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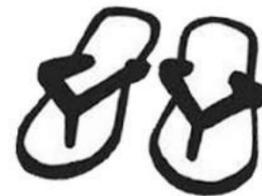


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## Speaker Coughlin Lauds Beginning of PARCC Reversal

Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin (D-Middlesex) recently commended Gov. Murphy's recommendation to eliminate some of the PARCC exams used to test student proficiency, as part of a larger plan to begin to transition away from the controversial assessment.

The PARCC was made a graduation requirement for high school students despite being heavily criticized since its inception as a flawed and unfair measurement tool that hurt students.

The governor is proposing a number of changes, including reducing the number of required tests in high school from six to two, ensuring the timely delivery of test data to educators and parents and providing flexibility for first-year English learners on the English language proficiency test.

"This is a step in the right direction. From the moment it was introduced, the PARCC was widely criticized by teachers, school administrators, parents and students for being overly confusing and taking up too much instructional time. We cannot evaluate student proficiency and base a student's ability to graduate on a flawed system. Students should have to prove that they are ready for graduation, but not through an assessment as inadequate and problematic as the PARCC. I'm glad Gov. Murphy is reversing course on this, and clearing the way for a more effective and responsible approach to measuring student learning."

## Changes In Sayreville School District

The Sayreville Board of Education approved some changes for new positions in the upcoming 2018-19 school year. Donna Jakubik, who was the principal of Sayreville Middle School will become the director of special projects, and Richard Gluchowski, who served as vice principal at Sayreville War Memorial High School will take Jakubik's position as the Middle High School principal.

Jakubik will receive a salary of \$150,875, and Gluchowski, after having his salary amended for longevity by the board will get a total salary of \$134,675.

In addition, the board approved Katelyn Zurawski as vice principal at the high school for 2018-19. She previously worked in the Sayreville School District as a substitute teacher and mathematics teacher. Zurawski will receive a salary of \$102,535. Best of luck and success to these fine educators.

## Food Services, Transportation Directors Named

The Sayreville Board of Education recently hired Christina Brown as director of food services, and Lori Howell for the position of director of transportation. According to reports, Brown will receive a salary of \$75,000, and Howell will earn a salary of \$65,000.

## Kennedy O'Brien on Broadway!



Broadway's new musical comedy *Gettin' The Band Back Together*, which is set in Sayreville, invited the town residents to their final dress rehearsal this week and Mayor Kennedy O'Brien made an onstage cameo appearance during the show with Marilu Henner of "Taxi" fame! See additional information on page 11. (Photo by Joan Marcus)

## Governor's Educators Of The Year Chosen

The Sayreville Board of Education recently recognized the Governor's Educators of the Year for the schools in its district. The Governor's Educators of the Year were: Michael Zorner, Emma Arleth Elementary School; Cynthia Good, Dwight D. Eisenhower Elementary School; Irene Werner, Harry S. Truman Elementary School; Daniel Toye, Woodrow Wilson Elementary School; Laura Hornlein, Samsel Upper Elementary School; Margaret Fallon, Sayreville Middle School; Christine Nappe, Sayreville War Memorial HS. Congratulations to all on their jobs well-done!

## Baron Wins Award

Elyse Baron, Recycling and Clean Communities Coordinator of Sayreville won the "Municipal Coordinator Award" for her dedication and outreach to the Borough of Sayreville, from the New Jersey Clean Community Council (NJCC). Congratulations Elyse on an award well deserved!

## SA Knights Select Officers

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council #426 have chosen their slate of officers for the 2018-19 Columbian year. Grand Knight-Les Wilson, Financial Secretary-Deacon Rich O'Brien, Deputy

Grand Knight- Jan Williams, Chancellor-Gary Lattanzi, Recorder-Kevin Scupp, Treasurer-Steve Schmid, Advocate-Mike DeJoy, Warden-Jim Koczon, Inside Guard-Ed Vassallo, Outside Guard-Anthony

Afryie, 3-Year Trustee-Jack Mieczkowski, 2-year-Trustee Ken Smetana, 1-Year Trustee-Ray Suchcicki, Chaplain- Rev. Stanley Gromadzki, Lecturer-John Kobiernicki.

## Sayreville Little League Wins Sectional/ District Titles

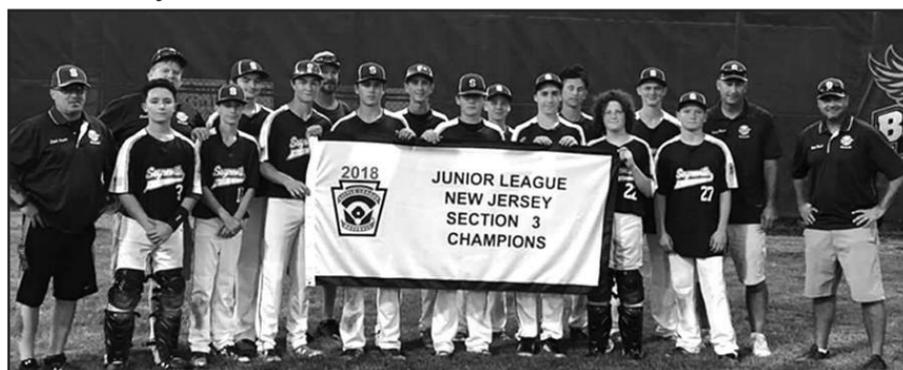
By Tom Burkard

The Sayreville 13/14 year olds added another championship to their list by winning the NJ Section 3 Little League Tournament at Leiter Field, at Berkeley Little League, which is the former Little League of longtime Major Leaguer Al Leiter. Our locals beat Barnegat, and Howell Central twice after losing the first game of tournament to Howell Central. The championship game was a 2-1 thriller. Ryan Anthony went 5.2 innings on the mound and Matt Corby worked 1.1 innings of perfect relief. Tim Mayer hit an RBI double and later scored to give Sayreville their 2 runs.

Sayreville has advanced to the first round of State Tournament play at Lyndhurst, where they took on North Vineland.

### District 10 Recap

Prior to capturing the Section 3 crown, the amazing Sayreville 13/14 year olds Junior League team breezed to the District 10 championship by winning 4 consecutive games. In the final against Sayrewood South (SWS), our locals played terrific baseball as they had throughout the tournament. Spot starter Matt Corby pitched a brilliant shutout and struck out 5. The defense excelled by turning 3 double plays in the infield, and catcher Hunter Almeida fired a bullet to second base to throw out Sayrewood leadoff batter who tried to steal. Only one of South's runners reached third base in the game. Sayreville was leading by a run in the 2nd inning, and had a runner on third, when Coach Novak called for a suicide squeeze. Michael Novak was running for home as the pitcher delivered the ball to the plate, and Corby dropped a perfect bunt down to first base, with Novak scoring before SWS could even get a throw off to home. Brian



The talented Sayreville 13/14 year olds won the NJ Section 3 Little League Tournament recently, and prior to that captured the District 10 championship. Congratulations! \*See more photos on page 13

Zapoticzny turned in an outstanding 4-for-4 game at the plate, as Sayreville emerged with the title by a 6-0 score.

The road to the title included an opening 9-0 rout over Old Bridge. Sayreville's top 4 hitters Kevin Ryan, Michael Colonnello, Tim Mayer, and Brian Zapoticzny led the offense by going a combined 9-for-19. Ryan Anthony was superb on the mound, firing a 1-hitter and striking out 3.

In Game 2, Sayreville fell behind 7-1 after 1 inning, but never gave up, and battled back to capture a 17-9 victory over Sayrewood South. Great bullpen work by Brian Zapoticzny and Dennis Whitford kept SWS scoreless for the next 5 innings. The offense had plenty of firepower as Kevin Ryan went 5-for-6, Michael Colonnello 3-for-4 with 2 walks, and Aidan Ryan 4-for-5, 1 walk, to pace the big comeback that produced 14 runs between the 3rd and 6th innings.

Sayreville's third victory of the tourney featured an old-fashioned pitchers duel between Dennis Whitford and Jake Knorr

of Old Bridge (OB). Whitford was terrific over 5 innings, and was relieved by Anthony D'Onofrio, who throttled OB in the top of the 6th. With one out in the bottom of the 6th, Tim Mayer drilled a double, Brian Zapoticzny singled in Mayer, and after a walk and pop-out, Michael Novak ripped a single to drive in Zapoticzny with the eventual game-winning run. Brian Zapoticzny pitched a scoreless 7th inning for Sayreville to preserve the win.

Following the title-clinching game, Sayreville marched to its 5th straight win, topping Old Bridge, 5-1. Anthony D'Onofrio tossed a complete game, an excellent 2-hitter and fanned 4. The bottom half of the order had a strong offensive outing, as D'Onofrio scored 2 runs, Novak drilled a hit and scored a run, Corby went 2-for-2 with a run and sacrifice. Sayreville was presented with the District 10 championship banner after the game by District Agent Gary Giackette. Congratulations to the entire team and fine coaching staff on a job extremely well-done!

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The Historical Society of South Amboy selected Joe Szaro (l) and Jan Williams (r) as co-Historians of the Year. Congratulations, Joe and Jan! (Photo by Tom Burkard)

### Talk Of The Towns

By Tom Burkard

#### Coughlin Praised For Work

New Jersey Speaker of the Assembly, Craig Coughlin drew plenty of praise for his work in helping New Jersey avert another government shutdown recently. Coughlin and Senate President Stephen Sweeney struck a last minute deal with Gov. Phil Murphy, over which taxes to raise to support the new state budget. Always a good friend to South Amboy and Sayreville, both communities are very proud of Craig for his service.

#### Najjar Retires, Rubino To Change Schools

George Najjar, who has taught at Sayreville War Memorial HS (SWMHS) for 20 years, in addition to serving as the legendary head football coach for 20 seasons, retired effective July 1. SWMHS Vice Principal Dale Rubino resigned from the district, also effective July 1, to take on the role of principal of Spotswood HS. Congratulations and best of luck to George and Dale!

#### Vanderbeek Retires

George Vanderbeek, a language arts teacher at Sayreville War Memorial HS retired effective July 1 after serving the

Sayreville School District for over 28 years. Vanderbeek did an outstanding job teaching English and will never be forgotten by the hundreds of students he has helped through the years. Best of luck, George!

### College News

The following have recently received their college degrees: Joanne Freeman (South Amboy), master's degree in environmental, safety and health management from the University of Findlay...Deep Sheth (Parlin) bachelor's degree in computer science from Lehigh University...Justin Pechulis (Parlin), bachelor's degree in music from Elizabethtown College.

The following were on the Dean's/President's List for the Spring Semester: Alicja Wisniowska (Sayreville) at Boston University...Morgan Guenther (Parlin) at East Stroudsburg University...Joseph P. Wells (South Amboy) at DeSales University...President's List-Julianna Heck (South Amboy) at James Madison University.

Georgian Court University announced the following graduates: Tiffany Foo (South Amboy), master's degree; Clare Duffy (Parlin), master's degree; Amanda Murray (Sayreville) master's degree; Justin Bunnell (Parlin), bachelor's degree; Melanie Righetti (Parlin), bachelor's degree; Kelly Slingerland (South Amboy), bachelors; Monica Wacewicz (Parlin), bachelor's degree.

Congratulations to all!

### Sacred Heart Seniors Upcoming Events

Sacred Heart Seniors are running a trip Tuesday August 7 to see entertainers Vincent Talerico and the Jersey Chix at the Crystal Point Yacht Club. Cost of \$70 includes round trip motor coach transportation and lunch. The seniors round out this year's outings with an entertaining musical show "Remembering Patti Page" Wednesday September 26 at Lakeside Manor in Hazlet. Cost of \$53 includes lunch and show. Transportation is on your own. For more information call Judy at 732-727-0154.

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## Pleasant little TRIVIA

By Tom Burkard

- Where in South Amboy is Kastle Kreations located?  
a. Bordentown Ave. b. South Broadway c. Raritan St.
- He became the new Pastor of Sacred Heart Church in 1993?  
a. Father Joseph Romanoski b. Father Joseph Banach c. Msgr. Walter Urbanik
- Elected President of the South Amboy Board of Education in 1994?  
a. Barbara Rone b. Robert Kelly c. Janet Kern
- He became the new Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of South Amboy in '94?  
a. Jamal Mugambe b. Michael O'Halloran c. Brian Croak
- What year did St. Mary's HS change its name to St. Mary's Diocesan Regional HS?  
a. 1987 b. 1995 c. 2001
- What section of Sayreville is Luke St. located?  
a. Melrose b. President Park c. Morgan
- In '77 was Dog Warden for the Borough of Sayreville?  
a. Alfonse Etchemendy b. Joseph Black c. Joseph Scanlon
- What street did Bon Jovi live on in Sayreville?  
a. Robin Hood Dr. b. Pulaski Ave. c. Deerfield Rd.
- Sayreville War Memorial High School alumnus/Hall-of-Famer Greg Evigan starred in this TV series?  
a. Three's Company b. My Two Dads c. All In The Family
- Where was Selover Elementary School in Sayreville located?  
a. Morgan b. Oak Tree c. Melrose

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

**Business Of The Month**  
**Main Liquors & Wines**



Main Liquors & Wines owner Harshey Patel (r) and his outstanding staff have been providing excellent merchandise to locals for 28 years. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

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of the best liquor stores in Central Jersey," and also for "Best Wine." Patel has owned the store for 28 years, and has been most generous to the City of South Amboy. Harshey is always innovative with his business, and works hard to expand his product line, and offer even more terrific items to his valued customers. Main Liquors has had two Lotto winners of over a million dollars, which just might make this a lucky spot to buy some lottery tickets. Manager Pintu Patel is the best in the business, and his cheerful personality brightens everyone's day. Shiv and Ankil are also outstanding members of the Main Liquors & Wines staff. Remember, it's summertime, and that means it's time for barbeques, parties, celebrations, family gatherings and cheer. People are going to the Jersey Shore, and baseball is in full swing, so remember to stock up with all your favorite beer, wines, wine coolers, liquors and much more at Main Liquors & Wine, 533 Main St., South Amboy. The telephone number is 732-721-1164.

**South Amboy Elementary Academic Achievement For MP 4 - 2017/18**

**FOURTH GRADE-HONOR ROLL WITH DISTINCTION:** Joseph Foreman, Izabella Pardo, Sophia Pham, Taylor Sofilkanich, Saahir Vazirani and Katelynn Wolff.

