69, went on to become the All-Time leading scorer at Biscayne College, and played against the likes of Artis Gilmore and others while at the Florida school. Jim played pro basketball in Europe following his great college career."

Back in the '60's former Hoffman HS players from the 1950's, big John Ciol and Jim English played pro basketball with the Washington Generals, the team that toured with the Harlem Globetrotters. While in high school, Ciol, a 6-10 center set the county scoring record with 65 points in a game back in 1952. The mark stood for 15 years...Karl Anthony Towns starred for St. Joseph's Metuchen HS, and has gone on to a superb NBA career with the Minnesota Timberwolves. In 2016-17, he became the only NBA player in history to score at least 2,000 points (2,061), haul in 1,000 rebounds (1,007), and connect on 100-3 pointers (101)...Marques Townes, played at Cardinal McCarrick HS, transferred to St. Joseph's Metuchen HS, and after a fine college career is now playing his rookie season as a pro in Spain, and sports a 6.1 scoring avg... Jehyve Floyd who starred at Sayreville War Memorial HS is also a pro rookie playing in Greece, where he averages 4.9 ppg.

Sayreville Won GMCT Title

By Tom Burkard

2000- The Sayreville Bombers boys basketball team captured its first ever Greater Middlesex Conference Tournament championship by defeating a powerful Carteret five, 50-45. Rookie Coach Gus Jaworski's talented contingent trailed 35-32 after three quarters, but battled back and outscored the Ramblers, 18-10 in the final stanza to notch one of the biggest victories in the school's history. Soph sensation, Dwayne Thomas was the game's high scorer with 15 points, 5 coming in the pressure-packed 4th quarter. Bobby Brown also excelled in the final eight minutes, pouring in 6 of his 8 total

points. Thomas canned a big, 10-foot jumper from the right side to put Sayreville on top to stay, 46-45 with only 46 seconds left. Keith Beasley swished 2 free throws with 19.9 seconds left to make it 48-45, and Brown hit 2 foul shots with 1.7 seconds for the final scoring of this exciting contest. Sayreville's highly regarded defense held Carteret's star scorer, Jose Rodriguez to 4 points after he had averaged 21 per game over the 4 previous tournament tilts. The victory was the Bombers 8th in a row, and boosted their record to an impressive 18-6.

20 Years Ago

2000-Marion Finishes 2nd In GMC

Sayreville resident Ed Marion, a junior at St. Joseph's Metuchen finished 2nd in the GMC Individual Event Winter Track Indoor High Jump, clearing 6-2. He and teammate Matt Cieloszyk of Somerset won the GMC Relay meet, breaking a record set in 1991 by two other St. Joseph's students. Each

jumped 6-2 for a combined height of 12-4. Marion also qualified for the State Meet of Champions (only 30 are chosen in the state). He was seeded 21st and finished 16th overall. Ed was recently selected to All Conference-GMC, and to the Division All Star team for the 2000 Winter Track season.

The Catholic War Veterans

Poppy Sale: Saturday, May 2nd, 3:00 PM till 7:00 PM and on Sunday May 3rd, 6:00

AM till 1:00 PM in front of Sacred Heart Church, Washington Ave., South Amboy, NJ

1952-Sayreville boys basketball team jolted Jamesburg, 75-59. Joe Rudy led the way with 21 points, followed by Joe Bonczek 19, Charlie Kolakowski 14, Gene Malkiewicz 12...1963-The Bombers opened the season by downing St. Peter's, 62-53, as Bob Kupcha poured in 26 points, and Jeff Osowski 13...1979-The Guvs' boys hoops team destroyed Dunellen, 71-64 behind Bill Lewis' standout game with 27 points and 14 rebounds. Frank Kuziemski and Jim Bright contributed 14 points apiece...1980-East Brunswick boys basketball team upset Sayreville, 50-45 in CJ Group IV State Tourney action. Dan Osborne fired in 16 points, and Ralph Novak 12 for the

T.H.E. Game

Sport-Basketball

Year-2000

Teams-St. Mary's vs. St. Rose, Belmar in Parochial B quarterfinals.

Recap-The Eagles lost a hard-fought contest to the Purple Roses, 45-42, after tossing up two unsuccessful 3-point field goal attempts in the last 0:06 of the game, which could have tied the score. Tom Boychuk, playing in his final schoolboy game, led the Eagles with 12 points, 9 rebounds and 5 blocks. Kevin Burns tossed in 11 points and ripped 8 rebounds, while Craig Kierst fired in 10 points.

