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South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry is pictured at the corner of Barkalow St. and Lovely Dr. holding a military photo of South Amboy veteran Luke A. Lovely, who was killed in World War I. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

A South Amboy Tribute To Our Fallen Veterans: New Red, White, And Blue Street Signs

By Mayor Fred A. Henry

As the Mayor of South Amboy, it is my honor and privilege to name newly created streets. At Woodmont Cove, a recently completed redevelopment site, I named two streets for South Amboy veterans killed in World War II (Max Nebus and Howard Little), one street for a veteran who survived the D-Day Invasion and became an outstanding citizen of South Amboy (Walter "Pete" Casey), and a firefighter who died in the line of duty (Gerald "Bear" Celecki). All were very well deserving of that honor.

During the same time frame, a request was made to honor another firefighter who died in the line of duty (Russell Newcomb) and a long outstanding volunteer to our First Aid Squad (Jim "Doc" Ryan). As South Amboy is not a very large community with new streets to name, I decided to honorarily "re-nam" two streets at appropriate sites. As Russell was a member of the Mechanicsville Fire Company, I dedicated Alpine St. at the Mechanicsville Firehouse to honor him, and Thompson St. at the First Aid building to honor "Doc." Again, two very well-deserving individuals.

However, there were many others like Martin Bailey, Eugene Gatz, and Thomas Pizzillo to name a few, who called South Amboy home, but lost their lives in faraway places during World War I, World War II, Vietnam, and Iraq. How could we honor them? How could we remember them? They too made the ultimate sacrifice for our great nation and should not be forgotten! I thought there should be a place to display their names so that we and future generations

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The South Amboy-Sayreville Times wishes everyone good health during this difficult time in our lives. (Photo by Tom Burkard, taken in 2010 at Deerfield Beach, FL).

JRMC Provided Drive-Thru COVID 19 Testing

The Jewish Renaissance Medical Center (JRMC) in Perth Amboy offered a drive-through testing for COVID-19 on Friday, May 8. Since the pandemic, the JRMC has been offering testing of COVID-19 acquired by LabCorp at its main facility located on 275 Hobart Street. The JRMC recently expanded the service to the public by offering a drive-through testing at the Perth Amboy Marina, on Friday, May 8. There was no charge for this service. "The JRMC is committed to doing what we can to help fight COVID-19 in our community. Increased access to testing allows us to identify more cases, get residents the care they need, and prevent further spread in our community," stated John T. O'Leary, Chief Executive Officer,

of the JRMC. "I want to thank the Jewish Renaissance Medical Center for providing this free and safe service to our residents," said Mayor Wilda Diaz. "The JRMC has developed a highly organized process to conduct this drive-through testing to protect both patients and staff. It is important that we test as many residents as possible as Perth Amboy is a high-density city, and testing ensures the safety of the overall community. I urge you, please continue to get tested, if you don't have a doctor, please call the Jewish Renaissance Medical Center." The JRMC provides care for all regardless of income, insurance, or immigration status. For up-to-date information, visit www.jrmc.us.

Rev. Urinoski Named Priest-In-Charge

(Article submitted)

After an extensive search, Christ Episcopal Church in South Amboy and Trinity Episcopal Church in Matawan have named Rev. Ann Urinoski as new priest-in-charge.



Rev. Ann Urinoski

Mother Ann discovered her vocation for ordained ministry while active in campus ministry at the University of Delaware. She graduated from the University of Delaware in 2010 with a major in English education and spent a year in the Young Adult Service Corps, serving in a college chaplaincy program in Cape Town, South Africa.

While completing her seminary education at the General Theological Seminary in New York, Mother Ann was an intern at St. Mark's Church, Basking Ridge. She was ordained a priest in June 2016 in the Diocese of New Jersey and continued serving St. Mark's Church as the priest-in-charge while the rector was on sabbatical. Most recently, she served at Christ Church Christiana Hundred, Wilmington, Delaware, where she has served as priest associate since March 2017.

Christ Church South Amboy was founded in 1856. According to a statement from the church, "our members are steadfast in our faith and our commitment to God. We are determined to maintain an integral presence in the community, opening our doors to all who worship Jesus. Members are warm and welcoming and are looking forward to growing with our new priest in charge."



The Police Officer Mourning statue stands alone, but all deceased members of the South Amboy Police Dept. are still remembered, and were honored with a beautiful floral display. The COVID-19 Pandemic caused the annual event to be cancelled for safety measures. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

July 4 Fireworks Canceled By Amboys

By Steve Schmid

The cities of South Amboy and Perth Amboy have been forced to cancel this year's Fourth of July fireworks display due to the COVID-19 crisis. South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry said thousands of people visit the city for this event, and it is not an easy decision to make, but the safety of residents and visitors is the primary concern. He said once this pandemic passes the city will resume the amazing Independence Day celebration, and run the great St. Patrick's Day parade. Earlier in the crisis, South Amboy officials canceled the parade which is the second largest in the state.

South Amboy Grandmother Survives COVID-19

By Steve Schmid

86-year old South Amboy grandmother Alvira Atillio won her 6-week battle against the COVID-19 disease. She was near death during a 32-day hospitalization, and won her fight by expressing a desire to go home. She is the grandmother of South Amboy resident Pat Walsh a South Amboy Board of Education member/SA High School alumnus, and current student-athlete at Rutgers. Alvira was able to return to St. Joseph's Senior Home, an assisted living and nursing home in Woodbridge. The family welcomed her back after she was discharged from Raritan Bay Medical Center in Perth Amboy. The Walsh family wanted to share Alvira's story as a beacon of hope during this health crisis. The family said goodbye to Alvira by ZOOM when her health declined and things looked dark. Alvira wasn't ready to go, and praised the compassionate care at St. Joseph's and Raritan Bay Medical Center for helping her recovery.

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By Ex-Chief Richard Kosmoski, BA, MS

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- Kevin Nemeth...Enterprise Hook & Ladder Co.
 Gary Gatyas Ex-Chief...Enterprise Hook & Ladder Co.
 George Schmidt Sr....Mechanicsville Hose Company
 Burk Lambertson...Independence Engine & Hose Co.
 May these firefighters always be remembered for the heroic deeds they performed in protecting the citizens and communities in which they served. With hearts filled with sorrow, we thank them and their families for their faithful service. Now that the last alarm has sounded and the roll call is complete, may you Rest in Peace.

Amboy Bank Launches New Website

Amboy Bank is pleased to announce the launch of their new website, after months of hard work and dedication from both their team and the team at Wakefly, their website developer.

The primary goal during the redesign process was to create a more solution-focused, responsive and uniform experience for users. Specifically, Amboy Bank wanted the website to be a valuable tool to help users find a solution to their financial needs. "We've been hard at work creating a new site from the ground up, utilizing the latest design trends," said Greg Scharpf, Amboy Bank President and CEO. "Not only is our website optimized for a unified experience from all of your devices, but we've centered it around our clients' needs as well."

Please check the Why Amboy section on AmboyBank.com for the most up-to-date news and information.

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Pleasant little TRIVIA

By Tom Burkard

- In 2006, this Italian-American Deli was located at Washington Rd., Parlin?
 a.Ciro's b.La Manga c.Marcello's
- Sayreville War Memorial HS Principal in 1996?
 a.Arnold Oftedal b.Dennis Fyffe c.James Brown
- South Amboy's Fire Official in 2000?
 a.Larry Martin b.Chester Meinzer c.Edward Szatkowski
- What year did St. Mary's HS become St. Mary's Regional High School?
 A.1975 b.1980 c.1987
- What year was St. Bernadette's Church dedicated?
 a.1945 b.1952 c.1957
- Received the most votes in the 2005 South Amboy Board of Education election?
 a.Janet Kern b.Mike McCarthy c.Rich Malik
- Commander of American Legion Lenape Post #211, Sayreville in '05?
 a.Rich Kosmoski b.Ed Pietraszka c.Ed Streck
- Garnered the most votes in the 2005 Sayreville Board of Education election?
 a.Phyllis Batko b.Pat Lembo c.Michael Macagnone
- Re-elected President of the South Amboy Board of Education 1990?
 a.Maryann Holovacko b.Eileen Ryan c.Joseph McCarthy
- In 2005, the Commander of Catholic War Veterans Post #578, South Amboy?
 a.Frank Sullivan b.Adam Rzepka c.John W. Chuvale

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



Memorial Day

By Joe Lotkowitz

Let's not ever forget to remember all of our unselfish veterans on this Memorial Day, especially all the vets who are buried now in foreign lands. These are the ones the world should turn to and be eternally grateful for. So, the day the world forgets these veterans, they will have "truly died in vain."

As we salute the flag this Memorial Day, place your hand over your heart and feel the pride as you stand in reverence. Use our country and freedom for what they fought and died for.

Thank you brave veterans, and may God bless you all.



1960-PFC Joe Lotkowitz (The SA Times Photographer) is pictured in South Korea getting ready for "full alert" when the North Koreans bluffed an attack to cross the 38th parallel, like they do once a year on May Day. (Photo/info courtesy of Joe Lotkowitz)

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!

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could remember and honor them. With that in mind, I decided to honorably dedicate various streets throughout South Amboy those honored dead called home.

I entrusted the research to identify streets on which these brave men lived before their untimely and heroic deaths to the Historical Society of South Amboy, and the Society did an outstanding job. After that, the new street signs were created with the soldier's name, rank, and the war in which they gave their lives. This past November, we had a dedication ceremony at the Historical Society's gallery, which was well-attended by citizens, celebrated guests, veterans, and family members of our honorees. We displayed the signs, made a couple of speeches, and read off the names of those brave souls. Many were brought to tears. Pictures were taken with the signs and many stories were told. Later, our industrious Public Works team installed the signs at the appropriate streets.