**HONOR ROLL:** Gia Calisi, Lucas Cerria, Jake Cooke, Jaylin Diaz, Joseph Dominguez, Lily Falkena, Carbel Herrera, Dillan Hortillas, Anthony Kucharczyk, Dani Kudelka, Hali McNulty, Joseph Mercado, Ashley Moreira Burgos, Rocco Navarria, Luca Regan, Xavier Rivera and Jasper Shaffer.

**FIFTH GRADE-HONOR ROLL WITH DISTINCTION:** Amanda Moreira Burgos  
**HONOR ROLL:** Aasher Aamir, Dina Bashir, Rose Bednarski, Thomas Cannon, Alexander De Grazia, Caylin Gulick, Eryk Gurdak, Josef Hoenle, Nigel Johnson, Dasani Jones, Samuel Kaplan, Vincent Lee, Mia McCall, Luke Nemeth, Gavin Oshman, Anya Pathak, Dominik Pawlus, Genevieve Pierre, Aaliya Piperato, Jayleen Quintana, Ola Slomiany, Christian Stair, Mary Thomas and Dorian Williams.

**4th Degree Knights Select Officers**

Monsignor John F. Brady Assembly 676 of South Amboy have selected their new officers for the 2018-19 Columbian year. Faithful Navigator Jan Williams, Faithful Captain Michael Roemer, Faithful Friar Rev. Stanley Gromadzki, Faithful Pilot James Koczon, Faithful Comptroller Deacon Richard O'Brien, Faithful Admiral James

Smith, Faithful Purser Stephen Schmid, Faithful Scribe Scot Pampaloni, Faithful Inner Sentinel Kenneth Smetana, Faithful Outer Sentinel, Stephen Agnone, Faithful Color Corp Commander Scot Pampaloni, Faithful 3 Year Trustee Stephen Krupski, Faithful 2 Year Trustee Raymond Suchcicki, Faithful 1 Year Trustee Dennis Keller.

**Pilgrimage To The Holy Land**

Father Joe Romanoski is the current Pastor at Blessed Sacrament Church in Charleston, SC for the past 5 years. He was formerly the beloved Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in South Amboy for 19 years. along with serving at St. John Vianney in Colonia, NJ, and Immaculate Conception in Somerville, NJ.

He is excited to share that he is leading a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, May 13-22, 2019. It is an all inclusive trip. If anyone is interested in the trip, you may go to blsac.org for details and forms. (Photo/info submitted)



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**Yearbook-St. Mary's 1978**  
 By Tom Burkard

The Emotions "Best Of My Love" was the #1 song in the U.S. when St. Mary's Class of '78 returned to school in September 1978 for its final fling. Msgr. John L. Gerety was Pastor, and Sr. Joan Gawron Principal. Some popular teachers included William Ryan, to whom the yearbook was dedicated, Rosemarie Koroluk, Jackie Zloto, Hulda Potthoff, Dorothy Holliday, Phillip Vass, Eugene Mahalme, John Gloss Jr., (Former principal, and now a priest), Joseph Germain, Sr. Mary Nathaniel Kurtz, Sr. Robertine Bulman, Sr. Carol Januszewski, Frank Rendino, Sr. Donna Campbell, Sr. Helen O'Donnell, Fr. Vincent Donadio, John Morvay, Sr. Celeste McCoe. Joseph Jackson was president of the National Honor Society. Donna DeAlmedia was Student Council President. George Kress was Senior Class President. Sue Onyskow was Editor-In-Chief of the yearbook. Adrienne Rogers and Terri Romanga were co-editors of the school newspaper. 1978 was a year to remember! The world's first test tube baby was born in England. The world had 3 popes in one year. Mickey Mouse and Shirley Temple turned 50 years old. The popular "Holocaust" was on TV. Mickey Rooney was married for the 8th time. President Carter gathered Egypt's Sadat and Israel's Begin at Camp David, and they agreed on a peace settlement. Muhammad Ali became the first heavyweight to win the title 3 times, as he defeated Leon Spinks. St. Mary's social scene was a happening place in '78. Some of the most memorable events included the Music & Liturgy Dance; Hootenanny; Hand-In-Hand; the Ping Pong Tournament; Halloween Happening; The Gong Show. Some seniors selected randomly included: Patricia Beaudry, Denise Brand, Lisa Citta, Cynthia Clark, Edwin Cooney, Linda Corless, Donald Derent, Patricia Durney, Leonard Entrabartolo Jr., Jeffrey Flakker, Barbara Flynn, Maria Giera, Kathleen Grimley, Elaine Gorczynski, Deborah Fleming, Robert Hurst, Joseph Huryk, Diane Kanecke, Teresa Goodger, Cathy Keyes, James Kilcomins, Donna Krotosek, Jeffrey Kusic, Laura Kosik, Carolyn Lasko, Karen Linderoth, Timothy Loftus, Joanne Lovely, Joseph Malik, Peggy Mantz, Richard Margareta, Cathy Matarangolo, Ellen Matson, Laura McNamara, Jean Messick, Frank Misak, Judith Nebus, Susan Nebus, Kathleen O'Brien, Denise Pennella, Debra Pyontek, Michael Repsha, Marie Schrembi, Barbara Schneider, Barbara Sorrentino, Terry Tice, Evelyn Toolan, Lisa Tozzi, Steve Witkowski. Super senior athletes were: Robert Baumann, Robert Bird, Chester Bogota, Ross Booker, Brian Burkard, Debbie Collura, Michael Creange, Bill Delaney, Tom Geant, James Hart, John Hughes, Anthony Januszewski, Kevin Kelly, Diane Klein, Keith Lambertson, Dennis Larsen, Michael Munck, Kevin Nealon, Patrick Quigley, Kathleen Redling, Jill Sharkey, Carolyn Woj. John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John's "You're The One That I Want" was a popular hit at graduation time. St. Mary's Class of 1978 was truly outstanding as a group, and successful as individuals in the world.

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**St. Mary's HS Class of 1968 Reunion**

St. Mary's High School, South Amboy, class of 1968, is celebrating their 50th class reunion. The celebration will be on Saturday, October 6, 2018 at Doolan's Shore Club, 700 Rt. 71 in Spring Lake Heights, NJ. Beginning at 6:00 pm with a cocktail hour, there will be an open bar for the entire evening, and a buffet dinner and dancing with music provided by a DJ until 11:00 pm. The cost is \$110 per person. Please make checks payable to Kathryn Vitale (Fitzmorris) and send your check to Beth Dempsey, RSM, 22-04 Parsons Blvd., Whitestone, NY 11357. Rooms have been reserved at Doolan's. Call 732-449-3666 to make your reservations. Any questions, email Carolyn Dahl at cdahl13@gmail.com.

**Rev. Pavich, Carlton, Celano Get New Assignments**

Priests who have had ties to St. Mary Church in the past have received new assignments from Bishop James F. Checchio. Rev. Jason Pavich from director of the Office of Vocations and St. John Vianney House of Discernment to parochial vicar of St. Peter the Apostle University and Community Parish, New Brunswick, and will also serve as chaplain at the Catholic Center at Rutgers University. Rev. Maurice T. Carlton, pastor of St. Joseph Parish, High Bridge, will retire. Rev. Msgr. Joseph G. Celano, Episcopal Vicar for Administration, has been appointed pastor of St. Peter the Apostle University and Community Parish, New Brunswick, and will continue as Episcopal Vicar of Administration. Congratulations and success always are wished to all!

**Murphy Meeting**



Former Sayreville resident Walter Krzyzkowski continues to add to his growing list of meeting celebrities. Walter (r) recently chatted with Governor Phil Murphy at the Jersey Shore. (Photo/info courtesy of Walter Krzyzkowski)



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Peter Pizar, South Amboy candidate for mayor (left) thanks South Amboy resident Shirley Kubinak (right) who donated blood at St. Mary's. (Photo/info submitted)

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**Trip to Nashville**

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to Nashville, Tennessee from September 20 – 25, 2018. The cost of the trip is \$990.00 which includes accommodations, the Gaylord in Nashville, bus transportation, bus gratuity, daily breakfast, a luncheon cruise, and much more. For further information or to reserve a seat please contact Carmen at 732-254-9425.



**An Addition to "Home at Last, Home at Last"**

By Jerry Pizzillo

In last month's edition of the South Amboy, Sayreville Times is an outstanding article of the Boys from South Amboy who gave the ultimate sacrifice to their country in World War II. The article lists some of the boys from South Amboy that were Killed in Action, buried at locations close to where they fell, and were brought home in 1948. I would just like to make an addition to one of South Amboy's Boys.

On December 9, 1944, PFC Thomas L. Pizzillo, 77th Division, United States Army was killed in action. He gave the ultimate sacrifice while on a scouting mission on the Island of Leyte, Philippines. Before enlisting in the Army Tom lived with his parents, Gerardo and Rosa Pizzillo at 224 Henry St. He attended the South Amboy schools and after High School he was employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad. His name is included on a monument at the 30th St. Railroad Station in Philadelphia, Pa. This monument lists all the Pennsylvania Railroad employees that were killed in action during World War II. After his death, Tom's commanding officer wrote my grandparents a nice letter explaining how Tom was killed and where he is buried (I still have the letter as well as the official army letter signed by Gen. Douglas MacArthur). Tom was also brought home in 1948 and was finally laid to rest in St. Mary's Cemetery.

I commend John "Flip" Phillips for the time to research and write the story of the Boys from South Amboy. On a personal note to John, I am also a former Marine with three sons that are also former Marines. Between the three of them, they did 7 deployments in Iraq, Afghanistan and all over the Middle East. One son was awarded the Purple Heart Medal from action in Fallujah, Iraq. Like the saying "Least We Never Forget" Semper Fi.

PS If there are other persons who were missed, please, I encourage their family and friends to research and make known the history of their loved ones.

**Zurawski New Vice Principal At SWMHS**

By Kevlyn J. Uveges

At the June 26, 2018 Sayreville Board of Education meeting Mrs. Katelyn (Meyer) Zurawski was approved, and accepted the job as Vice Principal of Sayreville War Memorial High School.

A 2005 Sayreville graduate, Mrs. Zurawski started her career with the Sayreville School district in 2009 right out of college, and she progressed to this supervisory position. Over the years she has been in several different roles within the district. In each of these positions, Mrs. Zurawski has demonstrated enthusiastic leadership, a positive attitude, and exceptional focus on student success. Her can-do spirit and interest in continuous improvement have made impacts on many.

Mrs. Zurawski is a very experienced and successful educator who has contributed greatly to the Sayreville School System. She has worked tirelessly to develop programs and help students.

Congratulations to Mrs. Zurawski on her new role.

**Antique & Classic Car Show**

Independence Engine & Hose Co. #1 will present its 19th Annual Antique & Classic Car Show and Flea Market on Sunday, Aug. 5 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Rain date is Sunday, Aug. 12. Come enjoy the food, music, and of course great cars and more! For complete information, contact Mike Toth, 140 Henry St., South Amboy, NJ 08879, phone 908-930-3497 or e-mail [IndependenceFD@SouthAmboyNJ.gov](mailto:IndependenceFD@SouthAmboyNJ.gov).

**My Time**  
 By Al Gomolka Jr.  
 Times Poet Laureate  
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What time is it?  
 The most difficult and definite statistic known  
 From: a second, minute, hour, day, week, month  
 Year, decade, score, century, millennium, A.D., B.C.,  
 To: no time like the present  
 It's about time All the time in the world  
 Time is on my side  
 Time and tide wait for no man  
 A time for everything under heaven  
 Time won't let me  
 Time is of the essence  
 Time is irrelevant  
 Timing is everything  
 The best of times, the worst of times  
 A sign of the times  
 There's not enough time  
 Time will tell  
 For the time being  
 For the good times  
 nce upon a time  
 You gotta take the time  
 You gotta make the time  
 Pass the time of day  
 Time after time, and time again  
 The time of one's life  
 This time Time and a half  
 Keeping time  
 If ever there were a time, it's now  
 Time out!  
 What time is it?  
 Past, present, future  
 Yesterday, today, tomorrow  
 Who is the timekeeper?  
 Time flies, is what they say  
 But my thoughts tend to disagree  
 It is we that move through the space called life  
 And, "Time stands still," you see.

## The Smoke Column

By Ex-Chief Richard Kosmoski, MS

One of the best kept secrets in the fire service is the National Fire Academy (NFA). This federally funded and operated training center is the pinnacle of training for firefighters. All courses, meals, instructors, and training at the academy is funded through the federal budget. The only cost to the students is their transportation to and from the facility. The National Fire Academy is to firefighters what the FBI Academy is to law enforcement officers.

Surveys and studies were done in the late 1970's as to which area of the country would be best suited as a location and accessibility for the majority of firefighters. Of course, west-coast firefighters wanted it out west and east-coast firefighters wanted it on the east coast. After much debate and available resources, a location was settled upon.

The NFA, located in the beautiful sprawling countryside of northern Maryland, only eight miles south of the Gettysburg Civil War Battlefields. The dormitories, classrooms, and dining halls on site were previously used for St. Mary's College, which had closed down in the early 1970's. These facilities, though old, are in beautiful condition and add ambiance to the learning experience to all that attend. All training is conducted inside classrooms as there are no outside live burn facilities.

The NFA was established as a focal point for all of America's firefighters including both career & volunteer firefighters alike. There are advanced courses for Chiefs, senior officers, junior officers, and those aspiring to become officers. The NFA offers a variety of courses that range from a day-or-two up to a few weeks or more. They have an Executive Officer Program for senior officers which is completed over a period of a few years. These programs and courses are similar to advanced/upper-level college courses. The NFA also provides hundreds of online courses which are available to any emergency first responder.

Each year for the past 30 years, the NFA has allowed states to conduct weekend

training sessions. Up to 200 firefighters from throughout the State of New Jersey travel to Emmitsburg for "New Jersey Weekend". Applicants for the training must complete application forms which are then chosen randomly as who will attend. There are always more applicants than available spaces. The weekend training is always top-notch and presented by well known and experienced instructors from around the country. They are all experts in their field. It would not be unusual to have the NFA fly an instructor in from California, Texas, or any other large urban area just to teach a "New Jersey Weekend" course. The 200 students are broken down into four different classes which they have previously selected. The weekend starts off on Friday evening with an informational session and a familiarization of the campus. Early Saturday morning classes begin and continue till the evening. They continue again on Sunday morning and end in the early afternoon hours. There is a solemn memorial service on Saturday evening for those firefighters who have died in the line of duty during the past year and all the students attend.