Player-Of-The-Game-Tom Boychuk

South Amboy Little League Basketball

1973-Standings-Notre Dame 5-0; Rutgers 4-1; U.C.L.A. 3-2; Montclair 3-2; Michigan 3-2; U.S.C. 1-4; Princeton 1-4; Florida State 0-5. **Top 5 Leading Scorers-**Bob Clayton 97 points, John Pyontek 48, Bill Lewis 43, Keith Lambertson 43, Bob Decker 36.

South Amboy Men's Basketball League

1975-76 Season-Teams-Vince's Rental, Roddy's, Phillips Association, Colonel's Garter, Budweiser A.C., Bottle Stop, Bucks A.A., English's, Mystic Knights, Kavemen, Halfway House, Kare Paints, Midgets, Bobby G.'s, South Amboy A.A., Alumni.

South Amboy Men's Senior Basketball League

1973-Bay City Liquors 63 **The Bowery** 52-**Curt Wood** and **Doug Buckalew** tossed in 16 points apiece for the winners, while Tom Wortley fired in 18 and Tom Boychuck 16 for **The Bowery**...**Mike's Corner** 65 **Poncho's Pilots** 59-**Ron Croddick** popped in 20 points and **John Kugel** 16 for **Mike's**, while **Bob Howarth** paced the **Pilots** with 16.

Locals Who Played Sports At Other Schools

Ed Marion of Sayreville starred in track & field at St. Joseph's, Metuchen...Jennifer Enos, of South Amboy won the county scoring title in basketball, while playing for East Brunswick Tech in 1999-2000.

20 Years Ago Enos Cops County Scoring Title

Jennifer Enos, star scoring machine for the East Brunswick Tech girls basketball team finished her brilliant high school career by capturing the Middlesex County scoring championship. Jen totaled 2,189 points in her career, good for 4th place on the county's all-time scoring list, and only two points behind #3, Lynn Ust, Hoffman's greatest scorer in history, who scored 2,191 points.

Movie Ratings

The following movies from 2019 are rated on a scale of 0-the lowest to 10-the best.

Richard Jewell-starring Kathy Scruggs and Watson Bryant. Excellent pic worth watching! **9.5.**

Uncut Gems-starring Adam Sandler, Kevin Garnett, Mike Francessa, Judd Hirsch. **5.7.**

Bombers...1996-Hoffman girls basketball squad plastered Piscataway Tech, 45-22. Jessica English paced the scoring attack with 13 points, and Jacqueline Tomaszewski added 11...2000-St. Mary's girls basketball team stopped South Amboy, 46-32, as Kaitlyn Katko paved the way with 13 points. Courtney Kowal chipped in with 11. Kim Peterson topped the Lady Guvs scoring with 12 points. **2015-Cardinal McCarrick/St. Mary's** boys basketball squad clobbered Calvary Christian 66-26 in the 1st round of Non-Public B South state tourney. NyQuan McCombs topped the #3 seeded Eagles with 17 points, and Josh Green added 14 points.

5 Years Ago

2015-Seton Hall University freshman swimming standout, Matthew Zebrowski of Sayreville captured the gold medal in the Men's 200-Butterfly at the Big East Swimming & Diving Championships held in Ithaca, NY. The champion came in with a very fine time of 1:49.33.

5 Years Ago

2015-Sayreville's top bowler, A.J. Angotti, who helped the Bombers to the Group III state championship, was selected to 2nd Team All-State by The Star Ledger.

15 Years Ago

2005-St. Mary's/Cardinal McCarrick boys and girls basketball teams had outstanding seasons. The boys under Coach Joe Lewis breezed to a perfect (14-0) record in the Blue Division, to take their 8th consecutive division crown under Coach Lewis. At one point, the Eagles had a 17-game winning streak, one of the best in the school's history, and finished with a mighty-fine (21-4) mark. Assistant coaches were Kevin Burns and Pat Kennedy. The players were: Kevin Olivieri, Vincente Rosario, Donnie Reid, Rick McCutcheon, J.V. Obaze, Matt Wisneski, Stephen Liberty, Mike Costello, Rolffi Canella, Colin Romer, Bobby Kilduff, Alex Batista.

