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Newly elected Grand Knight Jordan Drevelus stands in front of the Blessed Mother statue at the South Amboy Knights of Columbus. (Photo by Steve Schmid)

## Youngest Grand Knight Ever

By Steve Schmid

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 has chosen 22 year old Jordan Drevelus to be Grand Knight for the 2022-23 Columbian year. Jordan is the youngest Grand Knight in the 123 year old history of the council. He will celebrate his 23rd birthday in August. Fred Whiteley previously was the youngest Grand Knight when he was 28 years old in 1999-2000. Jordan is gratified to be elected by his fellow Knights. "I think it's an honor and I'm humbled and privileged to be chosen." His goal for the next year is to make Columbian Star Council for the third straight year, continuing the trend begun by predecessor Gary Lattanzi. He said, "The title Knight is accurate since as soldiers for Christ, they stand for what's right in the world." Jordan added the Knights are a pillar in the community working with the Hibernians, American Legion, the fire department, and local churches. He said his grandfather was a Knight belonging to Msgr Carey Council 1280 in Carteret and was loved by the community. That helped spark his interest in the Knights. He is mourning the recent death of his father and said the constant support of his fellow Knights has shown him the true meaning of brotherhood. Jordan is a 2017 graduate of South Amboy High School and graduated Summa Cum Laude and was Valedictorian of his 2021 class at Seton Hall School of Theology in South Orange.

## Ryan Honored By South Amboy

On June 15, the Mayor and City Council of South Amboy honored Jim "Doc" Ryan at a City Council meeting, for his 64 years of serving the community, as a dedicated member/officer of the South Amboy First Aid & Safety Squad. Ryan received a beautiful plaque, and was acknowledged for his service, which is rare for this length of time in any volunteer field. Congratulations and thank you, Jim for your dedication to helping those in need!

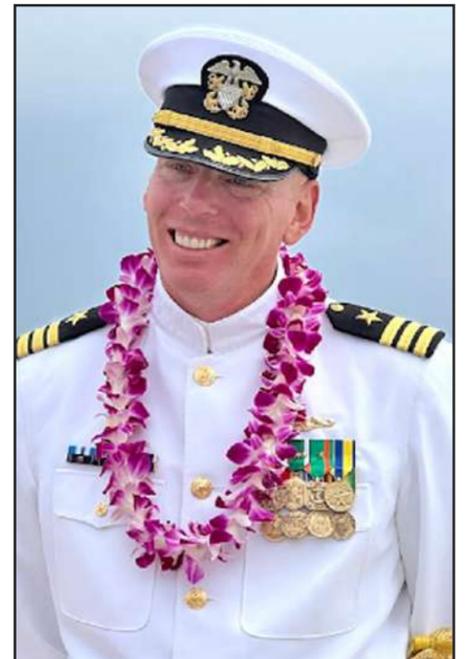
## Those Lazy, Hazy Days Of Summer



During the recent heatwave, Cheesquake State Park was filled with swimmers trying to stay cool. (Photo by Brian Stratton)

## Rose Named Commanding Officer

By Electronics Technician (Nuclear)  
Third Class Bruce Morgan



### Commander Christopher Rose

The Los Angeles-class fast-attack submarine USS Alexandria (SSN 757) held a change of command ceremony aboard the ship at Naval Base Point Loma, June 8.

Cmdr. Christopher Rose, a South Amboy, N.J. native, relieved Cmdr. Christopher J. Carter as commanding officer. Cmdr. Rose graduated from St. Mary Elementary School in South Amboy, and also St. Joseph's of Metuchen High School.

Capt. Timothy Poe, Commander, Submarine Squadron 15, was the guest speaker at the ceremony, and Carter was presented with a Meritorious Service Medal.

"I cannot imagine a better leader to offset the challenging environment of the last three plus years," said Poe. "He led his team to the forefront of our naval efforts in the Pacific. Technical expertise aside, its Chris's genuine love for the crew that's unmatched. He truly embraces a people-first mentality. Chris, congratulations on a job well done, enjoy being back home in DC."

Under Carter's command, Alexandria successfully deployed twice to the Western Pacific. The ship completed an extended deployment last week to the U.S. 7th Fleet area of responsibility, where the crew executed the Chief of Naval Operations' maritime strategy in support of national security interests and maritime security operations.

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## Final Election Results For South Amboy

The final election results for the South Amboy Primary Election have been submitted. In the Democratic Primary, Mayor Fred Henry had 567 votes, 60% over Councilman Brian McLaughlin 383 votes, 40%. In the Democrat Council At-Large race, Michael "Mickey" Gross-548 votes, 29%, and Anthony Conrad 499, 27% won over Councilwoman Christine Noble 442, 24%, and Mary Szaro 376, 20%.

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This mural is dedicated to all the veterans who have served and fought for the United States of America. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

## Veterans' Mural At Kennedy Park

By Nina Iglesias, Art Teacher

Back in May of last year 2021, still in the Covid Pandemic, Michele Maher had learned that I was an art teacher in town where I grew up, and so reached out to me to see if I would be interested in doing a special mural for the Veterans, to show our support of our military. I had never undertaken anything like this other than painting the murals inside of Cheesquake Elementary school when Sayreville took it over with the Project Before Preschool. Back then, Audrey Burns entrusted me with that project, again, one I had never done before, I just offered my time so when the kids came in person finally, they had a beautiful school to walk into.

Fast forward to this project, Michele was the one this time to believe in me. The initial sketch and painting I wasn't thrilled with but I think they understood where I might be going with it. Originally it would go under a train trestle, but that was never approved, and so when Michele messaged me about Kennedy Park, I immediately texted her ( I almost dropped the phone) with a resounding YES!

The two very plain, very large walls that were to be considered are located at a great spot and easy to paint on, level for a lift, but sadly, hidden behind the skatepark. The moment I saw where it was, I said nope. Can't have the Veterans' mural hidden. So that's when I saw the brick buildings. Very difficult and porous brick to paint,

especially to do a mural. But it reflected on the water, and that's all I needed visually to know it had to go there. Not to mention those walls are highly visible just driving by the park. I even asked on a Facebook Mural Artists group I belong to what muralists from all over the world thought of the location, and they all agreed with me. It had to be the brick wall.

This project physically began on April 30th, 2022, and without the help of Michele getting everything approved, Total Hardware for their unbelievable patience with me coming in and out with paint, getting the correct paint sprayer, etc, The buildings and

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## Congratulations!



On June 21st, South Amboy High School commenced the Graduation of the class of 2022. Pictured (l-r) are Valedictorian Tatjana Roessle and Salutatorian Cori LaVigne. Best wishes to the class of 2022. (Photo by Brian Stratton)

## Talk Of The Towns

By Tom Burkard

### 50th Wedding Anniversary

Congratulations to Eddie and Vaughn Lee on their 50th Wedding Anniversary, which will be celebrated on August 12. The happy couple started dating in 8th grade at Sacred Heart Grammar School, and also graduated from St. Mary's HS in the Class of 1968.