As we all travel throughout our fine city and notice the new red, white, and blue street signs, please take a moment to reflect on the meaning of those signs, and remember and honor our brave young men who never returned to the place they called home, South Amboy. It's the least we, who benefited from their sacrifice, can do. That is the purpose of this tribute to our South Amboy veterans. Those signs are a symbol of greatness for our South Amboy fallen. Most of them would probably identify themselves as ordinary people who were called upon to do an extraordinary service. They did not run from the enemy--they faced the enemy and stood steadfast, as they made the ultimate sacrifice.

As Abraham Lincoln, our 16th President, said, in his Gettysburg Address "The world will little note nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here." Let us never forget!

Yearbook-Hoffman 1980

By Tom Burkard

Hoffman H.S. Class of 1980 returned for its final year in September '79, and the John Street gang was most likely rockin' to the #1 hit at the time, "My Sharona," as they orbited "The Pleasant Little City."

The yearbook was dedicated to Eileen Yadowsky. Joseph DePasquale was principal. A few fine faculty members included Miss Folis, Mrs. Lopez, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Virgilio, Miss Wojcik, and Miss Search. The Student Council consisted of Chairperson-Nancy Romanetz; Secretary-William Lewis; Treasurer-Lisa Rainone. The Senior Class Officers were President-Ellen Carey; VP-Donna Coyle; Sec.-Annette Puccio; Treas.-Sharon Malkiewicz. Jean Sutak was President of the National Honor Society.

Some of the fine Class of '80 chosen randomly included: Robin Balasz, the late Gregory Barna, Linda Bloomer, Rose Ann Bongiorno, James Bowden, David Brady, Fred Brinkerhoff, Michele Cox, Wendy Dennen, Scott Dorick, George Govlick, Mary Gundrum, Lisa Hermann, Ann Marie Horvath, Jean Marie Hulsart, Lisa Kardos, Debra Keegan, Nancy Koerner, Kenneth Krasowski, Susan Kulcsar, Allison Kross, Francine Kuzma, Michael Leonard, Vicki Martin, Donald Milks, Sharon Mulcahy, Suan Mulcahy, Marianne Murphy,

Kathleen O'Grady, Barbara Ann Ruskuski, Christine Salaky, Kathleen Scibek, Lisa Scarfi, Kathleen Therkelsen, Kathleen Ust, Ernest Wilson, Tracy Wisenfelder, Pamela Wzykowski, Anthony Zalewski.

The Purple & Gold featured lots of athletic talent in the Class of '80. Some fine senior athletes were: Carol and Sue Akerman, Maribeth Bowlby, Marie & Jackie Buckalew, Joanne Cadigan, Sue Check, Dawn Christensen, Mike Chrzaszcz, John Dragotta, Julia Farkas, Michael Facendo, Judith Haas, Bill Lewis, Gerard Marrone, Lenny Maxfield, Mary Chris Moskal, Tom O'Connor, Don Riley, Greg Seres, Steve Szatkowski, Marty Veilleux, John Ziola.

At graduation time, the Class of '80 probably heard the top pop song, "Funkytown" on the radio as they headed to the commencement exercises on that memorable June day. Hoffman High's Class of '80 was a very interesting blend of scholars, athletes, and so much more!

Memorare, Prayer To The Blessed Virgin Mary

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To you do I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the word incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy, hear and answer me. Amen. K.S.

Update: Jammin For Jaclyn Benefit Concert

In order to ensure the safety of our community, Jammin for Jaclyn Benefit Concert (7th Annual) will be switching it up this year and having a special version of our event via Facebook LIVE at @JamminforJaclyn on June 13th, 2020. 9 of our incredible artists will be live streaming and performing from 7:00-10:30pm! 50/50's should be purchased before the event and the winner will be drawn at the end of the night. You can also donate online at givebutter.

com/jammin-for-jaclyn. As always, you can make check donations out to RJC Charities Inc. and send them to Jammin for Jaclyn, 292 Stevens Avenue, South Amboy, NJ 08879. Please help out our two beneficiaries, Sienna Smith and the Chris Szatkowski Family, both stricken by cancer. Please call 732-525-9536 for more information. Thank you all for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you tune in!!

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Members of the Sayreville Lions Club presented a check to the Sayreville Police Auxiliary to help feed the seniors and the needy during this critical time. (Photo Submitted)

White Gold

By Elaine Holton Scott

In January of 1848, the California Gold Rush was set to begin when a carpenter from our very own state of New Jersey by the name of James Wilson Marshall found flakes of gold as he worked building a water-powered sawmill for John Sutter. When word got around, men came from all over America and from across the Pacific Ocean hoping to stake claims on land so they could find gold too. Many arrived carrying tools in their rough, work-hardened hands, while many others arrived in their best "Sunday suits" with hands which had never known a day's work in their lives. A few would hit the big time...but most would end up broken and penniless. Someone who really hit "gold" was Levi Strauss when he began making bib overalls from tent material and selling most of them to miners. 172 years later another gold rush is occurring, but this time it's for "white gold"...otherwise known as toilet paper. Yes, during this Coronavirus pandemic, having a good supply of toilet paper is worth more than plain old gold.

gold" like Charmin, Angel Soft, Scott, and Cottonelle to name just a few.

Yes, the product all of us had taken for granted our entire lives has become harder to find than the gold those old miners had searched for at Sutter's Mill. Quickly, with the genius minds we, Americans, often have, substitutions for that "white gold" have started being used and it doesn't only come on small cardboard rolls. This substitute is being found in plastic packages of 50, 100 and 200 over in the coffee aisle. Coffee filters it is, and they are selling out faster than the speed of light...so, too, have all the paper towels, napkins, and every other conceivable paper product believed to be "flushable." I sure hope they have plungers or worst case scenario, buckets handy until a plumber can be found. Possibly, after this "white gold" shortage becomes history, there will be many new names on the Forbes list of America's wealthiest, most of them being young, retired plumbers.

We, Americans are spoiled. We have grown up and lived with every food item and product readily available. All that was ever needed was money to buy it. For many of us that had meant saving relentlessly to be able to purchase the things we really wanted. Going to the bank to cash our paychecks before there was such a thing as automatic deposits and, hopefully, to put some of our hard earned money into a savings account, was routine. For others, there were different ways to save money for the future, one of which was buying gold...real gold, like what's held in Fort Knox.

So, while we have to stay away from each other, waving to masked neighbors we know and everyone else we didn't know at all while standing in the windows of our homes, 99% of the U.S.A. Keep searching for "white gold" on the internet. Many of us had found some being advertised so we quickly and smugly ordered a supply, ignoring the bloated cost. Counting the days it would arrive, I remember having a sense of gratitude as I waited for it to be delivered. Instead, I as well as so many others are being scammed left and right by these Chinese companies pretending to be American. If, perchance, the toilet paper does arrive, the Chinese "white gold" isn't really "white gold" at all.

Life changed in a blink of an eye when this Covid-19 virus started spreading in the U.S. All of us must now go back to the basics because shelves usually loaded with every type of product aren't so loaded anymore. For many, especially for those of us living in the southern portion of the state, the warehouses have been emptying of even the barest of necessities. Soon, the wealthy people won't be those who own a fortune of gold. It is swiftly becoming the lucky ones who have hoarded what was more important... "white

You know, maybe we're all being taught a lifelong lesson to never again take anything for granted...even if it's plain old toilet paper. Sometimes, we just don't appreciate what's really important in life until we lose it.

p.s. Buy American!!!!

**This article was written on April 15th, as the Coronavirus had us all wearing masks, staying inside scabbling for necessities and with the entire state being locked down and people locked in.

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Can You Identify Anyone?



St. Mary's High School 1976 Senior Play was "The Wizard Of Oz." Can anyone identify the actors in the above photo? Please let us know.



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70 Years Ago



May 19, 1950 is one of South Amboy's most memorable dates in history. Pictured are three barges that were still burning following the devastating 1950 Explosion in South Amboy on the Raritan Bay.



70 Years Ago-May, 1950. The long-established Empire Theatre on North Broadway in South Amboy burned down. It was located across from The Presbyterian Church, in the vicinity where the Chinese Restaurant is now located.

Recalling The 1950 South Amboy Explosion

By Bill "Biff" McKeon

President Franklin Delano Roosevelt said "this day will live in Infamy" referring to the December 7th 1941 bombing of Pearl Harbor, while May 19, 1950 is the Day of Infamy for South Amboy, New Jersey.

Friday May 19th was the day that St. Mary's High School, South Amboy, NJ Class of 1950 was scheduled to experience their final high school dance, their senior prom.

Several weeks prior to this memorable Senior Day of gown/tux dancing, there was a debate on where to have this senior prom. Some Class of '50 students, who wanted the big event to be held in the Molly Pitcher Hotel in Red Bank, were informed by principal Sister Loretta, that it would be more prudent to have it within the school.

As the young Ladies and Gentlemen prepared for the night of enchanting dancing several blocks away at the South Amboy, Pennsylvania Railroad dock workers were transferring 420 tons of Pakistan Military Explosives from Pennsy Railroad Cars onto several barges when some time shortly after 7 PM., the sky showered black mud from the Raritan Bay onto the city, and its neighboring communities. What was so amazing is the fact that buildings shook before the rumbling sound of the explosion and the black mud rained down from the sky.

Many believed the Russians had bombed New York City, others opined the Jersey Central Power Plant had exploded, as the city was aghast with illogical theories.

Jersey Central Electric wires started to fall, sparking as they hit the road, windows were blown out, and the roof of the St. Mary's HS. Gym fell to the floor. God had His hand blessing these St. Mary's HS senior prom-goers, who had not yet arrived for their

evening of remembrance. If the explosion occurred several hours later God knows how many students would have been killed.