The Lady Eagles also breezed to the Blue Division title with a perfect (14-0) record, and finished (20-4) in Coach Lynn Ust first season at the helm. Greg Babulak was the assistant coach. They also ran up 17 straight wins during the season. The roster featured Lauren Zarantanello, Karen Guskowski, Jessica Pruitt, Rosie Diaz, Danielle Lieberman, Emily Beres, Jaclyn Lange, Carolina Bruschi, Patti Langan, Kristen Babulak, Amy Pacansky, Geraldine Alphe, Lauren Puk, Amanda Cieslez.

20 Years Ago

2000-St. Mary's girls basketball team won the Blue Division championship. Don Szatkowski was the coach, and Bruce Gardner was his assistant coach. The talented players included Meghan Langan, Kaitlyn Katko, Kara Kurzawa, Lisa Di Bernardo, Kelly Gardner, Heather Baumlín, Megan Olsen, Colleen Swinarski, Erin Kilduff, Courtney Kowal, Mary Connelly, Kelly Koslaskas... St. Mary's boys basketball team captured the Gold Division title. Coach Joe Lewis' assistant coaches were Gary Kuhn and Jesse Holovacko. The champion roster featured Tom Boychuk, Kevin Burns, Joe Corcione, Matt Kurtz, Gerard Pizzillo, Craig Kierst, Chris Dobrolowski, Dan Szatkowski, Brian Edwards, Dan Kouvas.

35 Years Ago

1985-Sacred Heart boys 8th grade basketball team captured the 1st Annual Rev. James A. Russell Memorial Basketball Tournament which was held at St. Matthew's in Edison. In the title tussle, Sacred Heart blasted St. Francis of Metuchen, 42-30, as Gary Kuhn led the scoring attack with 14 points. David Barth and Greg Koledits tossed in 8 points apiece, Kevin Zebro 7, Jeff White 4, and Eric Somers 1 for the champions.

Back In Those College Days

Torey Fisher (Sayreville), basketball at Ocean CC; Rachel Rodis (Sayreville), swimming at William Paterson College; Kim Peterson (South Amboy), soccer at Georgian Court College.




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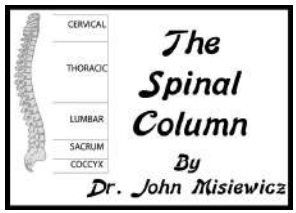
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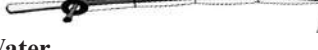


Six Terrific Ways To Catch The Flu Or A Cold

1. Make sure your immune system is not functioning properly- Avoid eating fruits and vegetables. Forget your daily 30 minutes of exercise. Fill your life with added stress and limit sleep to five or six hours a night.
 2. Smoke cigarettes. Smokers are more prone to viral infections. They also contract more upper respiratory problems.
 3. Hang out with the crowd! Stay in crowded malls and elevators, where people are coughing and sniffing.
 4. Don't wash your hands, shaking hands, picking up a common phone, and touching doorknobs, can transfer live cold and flu viruses onto your hands.
 5. Rub your eyes, nose and mouth frequently. This is one of the most effective ways of helping a live cold or flu virus make its way from your hands to the respiratory system and into your bloodstream.
 6. My favorite, the Flu Shot. Should you get yourself and your children vaccinated against the flu? The Vaccine is not a good match for the mutated strains circulating now. CDC Director Dr. Tom Frieden said, during a news briefing. As with all medications, there are potential risks, some are minor and some more serious.
- Consider these suggestions along with the above information regarding risks versus benefits before getting a flu shot this year and of course, talk to your doctor for more information. As always an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

Fishing Flashes

By Teo "Weebles" Weber



Salt Water
The rivers and bays are now open to Striped Bass and Flounder as of March 1st. There's no bonanza so far in Raritan Bay. Most of the people I talked to had not gotten a bite or even caught anything at Keansburg or LaUrence Harbor. I heard of a few fish in the Keyport areas, most likely Pebble Beach which actually is at Union Beach. Barnegat Bay and areas south are producing a few Stripers. Some of them are keepers. Some Stripers are also in the surf at Island Beach. Both bait and lures are working. Some Flounders have been taken from Barnegat Bay. Shark River may be a good bet as the waters warm up early in the season. Only a few Party Boats are sailing for Ling and a few Cod. Unfortunately, both the new Striped Bass and Bluefish regulations mentioned in last month's column have passed and are now law. I haven't heard anything on Fluke. I assume the regulations will stay the same, three fish at 18 inches.