### Gomolka Sworn In As New Policeman

Matt Gomolka, son of former local residents Matt and Tina Gomolka, was recently sworn-in as a full-time Police Officer with the Marlboro Twp. Police Dept. Congrats and best of luck, Matt!

### St. Mary's Class of '72 Update

Diane Norek Harrison commented on last month's article by Steve Schmid saying, "The 'initial' plans for the reunion were by Diane Norek Harrison under the leadership of the late John Carroll. The two have worked together for over 10 years for the good of St. Mary's Class of '72."

### Wells Makes Dean's List

Sarah (Wells) Kramer of South Amboy made the Dean's list for the Spring 2022 semester at Montclair State University. Sarah is a Physical Education Major. To qualify for the Dean's list a GPA of 3.6 or higher is required. Great job Sarah!

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

**Correction**  
Last month The SA Times inadvertently listed Dan Szatkowski as South Amboy Fire Chief instead of Dave Szatkowski who is the current Chief of the South Amboy Fire Dept., and doing an excellent job. Our sincere apologies Dave for this typo.

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 -A.G.

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## Pleasant Little TRIVIA

By Tom Burkard

1. President of the Dowdell Library Foundation Board of Trustees in 2012?  
a. Mary Schaap b. Florence Wasserman c. Catherine Charmello
2. In '12, where was Covello's Italian Seafood & Restaurant located in Sayreville?  
a. Rt. 35 North, Morgan b. Rt. 9 South Sayreville c. Main St.
3. South Amboy Knights of Columbus #426 Grand Knight for 2012-2013?  
a. Joe Durnya b. Ray Suchcicki c. Ken Smetana
4. In '12, where was the Yogurtshack located in Sayreville?  
a. Ernston Rd. b. Pulawski Ave. c. Washington Rd.
5. In 2012, where was Scans and More located in South Amboy?  
a. North Broadway b. North Stevens Ave. c. South Broadway
6. In 2005, this former Sayreville Councilman ran for Governor of New Jersey?  
a. Jeff Pawlowski b. Maria Alvarez c. Michael Longstreet
7. Who replaced South Amboy Supt. of Schools Patrick Martin in '05?  
a. Raheem Jackson b. Monika Patel c. Robert Sheedy
8. In 2005, this college offered satellite courses at Cardinal McCarrick HS?  
a. Trenton State b. St. Peter's College c. Kean University
9. In 2000, was chosen chairman of the Sayreville Democratic Party?  
a. John Wisniewski b. John McCormack c. James Zagata
10. In June 2000, the outgoing Pastor of St. Bernadette's Church was?  
a. Father Andrew Szaroleta b. Msgr. Mullaney c. Father Eugene Schellberg

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



Beautiful patriotic mural at Kennedy Park in Sayreville. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

**Veterans' Mural - continued from page 1**

grounds staff who also had so much patience with me working the lift and giving me keys to get in and out when I needed, Holt Machinery for donating 2 lifts to me to do the big parts of the project and now a smaller one for me to finally work by myself, I am forever grateful to everyone. This was not just a me project but a WE one. I am still tweaking things, adding some more lights, and putting details on, But for the most part, it IS finished.

The purpose of these murals is to remind everyone about this land we are privileged to stand on. What these men and women sacrificed for us, for the future of this great nation should NEVER EVER BE FORGOTTEN. Many people have forgotten. This mural is in no way a political stance at all either, I must add. It is a seriously humbling reminder of what we need to be grateful for. I heard at the fireworks by Elyse Barone that when she came into the park, she saw someone saluting the wall. That was all I needed to hear to know I had picked the right location for this. I hope all Veterans if they do not know this is here, at least find out it is, because I tell you what. I was never a very patriotic person.

But I cannot tell you how many times during this process tears streamed down my face as I painted those plaques, the POW MIA sign, and painted those stars and stripes, the face of the statue of liberty, and the boots, rifle and helmet, sitting alone on the hill right to the sunset. This project changed me, and resounded within me to be grateful for the freedoms we do have, and that we must stand tall and strong in the face of any adversity we may be met with.

I honestly was only going to send some pictures and write to you and say, "Hey if you would like to see this mural, I think everyone should see it if they haven't". But I wear my heart on my sleeve, and well, my heart gets carried away sometimes. I hope this mural means something to many, it means a lot to me.

Thanks to: Total Hardware: Alessandra, Barry and Carlos, Holt Machinery: Mike, Maddie and Gavin

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Rich Cierpial, Connor Deecken. Joe and Tony Malara for their guidance always and on the POW sign

Danielle Wriole (My lifelong friend growing up in Sayreville) for her generosity in helping with the designs for the military plaques.

To The Cheesequake Project Before staff for being so encouraging throughout the past 3 months,

To all the people I met, the ones who stopped to chat, to give me words of encouragement,

To the children who came up to help me paint, I do hope you become artists one day as you told me you want to do. AND to the Veterans, for whom this is dedicated. May your stories never be forgotten, may you always be listened to, honored and thanked. Because you deserve nothing less than our support and for this country to be at peace, something you fought so hard for us to have. I pray this will be a reminder to all to never take that for granted.



The mural artist Nina Iglesias (l) is pictured with her friend of 40 years Danielle Wriole (r) who helped with Paque design. (Photo Submitted)

**Vendors Wanted**

The First Presbyterian Church of Sayreville is looking for vendors for its annual Flea Market. This year it will be held on Saturday September 10, 2022 from 8am to 2pm. The rain date is September 17, 2022. The cost of a space is \$20.00 for one space and \$30.00 for two. There is a limited number of tables available for another \$8.00. For more information please contact the church at 732-257-6353 or churchoffice172@optimum.net. We have been continually growing this flea market over a number of years and would love to add you to our event.

**Fundraising BBQ**

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## Yearbook-Sayreville 1997

By Tom Burkard

When the Sayreville War Memorial HS (SWMHS) Class of '97 began its final school year in September 1996, "Macarena" by Los Del rio was the top hit in the nation. The title of the '97 SWMHS yearbook was "Splash of Blue and Gray." Co-Editor-In-Chief was Kim Burzinski and Brian Farley... Dennis Fyffe was school principal and some of the teachers were Gregg Palmer, Linda Tanchyk, Stewart Cress, Nicholas Cifelli, Meredith Clayton, Patricia Feltz, Lori Rosen, James Craft, Elaine Hall, Charles Demskis, Debra Golder... The Student Council consisted of: President-Laura Kennedy; Vice-Pres.-Sahid Jabbie; Sec.-Eve Strawhand; Treas.-Stephanie Schneider... The Senior Class Council officers were: President-Kelly Braine; Vice Pres.-Melissa Saul; Treas.-Bonnie Huang; Recording Sec.-Audra Browning; Corresponding Sec.-Joe Przybylowski. A small portion of the huge graduating Class of 1997, selected randomly include: Diane Apito, Dina Beninato, Paul Brylinski, Sheila Boyd, Ecliffe Cliney, Tara Cross, Amy Eberle, Jay Fulton, Kelly Gecek, Amy Haag, Robert Henn, Beatrice Jaroszynski, Cynthia Keenan, Dusty Kemple, Amie Koval, Stephanie Kulik, Tim Kubinak, Jeff Kuczynski, Elizabeth Lang, Tracy Lasko,