There were 36 workers killed and hundreds of South Amboy people suffered minor physical injuries, however the scars of this disaster are life long. One resident said his daughter lying in her crib, had the Lord's crucifix fall from the wall, landing on her face, and the crucifix was fully embedded in glass. Another person said his bed had a large section of the window glass landed in the area where he slept. Probably one of the weirdest was where a person was thrown though Frank O'Connor's store window at North Broadway, and had a slitter of glass stuck in his back, where no blood was visible however. After several days of discomfort the Doctor discovered this embedded piece of glass within his spinal area.

The anchor of one of these barges flew across the Raritan River and landed in Staten Island, New York, and another anchor landed on lower Augusta St. at the home of the late Jimmy Gray. Many windows in New York City were also blown out, and this massive explosion was major in property damage as well as to lives. Land mines were discovered throughout South Amboy/ Sayreville/Old Bridge, that required the US. Army, who were stationed in Fort Monmouth, NJ. to be called/ activated into Marshall Law, where they also dismantled many unexploded land mines.

There are hundreds of stories relating to what happened that day as WPIX-TV covered this story for weeks. PS. The insurance companies paid (.010 cents on the dollar) whereas, no one had Explosion Insurance.

Life Was Fine

c.2020

Remember the old 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 so different
Life was so fine.

No Summer Vacation

c.2020

Summer is here but
Scrap your vacation
As COVID-19
Halts the nation
You can always go
To the Jersey Shore but
Be sure to stay
Six feet apart or more
The world has really changed
Not like it was before.

St. Stan's School
(Photos/Info Submitted)



Kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Mundy, visited her students homes to give them their originally planned Easter treats.



Students, Angelina and Madelyn McGrane, participate in Virtual Field Day by playing a water balloon toss as their dog, Rex, watches.



First grade student, Vanessa Girard, participates in a Virtual Field Day that was organized by St. Stan's School.

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Joe Soos Remembered

By Joe Lotkowitz

Joe Soos passed away on April 19, 2020. He was a local musician from the late 1940's, when he began playing guitar with the Lock Brothers band until the group broke up in the 50's to go in different directions. Joe Soos went on to join The Cavaliers band soon after, and played with them for many years.

Joe was Past President of the Sayreville Senior Thursday Club, and played solo for many of the club's fun time events including birthdays, Christmas parties and luncheons. In addition, he served as an usher at St. Mary Church for many years. Joe will be missed by family, friends, and especially his fellow musicians.

RIP Joe, and play a few gigs in heaven.

One Hit Wonders

30 Years Ago

1990-Just A Friend-Biz Marke; No Myth-Michael Penn; Don't Wanna Fall In Love-Jane Child; Nothing Compares 2 U-Sinead O'Connor; Whole Wide World-A'me Lorain; I Wanna Be Rich-Calloway; Turtle Power!-Partners In Kryme; Ooh La La (I Can't Get Over You)-Perfect Gentlemen; I'll See You In My Dreams-Giant; Sittin' In The Lap Of Luxury-Louie Louie; Girls Nite Out-Tyler Collins; Tic-Tac-Toe-Kyper; Epic-Faith No More; Knockin' Boots-Candyman; Joey-Concrete Blonde; Groove Is In The Heart-DEEE-Lite; Hippychick-Soho.

Rory Kelly Band Releases New Video

The Rory Kelly Band recently released an excellent new video/song "Gimme Shelter," a cover of The Rolling Stones hit. The hard rockin' band features former South Amboy resident Mike Kelly on drums, his son Rory Kelly on lead guitar/vocals, and Rory's wife Crystal on bass. Best of luck to The Rory Kelly Band!

Bon Jovi Sings For Charity

By Steve Schmid

Sayreville native and rock star Jon Bon Jovi has kept busy during the stay at home order by performing for charitable groups. On April 22, Bon Jovi sang his new coronavirus song, "Do What You Can" from his recording studio at his Middletown home. He was performing for the New Jersey Pandemic Relief Fund and the charity event was televised on several local TV stations. Later in the show he played an acoustic version of his #1 hit "Living On A Prayer." On May 11, he appeared in another charity event for the

Robin Hood Organization. He performed virtually with 6 other members of his band and did his song "It's My Life." On both shows Bon Jovi was one of many singers who played for charity. In other Bon Jovi news, the singer announced his 2020 concert tour had to be canceled. The tour had been slated to begin June 10 in Tacoma Washington and would have concluded July 28 after two nights at Madison Square Garden. He cited safety concerns for the band and his many fans for the cancellation.

"We Are The World" 35th Anniversary

by Tom Burkard

January 28, 1985-USA For Africa "We Are The World" song was recorded for a benefit to raise money for Africa. The biggest names in the music industry at the time sang on the excellent recording. Some of the many who had parts were Lionel Richie, Stevie Wonder, Paul Simon, Kenny Rogers, James Ingram, Tina Turner, Billy Joel, Michael Jackson, Diana Ross, Dionne Warwick, Willie Nelson, Al Jarreau, Bruce Springsteen, Kenny Loggins, Steve Perry, Daryl Hall, Huey Lewis, Cyndi Lauper, Kim Carnes, Bob Dylan, Ray Charles. Others who

were part of the chorus: Harry Belafonte, Lindsey Buckingham, Sheila E., Bob Geldof, Hall and Oates, Jackie Jackson, LaToya Jackson, Marion Jackson, Randy Jackson, Tito Jackson, Bette Midler, Jeffery Osborne, The Pointer Sisters, Smokey Robinson, Dan Aykroyd. Initially 800,000 copies of "We Are The World" arrived in stores on Tuesday, March 7, 1985, and were sold out by the first weekend. On March 23rd, it entered the Billboard Hot 100 at #21, and in 3 weeks reached #1. It won Grammys of Song of the Year, and Record of the Year in 1985.

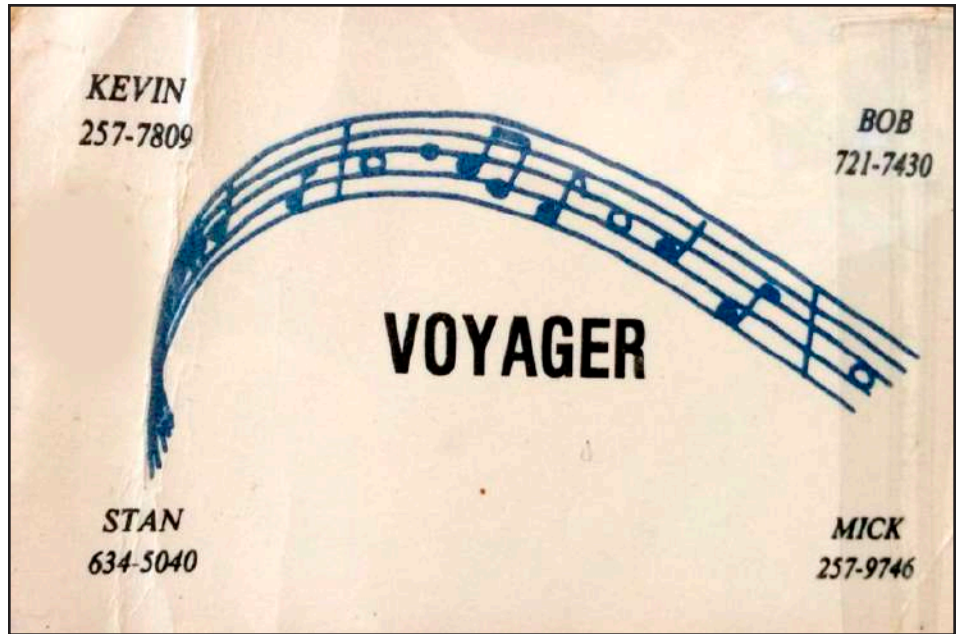
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Do you remember Cara Mia? Chances are you'll remember the 1965 version of the song by Jay & The Americans which made it to #4 on the Billboard list. This was a great version that really showed off the powerful vocal range of leader Jay Black. The original version was released in 1954 by European David Whitfield with Mantovani, and shot all the way to #1 in the United Kingdom. Check both versions out on youtube.com and let us know which one you think is better...For all you Parrotheads out there, if you haven't seen Jimmy Buffet's 1974 video for his song "Come Monday," check it out. It's really interesting and you can see him driving his old pickup truck (not a prop)...

The legendary John Fogerty of CCR was previously the leader of The Goliwogs, and the band had some pretty decent sounds prior to CCR fame. "Fight Fire," and "You Better Get It Before It Gets You," are both worth a listen...Other videos/songs on youtube that may prove interesting to you are "One Pair Of Hands" by Elvis Presley, and also type in: Daddy Daughter Duet-The Prayer featuring Mat & his daughter Savanna Shaw in an incredibly powerful performance...The Beach Boys Mike Love has recently written and released an excellent new song "This Too Shall Pass" about the COVID-19 outbreak. Give it a listen.

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.



Does anyone remember Voyager, a rockin' band that played at The Landmark in South Amboy back in the '80's? The above is an original business card from the group with the names of the members, Stan Olkusch, Sayreville's Kevin McGowan and Mickey McGuire, and South Amboy drummer Bob Kogut. (Courtesy of Joan)

South Amboy's Marco Marcello



South Amboy's famous TV personality, Marco Marcello (c) is in great company with two of the best in show business history, Dean Martin (l) and Jerry Lewis (r) in a photo from the early 1950's.

Marco Marcello introduces his boss, Milton Berle (r) on the Milton Berle Show, as legends seated in back, Dean Martin (l) and Jerry Lewis (r) watch the action.