Fresh Water
The warm winter weather has brought people fishing at lakes and ponds statewide. They are catching some Perch, Pickerel, Panfish and a few Large Mouth Bass. My wife and I tried Tilcon Lake for a few hours on President's Day. We threw in all lures that we used in the past for Landlocked Salmon but they weren't having any of it. Some people fishing live bait didn't do any better than us. 2020 Trout season opens Saturday April 11th.



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To St. Jude
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WWW.?



This building should look familiar to you. It is or was located in South Amboy or Sayreville. Send your answer in to: satimes@aol.com. Good luck! (Photo by Tom Burkard)

WWW.? Winners For February

The answer to the Feb. Mystery Photo was Pfeiffer's (Correct spelling) Dry Goods (Clothing) store which was located on the corner of North Pine Ave. and Henry St. in South Amboy. 99% of all local patrons called it Faffer's or Feffer's. In more recent years, the storefront was home to an antique shop known as No More Eggs and Tony's Treasure Chest.

Those who correctly identified it were: Chuck Pickard, Marlene Letwenski, Pat & Bill Scully, Joanne Niestempki, Peggy and Steve Yugas, Gerry Sherry, Leon Credico, Dennis Quinlan, Don Zrebiec, Helen a Petriello, Judy Guilfoyle, Mary Lou Kapandais, Dennis & Kathy OLeary, Jack & Keith Piskorski & Lorraine Krauss, Pete McIntyre, Marie English, Ed English, Eleanore Westerholm, Joan Fulham, Joan Gorczyca, Elizabeth Levelille, Chelle Martin, Lynn Loy, Stephen Laskiewicz, Laurie & Gary Loftus, Mary Agnes Morris, Dane Colburn, Gary Feret. Lisa Grankowski, Matie English, Ed English, Paul Conlon, Nonnie Nonnemacher.

An incorrect guess was Dr. Jonap's house.



February-WWW.?
Pfeiffer's Dry Goods

Car Show June 5

For all of you auto enthusiasts, the South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 are holding their annual spring Classic Car Cruise Night Friday June 5 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the K of C parking lot on 308 Fourth St. South Amboy. Trophies will be awarded to

the best entries. Hot dogs, hamburgers, soda, and water will be available. Please bring a non-perishable food item so it can be donated to local food banks. For more information call Jaw Williams at 732-553-9060.

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!

Students Identified



Our avid SA Times readers, Joanne Niestempki, John Gelson, and Susan Mills all helped to identify last month's picture of St. Mary's HS students from the early 1960's.

Pictured (l-r) Joanne Nagy Niestempki, Kathleen Cerebe, Kathy Kurtz, and Nancy O'Donnell.

LETTERS

Hello SA Times,

I enjoyed Elaine Holton Scott's essay "To Pump or Not To Pump", but I want to offer this information. There are in fact 2 states that do not allow customers to pump their own gas. I have lived in Oregon for 10 years. Oregon has banned self-service gas since 1949 and that is still in effect. An exception was passed in 2018 allowing self-service, but only in very rural counties where low volume does not justify a full time attendant.

Tom Urbanik
(Formerly of Sayreville/South Amboy)
Portland, Oregon



SA Times,

I saw the photo of the auxiliary Police at the old City Hall in your February issue, on the back step on the left is my father Joe Herrmann.

He was a member since the beginning, and was Captain at the end. I remember the other officers calling him "Cappy". I assume that was later than this photo. I believe the officer 4th from left on top row is Bernie Newmark. (Co-proprietor of Albers Seafood on Broadway).

Thank you for sharing this photo!

Karen Herrmann Csanadi

Tom

It was great running into you the other day! I'm sending in my submission for the Name The Sabres Contest photo in the February issue of The SA Times.

I hope South Amboy recognizes all the time and effort you have put into the old South Amboy Citizen and now the South Amboy-Sayreville Times.

When I visit mom in town, I check your stuff out all the time.

You're an Icon!!!

Sincerely,
Ron Stillwagon
(Formerly of South Amboy)



WHAT IS IT?????



Does this item look familiar? What is it? Hint, it does not help you tell the time of day, but can help you get around. Send your answers with your name to satimes@aol.com by April 16th.