Eric Lipshetz, Vincent Lombardi, Anthony Mauro, Nicole Midura, Brian Mocar, Eugene Mount, John Mytnick, Tracy Nakielny, Claire Ojeda, Jim Osmond, Arati Patel, Monica O'Toole, Michael Popowski, Monique Randazzo, Dawn Robe, Jennifer Scamardella, Sarah Seminski, William Shaver, Shannon Skarzynski, Kwan Chu Siu, Kristin Sommers, Susan Sprague, Brian Szkodny, Christopher Teeter, Eryn Toomey, Brett Utter, William Tirpak, Brianna Vazquez, Jason Wan, Wayne Watson, Jennifer Wojcik, Sheree Wong... As always the school featured numerous sports teams, clubs, programs, and extracurricular activities for the students. The new Peer Leadership program got underway, while the Fall Drama was "A Christmas Carol." The Spring Musical was "Peter Pan." The Homecoming Game was a blast, and Eniko Bartus was chosen Homecoming Queen. MMBop by Hanson ruled the airwaves at graduation time. There were tears of joy and sadness on Graduation Day as everyone said a final goodbye to Sayreville War Memorial HS and friends, some whom they may never see again. Bonnie Huang and Gregory Stricker were the Class of 1997's co-Valedictorians.

## South Amboy School District Retirements



South Amboy Schools honored their retiring staff at the June BOE meeting. Pictured (l-r) Dr. Patrick McCabe Middle/High School Principal, Michelle Buchanan Elementary School Vice Principal, Georgeann Tice Elementary School Teacher, Maureen Kelly Jurgens Middle/High Teacher, Patrick Walsh BOE President and Dr. Martin Gurczeski Interim Superintendent of Schools. Also retiring are Barbara Falvo Elementary School Teacher, Linda Flynn Elementary School Teacher, Eileen McNamara ParaProfessional and Sheri Kemprowski Maintenance Supervisor. Congratulations to all! (Photo by Brian Stratton)

## Sayreville Library News

**"Heads-Up Seniors: Fall Prevention & Pedestrian Safety" (Virtual)**  
**Wednesday, Aug. 3, 6:00 PM**

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Register online or call 732-727-0212 Ext 112.

Please be sure to be in a quiet room where you will not be disturbed and be seated in a chair with your feet flat on the floor.

**Tuesday Movie Matinee**  
**Tuesday, August 16 @1PM**

This Month: Downton Abbey, a film adaptation of the iconic BBC series.

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## Happy Retirement!



Rita Murphy (holding balloon) crossed her last student on June 21st and is retiring after 20 years. She is surrounded by the crossing guards in South Amboy. Best wishes on your retirement! (Photo Submitted)

## Holmdel's Piscatelli Leads Football Team Outreach Squad In Helping Town's Seniors

(Article submitted)

Andrew Piscatelli, grandson of former South Amboy residents Andy and Janet Piscatelli is going into his Junior year at Holmdel High School. He saw the need for a Community Outreach Squad that was established with one goal in mind: to support the local community and particularly the older demographic.

"Seeing how my grandparents" who are in their 80s and have supported youth and high school football for over 60 years "struggle to keep up their own yard," gave Andrew the idea.

Andrew divided the participants into five teams, established a captain for each, and assigned each team a resident's address with a list of tasks to complete, such as leaf clean up, limb and hedge trimming, grass raking and weeding.

"Our work really shows the community how much we appreciate their support of us and hopefully brought a few elderly residents who have lost touch with the schools and kids of our town back into the mix," Andrew said, "We invited each one to come to our home games to watch us play and enjoy the band, cheerleader and dance team performances."

Secondarily, Andrew noted, there is tremendous benefit to the team in doing a project like this. Citing Vince Lombardi's famous quote — "Leaders are made, they are not born" — Andrew saw this as a great first step in establishing leadership habits for the upcoming football season, especially for the younger players.

"It builds camaraderie among the guys and allows teammates to come together well before we step onto the field," he said.

## Motorcycle Photo in April

By Steve Chuilli

Anna Dziekan-Cross, whose photo is in the April 30, 2022 article (100 years ago), is my Grandmother. Her parents owned two homes one on John Street, the other on Henry Street (back-to-back). Her father Kazimierz Dziekan and Marya Dziekan fled Poland to America and landed in South Amboy. Kazimierz was the town's butcher. The bike shown in the photo is believed to be an Indian between 1913 and 1916. Anna had 4 sisters: Vick, Florence, Kate and Pelli. Anna also had 4 brothers Adam, John, Stanley and Patrick more than likely the Indian bike belongs to one of the brothers. Anna was born in 1899 in one of the houses either on John's Street or Henry Street so Anna should be

around 17 in the photo.

Hope this answers your questions as to who appeared in that vintage photo.



Photo from the April 30, 2022 article (100 Years Ago)

## 2022 Road Improvements Contract Awarded

The South Amboy City Council has awarded a contract to Black Rock Enterprises LLC in the amount of \$514, 766.63 to perform local road improvement projects. Perspecifications developed by City Engineer Mark Rasimowicz the following streets will be resurfaced: Mason Avenue, Henry Street (500 block), Thompson Avenue, Spinnaker Drive, Parker Avenue, Augusta Street (100 block), Ward Avenue (1/2 width) George Street (400 block), and the Senior Center parking lot at the corner of Stevens Avenue and David Street.

"We make it a point to pay particular attention to infrastructure," said Mayor Fred Henry. "In the past twelve years my administration has, through a combination of grant monies and tax dollars, paved over

65% of our City Streets. We will continue to fund this program moving forward to ensure that our roadways are in top condition", said Henry.

Other roadway improvements on tap for this year include the Middlesex County annual road improvement program which will allow for the resurfacing of Main Street between Route 9 and Broadway as well as a New Jersey Department of Transportation Grant that will bring roadway, curbing, and sidewalk improvements to Feltus Street between Main Street and Bordentown Avenue.

"We will continue to identify the remaining roadways that require improvements and prioritize them in subsequent budget years", said Mayor Henry.



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**Rose Named** - continued from page 1

“The Alexandria crew and families have grit, are selfless, continue to remain focused on the mission, and are hard as nails,” said Carter. “They make my job easy and I am glad that I had the chance to be their leader. The thing I am most proud of is that they executed as a cohesive unit ensuring that every crew member was pushed to higher limits within their expertise. Thank you to everyone here today who have supported me and Commander Rose. And to the crew thank you for being the best crew that a commanding officer could dream of.”