The students are made aware of the "National Fallen Firefighters Memorial" which is located on the campus grounds. Each October a ceremony is held at this site to mark the Line of Duty Death of any firefighter killed in the line of duty during the past year. To most firefighters, this area is considered hallowed ground.

I am proud to report that both the Sayreville Fire Department and the South Amboy Fire Department had sent firefighters to this elite training facility.

Those attending the "2018 New Jersey Weekend" were: Nicholas Luciano and Michael Marcinczyk Jr. from the Sayreville Fire Department, and Clinton Rowe from the South Amboy Fire Department. Congratulations!



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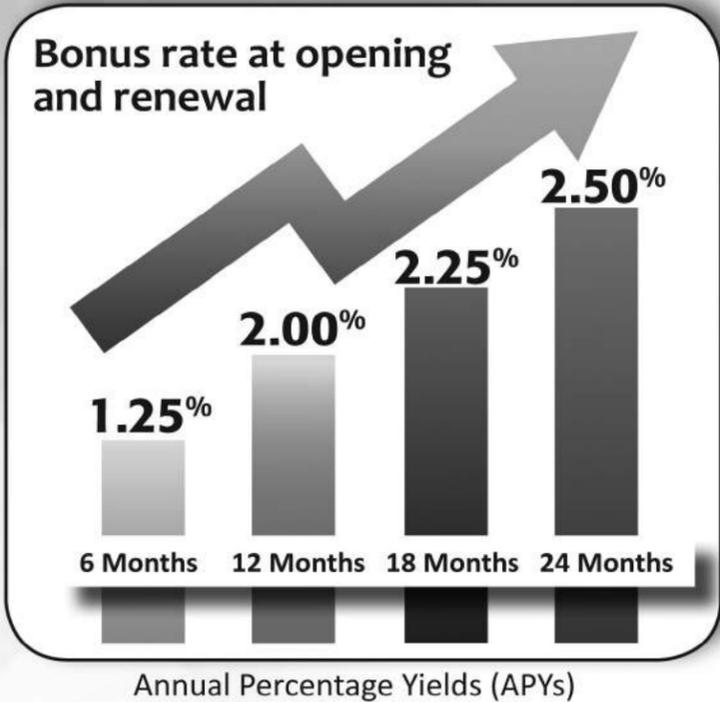
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NJ Assembly Speaker Craig J. Coughlin (c) poses with the participants of the 9th Annual "Bowl For Hunger" at Majestic Lanes in Hopelawn. (Photo/Story Submitted)

### 9TH ANNUAL "BOWL FOR HUNGER"

Assemblyman Craig J. Coughlin in partnership with the Middlesex Water Company, Raritan Bay Medical Center Foundation and Woodbridge Metro Chamber of Commerce held the 9th Annual "Bowl for Hunger" last night, Thursday, July 19, 2018, at Majestic Lanes of Hopelawn.

This year's event once again featured a double session, 5:30 to 7:30 PM and 8:00 to 10:00 PM, where nearly 600 bowlers took part on nearly 80 bowling lanes. Assemblyman Coughlin, Robert Garrett, Co-CEO of Hackensack Meridian Health, Dennis Doll, President and CEO of the Middlesex Water Company and Karen Barnes, President of the Woodbridge Metro Chamber of Commerce thanked event participants and sponsors for supporting the fun event and the area's thirty one (31) food banks who help nourish the underserved. While all pledges and donations are still forthcoming, the 2018 Bowl has raised approximately \$29,000.00. Since the event's inception in 2010, more than \$180,000 has been raised to feed the hungry.

Interested community members or businesses still wishing to make a donation to the "Bowl for Hunger" should contact the Bowl for Hunger committee at 732-925-8769 or e-mail BowlForHungerFundraiser@gmail.com. The grand total will be released in the coming weeks.

The event drew pledges and support from all five Mayors of the 19th Legislative District including—Mayor Daniel J. Reiman of Carteret, Mayor Wilda Diaz of Perth Amboy, Mayor Kennedy O'Brien of Sayreville, Mayor Fred Henry of South Amboy, and Mayor John E. McCormac of Woodbridge.

In total, 74 corporate, community and individual sponsors donated at least \$125.00 to support the cause. Of the 74 sponsors, 33 individuals and organizations donated at the \$500 level—Acrisure Insurance Group, Allegiance, Amerigroup, BAYSHORE Recycling, Cape May Brewing Co., Carpenter Contractor Trust, CME Associates, Dave and Buster's of Woodbridge, Elizabethtown Gas, Farmer's Insurance, Foundation Title, GEICO, GERDAU, Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey, James P. Nolan

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Assemblyman Coughlin, Presidents Barnes and Doll and Co-CEO Garrett thanked the combined 74 corporate and individual sponsors, including 45 sponsors who donated \$125 or more:

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### Feast Day Celebration

(Article submitted by Dot Benson)

A celebration for peace will be held at Sacred Heart Church, 531 Washington Ave., South Amboy on Sunday, Aug. 26 in honor of Our Lady of Czestochowa. The Altar Rosary and Holy Name Societies welcome everyone to an afternoon of prayer and song to our Blessed Mother, ornately pictured on the altar as our Lady of Czestochowa. The

observance will begin with the 12 noon Mass followed at 1 p.m. by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction, a Litany for Peace, and Meditation on the Glorious Mysteries of the Scriptural Rosary. Refreshments afterward in Memorial Hall. For further info call Virginia 732-721-1521 or Michael 732-406-8966.

### Longwood Gardens Christmas Trip

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to Brandywine Valley on November 28 – 29, 2018. The price of the trip is \$275.00 which includes hotel accommodations, breakfast and dinner, admission to Longwood both day and evening for their lighted Christmas display and evening at Harrah's

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### Flea Market August 11

First Presbyterian Church of South Amboy, 150 N. Broadway, South Amboy, is holding an Indoor & Outdoor Flea Market on Sat., Aug. 11 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be food & snacks, jewelry, clothes and

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## Summer Activities Continue Through August at the Dowdell Library

Summer fun continues through August at the Dowdell Library with 3D Magic @ Your Library, Culinary Workshops, 3D Pen & U, Nostalgia Night – Vinyl & Film Party, End of Summer Party, MIY Fondue, Animation Workshop, and K-Nex Mini Golf.

Take part in the Summer Clubs for kids, teens and adults and have a chance at fun prizes throughout the summer! Kids and teens have a chance to win free meals from Texas Roadhouse, South Amboy Arena tickets and much more! Adults have a chance to win a spa basket or an Italian dinner gift basket.

Learn how to make 3D printed objects on Fridays August 3, 17, 24 and 31 during 3D Printer Magic at 3-4 pm. A new project will be printed each week including Charizard, Dragons, Full Metal Alchemist Helmet and DBZ Future Trunks Figurine.

Tweens and teens, take part in an innovative animation workshop which will be held Tuesdays August 7, 14, 21 & 28 from 6-8 pm. Learn how to create your own superhero comic and animation skills. Open to South Amboy residents only. Application is available at the Dowdell Library and online at [www.dowdell.org](http://www.dowdell.org). Limited seating. Registration required.

Party at the Family End of Summer BBQ on Friday, August 10 from 3-4:30 pm! Enjoy

## YMCA of Metuchen, Edison, Woodbridge & South Amboy Receives Summer Camp Scholarship Funds from Macy's

It is with great excitement the YMCA of Metuchen, Edison, Woodbridge and South Amboy announces the receipt of camp scholarship funds from Macy's that will send children to camp this summer. From May 1-22, 2018, Macy's customers were able to "Make Good Cents" and round up their in-store purchases to the nearest dollar and donate their change to help send local kids to summer camp at the Y. This campaign, which helped to support the cost of summer camp, raised over \$2,600 at the Menlo Park Mall and

cool refreshments and look for clues to take part in a scavenger hunt for prizes!

Take a journey back in time at Nostalgia Night on Monday, August 13 from 6:30-8 pm. Rock to Vinyl records and watch a film on a 16mm film projector.

Whip up something sweet at the Adult Culinary Workshop on Tuesday, August 14 at 11 am and learn how to make a quick, and tasty dessert dip.

Party with Dowdell Library and Andy the Armadillo from Texas Roadhouse for stories and fun on Monday, August 20 from 1-2 pm. Then, stay for the End of Summer Prize Party from 2-3:30 pm for prizes, refreshments and summer fun for ages 0-100. There will also be a drawing for the adult gift baskets!

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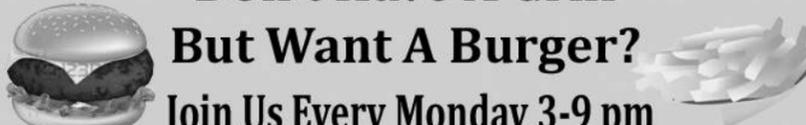
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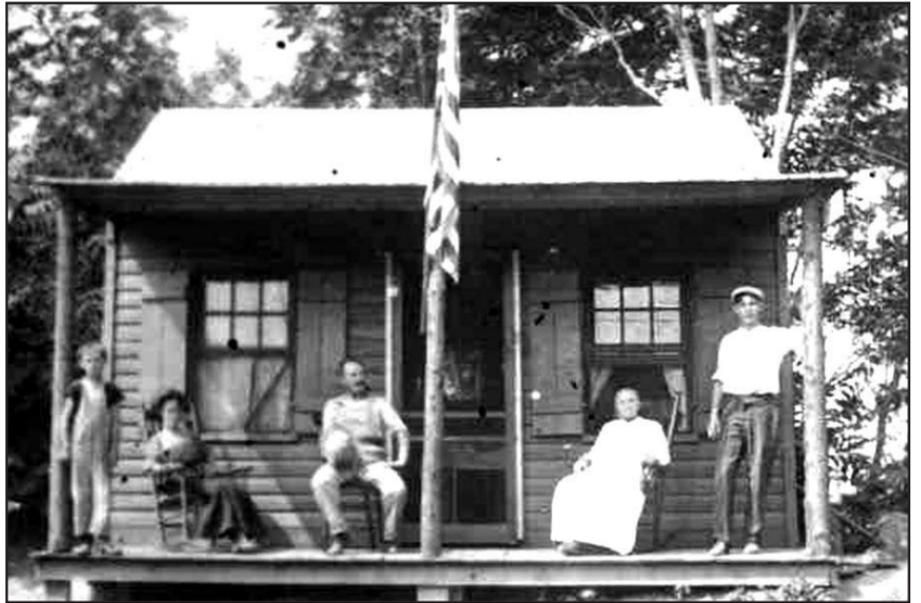
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## Vintage Photo



All that was written on the back of this photo was: "South Amboy-July 4, 1911. Here we are at the beach house at South Amboy. We are having a grand time. Waiting to see you. Edna." One has to wonder where this home was down by the waterfront, and who is the family on the front porch? (Photo courtesy of Arnold K.)

## How Has Our World Changed So Darn Fast???

By Elaine Holton Scott

Our world has changed...changed so much and so fast it almost takes your breath away. One day we needed a telephone operator to make a call, the "next day" we were able to call direct just by using the rotary dial on the phone...then, along came the new phones with push button dialing. In the meantime, mobile cell phones, the kind not attached to any box, appeared around 1983, about the same time many of us had signed up for "commercial-free" cable and were handed our very first remote control, or "clicker," as it was so often called. Getting cable or satellite television brought VHS tapes, DVRs, and Blockbuster visits into our lives. As soon as we had our own stash of VHS tapes, out came DVDs which needed a new DVD player. The same thing happened to our cassette tapes and floppy disks when CDs hit the scene. Meanwhile, huge video recorders started being sold... so big and heavy they had to rest on a person's shoulder to use them. After so many people spent the big bucks to buy one, out comes the digital camera with the ability to record videos too, so, goodbye to the big video recorders. Since the internet became globally interconnected with the computer on August 6, 1991, there's been no turning back. Our world was set to change forever.

When people across the globe began "logging" into the internet, email addresses were needed, so too was a "User Name and Password" combination. Before you knew it, we somehow had managed to get more usernames and passwords than we could ever remember. Getting locked out of an account quickly became routine.

Meanwhile, cell phones have just about brought about the total demise of digital cameras, like the digital cameras had done

to the "old fashioned" cameras, including the Polaroid Instamatics. The once upon a time popular Kodachrome film became yesterday's news in the process. Even writing a letter became old fashioned...who needed to buy a stamp when sending messages via email was easier and faster...but not as fast as texting which will soon have our young people unable to spell. As for grammar, who needs it? Writing longhand, or cursive as it's called, will possibly become history too. It appears the schools may categorize it as "dead"...just like they had (wrongly) deemed the Latin language as being.

When PCs became too confining, laptops appeared. Wifi has enabled Smartphones and iPhones and every other pricey phone to also have internet access...so, more and more young, idiotic drivers and stupid older drivers are texting, emailing, and scanning through the celebrity news while sitting behind the wheel. Now, with GPS systems in vehicles, you can actually drive to a place without even thinking about it. Gone are the days of unfolding a big car map to find the way. Seems we can live without really doing much at all.

In this very self-contained world of the internet, we are able to sit in the comfort of our own homes and buy whatever we want or need online; keep in touch with people by texting or email; socialize on all the "social network sites; pay bills; listen to music; watch movies; do our grocery shopping; read the newspaper; and for many, even work at home. So, as I reminisce about all the changes, I have to admit I'm enjoying many of the "gadgets"...especially my Voice Remote Control. Anyone out there want a used "clicker"?

## SA Fire, First Aid And OEM Training



Members of South Amboy Fire Dept, First Aid Squad and Office of Emergency Management traveled to New Mexico Tech in Sacorro, New Mexico on June 25th-29th to receive training in Responding to and Prevention of Suicide Bombings. The course is provided by the U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security/FEMA to any first responders. The class provides training to first responders in tactics to possibly identify a suicide bomber and to methods in prevention or lessening the effects if a event was to occur. There were class participants from all over the United States and its territories. Participants in the class from South Amboy were OEM Coordinator Mark Herdman, OEM staff George Kern, Steven Doyle and Larry McMahon, Fire Chief Mike Toth, Firefighters Kevin Riley, Jamie Norek John Dragotta, Tom Hetzal, FF/ EMT Troy Matikonis and EMT Debra Norek. All members received certificates of completion and several received instructor certifications to bring awareness level training back home. (Photo/Info Submitted)

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**NEW BROADWAY MUSICAL SET IN SAYREVILLE, NJ INVITES LOCALS TO FINAL DRESS REHEARSAL**

The producers of Broadway's Gettin' The Band Back Together, invited Sayreville, NJ residents to attend the show's final dress rehearsal on Wednesday, July 18. The new musical comedy takes place in Sayreville and began preview performances the next day, Thursday, July 19.