WHAT IS IT? Winners

The What is it? For February was a Telephone Table also known as a Gossip Table or Conversation Table our readers had found memories of party lines, long conversations and most of the calls starting with "PA". The table portion held the phone and the shelf below was for the phone book.

When was the last time you used a phone book? Those who correctly identified it were: Donna Williams, Shirley Weaver, Laurie & Gary Loftus, Sheila Knudsen, Elaine Scott, Marlene Letwenski, Joanne Niestempki, Peggy and Steve Yugas, Dennis Quinlan, Don Zrebiec, Helen A. Petriello, Eleanore Westerholm, Anthony Carlo, Edna Claudio, Theresa Bailey, Pete McIntyre,

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Telephone Table

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.

The Vintage Car Contest



Can you identify this car? Hints, the one pictured is from the first year it was available, and it was made famous in a TV show about the 1970's/ Send your answers to satiams@aol.com by April 16th.

February's Vintage Car

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton

The vintage car for February was a 1963 Chevrolet Corvette StingRay, it was the debut of the second generation body style and was available in both a coupe and convertible. The car pictured is the now iconic Split Window Coupe. A radical design with it's two separate windows in the rear. This feature lasted only one year with split going away at the time it was said to increase driver visibility out of the rear window. Many of the 1963 coupes had the spit removed and a full piece of glass installed and while driver's claimed it was for increased visibility alot were done to make it look like the current year and not the previous year model. Sufficit to say that most of the removed split pieces

were put back years later when the Split Window Coupe achieved its iconic status. Today a fully restored example will bring over \$100K.

Those who correctly identified it were: Jan Williams, Jim Heuer, Marlene Letwenski, Jim and Joe Severino, Carl Manco, Stephen Szczecina, Peggy and Steve Yugas, Gregg Alexander, Linda Flannery, Anthony Carlo, Mike Burns, Pete McIntyre, T.J. Albanese, Jack & Keith Piskorski & Lorraine Krauss, Dane Colburn, Eleanore Westerholm, Bruce Grankowski, Joan Fulham, Edna Mazur Pilch, Paul Sohayda, Elizabeth Levelille, Lynn Loy, Richard Puhon, Stephen Laskiewicz, Steve Villig.



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Anne C. Fiore

Anne C. Switzer Fiore, 78, of the Parlin section of Sayreville, daughter of late William Switzer and Lillian Litka Switzer, entered into eternal rest on Monday, March 2, 2020.

Anne was born in South Amboy and lived most of her life in the area. She attended St. Mary's High School and had worked as a parts assembler for the Westinghouse/Electrolux Corporation in Edison for over 43 years. Anne thoroughly enjoyed spending time in Atlantic City and Sands Casino Pennsylvania with her family. She also loved getting her exercise doing yard work and loved cooking.

Anne is survived by her loving children Mark Bonnefin, and his wife Jannet; and Micheline Bonnefin. Dear sister to Robert Switzer, Shawn Switzer, and his wife Norine, Lillian Horbatt, and her husband Peter, Linda Zakrzewski, Eileen Zonkowski, and her husband Thomas, Colleen Santucci, and her husband Domenick, Marlene Moglia, and her husband Robert and Erin Koller, and her husband William. Also survived by a sister-in-law Gaye Switzer and many nieces and nephews.

Anne is predeceased by her first husband Maurice Bonnefin, her second husband Nicholas Fiore, her brothers Eugene Switzer, and his wife Barbara, William Switzer, Michael Switzer, Keith Switzer, Patrick Switzer, and brother-in-law Stanley Zakrzewski.

A memorial service and Catholic prayer service was held at Kurzawa Funeral Home, 338 Main St., South Amboy.

For additional information, to send condolences or a tribute to the family please visit www.KurzawaFH.com. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to American Cancer Society in memory of Anne C. Fiore.



Yes And No
 By Al Gomolka Jr.
 SA Times Poet Laureate
 C. 2019

Affection and kindness—Yes
 Gossip or lie—No
 Foul language and anger—No
 Be active outdoors—Yes
 Bullying others—No
 Study hard to learn—Yes
 Giving up when failing—No
 Respect race, color, religion, gender—Yes
 Physical hitting—No
 Ignore the needy—A thousand times No
 Share your smile—A definite Yes
 Say yes, please, no thank you—Yes
 Praise of the Lord—Always Yes
 Teach these to our children—Yes
 What adults should already—Know

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.