After officially relieving Carter, Rose addressed his crew for the first time as commanding officer.

“Over the past several weeks I have seen you operate this warship to the maximum of her capabilities,” he said. “Your work ethic and dedication are truly what make the submarine force great. I am excited to

get this warship into and out of dry dock and back out to sea with you where she belongs.”

Rose graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 2005 with a Bachelor of Science in Ocean Engineering. He also holds Master of Science Degrees in Mechanical Engineering from Naval Postgraduate School and Engineering Management from Old Dominion University. Rose last served as the Submarine Branch Head and Executive Officer/Post-Executive Officer detailer at Navy Personnel Command (PERS 42)

Commissioned June 29, 1991, Alexandria is more than 360 feet long and displaces more than 6,900 tons and is capable of supporting various missions, including anti-submarine warfare. Pat and “Bud” Rose are the proud parents of Commander Rose. Congratulations and best wishes for continued success in the future, Commander Rose!



**Kean Reunion**



Retired NJ State Police Lieutenants Mike Deitche (r) and Mike Downs (l) both from South Amboy, are pictured with former NJ Governor Thomas H. Kean, in celebrating the 40th anniversary of the Kean administration. Governor Kean was the 48th Governor of NJ from 1982-1990. Former Governor James McGreevy also attended the get together at the Breakers in Spring Lake on June 13, 2022. (Photos/info submitted)



Former Governor James McGreevy (c) is pictured with retired NJ State Police Lieutenants Mike Downs (l) and Mike Deitche (r).



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## SWMHS CLASS OF 70 & 71 CELEBRATES TURNING 70!

Sayreville War Memorial High School Classes of 1970-71 are planning a 70th birthday celebration barbecue on Saturday, September 10, 2022 from 1-5pm. The barbecue will be held at the Knights of Columbus Picnic Grounds, 755 Washington Road, Parlin, NJ. The cost is \$55 a person and includes classic picnic fare and an open bar. No tickets will be sold at the door. To RSVP, please send your check payable to Debbie

Cuddihy Weck at 249 Morgan Ave., South Amboy, NJ 08879. Include your maiden name if applicable, class year and contact information. For more information, contact: Debbie Cuddihy Weckdebbieweck@aol.com, Jacques Unkelhawksmom86@optonline.net. For Accommodations, contact Susan Boyle- sjboyle4@yahoo.com. Please pass the word!

### Camp Kindness Day at Sayreville Recreation Camp (Photos/Info Submitted)



On Tuesday, July 19, 2022, campers across the United States, including campers at Sayreville Recreation's Burke's Park program, celebrated Camp Kindness Day. Camp Kindness Day is sponsored by the American Camp Association and "showcases the commitment of the camp community to fostering the core values of kindness, compassion, generosity, and care, and integrating those values more fully into every aspect of our society." The day features an intentional shift in programming for youth to learn skills to be kind, compassionate, socially-minded, and community-oriented citizens. To celebrate, Sayreville campers created a handprint mural, read stories about kindness and inclusion, and chanted the walk with positive and kind messages.

## Thank You!



Maggie Whiteley (C) received a certificate of appreciation from BOE President Patrick Walsh (l) and Interim Superintendent Dr. Martin Gurczeski for her year as the student representative to the BOE. Great job Maggie! (Photo by Brian Stratton)

## CALL FOR PHOTOGRAPHS

Everyone is a photographer today! Whether professional or amateur or someone trying to capture a special moment. The South Amboy Arts Alliance believes that art ignites a flame in our hearts and also transforms our minds to reveal the beauty and awe in the world that can inspire us. The South Amboy Arts Alliance is looking for original photos that show your 'go-to place,' that place that helps you find inspiration, hope, peace, joy, contentment or that 'one' which puts a smile on your face as you ponder your next steps. Over the past few years, many of us have found that 'one' place and we ask that you share this special place with us and our community. South Amby Arts Alliance is a non-profit group that collaborates with the City of South Amboy in Middlesex County

NJ. We are referred to as 'South Amboy Arts.' We are seeking photographs for our next gallery show, and street art show, 'Banners on Broadway 22.' This show called 'Art on Broadway 22' This public art is made possible by a grant from the Arts Institute of Middlesex County. All photographs entered must be original and photographed by the individual submitting the photo(s). Your original photo will hang in the SA Gallery on Broadway for our Artsfest 2022 beginning in August. The winning entries will be reproduced on vinyl banners to hang throughout our city over the next several months.

For further information please contact us at SAarts141@gmail.com or Call 732-727-4600 x5971.

## 4th Degree Assembly Chooses Officers

Monsignor John F. Brady Assembly 676 of South Amboy, Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus,

has elected its slate of officers to serve in the 2022-23 Colombian year. Faithful Navigator Christopher Duffett, Faithful Comptroller Stephen Agnone, Faithful Friar Rev. Msgr. Andrew Szaroleta, Faithful Captain Bruce Grzankowski, Faithful Purser

Stephen Schmid, Faithful Pilot Edward Vassallo, Faithful Scribe Scot Pampaloni, Faithful Inner Sentinel John Anagnostis, Faithful Outer Sentinel Michael Roemer, Faithful One Year Trustee Carl Agneta, Faithful Two Year Trustee Jan Williams, Faithful Three Year Trustee Raymond Suchcicki, Color Corps Commander Michael Donahue.

## Garage Sale

A sale will take place on September 10, 2022 at St. Bernadette's parking lot, 20 Villanova Rd., Parlin from 9am to 2pm. Bring your own table, 20 spots still available cost is \$20 per table.. Questions call Chris 732- 501-2828.

## Trail of Trials

By Al Gomolka Jr.  
Times Poet Laureate,  
c. 1995

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

## Song Lyric Trivia

By Brian Stratton

There is a game trending on social media that has people asking questions relating to song lyrics for all different genres, i.e. Country, Rock, TV themes etc. See how many you can get right! The answers on page 16..

1. Where does Garth Brooks have friends?
2. What does Tim McGraw have on his white tee shirt?
3. Who does Whitney Houston want to dance with?
4. What did Starship build this city on?
5. What does TLC not want?
6. According to Journey, where did the small town girl live?
7. What did the Golden Girls thank you for?
8. What did Def Leppard want you to do in the name of love?
9. Where did Guns N Roses want you to take them?
10. Per John Cougar Melloncamp, where did the two American kids grow up?
11. What was Jenny's phone number?
12. What was Jeremiah?
13. Where did the Fresh Prince grow up?
14. What did the Beach Boys have till Daddy took the T-Bird away?
15. According to Don Mclean, what were the Good Ole Boys drinking?



## The Smoke Column

By Ex-Chief Richard Kosmoski, BA., MS.