Producer Ken Davenport remarked, "States and towns across the US have been celebrated on Broadway before: Oklahoma has its musical, Hello! Dolly put Yonkers on the map, In The Heights gave you 96,000 reasons to love Washington Heights. Now Gettin' The Band Back Together, an original new American musical, will celebrate Sayreville. So when we were thinking about who should see the show first, in our final rehearsal before we start performances, we thought, who better than residents of Sayreville itself!"

The production, which is directed by Tony Award winner John Rando and choreographed by Chris Bailey, will open on August 13 at the Belasco Theatre (111 W 44th Street).

Gettin' The Band Back Together has music and lyrics by Mark Allen and a book by Ken Davenport and The Grundleshotz with additional material by Sarah Saltzberg. The creative team includes Tony Award winners Derek McLane (Scenic Design), Emily Rebholz (Costume Design), Ken Billington (Lighting Design), John Shivers (Sound Design) in addition to Music Direction by Sonny Paladino and Casting by Eisenberg/Beans Casting.

The cast of Gettin' The Band Back Together features Mitchell Jarvis (Mitch Papadopoulos), Jay Klaitz (Bart Vickers), Manu Narayan (Dr. Rummesh "Robbie" Patel), Paul Whitty (Michael "Sully" Sullivan), Sawyer Nunes (Ricky "Bling" Goldstein), Marilu Henner ("Mitch's Mom," aka Sharon Papadopoulos), Kelli Barrett (Dani), Becca Kötte (Tawney), Garth Kravits (Ritchie), Tamika Lawrence (Roxanne Velasco), Noa Solorio (Billie),

and Brandon Williams (Tygen Billows). The cast also includes Lindsey Brett Carothers, Ryan Duncan, Scott Richard Foster, Jenny Hill, Nehal Joshi, J. Elaine Marcos, Rob Marnell, Jasmin Richardson, Ian Ward, and Tad Wilson.

Gettin' The Band Back Together is produced by Ken Davenport, Hunter Arnold, Roy Putrino, Sandi Moran, Carl Daikeler, Broadway Strategic Return Fund, Rob Kolson, H. Richard Hopper, Richard Roth, Marie Barton Stevenson, Diego Kolankowsky, Marguerite Hoffman, Brian Cromwell Smith, Darrell Hankey, Trevor Coates, Wagstaffe Productions, WitzEnd Productions, David Bryant, Laura Z. Barket, Judith Manocherian, Mach 1 Partners, John McGrain, Steve Reynolds, Ladybug Productions and Barry Tatelman. The Associate Producers for the production are Kayla Greenspan and Valerie Novakoff.

Mitch Papadopolous always dreamed about being the next Bon Jovi, but he chose security over stardom and left those daydreams behind for a day job. For a while he thought he had everything – the high paying job, the high-rise apartment – until his 40th birthday when he got handed a pink slip and had to move back in with his mom in Sayreville, New Jersey.

And when his high school arch nemesis threatens to foreclose on their house, this big-shot banker must save his small-town home the only way he can... by winning The Battle of the Bands. So he dusts off his guitar, gathers his old gang, and sets out to win the battle... and maybe even win back the high school sweetheart he left behind... proving it's never too late to give your dreams one last shot.

Tickets for Gettin' The Band Back Together are on sale through [www.Telecharge.com](http://www.Telecharge.com) / (212) 239-6200. Group tickets are available at [www.YourBroadwayGenius.com](http://www.YourBroadwayGenius.com) or by calling 855-329-2932.

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**Big Winner!** The captains and crew of The Last Run fishing boat out of Morgan pose proudly with their prize winning 935.5 pound blue marlin that won the top prize of \$500,000 in the White Marlin Open Tournament at Ocean City, Maryland. Pictured (l-r) Brian Walczak, Robert McKeon, Capt. Mike Lockwood, and Capt. Robert Lockwood. Not pictured is George Boulieris. (Photo submitted by The Lockwoods)

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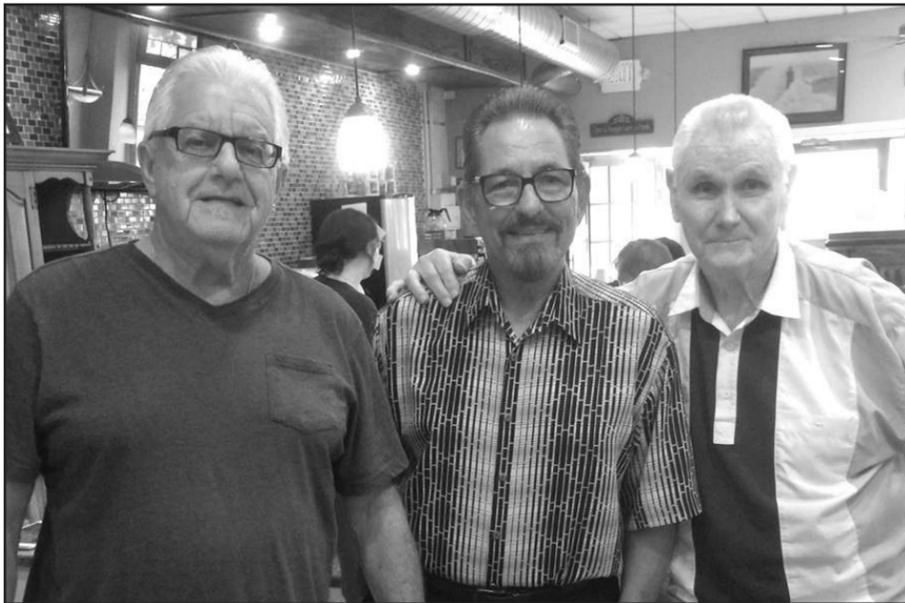
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Former Morgan resident Bill Lotkowitz (c), visited home recently, and had lunch with Clem Skarzynski (l), and his Uncle Joe Lotkowitz (r). The get together of the talented musicians was great, as they shared many memories. Bill, currently living in Florida has been very successful in the music business, and his country band opened a concert for national recording act, Diamond Rio. He is an incredible keyboardist/vocalist, and one of the best in South Amboy/Sayreville history. Clem is a feature writer for The SA Times, and the leader of his own popular band, "Clem & Friends," who you can catch at the upcoming Sayreville Day, and Blast From The Past Car Show on Sept. 15 and Sept. 16. The amazing lead guitarist/vocalist also performs with The Rockdaddys. Joe played stand up bass/bass guitar in several well-known bands including "The Joe Lock Trio," "Tommy Lucas & The Hound Dogs," "The Scibek Brothers," and "The Generations" to name a few. Joe is a talented Contributing Photographer with The SA Times. (Photo/story by Tom Burkard)



The Middlesex County Parks & Recreation Concerts In The Park series was once again a smashing success. The Tim Gillis Band, quite possibly the best country group in New Jersey, put on a most memorable performance. Pictured is Tim Gillis singing the final song of the concert, a patriotic one, "Proud To Be An American" as a very proud American veteran, who was in the audience and dancing, waves the American flag and gives a hand salute. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

## One Hit Wonders 40 Years Ago...1978

How many of these do you recall? Our staff remembered 8 out of 13. Give it a shot!  
Short People-Randy Newman; Don't Let Me Be Misunderstood-Santa Esmeralda; Emotion-Samantha Sang; Falling-LeBlanc & Carr; Because The Night-Patti Smith Group; I Can't Stand The Rain-Eruption; King Tut-

Steve Martin; My Angel Baby-Toby Beau; Magnet & Steel-Walter Egan; Fool (If You Think It's Over)-Chris Rea; Love Is In The Air-John Paul Young; Hot Child In The City-Nick Gilder; I Love The Nightlife (Disco 'Round)-Alicia Bridges.

## YOUTUBE IN

Lee Greenwood's version of "God Bless The U.S.A." will always be an all-time favorite, but another rendition of this song by The Texas Tenors is incredible with some unbelievable vocals and harmonies... Way back in '61, an amateur group, "The Continentals" from Mamoreneck, NY put on quite a show on the Ted Mack Show, with the lead singer displaying some really crazy footwork and dance movers, which was mostly unheard of at the time. This band won the talent show contest, so give it a look and get a laugh out of their fun performance. Just type in to youtube.com to: The Continentals on Ted Mack Show-1961...1963-Check out "The Bee Gees," who were just starting out at the time playing "Blowing In The Wind."..Did you ever hear of a band called

"Thunderclap Newman?" Well, neither did we, but after hearing their #39 song hit from 1969, called "Something In The Air," it brought back memories...Other youtube stuff to give a look/listen to: Lisa Marie & Elvis Presley Special Duets; Bring It On Home by the Animals; Ferry Cross The Mersey (Top of the Pops) '65 with Gerry & The Pacemakers; Another '65 hit by the Bobby Fuller Four, "I Fought The Law," and '66 classic, "Time Won' Let Me," by The Outsiders...Hey Bruce/E-Street Band fans! You gotta see their performance of "You Never Can Tell," live and in concert at Leipzig, Germany, 7/7/13! Incredible! How's this for a strange title, "Itchycoo Park" a #16 hit in '68 for a group called Small Faces...

## Drummer Dennis Nardone Performs In Area

By Steve Schmid

Well-respected drummer Dennis Nardone, enjoyed his visit to his former hometown of South Amboy, when he played with the Sandy Sasso Swinging Big Band in a June 29 performance at Raritan Bay Waterfront Park. The concert featured many songs by Glenn Miller and other band leaders. Dennis enjoys playing with Sandy's group each summer because he loves the big band sound. He has known Sandy for about 30 years. Dennis recalls listening to this music when he was young. While other kids listened to the Beatles, Rolling Stones, and Dave Clark 5, he was listening to Count Basie, Louis Armstrong, Benny Goodman, and Glenn Miller. He frequently comes to South Amboy to visit his 98-year old mother Lillian. He is a 1969 graduate of St. Mary's High School and is looking forward to the 50th anniversary of his class, when he can connect with old classmates. He has enjoyed a long career as a drummer and played at Elton John's 40th birthday party at the St. Pierre Hotel in New York City, and said it was a wonderful experience, since Elton was great to work with. He also played with the Sandy Sasso Band July 8 Spring Lake Park Gazebo in South Plainfield. His next performance with the band will be Wed. August 22 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at Thompson Park Gazebo in Jamesburg. He will also drum for Sandy on



Dennis Nardone (Photo by Cheryl Schmid)

Sat. August 25 as part of the Jazz Festival sponsored by the Jersey Shore Jazz Blues Foundation from 1 to 2 p.m. at the Seven Presidents Park on the ocean in Long Branch. Dennis is retired from his teaching job, and is currently living in Somerset with his family.

## Red Bank Honors Bon Jovi Wine

By Steve Schmid

Red Bank Mayor Pasquale Menna has named Jon Bon Jovi's Hampton Water Wine the official rose' of Red Bank. The announcement came at the recent opening of the Melting Pot in Red Bank. Bon Jovi's son Jesse Bongiovi was on hand to celebrate the occasion and received the good news from the mayor. Jon Bon Jovi in February this year launched the Hampton Water Wine, teaming with famed French winemaker

Gerard Bertrand. Jesse said he has gotten some excellent business experience from his father, noting you don't get to the top of the music business without business savvy. Jesse said he wants to dispel the saying that rose' is a chick drink. He said real men drink pink and recalled he had several Hampton Water rose's during the Super Bowl.



By Tom Burkard

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  2. \_\_ Young Americans
  3. \_\_ American Pie
  4. \_\_ America
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  6. \_\_ Rock In The USA
  7. \_\_ Only In America
  8. \_\_ We're An American Band
  9. \_\_ American Woman
  10. \_\_ Born In The USA
- a. Neil Diamond
  - b. The Guess Who
  - c. Bruce Springsteen
  - d. Tom Petty
  - e. David Bowie
  - f. The Beach Boys
  - g. Don McLean
  - h. Jay & The Americans
  - i. John Mellencamp
  - j. Grand Funk Railroad

Answers 10c 9b 8j 7h 6f 5d 4e 3g 2a 1f

## #1 Pop Hits-July 28

- 2008-I Kissed A Girl-Katy Perry
- 1997-I'll Be Missing You-Puff Daddy/  
Faith Evans/112
- 1986-Sledgehammer-Peter Gabriel
- 1972-Lean On Me-Bill Withers
- 1966-Hanky Panky-Tommy James &  
The Shondells

## #1 Country Hits July 28

- 2003-My Front Porch Looking In-Lonestar
- 1995-Any Man Of Mine-Shania Twain
- 1981-Feels So Right-Alabama
- 1970-Wonder Could I Live There Anymore  
-Charley Pride
- 1962-Wolverton Mountain-Claude King

## American Music Theater Christmas Show Trip

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to The American Music Theater to see their Christmas Show on Saturday, November 3, 2018. The cost of the trip is \$150 which includes the ticket to the show,

bus transportation, bus driver gratuity, lunch at Shady Maple and snacks to and from the show. For further information or to reserve a seat please contact Teri at 732-727-7639.

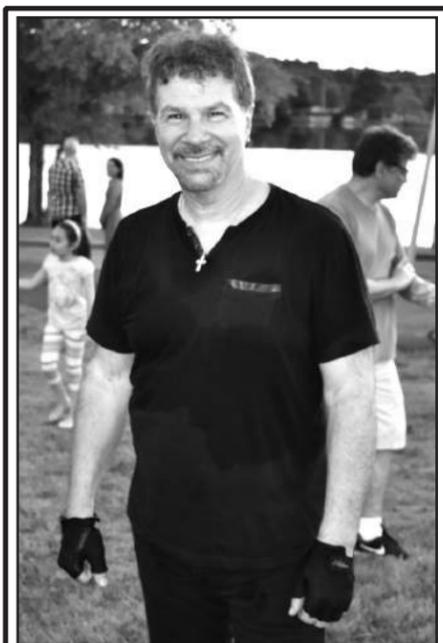
## Tomasello Winery Trip

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to the Tomasello Winery on October 24, 2018. The cost of the trip is \$60.00 which includes the wine tasting, a delicious lunch at the winery, stop at Smithville Inn, bus transportation, bus gratuity, and snacks. Please call 732-727-1655. Geri Steiner to reserve a seat at 732-727-1655.