Free Rock Concert: 1976

The rock band "Big Top" played at the South Amboy waterfront on Aug. 21, 1976 to celebrate Salt Water Days, which coincided with South Amboy's "Big Bicentennial Celebration." The group which was billed as "Born under the canvas, consists of Paul on drums, Walter and Kenny on guitar, and John on bass. Dressed as clowns, they will play rock, dance, disco, and Top 40 numbers.

They will also do some clowning around. The group has played many clubs in South and Central Jersey." The concert was free, and held on lower George St. by the waterfront.

*Does anyone remember this concert? How about the musicians, Paul, Walter, Kenny, and John? We'd love to find out last names, and anything else you may recall about this. Please let us know if you can help.

Edward J. Cox

1946-2015

With great sadness, Ed's family announces a presumption of death of our beloved Brother and Uncle. Ed was last seen on a trip through the Tonto National Forest in Arizona in May 1995. After an extensive search, we know that Ed is at peace in heaven. Ed was a private man who valued his family, faith, friends, and sports.

He was raised in Sayreville, NJ and moved to Las Vegas, Nevada after his retirement. He attended Our Lady of Victories Elementary School, in Sayreville, where he began his Athletic career. He went on to St. Peter's HS, New Brunswick, and excelled in academics and sports. He played Varsity Basketball, and was elected "King of Basketball" in his senior year. Ed attended Dayton University, before being Drafted into the Army in 1967. He served overseas in Germany for 2 years. Ed was very proud of his service to his country. Ed was the Past Commander of the American Legion in Sayreville. He continued his membership in the American Legion in Las Vegas.

Upon his return from the Army, he began to work for Bristol Myers Squibb in New Brunswick as a Lab Technician. He was a proud member of the United Steel Workers Union Local 438. Ed worked for Bristol Meyers for 40 years until his retirement. After his retirement, he moved to Las Vegas, so he could enjoy sports 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Ed was a valued player in local recreational Softball, Football, and Basketball leagues. He was in great health due to practicing a positive health regimen, including going to the gym into his seventies. He held season tickets to the NY Rangers, and the NY Giants. Ed was predeceased by his parents, Douglas and Mary Cox of Sayreville. He is survived by his siblings, Rosemary and Jerry Gance, Patricia Cox Woods, and Douglas T. Cox. Ed was very proud of his nieces and nephews; Chris and Shannon Gance Fasone, Casey, Kevin, Bill Woods, and Doug Cox, David Cox, Joel and Deanne Cox Rodriguez. Along with his many cousins, they will miss the holiday touch football games, where they jumped the fence to play on the Leprechaun field. A memorial mass was held to celebrate Ed's life on Saturday, February 29, at a 12:30 Mass at Our Lady of Victories Church, 42 Main Street, Sayreville, NJ. Donations can be made in Ed's name to the Yavapai County Search & Rescue Inc. at: P.O. Box 11104, Prescott, AZ 86304. This agency was unbelievably helpful in Ed's Rescue Mission.



Edward J. Cox

Flag Instruction Ceremony

(Photos/captions by Joe Lotkowitz)



Members of Sayreville Cub Pack 97 and American Legion Lenape Post 211 Color Guard present the American flag at the start of the flag instruction ceremony on Feb. 27th.

Sayreville Cub Pack 97, including members and their scoutmasters are shown absorbing all the information and instruction about the American flag, which was being provided by members of American Legion Post 211, Sayreville.



Sayreville Cub Pack 97, are pictured with their scoutmasters, and American Legion Lenape Post 211 members, who provided information and demonstrations on how the flag should be folded and the formal ceremonies they are utilized for.

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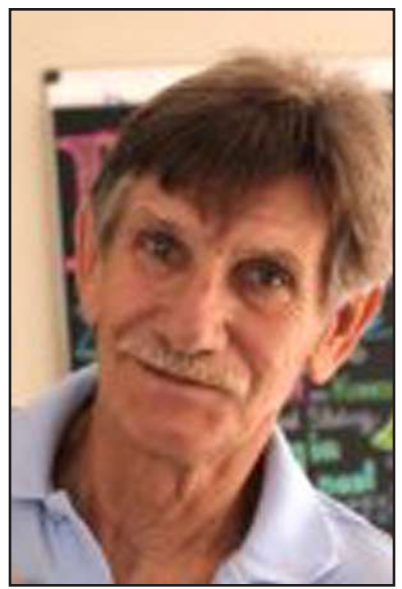


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Always ready to lend a hand, he shared his skills and knowledge in various phases of construction with friends and family. He took great pride in helping and teaching his son and son-and son-in law how to complete repairs and renovations to their homes.