Different areas of our country experience certain types of fires that are only common to these specific areas. Firefighters should train to be proficient in the types of fires they would be expected to respond to. In the middle of Nebraska, it would be unlikely to find a high-rise structure so firefighters would not normally train to fight a fire in one. But these firefighters would train to fight fires in a barn, silo, or fertilizer storage facility with a limited water supply. On the other hand, firefighters in urban areas with high-rise structures train to fight fires in what is common to their location. It makes no sense to train for fires that would never occur in your response area. It is important to train and prepare for the typical routine fire that we normally respond to. These are the fires that we sometimes get complacent with and may be that one time where we get hurt. A type of fire that is prone to occur mostly in our western states is the wildland interface fire. These fires can devastate hundreds of thousands of acres of our natural forests and destroy all the structures in their way. A major cause of these fires is dry lightning which occurs without the rain. The best conditions for one of these wildland fires to occur is when the wooded area is dry, temperatures are high, humidity is low, and the winds are strong. A dry lightning strike may go unnoticed for some time, long enough for a fire to get hold. Once the fire gets a head start it becomes difficult to control, especially when it is in a remote area. It takes a while to deploy manpower and resources into these areas, especially if there are no available access roads. Some wildland fires have required thousands of firefighters to fight them. A fire under those conditions can easily exhaust fire crews and reduce the amount of time they can fight that fire. Such a fire occurred near Yarnell, Arizona, on June 28th, 2013, and was

not declared 100% contained until July 10th. When fires of this magnitude occur, outside specialized firefighting teams respond and are called Hotshots or Smoke Jumpers. The Granite Mountain Hotshots from Prescott, Arizona responded to the Yarnell Hill Fire as it was named. Of the twenty Granite Mountain Hotshots that fought this fire, nineteen were killed by its deadly effects. This was the deadliest wildland fire for U.S. firefighters since 1933. The fire was reported at 5:36 pm on June 28th and was determined to be started from a lightning strike. On June 30th, fierce winds of 22 mph pushed the fire from three hundred acres to over two thousand acres. A long-term drought contributed to the fire's rapid spread as did temperatures of 101.0 degrees. As the fire intensified, the Granite Mountain Hotshots were in the midst of this conflagration and became trapped by the intense heat and flames. Each firefighter was supplied with a single-person fire shelter made of aluminum and to be deployed when they are unable to escape the fire and heat. The shelter acts like a protective covering. The fire in this case was so intense that it over-ran the firefighters while they were inside their shelters. The lone survivor was the designated lookout but he too was threatened by the fire but was able to escape to safety. An investigation of the fire determined that the state fire officials knowingly put protection of property ahead of safety and should have pulled crews out of the area earlier. A reminder to all fire service leaders, at NO time should protection of property or the environment be placed before the lives of our firefighters, PERIOD! Locally in both the southern and northern sections of our state, fires of this nature do occur. The magnitude of the fire is determined by the conditions that occur in high heat, dryness, and lower humidity, typical July weather.

## SAFD WETDOWN

On June 25th SAFD Mechanicsville Hose Co. held a wet down celebration for their new Engine 10 at the baseball complex. Surrounding fire departments came and "wet down" the new engine as a traditional blessing of the new apparatus. The 2021 New E- One fire engine replaces a 1986 Mack. (Photos/Info by Jamie Norek)



Photos below courtesy of Louis Kwiatek.



## Congratulations!



South Amboy Elks would like to Congratulate these 5 South Amboy High School graduates who were the recipients of our local lodge scholarships. Each student received \$800 to use towards their college needs. Pictured L/R Exalted Ruler Melissa Bobbins, Maggie Whiteley, Cori LaVigne, Adam Eldeeb, Joe Jamolowicz, Abdelrahman Abusherifa and our scholarship Chairperson Tony Gonsalves. For information about NJ Elks scholarships go to njelks.org, or contact your local Elks Lodge. (Photo/Info Submitted)

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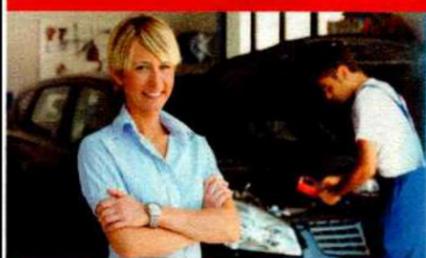


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## EMS Cadets Win Competition

( Story by Jill Riley)

The Morgan First Aid Squad Cadets competed in the 7th Annual Bayshore EMS Cadet Competition held at the Keyport First Aid Squad on June 11, 2022. They competed against other cadet squads from all over the state, and the Advanced team took 1st place in the competition. The Morgan First Aid squad had three teams entered this year in the competition, and it was their first year competing. The advanced team must have at least 1 EMT on its team. Cadets are 15 1/2 - 18 years old and train weekly at the first aid squad to develop skills and learn leadership to become regular adult squad members. Many cadets have earned their EMT (Emergency

Medical Technician) certification, and can practice independently as an EMT when they turn 18. The advanced team must have at least 1 EMT on its team. The cadet advisors are Captain Allan Berkovitz and Jill Riley.

The Morgan First Aid Squad and Cadet Corps. are always looking for new members to join a winning team of volunteers. If interested, call 732-525-5455 or email rileyrn@yahoo.com for more information about joining our organization. You can also follow us on Facebook at Morgan First Aid Squad and see the events and activities we do in addition to answering first aid calls and saving lives.



Pictured (l-r) Hannah Gao, Alyssa Simon, Nishka Rao, Saniya Jones, Liesha Yenduri, Siri Dasari, Ruvini Babaria, Skylar Krass, Alex Kodak, James Patnaik, Aiden Brennan.



Pictured (l-r) Ruvini Babaria, Skylar Krass, (Ken Krohe - Keyport FAS trophy presenter), Siri Dasari, Liesha Yenduri. (Photos by Allan Berkovitz)

## Knights Summer Food Drive



South Amboy Knights of Columbus member Bruce Grankowski loads food during the Knights summer food drop off, a benefit that helped the First Presbyterian Church food bank. Over 1,100 pounds of food was donated by the community. (Photo/Info by Steve Schmid)

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

**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 -BS, PS, MM, ML, LF.

## Sayreville Rec Sports Camps

(Photos by Janet Cook)



Sayreville Rec is offering the sports camps again all summer. Basketball, volleyball, soccer, flag football, outdoor games, field hockey, softball, and lacrosse are being offered. In the photo above, youngsters are learning basketball fundamentals at the Sayreville Rec basketball camp.



Former Sayreville Bomber basketball star Isi Enahoro (r) is pictured with Jackson Cook during the basketball camp.

## Bicentennial Celebration Flashback



1976-This photo was taken during the Bicentennial Celebration in South Amboy. (Photo by Anthony Lehnert)

### We Just Have To Live It

By Albert Gomolka Jr.  
C.2022

Life-Breathe, think,  
feel, do

Everyone was given life  
We just have to live it...