## What is Jazz?

Sometimes called "America's Classical Music," the tradition and history of the genre embodies the essence of freedom and democracy. From its origins within the slaves songs, to the advent of the blues, Dixieland, Swing, Bebop, and other styles, jazz exhibits how each individual must function within a group to better serve the entire community. In this session at Sayreville Public Library on Thursday, August 9 at 6:30PM, through music and discussion, participants will explore jazz and why it matters. This event is free and open to the public, but registration at www.sayrevillibrary.org is suggested.

Please also visit the Sayreville Public Library Events Calendar on our website at for more information.



Drummer/Percussionist Joe Bellia is pictured prior to performing with his band, "The Weeklings," who played an incredible variety of Beatles music at their concert "The Beatles Bash" during the Sayreville Independence Day Celebration at Kennedy Park. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

## SCHOOL SPORTS

By Tom Burkard

### Scholar/Athlete Award Winners

The NJSIAA held its 25th annual Scholar/Athlete Awards Program and Luncheon at the Pines last month. Benjamin Henry of South Amboy HS, who starred in cross country, track, and baseball was the winner, and Kathleen Beben, who excelled in tennis took the honors for Sayreville War Memorial HS. Congratulations to Benjamin and Kathleen!

### College Notebook

It's only two months away from collegiate soccer, and three Sayreville grads are looking forward to another year after starring in '17 for Georgian Court University. Midfielder Erin Wimmer, had a fine frosh campaign, starting 20 of 22 games. She scored 4 goals and had 4 assists for 12 points for the GC women's team. Defensive players, Ryan Mosser and Brandon McCoy saw action on the men's squad.

### Behr, Lupo Selected For Snapple Bowl

Recent Sayreville War Memorial HS grads Tristan Behr and Damon Lupo were selected to play in the prestigious Snapple Bowl which will be held at Woodbridge HS. Behr, a standout offensive lineman/member of the punting team, and Lupo a defensive lineman are proud to represent their alma mater. It's interesting to note that Behr's mother Sharon Behr graduated from Woodbridge HS, and his grandfather John Malik, a former local resident, served on the Woodbridge HS Board of Directors for many years. Now, Tristan will take his many football skills to the field that is home to the Woodbridge Barrons.

Malik will be spending the future in the U.S. Navy, and Lupo will be attending Wagner College this fall, where he will continue his football career. Best of luck to both young men!

### Cruise Night Sept 7

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 hold their annual Cruise Night Friday September 7 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the K of C parking lot 308 Fourth St. South Amboy. Oldies music, food, drinks, and 50-50 drawing are available. Trophies will be awarded to the best contestants. For more information call 732-5453-9060 or 732-721-2025.

### Vendor Night Nov 9

South Amboy Columbiettes hold a Fall Vendor Event Friday November 9 from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Columbian Club at 308 Fourth St. South Amboy. Vendors are wanted. Please contact Cheryl at 732-407-3295 or sa426ladies@yahoo.com

### Trip to Radio City Christmas Spectacular

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip on Saturday, November 17, 2018 to see the Radio City Christmas Spectacular. The price of the trip which is \$175 includes ticket to the show, bus transportation, bus gratuity, and

### Malik Stars For Alvernia



Tom Malik, grandson of the late Tom Malik, who pitched for St. Mary's HS in the 1950's, and later went on to a brief stint in pro baseball, is having a successful collegiate career at Alvernia University in Reading, PA. The talented junior tied for most wins on the team with a (5-3) record, had a 4.30 ERA, and struck out 35 in 44 innings pitched for his team which finished (28-15).

### Bielak Promoted By Houston



On June 28, Brandon Bielak of Sayreville was promoted by the Houston Astros Major League Baseball Club to its Class AA affiliate Corpus Christi in the Texas League. He has pitched in 3 games so far, and has not allowed an earned run in 16.1 innings, while compiling a (2-0) record, with 15 strikeouts, and allows opponents to a .228 batting avg. The talented hurler continues to improve with every outing, and hopefully will soon become another big leaguer from Sayreville.

### Sayreville Little League Wins District Title



Brian Zapoticzny fires another fastball against Sayrewood South.



Tim Mayer (2) gets a fist bump from Brian Zapoticzny after scoring another big run for Sayreville.



Our hometown boys, Aidan Ryan, Anthony D'Onofrio and AJ Zapoticzny hustle in after the third out of an inning.

(Photos/captions courtesy of Audra Zapoticzny)

### Answers - Extreme Close-Up Yankee Challenge

(Photos by Julius Warzybok)

1-Robinson Cano 2-Brian McCann 3-Matt Holiday 4-Boone Logan 5-Johnny Damon 6-Greg Bird 7-Todd Frazier 8-Curtis Granderson. Dennis Quinlan got all 8 correct! Congrats, Den!



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By Tom Burkard

### Glory Days In Local Sports

1950-Charlie Kolakowski fired the first no-hitter in Sayreville HS baseball history, beating St. Mary's 4-0. 1962-St. Mary's downed Perth Amboy St. Mary's 6-3 in baseball play. Winning pitcher Ray Riddell went 3-for-3 with a double, triple and 2 RBI, while Joe Pohl pounded 3 hits, and Lou Nanna added 2. 1971-Hoffman blasted Green Brook, 19-2 in baseball action. Winning pitcher Gary Lange tossed a 2-hitter and struck out 6. Ron Croddick had a huge game with 3 hits including a grand slam homer, and 5 RBI. Mark Abbatiello was a perfect 2-for-2 with

5 runs scored. 1986-Ed Fischer drove in the only run of the game with a clutch RBI single to give Sayreville a 1-0 victory over Cedar Ridge. Matt Sullivan was the winning pitcher, and tossed a beautiful 3-hitter.

1994-Hoffman edged New Brunswick, 9-8 in baseball. Mike Glasser blasted a homer and 2 singles, Bob Matthews had a triple and 2 singles, and Kevin Manion belted a 2-run double. 2000-Sayreville girls softball squad plastered Perth Amboy 9-2. Jessica Small was the winning pitcher, and Gina Musella smacked a home run.

### T.H.E. Game Year-1980

#### Sport-Baseball

**Teams-**Hoffman vs. St. Mary's in City Series action.

**Recap-**Tom Mulligan blasted an inside-the-park homer in the top of the 1st inning, and Pat DeJoy drilled an RBI single to give the Guvs a quick 2-0 lead. The Eagles bounced back in the bottom of the inning, when Andy Pipala singled, advanced to second, and scored on a single by John Inman, who later scored on a perfect suicide squeeze by Ed Stevens to tie the game at 2-2. The Saints took a 3-2 lead in the bottom of the third, and upped it to 4-2 in the bottom of the 4th, as Inman belted another RBI single. Hoffman scored in the top of the fifth to make it 4-3, which was the final score, as the game was called after 6 innings because of darkness. Inman was the winning pitcher, firing a 4 hitter, and striking out 13, and also got 2 hits, and had 2 RBI for St. Mary's.

**Player-of-the-Game-**John Inman, St. Mary's.

### 110 Years Ago-Wow!

1908-In baseball action, St. Mary's hammered the Highlands, 17-4. St. Mary's players were J. Stanton, A. Watts, M. Leary, R. Smith, R. Letts, A. Manion, R. Purcell, G. Spratford. (First names unavailable)

### 90 Years Ago...

1928-St. Mary's defeated Metuchen 7-2 in baseball. Winning pitcher Vona hurled a 3-hitter, while teammates Ed Carroll unloaded a 3-run homer, and catcher Johnny Ryan banded a 2-run double.

### 80 Years Ago...

1938-Hoffman topped Keyport 8-4 in baseball behind winning pitcher Russ Sprague's 4-hitter. Ernie Read was a perfect 3-for-3, and Andy Dobrzynski stroked 2 hits.

### 70 Years Ago...

1948-St. Mary's shutout St. Peter's 3-0 behind Ray Stockton's brilliant 2-hitter. Future big league manager, and at the time talented catcher, Jack McKeon, turned in a perfect 3-for-3 day at bat.

### From The Youth League Archives



1985-Pictured are some of the Daylight Bakery Little Fellas baseball team. In photo top row (l-r) Kenny Krass, Kenny Huff, Mike Novak, Mike (last name unknown), Mike Corridon, Leo Cannon. Bottom row (l-r) Jeff Moskal, Joe Tambora, Sean Moran. Standing top-Manager Charles Hicks. (Photo/names courtesy of Stacy Hicks Murray)

### O'Brien's Were Closest Keystone Combo

South Amboy's Johnny and Eddie O'Brien were the "closest" Keystone Combo in baseball history according to a recent article in Sports Collectors Digest. According to the article, "They played shortstop and second base respectively, for the Pittsburgh Pirates, and also were paired by Topps on

baseball card #139 in its 1954 set. Not only were Johnny and Eddie brothers, they were identical twins. You can't get much closer than that," according to writer Arnold Bailey.

\*Special thanks to SA Times reader Bob Kovacs of Perth Amboy for sending this article in.

### Frog Hollow Tennis: 1966

Tennis was big at Frog Hollow back in '66, and for several years, there was a highly-competitive tournament. In the Boys Singles Division, Pat McDonough won the title over

Marty O'Connor, 2-6, 6-2, 6-1. The Girls Division champion was Karen Kreiger, who defeated Judy Seaman for the crown. No scores were available at the time.

### Diamond Dust

1971 South Amboy Little Fellas League Weiss 3 Lions 0-George Bongiorno was outstanding as the winning pitcher, tossing a 2-hitter and striking out 18. He also belted 3 hits.

Lions 16 Modern Trans 10-The Lions won their first game of the year behind winning

pitcher David Newton. Rich Kukulski walloped 4 hits.

1971 South Amboy Babe Ruth League Raritan River Railroad 23 South Amboy Trust Co. 2-Raritan River got big contributions offensively from Scott Douglas, Dennis Carey, Steve Boychuk, and Bob Fell.



1993-25 years ago, R & R Printing had a fine baseball team in the South Amboy Youth Athletic Association. Can you help us name any of the players or coaches on this squad, and also what their record/standing was for the year? Drop us a line at: satimes@aol.com



## FROG HOLLOW SWIM & TENNIS CLUB ANNOUNCES FIVE-MILE ROAD RACE

Portion of Proceeds to Benefit South Amboy First Responder Organizations

Frog Hollow Swim and Tennis Club located on Ferris Street in South Amboy announced today that its annual summer road race will be held on Sunday, September 9, 2018 through the streets of the City of South Amboy with a portion of the proceeds to benefit the City's dedicated first responder organizations.

The race originated as a five-mile trek through the rolling hills of South Amboy and was famous for the dreaded Feltus Street hill. In recent years, however, the run was cut back to a flat, fast 5K race predominantly through the County Waterfront Park.

This year, the Frog Hollow Board of Governors voted to bring the race back to its original glory as a five-mile road race and a one-mile kids fun run that was approved by South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry and City Council earlier this month.

The five-mile race entry fee is \$25 in advance and \$30 at the gate. The kids fun run is free. Race-day registration will open at 6:30am at the Club with the five-mile

race beginning at 8am and the kids fun run starting at 9am.

Once again, all registered five-mile runners will have the opportunity to use the pool facilities for the day and can bring guests for a cost of \$10 per person. This will be the last opportunity to swim for the year.

The course route is still being finalized but the five-mile race plan includes the full length of Broadway and the Feltus Street hill that was a landmark challenge of years past.

"We see this as a great opportunity to highlight the town and its businesses community to Club members and other runners/spectators who might otherwise miss all that South Amboy has to offer," said James Bello, President. "We will be reaching out the business community in hopes that they are interested in participating in some way whether for a water stop, a contribution in the gift bag, special offers or just to cheer on race day."

Online registration is available at <https://register.compuscore.com/froghollow>. Sponsorship opportunities are available by contacting Stacey Kennedy at 732-757-9816.

### Looking Back



July 10, 1993-Former South Amboy resident Mike Mooney is pictured on his way to capturing his second consecutive Frog Hollow 5-Mile Race championship. Mooney, also a talented softball player, is a Past Grand Knight of South Amboy Council #426.



Peter Pizar, South Amboy mayoral candidate (center) stands with students at the South Amboy Middle High School Student Council Car Wash as they take a break from washing cars and raising \$375 for the school (Photo/info Submitted)

**WWW.?**



This former business was located in Sayreville or South Amboy. Do you know what it was called, and where it's located? Send you answers to: satimes@aol.com. By August 19th. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

**WWW.? June Winners**

The correct answer was an easy one...the sign for the old Amboys Drive-In Theater. Frank Guimano, Chuck Pickard, Judy Guilfoyle, Dennis Quinlan, W. Tom Kross, Mark Moniello, Gerry Sherry, Leon Credico, Mary Agnes Morris, Dennis & Kathy O'Leary, Michael & Irene Kilcomons, Estelle Pluskota, Stephen Laskiewicz, Marlene Letwenski, Don Zrebiec, Lynn Loy, Joan Gorczyca, Walter Starzec Jr, Jim Malkiewicz, Betty Lounsbury Silvaney, Dane Colburn, Gary Feret, Lisa Grankowski, Pete McIntyre,

Incorrect answers identified the mystery photo as the Peterpank Pank Diner sign; Sayrewoods; Marie English, Ed English.

\*Dennis & Kathy O'Leary were inadvertently



June-WWW.? Amboys Drive-In Theater.

omitted as winners for the April contest. Jennifer Larsen was omitted from our May winners.

**WWW.? Mystery Photo Letters**

Tom

It seems you are becoming devilish with this mystery photo program. First you get us hooked on the pictures, now it's a mega mystery deal. It is a big challenge, but the fight is on.

Dennis & Kathy O'Leary  
Sayreville



Hi Tom

The picture WWW? For June is the old South Amboy drive in on Route #35. You were right when you said the people from a long time ago would remember it with no problem. Thanks for all the memories you always bring back without even realizing it.