Marco Marcello (l) who lived on Catherine St. (between North Broadway and North Stevens Ave.) in South Amboy, was a TV personality from 1948 through the early 1950's on "The Milton Berle Show." Known in acting/TV circles as "Fatso Marco," the 300-pound local resident started each Milton Berle Show by introducing "Uncle Miltie." Marcello is pictured above with an unknown youngster in a publicity shot at the National Semipro Baseball Tournament in Wichita, Kansas in 1949. The South Amboy AA team won the NJ State Semi-Pro championship, and went to Kansas by bus, and was accompanied by Marco. (Photos/info submitted)

MUSIC TRIVIA

By Tom Burkard

Good 'N' Happy

1. Happy Days
2. Don't Worry Be Happy
3. Good Vibrations
4. I Feel Good
5. Oh Happy Day
6. Happy Together
7. Good Lovin'
8. Good Thing
9. Happy Trails
10. Good Day Sunshine
11. If You Wanna Be Happy
12. If It Makes You Happy
13. You've Made Me So Very Happy



- a. The Beach Boys
- b. Roy Rogers & Dale Evans
- c. Sheryl Crow
- d. The Young Rascals
- e. James Brown
- f. Bobby McFerrin
- g. Pratt & McClain
- h. Blood, Sweat & Tears
- i. The Beatles
- j. The Edwin Hawkins Singers
- k. Jimmy Soul
- l. The Turtles
- m. Paul Revere & The Raiders

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LETTERS

Dear Tom,

I remembered the last time I was in town. South Amboy that is.

While visiting and staying with my husband's family in Holmdel and Morganville, New Jersey, I just could not wait to have a car, and go to my South Amboy. Well, while I was in South Amboy, I drove around for a few hours. I went up and down street after street, to Morgan, to Perth Amboy (Which I did recognize it.)

Then back to South Amboy. I stopped for coffee, I stopped at two bars and had a soda. I stopped in a little store and bought a loaf of bread. I did not know anyone, no one at all! I had not one to call. I thought about that tonight. I felt a bit sad, and I thought of Willie's words. So I took this idle time and enjoyed the oment, and read a few issues of The South Amboy-Sayreville Times. Amazing, the first one that I read, I knew two people - George Kurtz and Dennis Nardone. I had not seen, thought, nor heard of either since I was twenty years old! And there was a third, a priest, who had been my teacher at St Mary's HS. Father Cioffi, but your article said that he is retired. I read and read. I really enjoyed the moment. I felt the city, that I knew, in your writing. Your writing, the ads in the paper, the graphics, those Irish and Polish names, gave me a place to feel warm inside. People say that they hear an old song, it can bring back and you can feel the same feelings as long ago. In these strange times, I had a taste of the wonderful culture, in the town where I was brought up. Roots! I feel stronger. Your paper is wonderful! Who would think that a newspaper could be like a novel and paint a picture? Thank you for your hard work keeping The South Amboy-Sayreville Times alive! Hope you and your family are well. You cannot be too careful. Take care. Happy Trails!
Joanie Morrison Abou-Samra,
 (Formerly of 521 Leffert Street)
 Ventura, California/ Marble Falls, Texas

Little Richard Performs In South Amboy In 1966-Part 1

By Henny The DJ Conroy

The Founding Fathers of Rock and Roll were having it real tough in the early '60's because of the phenomenon called "The British Invasion." However, the sad irony of it all was that the "British Invasion" was nothing more than young, white, frilly Englishmen singing recycled, anemic versions of the black rhythm and blues masterpieces that these same now redundant Founding Fathers had crafted. For example, in 1965, Herman's Hermits, a throwaway British bubble gum band were performing "Silhouettes" to millions on The Ed Sullivan Show, while The Rays, were singing their original, soulful 1957 version to 23 drunks in Patsy's Clam Bar in Providence, Rhode Island, and happy to get the gig.

And this was the scenario that produced in beloved 60's South Amboy a "happening" the idea of which was as likely as the Hindenburg landing on the corner of Augusta Street and Broadway: Little Richard was coming to town!

There were two very conflicting reasons that made his appearance in town virtually impossible. First, he was way too big a star. How big? The almighty Beatles themselves ruling the world's airwaves at the time humbly pointed to Little Richard as their hero and mentor; two of his songs (Tutti Frutti & Long Tall Sally) had been covered greedily by the likes of Elvis Presley and Pat Boone, and been made #1 hits for them; he was the performing star in a Hollywood movie, "The Girl Can't Help It." starring Janey Mansfield! Why in the world would he be coming to a small bar in a small town in Central New Jersey?

On the other hand, Little Richard was way too small. For one, he had given up

First Presbyterian Church Helps The Needy

By Steve Schmid

First Presbyterian Church of South Amboy is working in conjunction with the city Office of Emergency Management to distribute food to needy local families. during the COVID-19 crisis. Mary Porcello is coordinating the response of the church food pantry, and said over 800 families a week from South Amboy, Sayreville, and Old Bridge are being helped. She said the emergency program began March 21, and originally thought it would last five weeks. She said many families are facing hunger due to the loss of jobs during this emergency. Porcello said they distribute chicken, pork chops, dry food in individual bags plus milk and eggs if available. She said other local churches are helping in this community distribution program. She feels good about helping these needy families during these trying times. She added that food donations are always appreciated. For more information call 732-588-5830 and leave a message. Or text at 732-620-2040 or email at saocem@southamboynj.gov.

No Final Goodbye

c.2020

Many people are dying everyday
 Who ever thought
 Life would get this way
 Then COVID-19 came along
 And with it came
 The world's saddest song
 Another loved one dies
 Friends and family cry
 But can't go to the funeral
 For a final goodbye.



The fabulous Little Richard, a 1950's rock 'n' roll legend, recently died at age 87. He had 9 Top 40 hits, including "Tutti-Frutti," "Long Tall Sally," "Lucille," "Keep A Knockin." (Photo by Tom Burkard)

secular performing at the peak of his fame in 1958 in order to focus on gospel music. He was for 5 long years totally out of circulation. Five years in an industry so fickle that a band can be at the top one day and then be totally forgotten in 5 months! He did not return to Rock music until 1963. Ever popular in England he was asked to bail out a Rolling Stones concert that was failing. Flush with the success from the England gig, he came back to the States, and put out a new album, but it went nowhere. His early music wasn't dead, those early songs made up a big part of the English groups repertoire, but nobody wanted to hear him sing them.

In 1966 Colonel Coopers was a thriving, successful night club on Route 35 North in South Amboy. It was a hit! If Snooki and The Situation and Jwow and DJ Pauly etc. were around then this is the place they would have frequented. On the weekends, it was where the great current bands (Gary Criss and The Crystals, The Green Men) played 60's hits and where the girls came from everywhere to dance. But on Thursday nights they featured big name Rock and Roll All Stars: Smokey Robinson, Ben E. King, The Drifters, Chuck Jackson, The Coasters, Del Shannon, The Isley Brothers, and now, magically, for me, Little Richard!!!

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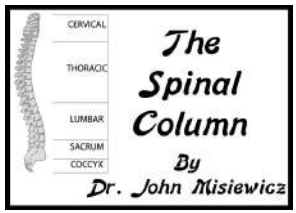
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Injuries can be prevented or minimized with proper preparation. Following are some simple steps to take to avoid injury and enjoy golf to its fullest:

1. Ask your Chiropractor about a conditioning program to strengthen and stretch the muscles used in the golf swing.
2. Use the expertise of your local golf pro. He can assure you that your swing is mechanically correct. Improper swing mechanics are the most common cause of golf injuries.
3. Make sure your clubs fit your body. Clubs are like shoes; if you don't buy the right size your body will suffer the consequences.
4. If you walk the course rather than ride, don't carry your golf bag. Carrying a bag, even the lightweight styles; add extra strain on your body. Use a pull-cart. Those golfers with back problems might try pushing the cart rather than pulling it, this will reduce the rotational strain on your lower back.
5. Don't forget the simple things such as bending your knees to pick up the golf ball.
6. If you injure yourself, stop playing and consult your Chiropractor as soon as possible.
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Fishing Flashes
By Teo "Weebles" Weber

Salt Water
Bluefish have arrived in the surf and back bays of Island Beach and LBI. Most of them are small to medium size, very few big ones. Striped Bass are mixed in also. Private Boats in that area have caught some big Bass in the 30 and 40 pound range but were over the 38 inch mark according to the new law and had to be released. I saw more short Stripers caught a few nights at Ideal Beach some of these were a nice size. Blackfish season is closed and Sea Bass fishing is open now with regulations at 10 fish at 12 1/2 inches. The first Fluke have already been caught in Barnegat Bay and areas to the south. The season opens May 22 with 3 fish and 18 inch limit. Party Boats and Charter Boats can now sail under new regulations. The United Boatmen submitted plans to the state for review and it has been approved.

Fresh Water
Trout are being caught in streams statewide but the up and down weather patterns has hampered fishing. All the stream stocking day closures have been suspended which means you can find fish at some spots and maybe none at other spots. Shad are showing in the Delaware River. My wife and I tried our luck in the lower Pequest on a Sunday in mid-May. We missed a few, lost some, but caught 5 Trout between us and the biggest being 14 inches.

Sad Times
c.2020

The number is growing day by day
So many loved ones are sick
And passing away
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People in masks
And wearing frowns
Pray to God for
A cure to be found.

WWW.?



Does anyone know what this building is, and where it is located? Send your answer in to: thesatimes@aol.com by June 15th.

WWW.? April Winners

The April WWW.? was South Stevens Pub, previously known as: Todd's Dugout, Dugout Sports Cafe, Key Largo, Hillcrest Inn, Brothers Inn. Those who correctly identified it were:

Marlene Letwenski, Pete McIntyre, John Gelsinon, Paul Conlon, Dennis Mccloud, Bridget Bourke, Judy Guilfoyle, Michael & Irene Kilcomons, Gerry Sherry, Leon Credico, Dennis Quinlan, Chris Hockenjos, Chuck Pickard, Betty Leveille, Don Zrebiec, Peggy & Steve Yuhas, Joan Gorczyca, Joanne Niestemski, Steve Laskiewicz, Dennis & Kathy OLeary, Chelle Martin, Chuck Pickard, Jack & Keith Piskorski and Lorraine Krauss, Pat & Bill Scully, Mary Agnes Morris, Lynn Loy, James F. Fox, Marie & Ed English, Joan Fulham, Eleanore Westerholm, Gary Feret, Lisa Grankowski, Maryanne Matarangolo, T.J. Albanese, Steve Villig, Dane Colburn, Paul Lall.