Life is like a song  
A melodic lullabye or  
hard metal punk,  
Life is like a wild ride  
With twists and turns at  
every curve,

We just have to live it...  
Life is every breath we take  
Not realized but true with  
all senses too,

Life is a mystery  
In conscious, unconscious,  
and subsistence realms  
We just have to live it...

Life is a gift from  
God who cares-  
With good and bad  
And happy and sad  
If scary or glad  
Peaceful or mad  
Pastel or plaid  
Fullness or tad  
We minus or add  
Life isn't a fad

Though changes be had...  
Try living for beauty  
Try living for love  
We just have to live it  
For God up above...

### SAVE THE DATE FOR ARTSFEST 2022!

The SA ARTS ALLIANCE will be hosting their 2022 ARTSFEST on Sunday, September 18th along Broadway. FREE Activities will include Entertainment, Arts and Crafts, Admission to our Gallery Show and more! Food, and Art & Craft Vendors will also be featured.

Mark the date so you don't miss this great community event! Volunteers are needed! Please let us know if you can spare a few hours for this cause or join our planning committee.

Community Service hours are also available for high school students. For additional information. Please contact SAarts141@gmail.com or call 732-727-4600 ext.5971.

### September 11th Memorial Service

The Borough of Sayreville will be hosting the 21st Annual Memorial Service to remember the victims of September 11, 2001. The Memorial Service will be held at 4:30pm, Sunday, September 11th, 2022 rain or shine at the Sayreville Borough 9/11 Memorial in Burke's Park, Washington Road. Those wishing to attend are asked to arrive by 4:00pm. For more information, contact the Municipal Clerk's Office at 732-390-7021.



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## South Amboy City-Wide Yard Sale

(Photos by Tom Burkard)



This beautiful display of Christmas items was found at South Stevens Ave.



On the other side of "The Pleasant Little City," homes on Railroad Ave. featured many amazing items and collectibles.



The sign says it all, and everyone had a fun weekend at the City-Wide Yard Sale in South Amboy.

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## ST. STAN'S SCHOOL

(Photos/Info Submitted)



Fourth grade St. Stan's students, Gia Drezek and Liam Then, present their class' birthday card to Rev. Kenneth Murphy, pastor of St. Stan's parish, during his birthday celebration.



Pre kindergarten students gather for a photo after their graduation-moving up celebration.



Kindergarten students fold their hands while they sing, Immaculate Mary, during their graduation ceremony.



Nick Mellos and Mark DiGiacomo prepare burgers at St. Stan's annual carnival. (Photo By Ronald Madeira)



Do you know who this is? Send your answer to satimes@aol.com by August 15th.



### Who is it?

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton

Last month was a tough one but I have to admit that if I was playing I would have to be disqualified since the two men we were looking for were my Great Grandfather John Schachel and my Grandfather William "Bill" Schachel. I will let the letter below from my Mom Marlene and Aunt Janet give some details. Special thanks to my cousin Bob Ciszewski for sharing the photo.

We received one correct answer from Bill & Chris Madeline (1 pt).

*Brian, We certainly can tell you who it is! The far left is our grandfather John "Pop" Schachel, original owner of Schachel's Bar & Grill. Next to him is our father Bill Schachel, the second owner. Across the bar are Bill's in-laws, our uncles Ed Ciszewski*

*2nd from left, behind him Aunt Mary Chasey, Uncle "Chick" Chasey with hat.*

*Sorry we don't know the others. Maybe some old friends can help out. The picture is probably before 1947, when Bill sold business to his brother, Charlie.*

*Marlene Schachel Letwenski & Janet Schachel Piscatelli*

*A reader said, "I'll take a wild guess and say the guy on the left is Marco Marcella from the old Milton Berle show, who used to live on Catherine Street."*

*\*\*Good guess! We agree...that could be Marco Marcella!*

*\*\*Schachel's Bar & Grill was located at the current Bello's location in Parlin.*



Schachel's Bar & Grill

### Local Wildlife



A few egrets were relaxing near where the North Jersey Coastline tracks cross the Cheesequake (Morgan) Creek when an Inbound train went past and caused them all to take off and head for a more quiet resting place in the marsh. (Photo/info by Ed English)



**Waiting To Be**

By Robert W. Eginton

Sophia,  
Sophia,  
Granddaughter  
to be,  
May you enter  
this world  
With a big smile  
for me.  
Oh, little girl  
Full of ribbons  
and bows,  
Bringing sunshine  
and love  
Wherever she goes.  
May you bless us  
With your charm  
and grace,  
And make this world  
A much better place.  
And so  
dear Lord  
Please send  
you little miracle  
to me,  
I'm just a proud  
grandfather....  
Waiting to be!

*\*This poem was submitted by Robert W. Eginton, who said, "This poem was written in anticipation of the birth of my granddaughter. She is now 10 months old, her name is Sophia, and she is the love of my life."*

**PRAYER TO ST. JUDE**

(To be said when problems arise or when one seems to be deprived of all visible help, on far cases almost despaired of). Most holy Apostle St. Jude, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the church honors and invokes you universally as the patron of hopeless cases, of things almost despaired of, pray for me, I am so helpless and alone. Make use I implore you of that particular privilege given to you, to bring visible and speedy help where help is almost despaired of. Come to my assistance in this great need that I may receive the consolation and help of heaven in all my necessities, tribulations, and sufferings, and that I may praise God with you and all the elect forever. I promise O Blessed St. Jude, to be ever mindful of this great favor, to always honor you as my special and powerful patron, and to gratefully encourage devotion to you. Amen. Thank You St. Jude. -P.S..

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 Vehicle Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Plate: \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

Upon signing this form I release the City of South Amboy from any responsibility for injury, accidents, damages, or stolen property, that may or could occur to myself or my vehicle(s) while at the event. I will be responsible for any and all persons entering the event with me. I will adhere to the rules and regulations set forth by the Independence Engine & Hose Co. #1. While participating at said event.

**LETTERS**

**Hello,**

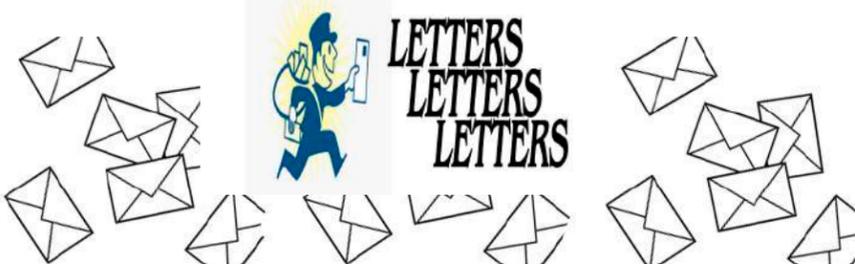
In one of your recent editions you had a picture of the current Sayreville mayor and the female members of the Borough Council. The caption stated this was the most females ever in the governing body. I believe somewhere around the mid to late 70's there was a female mayor and the entire council were women. I do know the mayor's name was Mrs. Kerr.