I'm sure everyone appreciates it.  
Lynn Loy  
Morgan



The sign in the photo was when it was the Amboys Drive-In Theater. Snuggled between the bases of the Edison and Victory Bridges. Plenty of memories riding the boats and sliding down the wide slide in the playground under the screen before the movie started. Me and my brother would sit on the back door of the station wagon, our arms resting on the roof of the car. We also made sure to bring our pillows with us. Just in case. Last movie I saw there was Grease in 1978. This time I was driving! Think it closed after that. Good times!

Judy Guilfoyle  
Sayreville



**Summer Wine Down September 15**

Sacred Heart Church holds its first ever wine tasting event Friday September 15 from 7 to 10 p.m. at Sacred Heart Memorial Hall.,

Tickets are \$30 in advance, \$40 at the door. For more info call 732-721-0040

**Local Soldier Was Killed 100 Years Ago**

By Rich Kosmoski

100th Anniversary of the death of an American patriot from our area

During this past year we have heard little about the 100th Anniversary of World War I, the so-called Great War. Celebrations and remembrance ceremonies are being held throughout the world during the year so as not to forget those young soldiers who fought in this war or those who made the ultimate sacrifice and paid for freedom with their life.

One particular soldier, Pvt. Frank Wiczorkowsky, who most of you never heard of and never knew was killed on the battlefields of France. I specifically mention this Private because I am familiar with his short life and his tragic ending. After being mortally wounded in France, his body was returned home to South Amboy, though he was born and raised in the Melrose section of Sayreville.



Following his military funeral service at Sacred Heart Church, he was laid to rest in St. Mary's cemetery. Following many attempts over the years to obtain a military grave marker for him, one was finally obtained 98 years after his death.

Within a week after the printing of this publication, we will be commemorating the 100th anniversary of the death of this patriot. Private Wiczorkowsky was wounded on the battlefield on the evening of August 4th and succumbed to those mortal wounds on August 5th. Don't let his service to our country be forgotten. On this day, take a moment out of your busy schedule and say a small prayer for Private Frank and all military men and women from all the wars and conflicts, those who have served and those still serving as THEY are the true heroes of America.

**Mega WWW.?**

In our first Mega WWW.? mystery photo contest, we awarded 1-point for each correct answer and 1-point if you knew what all the photos had in common. So, the potential was there for an additional 7 points to your yearly total, and that could really make it interesting when the final tally is made in December!

**The Mega answers were as follows:**  
1-Covello's or Kaiser's or The Mouse Trap 2-F & C Automotive Supply or NAPAAuto Parts or Ray's 3-The Fishery or Burlew's Fishery 4-Mondello's II Pizza/ Restaurant or Budgie's Deli 5-Stewart's 6-West Marine or Boat US 7-All are located in the Morgan section of Sayreville on Route 35, and all are currently out of business.

**Points awarded for the Mega contest:**  
Kathy & Dennis O'Leary 7 Dennis Quinlan 7 Stephen Laskiewicz 7 Nancy Berry 7 Dane Colburn 7 Lisa Grankowski 7 Gary Feret 7 Marie English & Ed English 7 Pete McIntyre 6 Jim Malkiewicz 6 Peggy & Steve Yugas 6 Ann Surina 6 Chuck Pickard 5 Laurie &, Gary Loftus 5 Pat & Bill Scully 5 Elizabeth Leveille 5 W. Tom Kross 5 Jack Piskorski, Keith Piskorski & Lorraine Krauss 4 Gerry Sherry 3 Leon Credico 3 Debbie Carling 1.

**Incorrect Answers submitted:**  
Apartment at Weber's Garage; Thunderbird; Rumors; One Stop Shop; Delilah's Den; Weber's; A Pizza Place (needed a name); The Fish Place (needed a name).

**YMCA MALINOWSKI YOUTH EMPLOYEE RECIPIENTS FOR 2018**

The YMCA of Metuchen, Edison, Woodbridge & South Amboy announced the John Malinowski Youth Employee Award recipients at their Annual Dinner held on May 2, 2018. The Malinowski Award is named after John G. Malinowski, former Metuchen YMCA Director who dedicated his life to service within his community and the younger generation. This award is presented to one outstanding youth employee at each YMCA Branch and Child Care Services who demonstrate outstanding job performance and initiative, often going above and beyond basic requirements of their position to get the job done. The award winners for 2018 are:

Gio Spataro is the recipient of the John Malinowski Youth Employee Award for the South Amboy YMCA. He has worked at the Y since he was 17 years old, holding many different positions and recently obtaining his Personal Training certification.

Jillian Dela Cruz is the recipient of the John Malinowski Youth Employee Award for the Metuchen YMCA. Jillian has been swimming at the Y for 16 years, eventually joining the MEY swim team in 2003 and becoming a swimming instructor, where she has a passion for teaching children how to succeed in the water.

Sam Marshall is the recipient of the John Malinowski Youth Employee Award for the Edison YMCA. Sam began his career as a Wellness staff member which led to him obtaining his Personal Training certification, allowing him to do his best for the community.

Samantha Brannigan is the recipient of the John Malinowski Youth Employee Award for Child Care Services. Sam started as a Teacher's Assistant at the Woodbridge Early Learning Center Preschool classroom in 2015 and worked her way up to become the Administrative Assistant for the program, where she has proven to be an invaluable asset to the program.

"Being named a Malinowski award recipient is a great honor", said Rose Cushing, President & CEO of the YMCA of MEWSA. "These individuals demonstrate a strong commitment to the Y and exemplify the YMCA core values of honesty, respect, caring and responsibility, and serve as positive role models for other youth. They can be very proud of themselves."

The recipients have shared their YMCA stories through brief videos that can be viewed on the YMCA website at <http://www.ymcaofmews.org/giving/malinowski-winners-2018>.

**Letters**



**Thank You**

The American Legion Lenape Post 211 Honor Guard would like to thank Tom and Brian for their coverage of all our activities throughout the year.

You always seem to find that extra space to publish the pictures of our community activities and the stories that accompany them.

These services mean so much to all our fellow Veterans. Keep up the great work, it is really appreciated. The SA TIMES is the best!

American Legion Lenape Post 211 Honor Guard



**Yearbook Staff Identified**

I check in with South Amboy events on your online newspaper. I saw the picture of the yearbook staff at Hoffman and noticed that many of the people in the picture are not identified. Maybe this will help.



Seated with the yearbook-Gretchen Miller, directly above her-Carol Conroy, right next to Gretchen-Marlene Lopez, last row extreme right-Carol Meinzer, middle row second from the right-Jim Brennan (my cousin), back row second from the left-Carol? Hatfield.

Jim Brennan and Carol Meinzer were married and lived in New Port Richey Florida. Carol died several months ago. My mother, Lou Reese, was a teacher at Hoffman High School for years. I graduated from St. Mary's in 1958. My sister Peggy (O'Neill) graduated from St. Mary's also. She was married and lived in Springfield. Peg died three years ago.

I hope the names of the folks in the photo match up!  
Mary Lou (Reese) LoVecchio  
Concord MA

**Hi Tom,**

So much and many interesting articles and catching news! We rely on your style newspaper since dropping usual daily papers long ago. Do they still exist? Local news is understandable compared to country, state, world based hugely on individuals' aptitudes for making headlines, while somewhat lacking and violating expected values.

I hesitate to reason why details of this June 2018 issue, just felt better after being reminded of 'Times' now, and in the past. Maybe a visit to the all years Hoffman reunion?

Of course, the old style ball game across the street from our old house, 415 S. Feltus, the issues for the mayoral race. (Can hope they can move cruel regressive school property tax to fair, based on ability to pay, NJ Income), through attention to Elaine Holton Scott's good food habits for longer life. Great piece by Flip Phillips about WWII vets, and it still hurts in my heart. Then, on to an obituary memory, an old Esso postcard, and when I had a broken arm from a truck tire air pressure accident at age 9. I worked at Esso while going to Rutgers after being in the Army, and it was owned by Wally O'Brien then. Then to the Casey street name, and his Raritan milk delivery, also brought back memories of my Pop's bread route.

I also noticed my younger cousin, Gretchen, mentioned about Senior Citizens membership drive. <http://www.thesatimes.com/SATJune2018.compressed.pdf>

Regards,  
Skip House  
(Formerly of South Amboy)

# THANK YOU

The Rone family would like to thank everyone who participated in our 2nd Riley's Touch-A Truck Fundraiser, benefitting the Hugh Riley Rone Scholarship Fund, especially Coach Dan Poulsen and the South Amboy High School Baseball Team. Whether you made a donation, provided a truck, volunteered your time or came out for a fun day with your family, it means the world to us. We hope you had fun and look forward to doing it again next year!



Congratulations to this year's Scholarship recipients:  
Kasper Gurdak,  
Kaleigh Keegan  
and Benjamin Henry.

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## Talkin' Baseball With Bill "Biff" McKeon

By Tom Burkard

Bill "Biff" McKeon, formerly of South Amboy/Sayreville has had an incredible lifetime in professional baseball, and also as an educator and much more. I recently caught up with him and had the opportunity to interview him about some of his greatest memories.

When asked what his greatest memory of playing pro ball was, he said, "Being named to the Appalachian League All-Stars and batting against Bill Bell, who struck out the first 3 batters, and I hit a fastball off the right-center fence for a double. Bell ended that season pitching with the Major League Pittsburgh Pirates. Our All-Stars won the game." "Biff" who was in the Braves organization, played with the legendary Hank Aaron in Spring Training at Waycross, Georgia. "He was a young infielder, playing second base at the time, and not aggressive as others." "Biff" also recalled "A big fight we had against, the Fitzgerald, Georgia team, and their manager Hall-of-Famer Earl Weaver was sent to the hospital. Their shortstop was also hospitalized as I gave him the Joe Louis one-two punch. I ended up with a cut above my eye."

He is also very proud of the fact that "I was the innovator of the Kansas City Royals Academy, when owner Mr. Kaufmann spoke to Trader Jack and me during dinner at the Royals first gathering of organizational people in Kansas City in Jan. '69. Kaufmann said he would like to teach baseball to boys who were soccer players. I went back to South Amboy and developed a plan, which I first presented to Lou Gorman, (Royals Scouting/Farm Director), who sent me to my good friend Cedric Tallis, Royals GM, who then told me to speak to Kaufmann himself, and I did, and a year later, the Baseball Academy was a reality."

What would McKeon have changed in regards to playing baseball? "Bob Coleman told me I was going to Evansville, Indiana in Spring Training '52 as his catcher. Big break, whereby I said I was still enrolled in the spring semester at Seton Hall (should have dropped out of school), as this was the man who controlled the future of the Braves farm players. I probably would have been in the Majors in a couple of years if I went to Evansville." The Braves told "Biff" that he had the "Best, strongest, accurate and quick release arm in the organization, so I guess that's why Coleman selected me that spring. He only chose future Major Leaguers, that's why he always won the leagues he managed in for the Braves. In '54, Hall of Famer Travis Jackson said I had the best first base pick-off he ever witnessed, and I was on his all-time baseball team. That was an honor, as Travis was a super manager. He also said the Braves wanted me to hit more home runs, as they knew I was a .300 hitter."

In retrospect, McKeon said "If I had quit Seton Hall, and possibly made it to the majors in '56, I would have never married the love of my life, Elizabeth Jean Unfried, and had 7 children, 12 grandchildren, and 2 great grandchildren. The majors was/is important, but my life with my love and family was and is more rewarding. God had a plan for me to sacrifice the majors for happiness for over 61 years of marriage." Back in 1954, he played against Mickey Mantle's twin brothers Roy and Ray in the Sooner State League, but never crossed paths as a player against his older brother Jack McKeon. Hey Biff, Who do you think the greatest player was in your lifetime? "Ted Williams, the greatest hitter of all time, whom I had the pleasure of being in his company several times, plus I stole his Red Sox pants back in 1950, when I worked out with the Red Sox." In January 1955, he arrived in Germany, and had an immediate connection with the Major, who just happened to know about South Amboy, because he was assigned to the town after the Explosion of 1950, and it was under Marshal Law. "I was immediately assigned

to Division Headquarters, where I played basketball for a couple of weeks until being sent to Munich, Germany as baseball coach. In our opening game, I hit the game-winning home run, and it elevated me to becoming the "General's boy." I was also listed in the European "Stars & Stripes" newspaper as the European MVP for most of '55, however, lost out to some future Major Leaguer from the 11th Infantry."

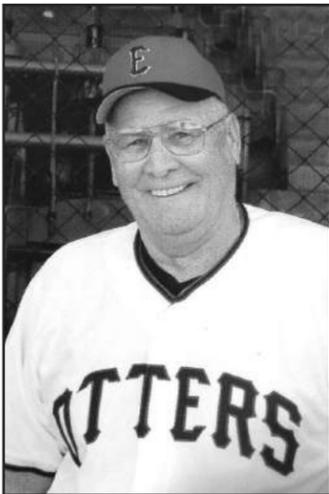
The Evansville Braves won the III League Class B championship in 1956 and 1957, and Bill McKeon was a big contributor to the club's success. He mentioned a few of the standout players, several who ended up playing with the Milwaukee Braves big league team. Don Nottebart, Claude Raymond, Ron Piche, Lee Maye, Bob Botz, "The best spot pitcher I ever caught. He could throw the ball wherever I put my glove." Also, Billy Smith, Mike Krasnick, Roger Youngward, who became Seattle's Assistant GM, and Dave Pursley, who became the Atlanta Braves trainer.

"Biff" went on to do a lot of scouting for Major League teams including stints with the Washington Senators, Phillies, Los Angeles Angels, Los Angeles Dodgers, Kansas City A's, Oakland A's, Kansas City Royals (full time), San Diego Padres (Special Assignment). Jeff Torborg was his first signee who made it to the bigs. He also signed 6 other ballplayers.

A highly-diversified and brilliant individual, McKeon was an educator, teaching at Madison Twp. HS and Cedar Ridge High School. He taught Phys. Ed., and was the Driver's Ed. Chairperson and Administrative Assistant, as well as serving as Director of Athletics. He coached the first varsity athletic win in Madison Twp. HS history in a baseball victory over Hoffman HS in 1962. "Biff" reflected on his days in South Amboy, saying, "South Amboy gave "Trader Jack" and myself the opportunity to become baseball players, playing on the highest level--South Amboy Briggs/All Stars/City League with Jerome's with some of the best, finest athletes, former pro baseball players in N.J. Sayreville was always a tough school to play against. They made us "clam diggers" excel in beating them. Our best game against Sayreville HS in basketball came in 1950, when George Spiecker put in the shot that won the game against the Bombers, who were undefeated, (18-0) at the time."