Actively involved in his children's lives, he served as Scout Master of Boy Scout Troop 122 assisting many of his scouts, including his son, in obtaining the rank of Eagle. He was involved in Edison Boys Baseball, Edison Angels Softball and the Edison High School Band Parents Association. He was a member of the USS Enterprise Association, the American Legion of Toms Rivers, the Deutcher Club of Clark and the South Amboy St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee.

An avid outdoorsman, he enjoyed hunting, fishing, boating and cutting the lawn, but his true joy came from spending time with his three small granddaughters.

He will be greatly missed by all, but remembered for his generosity of time and knowledge, his laugh, his friendship, and the twinkle in his eyes when he smiled. He had the ability to strike up a friendly conversation with anyone, anywhere. But most of all, he will be missed for his love for and pride in his family.

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Mary A. Ciszewski

Mary A. Ciszewski, 97, of South Amboy/Morgan, NJ, passed away peacefully, Sunday, March 1, 2020 at home with her dear children at her side. Mary was born in 1922 to the late John and Anna Mozolic in Perth Amboy, NJ.

She is predeceased by her husband Edward A. Ciszewski and son Ronald Ciszewski. Mary is survived by her son, Robert Ciszewski and his wife Roxanne of Morgan, NJ; daughter, Marilee Jones and her husband Joseph of Tucson, AZ; 4 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren, 2 great-great grandchildren and many dear friends.

Mary was a devoted wife, loving mother, grandmother, great grandmother, and great-great grandmother. She loved spending time with her grandchildren as often as she could, they were "the lights of her life". She would never miss an occasion for any reason. Birthdays, holidays and special events, she was there no matter what. Mary was also an avid baker and cook, an ardent traveler, people watcher and a devoted Catholic of the Sacred Heart Church in South Amboy, NJ. Mary was a member of the 25-year club at DuPont from which she retired from with her husband in 1978.

Funeral Services were held by Raritan Bay Funeral Service, 241 Bordentown Avenue, South Amboy, NJ 08879. In lieu of flowers, you may send contributions to a charity of your choice in Mary's name.



Mary A. Ciszewski


Burk Lambertson

Burk R. Lambertson, 83, of South Amboy died on Thursday March 5, 2020 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Old Bridge. Born in South Amboy he lived there all his life. Before retiring he was employed as a line inspector for PSE&G, New Brunswick. A Korean War veteran of the United States Marine Corps, he was a member of American Legion Luke A. Lovely Post 62, South Amboy, the Benyei-Connors Chapter 62 Disabled American Veterans, South Amboy where he served two times as past commander and the BPO Elks Lodge 784, South Amboy, serving on the veteran's affairs committee. He was an Exempt Member of Independence Fire Company, South Amboy, a member of the South Amboy Ancient Order of Hibernians and a life member and 3-time former commodore of the South Amboy Boat Club. Additionally he was a member IBEW 1134, Frog Hollow Swim Club, the International Order of the Blue Gavel and the Our Lady of Victories Senior Citizens.

Son of the late Burk and Emma M. Richards Lambertson he is also predeceased by his first wife Joyce Ciszewski Lambertson in 1991; his second wife Rita B. McCarthy Lambertson in 1999 and his sisters Jeanne Kelly and Barbara Boosmann. He is survived by his significant other Mary L. Jankola of South Amboy; his sons Keith J. Lambertson and his wife Geralyn of Toms River; Burk R. Lambertson, Jr. of Somerset and Scott M. Lambertson and his wife Karon of Downingtown, Pennsylvania; his grandchildren Jack, Olivia, Kendra and Todd and several nieces, nephews and friends.

Funeral services were held from The Gundrum Service "Home For Funerals" 237 Bordentown Avenue, South Amboy followed by a 9:30am Mass of Christian Burial at St. Mary's Church, South Amboy.

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. -B.S.