April WWW.? South Stevens Pub, South Amboy

The Smoke Column

By Ex-Chief Richard Kosmoski, BA, MS

Many of today's volunteer firefighters are following in the footsteps of a long standing family tradition. Many are fifth generation firefighters, and some have even followed the family footsteps and served as fire chiefs. But, is this dedicated service to the community nearing its end? The volunteer fire service in this country is in a "CRISIS" and there is NO doubt about it. Volunteerism is dying a slow death. Those of you that belong to organizations, clubs, or any type of volunteer group are finding it difficult to find members to step forward, step up and take leadership positions, or just volunteer their time. Society has changed over the last 50 years and so has the fire service. It seems that nobody has the spare time any more or we hear the excuse that there are not enough hours in the day to accomplish what needs to be done. Remember, we still have the same 24 hours in a day in year 2020 as we had in a day in 1950. It is all about how you manage those 24 hours.

Although nearly 70% of the firefighters in this country are volunteers, our recruitment and retention rates are in decline and our ranks are aging. The average age of a volunteer firefighter is 54 years old. Fire departments are finding it difficult to attract younger members due to a variety of reasons, including increased demands on people's time, longer commuting distances to and from work, the prevalence of two-income households, and increased training requirements.

According to a PEW study, millennials place a higher value on helping people than on making money. In a 2015 study commissioned by the National Volunteer Fire Council, they were also the generation most interested in volunteering for the fire service. Why then does the fire service volunteerism continue to decline? The fire service resists change, leaving many departments structured for a time when people worked in or near the communities they lived. This is not the norm any longer. Employees are no longer devoted to one employer and continue working for that single employer until retirement age. Without pensions or other financial incentives, young employees frequently switch jobs, which

prevents millennials from building a long-term relationship with employers that would give them the flexibility for remaining active in the local fire department. In order to make ends meet, we find middle- and working-class people, who form the backbone of our volunteer firefighting force, working longer hours or multiple jobs. There is not just one negative aspect to retaining and recruiting firefighters. What are our local governments doing to provide an incentive to retain those highly skilled and trained firefighters? What are they doing to bring new members into the departments? It has been calculated that at the present time, it would cost approximately \$6 million to provide a career fire department in our local community. Can our community afford the increase in taxes to support such a move? Divide the number of households in town into \$6 million. The resulting figure would be the amount of increased tax per homeowner per year. It would be substantial, and many residents would not be able to absorb these increased taxes.

The fire departments themselves must also be involved in making changes to the rules and regulations that govern their departments. Sometimes it may be necessary to alter or adjust the regulations due to a member's working status. There are various rule changes that can be adopted to compensate for a member's work schedule, family responsibilities, traveling, etc. We also need to have competent leaders in the fire service. I have personally seen many firefighters leave the fire service due to incompetent and/or undesirable leaders, leaders who made them feel unwanted or unappreciated. A "Thank You" or a "Good Job" said by the Chief after a large fire goes a long way in making that firefighter feel appreciated for their efforts. In closing, I see that changes need to be made and made soon if there is to continue to be a volunteer firefighting service in our country. Hopefully those in charge of the fire services will also see the need to make changes and get started!



WHAT IS IT?????

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton



Can you identify this item? Many people used them, they are hardly found today, but their housing is used today for other things. Send your answer to us at satimes@aol.com by June 15th.

WHAT IS IT? Winners

The What Is It? for April was a stereo console. A large piece of furniture that had an AM/FM radio and a record player.

Our readers that correctly identified it were: Marlene Letwenski, Janet Psicattelli, John Gelsinon, Pete McIntyre, Michael & Irene Kilcomons, Chris Hockenjos, Adele O'Hara, Sheila Knudsen, Chuck Pickard, Bruce Grankowski, Betty Leveille, Vincent Farina, Ann Surina, Alan Chambers, Don Zrebiec, Peggy & Steve Yuhas, Steve Laskiewicz, Eileen and Len Truchan, Dennis & Kathy OLeary, Chelle Martin, Kathie Godoy, Jack & Keith Piskorski and Lorraine Krauss, Pat & Bill Scully, Mary

Agnes Morris, Madeline Powis, Augie Nonnemacher, JoAnn & John French, Lynn Loy, Marie & Ed English, Joan Fulham, Gary Feret, T.J. Albanese, Bridget Bourke, Steve Villig, Dane Colburn, Anthony Carlo, Paul Lall, Mark Moniello,

*Last month we missed Bruce Grankowski's what is it answer, sorry Bruce



Stereo Console

The Vintage Car Contest



Can you identify this car? This one had a 455 cubic inch engine and had a nickname that was also the model name of an Auburn automobile. Send your answers to satimes@aol.com by June 15th. (Photo by Brian Stratton)

April's Vintage Car

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton

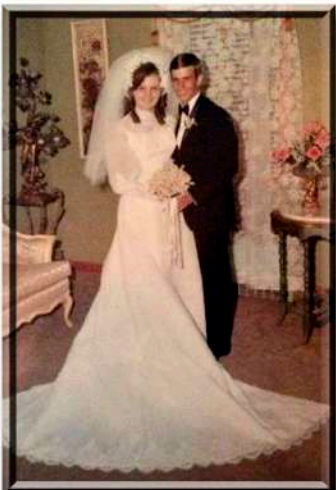
The vintage car from our April issue was a 1976 AMC Pacer. The Pacer was a two-door compact car produced in the United States by American Motors Corporation from the 1975 to 1980 model years. Design work began in 1971. The Pacer's rounded and aerodynamic "jellybean" styling has made it an icon of the 1970s. The Pacer pictured above is the Mirthmobile it is Garth Algar's car. It is a light blue 1976 AMC Pacer with flames painted on the sides. The vehicle is also frequently used by Wayne Campbell the care

was used in both Wayne's World movies. Wayne's being the second part of the answer from our April contest.

Those that correctly answered were: Dave McCleery, John Gelsinon, Pete McIntyre, Michael & Irene Kilcomons, Bruce Grankowski, Betty Leveille, Joyce Medvar, Peggy & Steve Yuhas, Steve Laskiewicz, Pat & Bill Scully, Jack & Keith Piskorski and Lorraine Krauss, Lynn Loy, Marie & Ed English, Joan Fulham, T.J. Albanese, Steve Villig, Dane Colburn, Anthony Carlo, Paul Lall, Mark Moniello.



April Vintage Car - 1976 AMC Pacer



May 16, 1970

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Eleanor C. Szaro
Eleanor Catherine Szaro (Nee: Reszkowski) passed away peacefully on May 18, 2020 at the age of 93.

Eleanor, was lifelong resident of South Amboy and a devout member of Sacred Heart RC Church. She was a seamstress for 35 years at various local factories in this city and loved spending time with her family, watching soap operas, doing word puzzles and was an avid reader.

Eleanor was predeceased by her husband, Kenneth, parents, Edward and Catherine Reszkowski, her sister, Antoinette Witkowski, and brother, Bernard Reszkowski.

She was the loving mother to her children, Edward Szaro of South Amboy, Nancy Agolio and her husband Joe of Washington Township, Linda Adam and her husband Don of North Carolina, Joseph Szaro and his wife Mary of South Amboy and Thomas Szaro and his wife Valerie of East Brunswick. She was a caring grandmother to Christina DeMarco, Matthew Szaro, Emma Szaro, Kellie Nasser and her husband Jeff, Kenny Kokoszka and his wife Amy, Natalie Peleg and her husband Edan, Jessica Pennino and her husband Jeremy, Rebecca Adam and Jonathan Adam and cherished Babcia to her 7 great-grandchildren: Kenny Kokoszka and Kayla Kokoszka, Samuel Nasser and Marielle Nasser, Callen Peleg and Adeline Peleg and Jaxen Pennino. She is also survived by her sister, Susie (Theresa) Reszkowski and brother, Frank Dziekan.

Services will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations to the organization: Friends of South Amboy, 252 1st Street, South Amboy, NJ 08879 in her name would be greatly appreciated.



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Is completely
rearranged
But don't give up!
Have faith,
have hope,
have God.

The Local Sports Memory Machine

By Tom Burkard

From The Sports Archives



1944-The talented Hoffman Governors baseball club consisted of standing (l-r) Rudy Neumann, Jim Croddick, Coach Milt Gordon, John Lagoda, Ray Skwiat; Center (l-r) Stan Zawacki, Gene Munn, Jack Lanning, Art Walczak, Stan Domzal; Sitting (l-r) Joe Zera, George Munck, Nels "Honcie" Thomsen, Fred Zall.

15 Years Ago-Eagles Set Home Run Records

2005-The Cardinal McCarrick (CM) power-hitting sluggers were kept busy tying and breaking St. Mary's/Cardinal McCarrick team records for home runs in a game. In May '05, Shane Connors tied the school record by blasting 2 home runs and driving in 5 runs, as the Eagles pounded Piscataway Tech, 13-2. Shane got his share of the single-game homer record by tying Bill Reilly, who orbited 2 homers in 1986, as St. Mary's routed Piscataway Tech, 15-6, and Ed Fulham, who

hammered 2 home runs in a 10-4 romp over East Brunswick Tech in 2003.