What's it like being the brother of world-renowned, baseball ambassador Jack McKeon, whose Florida Marlins shocked the New York Yankees in 2003 to become the World Series Champions? "Believe it or not, many baseball people didn't know we were brothers, as he called himself Jack Mic-key-on, and I was always Bill McKeon. I have many stories of baseball people not knowing we were related, and I never said otherwise, as they sometimes spoke negatively about "Trader Jack." Working for "Trader Jack" was hard, as I always had to watch what I said, as I was always quoted, in fact, I made the San Diego and Philadelphia newspapers with someone else's words when I was in the area." For the past 9 years, Bill has worked as Radio Commentator/Analyst for the Evansville Otters, with 9 different play by play announcers, all college graduates. He said, "I really enjoy and love this bull that I sling." How would William "Bill" "Biff" McKeon like to be remembered? "As a good father, husband, brother, athlete, friend, who was given every break in the book. I hope Father Aloysius and mother Anna Marie McKeon are looking down and saying, 'good son'."

NOTE: A special thank you to "Biff," an incredible gentleman for granting us the honor of this interview. Here's a very early wish for a wonderful 86th Birthday on September 12th! God Bless my friend!



Bill "Biff" McKeon

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# Local Wildlife

(Photos by Tom Burkard)

This beautiful egret was spotted in the area recently.

A gigantic Red-Eared Slider turtle was seen sunning on a log in a nearby lake.



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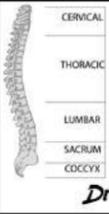
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**Prevent Childhood Drowning**

Playing in the water at the beach or pool can be great fun for the summer, and great exercise and should be part of everyone's childhood. But the reality is...that drowning is the second leading cause of accidental death in children. What should parents always remember as they slide on those bathing suits and pack up the car?

**1. Teach your child to swim!!**

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that swimming lessons should be considered for children ages 1 to 3. Parents should decide about swimming lessons based on their child's physical abilities, emotional readiness, and closeness to water. Families with pools or who live near a lake should consider lessons at an earlier age.

**2. Always supervise your child in the water.**

Never even for a moment leave small children alone or under the supervision of another young child while in or near any kind of water. This includes bathtubs, toilets, buckets, or irrigation ditches. Keep a young child within arms reach when in the water. Even if you choose swimming areas with lifeguards, you still need to keep an eye on you kids. Lifeguards can't always watch every person at every moment.

**3. Make sure your pool is surrounded by a fence.**

According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, a fence that completely surrounds a pool isolating it from the house can cut drowning risk by half. To really be safe, a fence should be at least 4 feet high, difficult to climb, and have a self latching lock closure. Building codes don't always require fencing around inflatable pools, but many of them contain thousands of gallons of water and stay up for weeks at a time.

**4. Learn CPR**

All parents should know CPR. Starting CPR immediately can mean the difference between life and death, and can prevent severe brain damage. To find a class near you, contact the American Red Cross or speak with your local emergency first aid squads to see when they offer CPR classes.

**5. Some other suggestions for parents to prevent drowning.**

Don't use air filled aids like water wings. Instead use lifejackets. They are designed to keep kids safe. All children should wear a lifejacket in a boat or at the waters edge. Know how deep the water is and what's underneath before letting kids jump in. Never let kids dive in until you know there's enough water, for example a pool should be at least 12 feet deep under the diving board. When at the ocean teach kids what to do in a rip current. Swim parallel to the shore until you can get out of the current, then swim back to shore. Alcohol is a major risk factor when it comes to teen drowning. Talk to your kids about the dangers of drinking and swimming.



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Arts and Crafts are always a hit!



Community Service (standing l-r) Michael Coman, Thomas Coman, Dennis Noon, (kneeling l-r) Victoria Tierney, Sarah Knapik, and Taylor Salmon



**Where in New Jersey?**



This month's Where in NJ has a connection to the "Boss" and it's neighbor is a real 'Joker'. Submit your answers by August 19th to satimes@aol.com.

**June Information**  
**Where in New Jersey?**

By Brian & Phyllis Stratton

The Where in NJ for June was the train ride at Turtle Back Zoo located at 560 Northfield Ave, West Orange, NJ. In 1962 Tjark Reiss was hired to design a seasonal zoo for children on 15.5 acres in Essex County. The initial cost was \$400,000 and the exhibits were based on Hans Christian Anderson's nursery rhyme themes and other children's stories. There were also farm animals and a miniature antique train ride that took visitors on a mile round trip ride through the zoo's surrounding woodlands.



**June- Where in New Jersey?**  
**Turtle Back Zoo, West Orange**



Turtle Back Zoo opened June 3, 1963 with a collection of 140 animals of 40 species. The zoo took its name from a rock formation located on the mountainside just east of the zoo. The Lanape Indians called this formation Turtle Back Rock. The pattern on the rocks created by large balsatic crystals makes it appear that you are standing on the back of an enormous tortoise.

animal themed playground were added in 2006.

In 2005 the zoo completed major renovations including the 1.8 million dollar Essex County Animal Hospital at Turtle Back Zoo, 11,000 square foot complex that included a walk through gift shop, new visitor friendly entrance and exit, a 4,000 square foot reptile center, administrative offices, a new group entrance and two classrooms that open up into a large auditorium. A new picnic pavilion and

In September 2006 Turtle Back Zoo was granted accreditation by the American Zoo and Aquarium Association.

**Where In NJ Winners For June**

Judy Guilfoyle, Dennis Quinlan, Elizabeth Leveille, Dave Krempecki, W. Tom Kross, Gerry Sherry, Pat and Bill Scully, Leon Credico, Marlene Letwenski, Chuck Pickard, Justine Dineen, Jack Piskorski, Keith Piskorski & Lorraine Krauss, Dane Colburn, Gary Feret, Jim Malkiewicz, Marie English, Ed English.

Some incorrect answers were: "Land of Make Believe" in Hope NJ and the Train ride in Van Saun County Park, Paramus.

\*Jennifer Larsen, Marie English and Ed English were omitted from our May winners.

**From The Firefighters Archives**



1982-South Amboy firefighters are shown battling a huge blaze at Jo-Tom's Subs and Pizza on South Pine Ave. Ready to assist on the ground to the left is South Amboy First Aid member Mike Szraga. The classic photo was taken by former South Amboy resident and top-notch professional photographer, Adam Kierst. (Photo courtesy of Bob Pawlik)

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**Fishing Flashes**

By Teo "Weebles" Weber



**Salt water**

Good Fluke fishing in the bay is what is happening now. There are plenty of shorts but enough keepers to try for. It's good fishing on both side of the bay. There are some big ones on the New York where the size limit is 19 inches. It's also good in the back bays of LBI. Shore fishing in Raritan Bay is hit and misses for Bluefish. I saw 2 caught at Cliffwood Beach on surf poppers. Party boats fishing for Bluefish are not doing well. It's hit and miss here too, so to finish out the day they are turning to Porgies and Sea Bass. The limit on Sea Bass at this time is two. Party boats that are bottom fishing are getting Porgies, Ling, some big Winter Flounder and Trigger Fish. Ocean surf fishing is mostly Bluefish and Fluke. There are more Kingfish showing up every day. Big Rays also make matters interesting, so watch your rod!

**Fresh Water**

The warmer summer fishing pattern has set in. You can expect your usual summertime catch. The Delaware River has lots of Little Smallmouth Bass, plus Carp and Catfish. Trout fishing is slow due to warm water affected by the heat. There is a new State record for Landlocked Salmon. It was caught on June 2nd at Lake Aeroflex. The fish was 8 pounds 5 ounces breaking the record set in 1951 for 8 pounds. Both fish were caught at the same lake.



**Speaker Coughlin Statement on**

**New Gun Safety Laws**

Gov. Murphy Signed Six Gun Safety Bills  
 Sponsored by Assembly Democrats

Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin (D-Middlesex) issued the following statement recently after Gov. Murphy signed six gun safety bills into law.

"These laws, which I am proud the Assembly fought for tirelessly, further our commitment to keeping New Jerseyans safe, and keeping guns away from people who are unstable and possibly dangerous. People should not live in fear of doing simple, everyday things because there might be an unhinged individual looking to do them harm. These laws will help provide our families with the peace of mind and sense of security that they expect and deserve. I commend Gov. Murphy for signing these bills, and my colleagues for bringing them to the table."

**OLV Senior Group Meet and Greet**

The OLV Senior Group will hold two Meet and Greet sessions for new members on Monday, July 30th from 10 AM - 12 noon and August 13 from 9 AM - 11 AM in the lower church of Our Lady of Victories. Any interested senior ages 55 and older is invited to attend and learn about our group. For further information please contact Teri at 732-727-7639

PRAYER TO ST. ANTHONY  
 O Holy St. Anthony, reach down from heaven and take hold of my hand. Assure me that I am not alone. You are known to possess miraculous powers and to be ever ready to speak for those in trouble. Loving and gentle St. Anthony, reach down from heaven I implore you and assist me in my hour of need. Obtain for me (mention request here). Dearest St. Anthony, reach down from heave and guide me with thy strength. Plead for me in my needs. And teach me to be humbly thankful as you were for all the bountiful blessings I am to receive. PS

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT  
 Holy Spirit, you who solve all problems, light all roads so that I can achieve my goal, you who gave me the Divine gift to forgive and to forget all evil against me and that in all instances of my life are with me, I want this short prayer to thank you for all things and to confirm once again that I never want to be separated from you, even in spite of all material illusions. I wish to be with you in eternal joy and thank you for your mercy toward me and mine. Thank you Holy Spirit. -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.S.

# Slow Pitch Softball Takes South Amboy/Sayreville By Storm-Part 7

By Tom Burkard

## 1983 South Amboy Champions-Midtown Florist

Midtown Florist captured the championship in the deciding game of the best-of-three series, 7-1 over the Bottle Stop Brewers. Pitcher/manager Glenn Smith starred in the finals, and was selected MVP of the championship series allowing only 2 earned runs in 21 innings, an amazing feat in Slow Pitch Softball. In the finale he received lots of hitting support from Marty Ratajczak, who blasted a towering home run, his second in the series, and a single, while Randy Neumann drilled 2 singles and a double.

Midtown pulled off a rare triple play in the fourth inning, that started on a grounder to second baseman Rob Szypulski, who flipped to shortstop Keith Dupree for the force, and he fired to first to Charlie Lange for the second out, as a Brewer base runner tried to score, and was cut down on a bullet strike from Lange for the third out. "Charlie Lange was the key to the triple play. He threw a perfect strike to home plate," said Midtown player/manager Smith.

In Game #1, Midtown committed 10 errors, and dropped a 4-3 squeaker, as Brewers DH Mike Jasovsky went 2-for-3 with an RBI, and Bill Murray was the winning pitcher. In Game #2, Smith was brilliant, winning a 3-0, 6-hit shutout. Neumann led all hitters in the series with a .600 avg. John McNamara saw some action and also hit .600, going 3-for-5. Ratajczak hit .500, Keith Dupree .444. Holmes topped Bottle Stop with a .444 avg., and was followed by Jasovsky .429.

**1984 & 1985-** Once again, No Information.

## 1986 Teams

Monaghan House, Bottle Stop, Boilermakers, Weber's Garage, Monaghan House, Pirates, Freckles, Bottle Stop, Downzie's, Shore Fishery, Outlaws.

## 1986 Champions-Monaghan House

Monaghan House swept Bottle Stop in a best-of-three playoff series, 5-4, and 6-5 to cop the title. The players were: Joe Noble-

1b, Ray Leonard-2b, Mike Grimley-ss, Bob Clayton-3b, Tom Duffy-lf, Jack Conlon-lcf, player-manager Fred Henry, Jim Inman Jr.-rcf, Ed O'Connor, Gary Shereyka-rf, John Kaboski-p, Jon O'Connor-c. Other contributing players were Al Ust, Mark Noble, Bob Howarth.

Monaghan House finished with an overall (17-3) record.

## 1987 Teams

American Legion/Monaghan House, Olde Towne Deli, McCormack Sand, Bottle Stop, Locos, Weber's Garage, Monaghan's, Downzie's, Tutty Tease, The Formula, Bowery Boys.

## 1987 Final Regular Season Standings

American Legion/Monaghan House 18-4 Olde Towne Deli 17-5 McCormack Sand 15-7 Bottle Stop 12-10 Locos 12-10 Weber's Garage 10-12 Monaghan's 10-12 Downzie's II 9-13 Tutty Tease 9-13 The Formula 4-18 Bowery Boys 4-18.

## 1987 Champions-American Legion/Monaghan House

In the first and only best-of-5 championship series in South Amboy history, American Legion/Monaghan House under player/manager Sonny Sabine, copped the title, 3 games to 2 over Olde Towne Deli. Sabine blasted a long, home run in the finale, that proved to clinch the championship for American Legion/Monaghan House. Sonny, who played and managed in the South Amboy League for about 20 years stated recently that, "This was the best championship series ever played in South Amboy Slow Pitch Softball."

## 1987 Teams/Players

American Legion/Monaghan House-Player/manager Sonny Sabine, Steve Makwinski, Tom Reilly, Mark Abbatiello, Reggie Carney, Joe Crowe, Gary Aich, Chuck Prusakowski, Ron Croddick.

Olde Towne Deli-Player/manager Tom Burkard, Al Gomolka, Jack O'Leary, Bill O'Leary, Tom O'Leary, Dave Gomolka, Bob Besner, Tom Donnelly, Vince Mackiel, Glenn Smith, Tom Wortley, Jim Smith, Gary

Lange, Bernie Mackiel, Paul Muller, John Dragotta, Gene Dennen, Bob Pomykala, Jack Brennan, Gallup;

Downzie's II-Player/manager Fred Henry, Joe Noble, John Kaboski, Jack O'Connor, Jack Conlon, Ed O'Connor, Jon "Poncho" O'Connor, Gary Shereyka, Wally Nebus, Al Ust, John Metz, Bob Howarth, Paul Higgins.

**1988 Champions-**Downzie's II swept Olde Towne Deli/Monaghan House, in 2 games by scores of 11-5 and 7-4 to capture the championship. The talented roster included 1b-Bob Howarth, 2b-Jack O'Connor, ss-Joe Noble, 3b-Paul Higgins, lf-Jack Conlon, lcf-Ed O'Connor, rcf/manager-Fred Henry, rf-Gary Shereyka, p-John Kaboski, c-Jon O'Connor. Other players were Al Sorrentino, Wally Nebus, John Metz.