**Dona Lewandowski**

*Thanks for the information Dona. I was able to do some research and found that on January 3, 1968 Mayor Mrs. Mary (Peggy) Kerr, and Councilwomen Mrs. Dorothy Carter, Mrs. Florence Koval and Mrs. Dolores Zaccardi, who campaigned as the Democratic Distaff Slate, were sworn in by the City Clerk. Mayor Kerr became the first woman Mayor in Sayreville and the council would be split between the three returning male members and the three women listed above. The two photos are of the Mayor being sworn in with her sons in attendance. The second is of the four women before the election. The current Sayreville Mayor Victoria Kilpatrick was sworn in with Councilwomen Michele Cassidy Maher and Donna Roberts, and returning member Council President Mary Novak, so again there are four women in Sayreville government.*

*Unfortunately I wasn't able to find anything about a full council of women. If anyone has any information please email us at satimes@aol.com.*

**Brian & Phyllis Stratton**



# City Of South Amboy & Sayreville Recreation

At Waterfront Park

At Kennedy Park

## Celebrate Independence Day

July 2, 2022



South Amboy - Beautiful fireworks light up the sky over Raritan Bay. (Photo by Phyllis Stratton)



South Amboy - Mayor Fred Henry and his wife Linda enjoying the celebration. (Photo by Tom Burkard)



Sayreville - Colorful fireworks at Kennedy Park. (Photo by Jeff Schnitzer)



Clem and Friends had the crowd Rockin!!! (Photo by Brian Stratton)



South Amboy - Many different colors lit up the sky. (Photo by AnaMae O'Connor)



Sayreville - A lot of fun games & rides for the kids. (Photo by Jeff Schnitzer)



Sayreville - The band, "80's Revolution" rocked the park. (Photo by Jeff Schnitzer)



Sayreville - Some of the huge crowd enjoying a beautiful summer day. (Photo by Jeff Schnitzer)



Sayreville - The Wrecking Ball was a popular attraction. (Photo by Jeff Schnitzer)



The fireworks lit up the sky on a hot summer night. (Photo by Jeff Schnitzer)



South Amboy - The huge crowd had plenty of food trucks and vendors to choose from. (Photo by Brian Stratton)



South Amboy - Entertaining the crowd from high above. (Photo by Brian Stratton)



South Amboy - Council President Michael "Mickey" Gross and his wife Sue enjoying the festivities at Waterfront Park. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

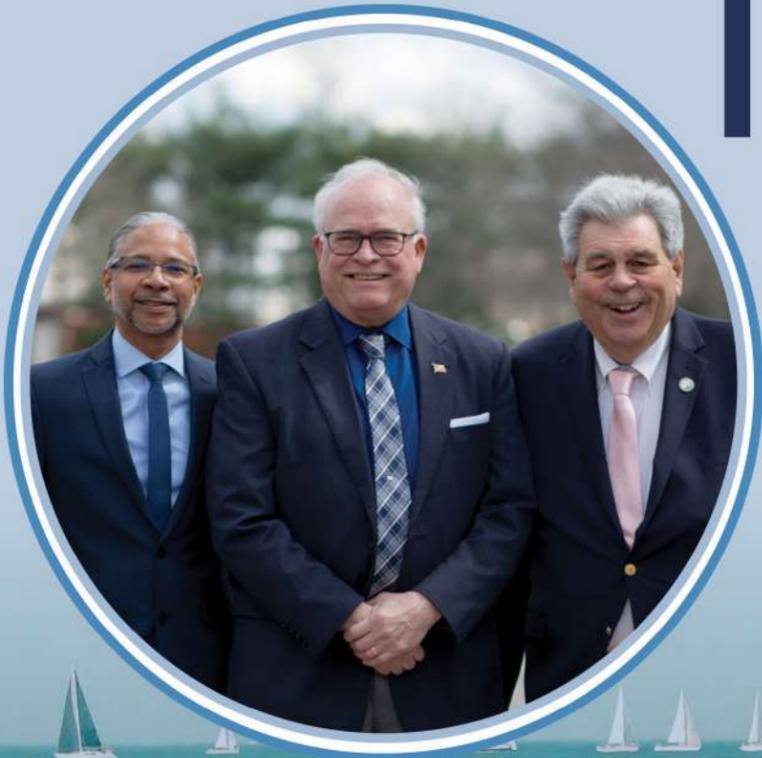


South Amboy - Some members of Boy Scout Troop 95. (Photo by Brian Stratton)



South Amboy - A beautiful summer night by the Raritan Bay. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

# VOTE *for* MAYOR HENRY *and His* *City Council Team* IN NOVEMBER!



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## RE-ELECT MAYOR FRED HENRY

- ✓ Led efforts to pass a budget with **no municipal tax increases**
- ✓ **Increased the size of our police force** to keep our community safe
- ✓ **Rejuvenated South Amboy’s waterfront walkway** with updated lights and cameras
- ✓ **Ensured waterfront access** for all members of the South Amboy community
- ✓ Invested \$300,000 in redevelopment funds to **secure modern technology for South Amboy students**

## MICHAEL “MICKEY” GROSS & ANTHONY CONRAD FOR COUNCIL AT-LARGE

### RE-ELECT COUNCIL PRESIDENT MICKEY GROSS

- ✓ Has been a **member of the City Council for the past 11 years**
- ✓ **Deeply involved in the South Amboy community**, including serving as the chairman of the South Amboy St. Patrick’s Day Parade and acting as a licensed NJ Health officer

### ELECT ANTHONY CONRAD

- ✓ Currently serves on the **South Amboy School Board** and as Commissioner on the **South Amboy Redevelopment Agency**
- ✓ Running for City Council to ensure city government is **fiscally responsible and your taxes remain stable**

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## Summer Rock Show



The Brian O'Connor School of Music of South Amboy once again performed an outstanding Summer Rock Show for the Veterans Hospital in Menlo Park on June 25th. Brian and his All Star Band have been performing a Summer and Christmas Rock concert at the hospital for many years making this their 19th concert for the Vets. The band consists of many talented guitar, drums, bass and saxophone players and a number of fine singers. All of which are students of Brian's, and sound as professional as they come! The performers in the photo are as follows. Front row - Nick Magielnicki, Michael Ramirez, Brian O'Connor, Pranav Aggarwal, Nathan Messenger. Back row - Carolyn Grace, Lance Kennedy, Abhiram Godavari, Annurag Godavari, Sean Rappleyea, Justin Adackapara, Nick Lesniak, and Jake Wells. Brianconnormusic.com (Photo/Info Submitted)

### Elvis Tribute Artist Excels

By Tom Burkard

Outstanding Elvis Tribute Artist, Richie Santa of Sayreville has loved music and Elvis since he was a youngster. His brother Robert Santa, also an entertainer, has a career in music as well. Their parents were very supportive and encouraged them to always do what you love and pursue your passion. From his early teens, Richie realized he had some musical ability. He performed in a few groups starting with a Doo-Wop band called "Neighborhood Jukebox", and later was with "Drivin Wheels", who played a mixture of music, with Richie on the keyboards and vocals. He also found time to play in a couple wedding bands, "The Chris Michaels Band," and also "Current Affair."