The power-hitting display continued, and in June '05, talented third baseman Brett Romer became the first Blue & Gold player in history to blast 3 homers in a game as our locals topped Newark Academy, 13-11 in 8 innings. He also finished with 6 RBI. Romer's record will now stand for all-time in St. Mary's/Cardinal McCarrick baseball history.

Glory Days In Local Sports

1962-Winning pitcher Joe Pohl fired a brilliant 0-hitter, striking out 15 and contributing 2 hits to lead St. Mary's to an 11-0 romp over Perth Amboy St. Mary's...1977-St. Mary's girls softball squad pounded Perth Amboy St. Mary's, 10-2, blasted her 14th homer of the season and an RBI double to support winning pitcher Sue Wilson. Janet Durski ripped 2 doubles for the Lady Eagles...1984-Sayreville girls softball team finished (7-13) under Coach Janet Ryan. Patty Cumber led the team in runs-18, hits-19, and batting avg. .317. Vanessa Carney topped the Bombers in two-base hits with 5, and L. Shouldis hit 2 home runs and had 15 RBI to top the club in both categories. Following

Cumber's .317, was Shouldis .298, and J. Freeman .245...1990-Hoffman girls softball finished (13-5). Stacey Currie was the leading hitter with a .571 avg...2000-South Amboy boys tennis team won its first match in 26 years by defeating Spotswood, 3-2. The last time the Guvs featured a tennis team was back in '74. Notching victories against Spotswood were Singles-Dan Nuzzie; Jan Kmiecik; Doubles-Jared Gonsalves-Randy Fallon...2012-The highly-talented Sayreville Bombers baseball team, under the genius of Coach Mike Novak set a new school record with 25 wins for the season, finishing at (25-3).

South Amboy 20 Years Ago

2000-The South Amboy roster for City officials consisted of: John T. O'Leary-Mayor; James C. Reick-Council President; Donald C. Thomas-Councilman; Russell Stillwagon-Councilman; Fred A. Henry-Councilman-At-Large; Beverly Samuelson-Councilwoman-At-Large; Kathleen Vigilante-City Clerk; Steve Pavich-Chief of Police; Joanne Brennan-Tax Collector; John E. McCormac-Finance Director; Edward Szatkowski-Fire Official; Stanley Marcinczyk-Business Administrator; James E. Cleary-City Engineer; Kevin McCarthy-Fire Chief; John R. Lanza-Law Director; Joseph C. Hoffman-Municipal Court Judge; Chester Meinzer-Fire Marshal; Gerald Garnett-Public Works Superintendent; Mary Lou DeBlis-Superintendent of Recreation.

Flea Market Date Changed

Vendors are needed for the annual Flea Market at the First Presbyterian Church of Sayreville. Flea Market will be held on Sept. 12th. 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.

T.H.E. Game

Year-1987

Sport-Baseball

Teams-Sayreville vs. East Brunswick

Recap-The Bombers of Sayreville had a huge offensive attack against the Bears, and blasted them, 15-6. Winning pitcher Matt Muroski got plenty of support from Rich Gluchowski who hammered 3 hits and had 5 RBI, John Gluchowski a 2-run double and 3 RBI, Joe Coyle 3 hits and an RBI. Muroski also stroked a single and double good for 2 RBI.

Co-Players-of-the-Game-Muroski, R. Gluchowski, J. Gluchowski, Coyle.

10 Years Ago

2010-South Amboy's slugging center fielder Joe Charmello set what is believed to be a Hoffman/South Amboy HS record for RBI with 8 in a 19-3, 5-inning romp over Wardlaw-Hartridge. Charmello went 3-for-4 with a grand slam homer, a double and triple in his amazing performance.

20 Years Ago

2000-Four local baseball players starred for Bishop Ahr HS. Chris Cyriax of South Amboy, and Sayreville residents Gary Read, Eric Kutz, and Ryan Perry all contributed to Ahr's fine season.

20 Years Ago

2000-South Amboy HS had its first boys tennis team in 26 years since 1974. Coach Tony Gonsalves roster shaped up with Jon Bouchard, Jan Kmiecik, Brian Fallon, Dan Nuzzie, Chris Glomski, Jay Ziola, Randy Fallon, Tim Ricablanca, Jared Gonsalves, Chris DeLucca, Neil Abadie, David Abadie.

Diamond Dust

1982 South Amboy Little Fellas League PBA 17 Daylight Bakery 3-Tom Holovacko was the winning pitcher.

Progressive 10 English Chevron 6-Paul Noble had a huge game for the winners, going 3-for-3 with a homer.

1976 South Amboy Little Fellas League English Chevron 20 Enterprise 16-English's was paced by Glenn Vona drilled 5 hits and had 7 RBI, Gary Vona and Joe Kudelka 4 hits each, Steve Martin, Eric Kurowsky, Carey Seres, and Tony DeMaio 3 hits apiece. The Enterprise attack was led by John McQuade with 3 hits, and John Kennedy, who rocketed a home run.

Lions 13 Daylight Bakery 10-Mark Thompson and Joe Harrigan had 3 hits each for the winners, while Jeff Pacansky drilled 4 hits for the Bakers.

1970 Morgan AA Midget League Bonieski 8 Matty's Auto Parts 5-Jeff Kabat was the winning pitcher.

Morgan Lions Club 9 Sayreville Esso 2-Pitcher Mike Creange notched the win

for the Lions.

Harrison Realty 10 Matty's Auto Parts 6-Barry Marcinczyk picked up the victory for Harrison.

1967 Sayreville Little League Senior Division Playoff Championship Series Economy Auto Body 1 Lions 0-Bob Smith tossed a strong 1-hit shutout to lead Economy to an opening game win. Smith struck out 10 and got 2 of the team's 6 hits. Joe Gabel blasted a three-bagger.

Economy Auto Body 2 VFW 1-Winning pitcher Joe Gabel struck out 12 to lead his club to a 2-1 victory and the championship.

1966 Middlesex County Freeholders Little League Tournament

South Amboy NL 7 Carteret NL 0 (7 run rule after 3 1/2 innings)-Winning pitcher Joe Graber fired a no-hitter, while Dan Jones ripped 2 doubles.

South Amboy AL 8 JFK South River 7-Ron Croddick walked, stole second, third, and home to win it for pitcher Tom Boychuk.

Myles Hartsfield Signs NFL Contract

By Steve Schmid

Former Sayreville High School football star Myles Hartsfield's dream of playing NFL football is closer to reality. Hartsfield recently signed a contract with the Carolina Panthers as an undrafted free agent. He has the opportunity to make the team under new head coach Ron Rivera. Hartsfield was a two way star with the Bombers playing running back and safety. As a junior in 2013, he rushed for 1,586 yards and 24 touchdowns helping the team to a 8-3 record. He also played safety and anchored the defensive backfield

earning a scholarship offer from Penn State. Hartsfield was set for another great season as a senior in 2014 until a hazing scandal canceled the Sayreville season. The scandal led to Penn State withdrawing its scholarship offer. He enrolled as a post graduate student at East Coast Prep School where he played well enough to earn a scholarship offer from the University of Mississippi. Hartsfield was a freshman All-America at Ole Miss and played in 48 games for the Rebels with 167 tackles, 17 pass defenses, and 3 interceptions.



South Amboy's Ray "Butch" Tomaszewski (r) attended a Monmouth University basketball game on Feb. 23rd, as a guest of the school, along with some of his old teammates. Pictured (3rd from left) is the President of the University Patrick F. Leahy.

30 Years Ago

1990-Chuck Prusakowski, starring for the Bottle Stop in the South Amboy Men's Slow Pitch Softball League became the first player ever to hit a home run out of the South Amboy Babe Ruth League field in an official game.

70 Years Ago

1950-Sayeville soph pitcher Charlie Kolakowski fired 2 no-hitters and finished (11-2), while batting .333. He went on to a professional baseball career in the Cleveland Indians organization.

85 Years Ago

1935-St. Mary's nipped Perth Amboy St. Mary's, 2-1 in baseball play. Winning pitcher Paul Dolan fired a 2-hitter and struck out 12. Jim Smith had 2 hits, Phillips a single and double, and Lynn an RBI single for Coach Joe "Luke" Phillips Eagles.

90 Years Ago

1930-St. Mary's belted Phillipsburg Catholic, 13-3 behind winning pitcher Lou Lagoda, who also laced a 2-run double. Joe McGonigle stroked a 2-run double, Frank Bulman drilled 2 hits and had 3 RBI, Tony Popowski added an RBI single for the Saints. Thumberbolt smashed a double and triple for 2 RBI for the Eagles.



Former Hoffman/South Amboy HS teacher/basketball Coach Ray "Butch" Tomaszewski enjoys watching his old college team, Monmouth University defeat Quinnipac, 89-78. Tomaszewski became the first Monmouth player in history to score 1,000 points in his career, 60 years ago back in 1960. (Photos/information courtesy of Chris Tinney, Ray's son-in-law, who took him to the game)



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Jane Corrine Merriman

Jane Corrine Merriman passed away peacefully on Sunday, April 26, 2020 at home at the age of 91.

She was born and raised in the Greenville section of Jersey City, NJ, where she was the only child of Walter and Evelyn Strom.

Jane and her family moved to the Melrose section of Sayreville, NJ in 1971 and resided there until her retirement from the Ford Motor Company in 1991. She loved spending time at the Jersey Shore, traveling, shopping and being with family and friends.

She is predeceased by her husband, Wells "Bud" Merriman. She leaves behind two children; Linda Trumble and her husband Henry of Cliffwood Beach, NJ and Mark Merriman and his wife Jill of Middletown, NJ. She also leaves four grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

A memorial service will be scheduled at a future date.

10th Anniversary
In Loving Memory of
Raymond Durski

Lonely is our home without you.

Life to us is not the same.

All the world would be like heaven, if we could have you back again.