Olde Towne/Monaghan's roster looked like: player/manager Tom Burkard, Gary Lange, Bill O'Leary, Tom O'Leary, Jack O'Leary, Al Gomolka, Dave Gomolka, Jim Smith, Bob Besner, Tom Suau, Darren LaVigne, Gary Aich, Chuck Prusakowski, George Gulick, Tom Donnelly, Bernie Mackiel, Al Ust, Vince Mackiel.

Downzie's II finished with an overall (15-11) record, while Olde Towne Deli/Monaghan House finished (20-6).

## 1989 Teams

South Amboy had 15 teams in the league. The following is a list of the teams with manager (listed first, followed by coach): National Division-Olde Towne Deli-Tom Burkard, Gary Lange; Landmark Inn-Ed Kouchok, Daryl Munck; Bottle Stop-Bill Schuck, Roger Young; Lagoda's-Tom O'Leary, Bill O'Leary; Bandits-Tony Camporeale, Sal Rinaldi; Plaza Records-Phil Rainone, Gary Rojek; Downzie's I-Packer Kenny, John Poltrietzky; Tarallo's Tavern-Rob Ruskuski, Stan Zawacki; American Division-Downzie's II-Fred Henry, John Kaboski; Landmark Cafe-George Seaman, Bob Damocci; Neumann Construction-Randy Neumann, Larry Parsons; Gaslight-

Gerry Kelly, Randy Stratton; TBA-Pete Witkowski, Joe Charmello; Heat-Mike Buczynski, Tony Januszewski.

**1989 Olde Towne Deli Players-**Player/manager Tom Burkard, Tom O'Leary, Tom Reilly, Bob Carew, Bill O'Leary, Dave Gomolka, Al Gomolka, Joe Crowe, Tom Suau, Gary Aich, Chuck Prusakowski, Jack O'Leary, Roger Kuhn, Rich McCutcheon, George Gulick, Bob Nanco, Mike Klimchak, Gary Lange, Joe Jaskowiak, Bob Prusakowski, Fred Wistuba Sr.

## 1989 Champions-Neumann Construction

The talented Neumann Construction team breezed to the championship. If anyone has details on this title series, let us know. Their super roster included player/manager Randy Neumann, Mark Herdman, Larry Parsons, Mark Wahler, Dave Gumprecht, Drew Newcomb, Joe Ballo, Rudy Neumann, Frank Wahler, Dean Kenny, Mike Coleman, Bill Parsons, Tim Walczak, Kevin Nemeth, Glen Smith, Jack Stratton.

## South Amboy Slow Pitch Teams of the 90's

Neumann Construction, Olde Towne Deli/Monaghan House, Bottle Stop, Shamrock I, Lagoda's, Monaghan House II, Landmark Cafe, Pine Liquors, Kelly's Gaslight, Diamond Dogs, Renegades, Fatso Fogerty's, Lagoda's AC, Shamrock II, East Coast, SA Pub, Moran's Misfits, S & S Stripping, Cardell, Rebels, American Landscape, Bottle Stop II, Bottle Stop I, Lagoda's Saloon, Monaghan's Locos, Shamrock, Monaghan House I, Sayreville Bar, Monaghan House III, Mike's Tavern, Nebus Construction.

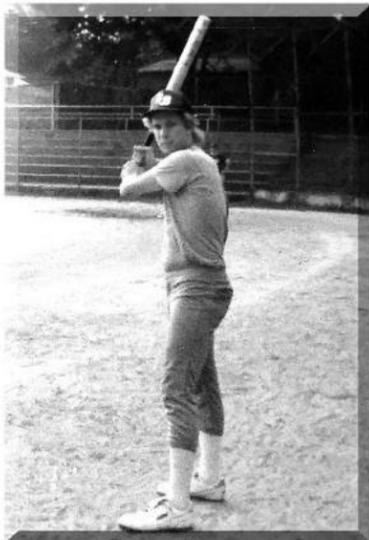
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Al Gomolka



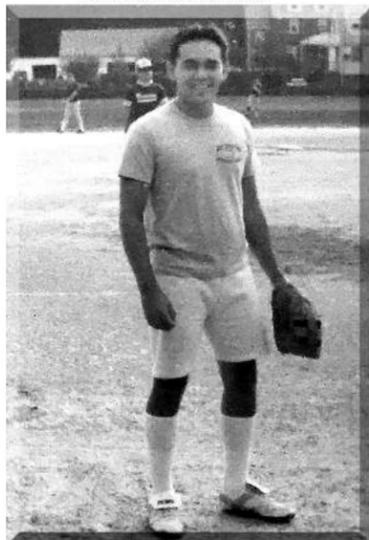
Dave Gomolka



John Clayton



Mike Mooney



Jim Bright



John McQuade



John Mansfield



Tom Burkard

**1990-**The Olde Towne Deli/Monaghan House team finished with a fine (18-4) record, combining younger players with seasoned veterans. There was no team photo available, just the above individual shots of this fun-loving group of softball players. \*Thousands of people have played softball in South Amboy and Sayreville from 1969 to present.

Is there anyone out there that may have a team photo or other pictures of their Men's/Women's team to share with

SA Times readers in next month's issue? Please e-mail it to: [satimes@aol.com](mailto:satimes@aol.com) or send to: The SA Times, PO Box 3027, South Amboy, NJ 08879. It will be well-cared for and returned.

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

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

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**Sayreville Recreation Dept. Summer Camp At Burke's Park**  
 (Photos by Tom Burkard)



The campers and counselors got together for a photo after an exciting basketball game.



A camp counselor splashes a camper, to cool off on a very hot summer day.



Everyone had a lot of fun doing arts & crafts projects.



Summer Camp Director Linda Zurawski, who has been in charge of the camp for 33 years, is pictured with one of this year's fine counselors.

**In Memoriam**

Caroline Knoblock, 93, of Sayreville died on May 21. She worked at Sunshine Biscuits in Sayreville for 26 years and retired in '89. Caroline was a member of many church and local organizations. Helen Kane, 71, of South Amboy died on June 29. Prior to retiring, she worked at Kastle Kreations in South Amboy. William "Bill" Roberts, 80, of Sayreville died on July 5. He was a former coach with the Sayreville Little League, and also Our Lady of Victories basketball team. Debra Vattelana, 55, formerly of South Amboy died on July 6. Adeline Piscitelli, 94, of Sayreville died on July 8. Before retiring, she was owner/operator of Nick's Hideout in Sayreville for 10 years. In addition, Adeline authored a cookbook, "Sharing Recipes," and won many blue ribbons. She was a Hoffman HS graduate who later became active with the Middlesex County College Alumni Association. Diane Abadie, 58, of South Amboy died on July 9. She was a paraprofessional for nearly 20 years with the South Amboy School District. Joseph "Joe" Harrigan Sr., 75, of South Amboy died on July 10. He was President of JJ Harrigan Real Estate & Insurance in South Amboy. He was very active in the community and served in various positions in which he held many offices. Joe loved the game of golf, and calculated that he had played the game on over 200 courses in his lifetime. Paul Suhan Sr., 94, of South Amboy died on July 16. He worked at South Amboy Middle/High School before retiring in '85. William "Jimmy" Gray, 85, of South Amboy died on July 19. Through the years he was a South Amboy Police Reserve, member of South Amboy First Aid Squad, and baseball manager for the First Aid Little League team for many years. In addition he was 3 times Past Exalted Ruler with the Perth Amboy Elks Lodge 784. A great guy, Jimmy will be missed and always remembered. Thomas "Tom" Tice, 66, of South Amboy died on July 21. He was a member of St. Mary's HS Class of '69, who went on to become a longtime educator at St. Mary's/Cardinal McCarrick HS, in addition to serving as South Amboy Board of Education President many years ago.

**May their beautiful memories live on forever.**

**Diane (Kanecke) Abadie**

Diane (Kanecke) Abadie, 58, of South Amboy, passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family on Monday July 9, 2018 after a sudden cancer diagnosis. Born in Jersey City, she grew up in South Amboy and returned to raise her family in 1985, after spending her young adult life in the Northwest. She was a paraprofessional for the South Amboy school district for nearly 20 years where she displayed a passion for her work. Diane had a love of music and expressed her deep appreciation for nature through spending time on the beach and long weekends camping. Although she had many passions, her greatest joy came from supporting her children in all their endeavors. Diane was a free spirit with a big heart, a quick witted sense of humor, and had the ability to make the best of any situation. Diane joins her father Edward and her brother Kevin Kanecke in heaven. She is survived by her daughter Rachael and twin sons Neil and David and his wife Nicole; her mother Mary Lou Spahn Kanecke; her brother Jack Kanecke and his wife Patti; her sisters Susan O'Donnell and her husband Bob and Kathleen Moe and her husband Michael all of South Amboy; five nieces and nephews Shaun and Ryan Kanecke and Megan, Kelly and Erin O'Donnell; her Aunt Irene Marshall, her uncles Tom Palmer and Sonny Spahn; and many loving cousins. Diane is also survived by her much anticipated first grandchild due in November. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Hudson Pride Center - Youth Program (HudsonPride.org/Abadie).

**Obituaries**

Abadie, Diane Kanecke, 58, of South Amboy died on July 9.  
 Baxter, Linda E., 75, of Parlin died on July 8.  
 Brodniak, Rita A. Farley, 86, of Parlin died on June 25.  
 DeJesso, Loretta, 78, of Morgan died on May 21.  
 Freyer, Doris M., 86, of Sayreville died on July 16.  
 Gray, William "Jim," 85, of South Amboy died on July 19.  
 Harrigan, Joseph H. "Joe" Sr., 75, of South Amboy died on July 10.  
 Kane, Helen, 71, of South Amboy died on June 29.  
 Knoblock, Caroline, 93, of Sayreville died on May 21.  
 Krainski, Cathy A., 63, of Sayreville died on May 29.  
 Kuczynski, Bernice Pysno, 96, of Sayreville died on June 28.  
 Kutz, Grace J., 96, of Morgan died on July 14.  
 Mataboni, Russell C., 66, of Sayreville died on June 21.  
 Orlowicz, Bernice Ann, formerly of Sayreville died on July 3.  
 Piscitelli, Adeline V. Marchut, 94, of Sayreville died on July 8.  
 Roberts, William "Bill" K., 80, of Sayreville died on July 5.  
 Suhan, Paul Sr., 94, of South Amboy died on July 16.  
 Testino, Rhoda R., 91, of Parlin died on June 28.  
 Thornley, Linda, 71, of Parlin died on June 24.  
 Tice, Thomas "Tom", 66, of South Amboy died on July 21.  
 Vattelana, Debra, 55, formerly of South Amboy died on July 6.  
 Wood, Ann Marie, Rustemeyer, 56, of South Amboy died on July 12.  
 Zdorowski, Stella "Helen," 91, of South Amboy died on July 16.  
 Zielinski, Carol, 62, of Sayreville died on May 8.

**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.



**Bernice Ann Orlowicz**

Bernice Ann Orlowicz of Fort Myers Beach, Florida passed away on July 3, 2018. She was in hospice care at the time of her passing surrounded by loving family. Bernice is survived by her husband Edward, her son David Owens and wife, Nancy of West Union, West Virginia; and her son Daniel Owens and his husband, Richard Maile of Atlanta, Georgia. Also surviving Bernice are her grandchildren: David Owens, and Shannon Lewis and her husband Alan; and great-children Jeremy and Dylan. Bernice was born in South Amboy, New Jersey, the daughter of the late Lester and Carrie Peterson. Bernice and Edward lived in Sayreville, New Jersey before moving to Fort Myers Beach. Bernice is predeceased by first husband David Owens and her sister Dorothy Fenwick Bockman. At Bernice's request her body was donated to MedCure. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to the Sisters of Mercy in the Northeast <https://www.sistersofmercy.org/northeast/donate/>

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## Sayreville Independence Day Celebration

(Photos by Tom Burkard)



The Weeklings "Beatles Bash" featured an outstanding performance of hits by The Beatles. Glen Burtnick (c) formerly of the world-renowned "Styx" is the leader of the band, and Joe Bellia who plays drums/percussion, is formerly from South Amboy.



The King Kong Slide was a big hit with youngsters.



The Sayreville Stingers, a U9 traveling soccer club, and coach had a great time.



Rita's Ice was just what people needed on such a hot summer night.



Thousands of people came to Kennedy Park to see the fireworks display.

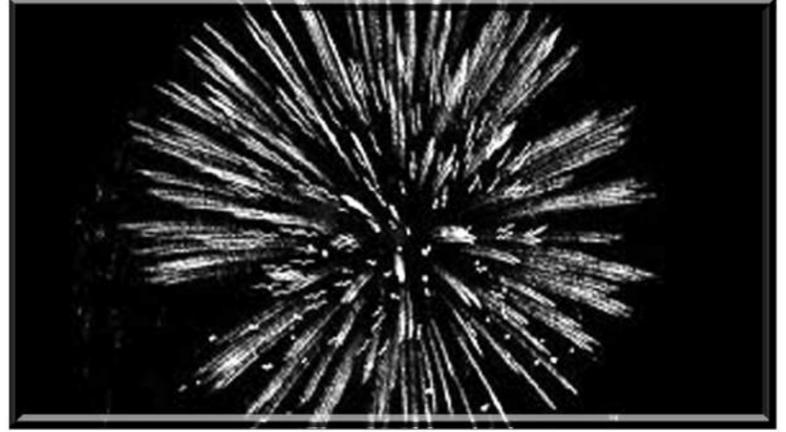


Sayreville Recreation Director Jerry Ust (r) talks with the crowd during the fireworks display. Jerry and his entire staff, did an amazing job for this wonderful event. Congratulations and thank you to all who were involved!



## South Amboy Celebrates Our Stars & Stripes On Raritan Bay

July 3, 2018  
(Photos by Brian Stratton)



Beautiful fireworks lit up the Raritan Bay and could be seen from miles away.



Bursta balloon and win a prize!

A variety of games and rides were available for the children.



Food Trucks were on hand to feed the huge hungry crowd.



South Amboy City Council President Michael "Mickey" Gross (c) wishes DJ Emerson Jones (r) the best of luck prior to the South Amboy Stars and Stripes Independence Day celebration. Mickey's wife Sue is pictured on the left. (Photo by Tom Burkard)