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In Memoriam

Dr. Peter Delaney, 82, formerly of South Amboy died on Feb. 16. He was a former teacher, vice-principal, principal, and assistant superintendent in the Old Bridge Schools system. Following his retirement in 1996, he was a consultant to schools in the Middle East, primarily Egypt and United Arab Emirates. During his career in Old Bridge, he led the township with plans to merge Cedar Ridge HS and Madison Central HS to create Old Bridge HS. Delaney was a St. Mary's HS graduate, who played baseball and basketball, also graduated from Monmouth College in '60, received his master's degree from Seton Hall University, and doctorate from Villanova University.

Alfred "Archie" Prusakowski, 95, of Sayreville died on Feb. 20. He was a member of the first graduating class of Sayreville HS in '42, where he starred in sports, then went into the U.S. Navy, and won several battle stars. Archie was the owner/operator of Archie's Boat Tops in Morgan for 25 years. He was an usher at Sacred Heart Church, and served on the Sacred Heart Seniors Executive Board. Prusakowski served as Commander of the Catholic War Veterans Post in 2002-03, and was instrumental in acquiring a monument for Sacred Heart War Veterans who died serving their country.

Margaret Murphy, 82, of Parlin died on Feb. 29. She was a past president of the Sayreville Seniors Tuesday Club. Gladys Everitt, 94, formerly of South Amboy died on March 4. She was past-president of South Amboy Junior Women's Club, co-leader of Intermediate Troop 57 Girls Scouts in South Amboy, and wife of the late South Amboy attorney Judge John R. Everitt. Robert Korb, 90, who was the co-owner with siblings of Abe Korb Auto Parts in South Amboy died on March 12. Margaret Merritt, 75, of Parlin died on March 14. She was a deacon, elder and clerk of session at First Presbyterian Church in Sayreville, and also past president of American Legion Auxiliary Post 211.

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.

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..

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ST. JUDE

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

A PRAYER FOR HEALING

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

To St. Jude

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

Obituaries

Agostini, Deborah "Debbie" Rosario, 57, of Parlin died on Feb. 28.

Betzler, Bridget, 87, of Sayreville died on Feb. 12.

Castaneda, Rene A., 78, of Parlin died on March 7.

Christensen, Evelyn, 77, of South Amboy died on Feb. 3.

Ciszewski, Mary, 97, of Morgan died on March 1.

Daly, Rita M., 92, of Parlin died on March 9.

Delaney, Dr. Peter M., 82, formerly of South Amboy died on Feb. 16.

Dobrenski, Mary, 96, of South Amboy died on Feb. 29.

Elia, Thomas, 77, of South Amboy died on Feb. 15.

Everitt, Gladys D., 94, formerly of South Amboy died on March 4.

Fiore, Anne C. Switzer, 78, of Parlin died on March 2.

Gillingham, James "Jim" John, 71 of Edison died on March 1.

Glasser, Kenneth S., 73, of South Amboy died on March 18.

Henderson, David M., 85, of South Amboy died on Feb. 17.

Jackson, Evelyn R., 91, formerly of Sayreville died on March 4.

Koblos, Stephen J., 63, of Sayreville died on March 14.

Krall, George, 79, formerly of Sayreville died on March 13.

Kulesa, Florence, 89, of Parlin died on March 15.

Lambertson, Burk R., 83, of South Amboy died on March 5.

Luberto, Ann, 66, of Sayreville died on March 12.

Merritt, Margaret, 75, of Parlin died on March 14.

Mezzina, Alexander, 90, of South Amboy died on Feb. 23.

Mioduszewski, Allen S., 74, formerly of Sayreville died on March 12.

Murphy, Margaret J., 82, of Parlin died on Feb. 29.

Nandor, Joseph P., 83, of Sayreville died on March 12.

Nietubicz, Mary S., 97, formerly of Sayreville died on Jan. 17.

Oleniak, Joan M., 76, of Sayreville died on Feb. 24.

Prusakowski, Alfred "Archie," 95, of Sayreville died on Feb. 20.

Przygocki, Rose, 91, of South Amboy died on March 18.

Zehner, Alan H., 75, of Morgan died on March 15.

Thank You

Ray Betzler, husband of Bridget Betzler would like to thank all family, relatives and friends for their prayers, visits, Masses, and get well wishes during her courageous battle with cancer. Bridget died on Feb. 12, 2020. She loved you all.



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