The happy hours we once enjoyed, how sweet their memory still, but death has left a vacant place this world can never fill.

God gave us strength to bear it, and courage to fight the blow, what it has meant to lose you,

God alone will ever know.

Always in our Hearts,
Your Wife, Joanne,
children and grandchildren



Jane Wortley

Jane Wortley age 87, of the Morgan section of Sayreville passed away peacefully on April 23, 2020 at her home with her loving and devoted son at her side. Born November 27, 1932 to Leo and Violet Kedzierski Sr. in Erie, Pennsylvania she resided in South Amboy and Parlin before moving to Morgan 62 years ago. Mrs. Wortley was a graduate of Saint Mary's High School in South Amboy and attended Kean College where she received her Bachelor's Degree in Education she was employed as a second grade teacher for Saint Mary's Grammar School in South Amboy for 9 years and then for the Marlboro Board of Education for 25 years before her retirement 22 years ago. She was a member of the New Jersey Education Association. Jane was a communicant of Saint Mary's R.C. Church in South Amboy where she was a member of the Senior Citizens Club.

She is predeceased by her husband John F. Wortley in 2005, also her parents Leo & Violet Kedzierski Sr. and her brother Leo Kedzierski Jr. Surviving are her son John M. Wortley of Old Bridge and several nieces, nephews and great nieces and great nephews.

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.

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..

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.) -M.K.E.

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. -M.S.

Saint Gerard

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



In Memoriam

Andrew Crummy, 93, of Sayreville died on April 14. He was a manager at the Borough of Sayreville. Robert "Bob" De Hanes, 62, of South Amboy died on April 18. He was the owner/operator of Bob's Landscaping, and one of the "good guys." Thomas "Tommy" Samuel, 73, of Sayreville died on April 18. He worked for 39 years with the Sayreville Board of Education Maintenance Dept. Another "good guy" and excellent entertainer, Joe Soos, 92, of Sayreville died on April 19. He played guitar and sang, while delighting seniors at the Sayreville Senior Center for the Thursday Afternoon Club, where he was a past president. Years ago Joe played professionally with local groups The Cavaliers, and also The Joe Lock Trio. Jane Wortley, 87, of Morgan died on April 23. One of the finest people you could ever meet, she is remembered by many as the popular 2nd grade teacher at St. Mary's Grammar School back in the 1960's. Jane then went to work for 25 successful years with the Marlboro Board of Education until her retirement. She was an avid reader of The SA Times, and always had a kind word for everyone, and will be missed, but never forgotten. Ronald "Ron" Kukulski, 77, formerly of South Amboy died on April 25. He was an outstanding Journalist, who got his start in the newspaper business in



the old South Amboy Citizen, became a feature writer for the worldwide "Stars & Stripes" when he was in the U.S. Army, and later worked his way up to Sports Editor of The News Tribune (TNT), which is now The Home News Tribune. After moving to Florida, he worked for The Sun Sentinel, Florida's largest daily newspaper, and was the publisher of its popular homes and real estate section. Ron was a brilliant man, great success, and wonderful friend who I will always remember. Robert "Bob" Redford, 94, of Parlin died on April 25. He was Past Commander, Adjutant, and Captain of the Sayreville VFW Memorial Post #4699, Honor Guard. In 1975-76, he was President of NJ State First Aid Council. Redford was appointed by Gov. Byrne to the Governor's Advisory For Highway Safety in '75. In addition, he was very community-oriented and involved as a member in the Sayreville Planning Board; an original member of the Sayreville SERRA Board; Sayreville Housing Authority; Sayreville Community Awareness Program; Bob was also a Past President of St. Stan's Seniors Club. Geraldine "Gerry" Sherry, 89, of South Amboy died on May 2. She was a Naval veteran of the Korean War, worked for the city of South Amboy as Court Administrator until the late 1990's, member of Sacred Heart Rosary Society, Den Mother for Cub Scouts Pack 95, and avid reader and champion of The SA Times popular WWW?

monthly contest. George Cattano, 87, formerly of South Amboy died on May 7. He worked for Middlesex County, retiring in the late 1980's, and was an assistant Little Fellas League baseball coach in South Amboy in the late 60's and early 70's with the Weiss Clothing team. Arnold "The Mayor" Valentino, 77, of Sayreville died on May 7. He worked on the railroad for 41 years, and retired from N.J. Transit in 2006. He was active with Sayreville American Legion Post 211 for 27 years, and served as Post Commander from 2009-2010, while also participating with the Honor Guard. Arnold was a Lance Corporal in the USMC from 1960-64, was part of President John F. Kennedy's inaugural parade, and also part of the funeral procession. Joseph Lula, 100, of Sayreville died on May 9. He was owner/operator of The Tumble Inn Bar in Sayreville. Joe served in World War II with the U.S. Navy as a Gunner's Mate 2nd Class. Before retiring, he worked at Hercules Powder Co. in Parlin, and also for the Sayreville Parks Dept. Lawrence "Larry" Unkel, 63, of Sayreville died on May 5. He worked 25 years for the Sayreville Public Works Dept. before retiring. He was a past member of the Sayreville First Aid Squad.



Arnold Valentino

Obituaries

Ashe, Richard C., 57, formerly of Parlin died on April 16.
 Bolanos, Edwin A. Valencia, 31, of Sayreville died on April 24.
 Buckley, John Jr., 63, of Sayreville died on April 8.
 Burmeister, Kathy, 67, of South Amboy died on May 15.
 Burrell, Michael J. Jr., 32, of Sayreville died on April 30.
 Butkiewicz, Walter, 88, of Sayreville died on May 16.
 Cattano, George G., 87, formerly of South Amboy died on May 7.
 Crummy, Andrew, 93, of Sayreville died April 14.
 Cymanski, Joseph III, 53, formerly of South Amboy died on April 11.
 De Hanes, Robert "Bob," 62, of South Amboy died on April 18.
 Dietrich, Edwin H., 60, of Parlin died on April 26.
 Dopierala, Jozef, of Sayreville died on April 21.
 Giffin, James, "Jack", 90, of Old Bridge died on May 11.
 Humes, Mildred R., 102, formerly of Parlin died on May 13.
 Iyer, Krishna, 87, of Parlin died on May 1.
 Koneski, Alice M., 88, of Sayreville died on May 17.
 Kukulski, Ronald, 77, formerly of South Amboy died on April 25.
 Kupsch, Barry W., 80, of Sayreville died on April 27.
 Lagriola, Christina, 38, of South Amboy died on April 23.
 Lanieri, Thomas, 92, formerly of South Amboy died on April 22.
 Lapa, John T., 55, of Sayreville died on April 18.
 Larson, Clive "Sven," 88, of South Amboy died on April 2.
 Lopez, Reyna Paulino, 87, formerly of Parlin died on May 7.
 Lula, Joseph J., 100, of Sayreville died on May 9.
 Markulic, Evelyn South, 90, of Sayreville died on April 18.
 Merriman, Jane, 91, formerly of Sayreville died on April 26.
 Montemurno, Gary J., 67, of South Amboy died on April 19.
 Nagy, Vilma M., 93, of South Amboy died on April 30.
 Nolan, John, 71, formerly of South Amboy died on May 1.
 Orlowicz, Theresa C., 89, of Sayreville died on April 26.

Pachkowski, Lorraine "Honey" Gallas, 81, of Sayreville died on May 11.
 Ploskonka, Thomas M., 71, formerly of South Amboy died on April 24.
 Portillo-Padilla, Brayan, 22, of Sayreville died on April 19.
 Pysno, Jean, 95, of Sayreville died on March 25.
 Racki, Marian, 72, of Sayreville died on April 17.
 Redford, Robert A. "Bob", 94, of Parlin died on April 25.
 Rochford, Joseph F., 70, of Parlin died on May 1.
 Rondeau, Arlene A., 76, of Morgan died on April 11.
 Ryan, Shirley, 83, of South Amboy died on April 26.
 Samuel, Thomas "Tommy," 73, of Sayreville died on April 18.
 Scully, Joseph, 91, of Morgan died on April 23.
 Sherry, Geraldine M. "Gerry" Zadlock, 89, of South Amboy died on May 2.
 Simonelli, Alice, 75, of Parlin died on April 18.
 Simonelli, Thomas, 78, of Parlin died on April 21.
 Smith, Michael A., 62, of Sayreville died on May 11.
 Sommers, Helen C., 90, formerly of South Amboy/Sayreville died on May 1.
 Soos, Joseph, 92, of Sayreville died on April 19.
 Stahl, Irene, 87, formerly of Sayreville died on April 24.
 Sweltz, Catherine A., 93, of Parlin died on May 1.
 Szaro, Eleanor, 93, of South Amboy died on May 18.
 Toth, Lucille J., 86, of Parlin died on April 17.
 Unkel, Lawrence "Larry," 63, of Sayreville died on May 5.
 Urbanski, Peter J., 63, of Sayreville died on May 13.
 Valentino, Arnold, 77, of Sayreville died on May 7.
 Wilk, John, 93, of South Amboy died on April 16.
 Wilson, Audrey, 89, formerly of South Amboy died on May 8.
 Wortley, Jane Kedzierski, 87, of Morgan died on April 23.
 Wozniak, Minnie C. Wingler, 83, of Sayreville died on May 10.
 Yavorsky, Charles A., 75, of Sayreville died on April 27.



James "Jack" Giffin

James Jack Giffin, age 90 entered into eternal rest on Monday, May 11, 2020 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Old Bridge. Born in Newark, Jack grew up in Kearny, NJ where he met his beautiful wife Alice. He moved to Old Bridge, NJ where he resided for the past 61 years. During his 42 years at Public Service, Jack served as the Union President of Local IBEW 854 at Essex Generating Station and at Sewaren Generating Station Local 1673. He also served his community as one of the founding members of the Madison Park First Aid Squad.

Jack is predeceased by his daughter Karen Giffin and his son in law Donald Watson. Surviving are his wife of 65 years Alice Giffin, his children and their spouses; Matthew and Deborah Giffin, Susan and Skip Faynor, Diane Watson, Lisa and John Winkler and Maura and Jose Zargo. Jack also left a legacy of 18 grandchildren: Dori, Dave, Megan, Ashley, Sean, Leah, Jacqueline, Nicole, Colleen, Kyle, Claire, Jessie, Caitlyn, John, Bridget, Joseph, Evan and Luke. He is also survived by 9 great grandchildren: Taylor, Nate, Jacob, Julia, Brendon, Jenna, Alex, Levon and Madilyn. As well as many loving cousins, nieces, nephews and friends who loved him dearly.

Jack's hobbies included building and maintaining an aviary for his canaries, which we continue to enjoy. Creating a wonderful train village, and of course his beloved New York Giants.

Jack was loved for his big personality, and his ability to light up a room. All who knew him loved him dearly, and he will be greatly missed. Some people are just outstanding human beings, and Jack was one of them.

A PRAYER FOR HEALING

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

A PRAYER FOR HEALING

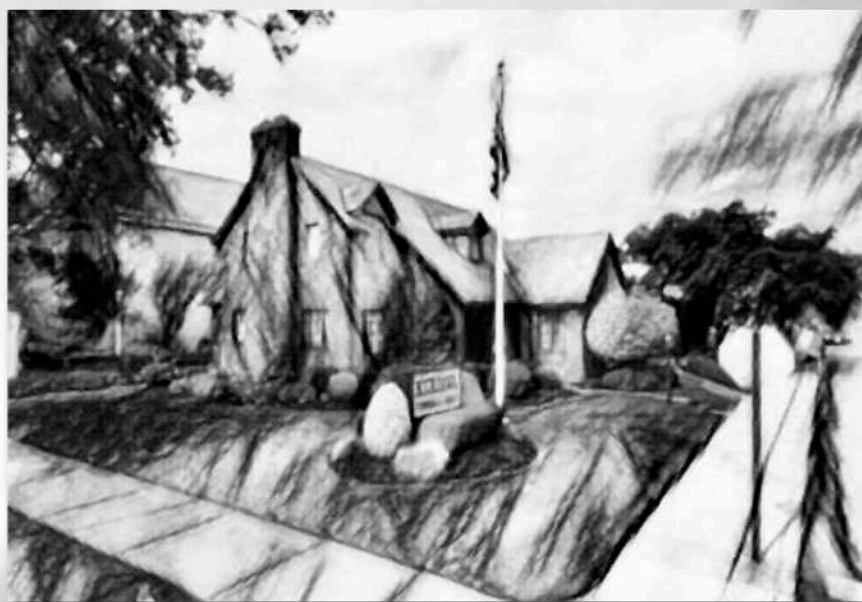
Lord, you invited all who are burdened to come to You. Allow your healing hand to heal me. Touch my soul with Your compassion for others. Touch my heart with Your courage and infinite love for all. Touch my mind with Your wisdom, that my mouth may always proclaim Your praise. Teach me to reach out to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

There is truly only one thing that can be done once.....your loved one deserves the best!



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Sayreville Police Lt. James Novak (l) and Deputy Chief Kelan Magee of the SPA have reached out and organized a program to help Sayreville senior citizens during the COVID-19 outbreak. (Photo submitted)

Local Officers Keep Businesses Afloat and Save the Seniors

By Caitlyn Magee

A small community joins together to leave an unexpected impact

With the recent outbreak of COVID-19, communities all across the nation are finding creative ways to support those on the front lines and show love with social distancing. A local group of front line workers in New Jersey found a unique way to give back to small businesses and senior citizens in the area, to pay it forward.

In densely populated states, such as New Jersey, the senior citizen population is high risk for contracting the infamous Coronavirus infection. Most of these individuals are fearful to leave their homes; which ultimately is causing struggles to obtain their prescriptions, groceries and other necessities. Sayreville is a town of roughly 44,000 residents, of which 15% is senior citizens.

With the growing fear, worsening economy and scare of the unknown, Sayreville's own front line officers decided to do something to pay it forward.

The Auxiliary officers are unpaid and serve entirely at the pleasure of the Sayreville community. Deputy Chief Kelan Magee of the SPA and Lieutenant James Novak of the SPD joined together to figure out a way to go above the line of duty and help those in need.

They noticed that the senior citizens were struggling to get groceries and local restaurants were losing business. First they had reached out to the public, asking for the name, address and phone number for any senior citizens who were looking for support in terms of food. Members were allowed to submit information for a senior they know of as well.

After several meetings, they put a plan in place. Beginning in mid-March, these officers have been collecting monetary donations from Sayreville residents and

surrounding communities of any amount via a PayPal transaction. In just 2 hours, they had collected over \$2,000 worth of donations, and the contributions kept coming.

The money collected would be used to purchase individual dinners from local restaurants, rotating on a weekly basis which are used. They would then hand deliver these meals to local senior citizens who were on the list, every Sunday evening. As each week passed, more seniors were added or re-added, and more donations flooded the account.

"We are overwhelmed with the support, never did we expect it to mean this much," says Magee, "we've even had restaurants so willing to help, that they are trying to give us free meals to deliver. We are grateful for their generosity, but insist on paying full price. It is so important for us to keep these local businesses open, in addition to feeding our elderly citizens."

These officers have received card after card of tear-filled elders and family members overflowed with gratitude. Because of all the donations, these officers also set up a "Drive By Pick Up" once a week for senior citizens to pick up prepared meals at headquarters.

These heroes are finding new ways to serve their community in these trying times. Their efforts are exemplary of how strong communities can be when they all come together.

About Sayreville Police Auxiliary Department/: The Sayreville PD Auxiliary is a branch of the Sayreville Police Department in New Jersey. All of its members are 100% volunteer based and they are a certified 501(3)(c) non-profit organization. Most of their duties involve disaster relief, security and safety patrol for events and major community affairs as well as assist the Police Department with any other assignments.



The South Amboy-Sayreville Rotary donated isolation gowns to the South Amboy, Sayreville and Morgan First Aid squads. Members of each squad were present to accept the donation, as well as Rotary members Karen Robson, Michael Poll and Gregory Wyzkowski. (Photo/Info Submitted)

Happy 90th Birthday!



On the beautiful Sunday afternoon of April 19th, family and friends came together, practicing social distancing, for a surprise celebration to honor Ann Mulvey on her 90th birthday. Joining in the festivities were Ann's husband Jack, her children Susan and Tom Mulvey joined by Tom's wife Carole; her grandchildren Mark Stolte along with his fiancé Lynnette, Marissa, Michael, and Lynette's Mom Sue, and Lauren Stolte and her partner Ryan. Ann's great grandson, Maverick rounded out the celebrants. Mark Stolte led all the well-wishers in a bagpipe rendition of Happy Birthday. (Photo/Story by Bob Paulukiewicz)

"Pan-Damn-Demic"

By Al Gomolka Jr.
Times Poet Laureate
C. 2020

I'm angry! I'm mad!
How dare you Covid 19
With your invisible germ army
You force our entire world into war
Taking us prisoners in our own homes
Except for our heroes on the battlefield.
You take away our handshaking
Instead it's glove and mask-making
Social distance is now the new norm
Sadly no funerals or weddings to form
Store shelves are empty
And stress is aplenty
And from loving hugs you render
Us to internet terms of sender
You stake your casualties each day
World leaders know not what to say
Where is our Eden?
When we walked in freedom
They say this too shall pass
Corona, you kiss my ***
Yes I'm angry, yes I'm mad,
It's disheartening and it's sad,
Let's trust our Heavenly Medic
To heal this Pan-Damn-Demic.

NJ 101.5 Honors Sayreville Cops

By Steve Schmid

The great work done by Sayreville police helping senior citizens has attracted the attention of New Jersey's most listened to radio station. NJ 101.5 FM morning man Bill Spadea honored the Sayreville police for the Sunday Dinner program on his recent "Blue Friday" segment. Spadea praised the police for delivering takeout hot meals from local restaurants to homebound senior citizens. Spadea said this smart plan gets people the food they need and helps local restaurants stay in business. He said this type of activity shows how connected our local cops are to the community. Spadea added "good for the Sayreville P.D. Thanks for everything, visit them online, and donate if you can."

South Amboy Knicks Dancer Moves To COVID-19 Frontline

By Steve Schmid

27-year old South Amboy resident Tara Rappleyea has moved from the floor of Madison Square Garden to the frontlines at Robert Wood Johnson Hospital. On March 6, Tara was performing with her fellow Knicks dancers as the Knicks hosted the Oklahoma City Thunder. A week later the NBA halted the season due to the COVID-19 crisis. The loss of her dancing job didn't make her idle, because she is an ICU nurse at Robert Wood Johnson, hospital caring for COVID-19 patients. She said their unit went almost overnight from regular patients to COVID. She has been working around 60 hours a week.



The Blue Angels are pictured in formation over our area, as a tribute to all emergency/necessary workers. (Photo courtesy of Dot Cromwell)

Pray For A Miracle

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Don't worry about tomorrow
Just do your best today
And pray to God for a miracle
To Take COVID-19 away
Life is short so they say
Make others happy
Each and every day
Help someone
Who can't get around
Take a little time
Go shopping for them downtown.

Celebrating Our Heroes



Little Lukas sits proudly in front of his uncle's house in South Amboy. His uncle works at Monmouth Medical Center. (Photo by Samantha Stratton)

Gas Prices Drop!



Gas prices are way down because people are not traveling around as much since Covid-19 hit. This is the lowest price we've seen in the South Amboy/Sayreville area. (Photo by Tom Burkard)