In between making music with Neighborhood Jukebox and Drivin Wheels, Richie started working with the world-renowned Andrew Dice Clay, doing concerts all over the country, and he was in the film "Dice Rules" that was shot at Madison Square Garden, where they performed for 2 nights with approximately 22,000 people attending each show. While touring, he had the opportunity to meet some famous people including Arnold Schwarzenegger, Danny Aiello, and Kathy Moriarity. In 2009, Richie decided to go in a different direction and pursue his tribute to Elvis, as an Elvis Tribute Artist, and has never looked back, still going strong today, and in fact, it's getting better. It's been 45 years since Elvis passed, and his fans are still loyal and true to the KING, and the people that portray him with respect and gratitude for what he's accomplished, and what he left the world.

Santa is currently in his 13th year as an Elvis Tribute Artist, and said he has performed at over 800-900 shows. He said, "My true passion is performing as Elvis, the concert/jumpsuit years."

A few weeks ago, Richie got a call from the PNC Bank Arts Center asking him to perform, because the scheduled feature act, and world renowned "The Lettermen," couldn't get a flight in from Las Vegas, and Santa agreed to do the show immediately. The PNC Bank Arts Center is one of the most popular venues for the biggest acts in the world, and our local Elvis Tribute Artist got his chance in the spotlight at center stage.

What was it like for you to play at



the PNC Bank Arts Center, Richie? He responded, "It was a fantastic experience. The staff was great and very accommodating. It was the biggest thing I've ever done as an Elvis Tribute Artist, and it went very well." Very well, is putting it modestly, as the crowd of over 5,000, loved this talented singer, and gave him a rousing, well-deserved standing ovation after his final song. Following the show, Richie went outside and met the people, who expressed their congratulations on a fine performance, and also many thanked him for bringing back happy memories with the Elvis songs he sang.

Santa was quick to heap praise on his brother/manager Robert Santa, and crew member Sal Angioletti. They've been there for him on his road to success, and he says that he "depends on them, and can't do a show without them." When asked, "What do you enjoy most about being an Elvis Tribute Artist?" Richie said, "It's a combination of things including meeting all of the nice Elvis fans, and getting to meet them face-to-face, making them happy, and my goal is bringing back memories."

There will never be another Elvis, but if Richie can convey the essence of what an Elvis show was like in person, then he's done his job. One last note, to all the Elvis fans that come to Richie's shows, the joy and happiness you bring this entertainer is very much appreciated, and not taken lightly. It's the fuel and the fire that keeps him going.

### Elvis Tribute Artist Richie Santa's Upcoming Shows

Aug. 10-Amish Country Theater, Berlin, Ohio; Aug. 14-Ocean Club Restaurant-Seaside Heights; Aug. 15-22-Touring in Florida; Sept. 17-Brick House, Sayreville; Oct. 29-Garvey's Restaurant & Pub-Monroe;

Jan. 7, 2023-Strand Theater, Lakewood, NJ. Richie Santa is one of the top Elvis Tribute Artists in the country, and is available for all occasions. Go to his website at: WWW.RichieSanta.com for more information.

### #1 Pop Hits-July 30

- 2000-It's Gonna Be Me-\*NSYNC
- 1995-Waterfalls-TLC
- 1983-Every Breath You Take-The Police
- 1975-The Hustle-Van McCoy
- 1966-Wild Thing-The Troggs

### #1 Country Hits July 30

- 2004-Live Like You Were Dying -Tim McGraw
- 1993-Chattahoochee-Alan Jackson
- 1988-Don't We All Have The Right -Ricky Van Shelton
- 1976-Teddy Bear-Red Sovine
- 1965-Before You Go-Buck Owens

### One Hit Wonders 30 Years Ago

- 1992-Everything Changes-Kathy Troccoli; Live and Learn-Joe Public; Baby Got Back-Sir Mix-A-Lot; Achy Breaky Heart-Billy Ray Cyrus; Life Is A Highway-Tom Cochrane; Stay-Shakespear's Sister; Jump Around-House of Pain; Please Don't Go-K.W.S.; How Do You Talk To An Angel-Heights; Would I Lie To You?-Charles & Eddie; Flex-Mad Cobra; Here We Go Again-Portrait; Someone To Hold-Trey Lorenz; Love Is On The Way-Saigon Kick.

### Acoustic Friday August 26

(Article submitted)

South Amboy Arts Alliance presents another great Acoustic Friday show when Alejandro Ataucusi and Patrick Bamburak perform at the gallery on August 26, 2022.

Alejandro Ataucusi is a music perception researcher, music educator and guitarist extraordinaire. His band, Forbidden Tropics Band, an Afro-Peruvian music group, expects to release an album entitled "Peruvian Rhapsody" in October, 2022.

Patrick Bamburak is a veteran recording artist, touring musician, songwriter, producer, and radio personality. His classic rock style includes original music and covers. It is interesting for the South Amboy audience to note that Patrick's great granduncle is New Jersey Governor Harold G. Hoffman.

Moreover, Patrick appeared on the Travel Channel's hit show, Mysteries at the Museum, Season 20, in a special episode dedicated to the Lindbergh kidnapping. He's also participating in the development of a book and television series related to that crime.

SA Arts is at 141 N. Broadway, South Amboy, N.J. Doors open at 6:30 pm, and the show runs from 7 to 9 pm. Admission is \$5.00, and light refreshments will be available.

The Alliance seeks interested acoustic-oriented performers of any genre for future shows. For additional information, contact SA Arts at 732-727-4600, extension 5971, or by email at SAarts141@gmail.com. Watch for updates on the South Amboy Arts Alliance Facebook page.

### Rumbles from the Rock and Roll Reunion

By Clem Skarzynski

Many thanks go out to Mayor Fred Henry, Council President Mickey Gross, Business Administrator Glenn Skarzynski, and ESPECIALLY Mr. Jay Elliot, for their efforts in producing a fantastic Fourth of July Celebration at Waterfront Park on Sunday July 3. It's been almost 30 months since "Clem and Friends" have been able to provide "Live Classic Rock and Roll" to an appreciative audience, and thanks to the above mentioned planners, it was a reality long overdue. The talented list of musicians, Fran and Tim Fee, Scott Bishop, Matt Desposito, Jim Heuer, Craig Hoek, "just nailed it" for "The Clem and Friends Band" grinding out 2 sets of 50's thru the 80's High Energy Rock and Roll. I, the writer, am just in awe every time I put on my Guitar and follow their leads into some High Energy Rock! They just bring out the best in each other, and it shows with such appreciative audiences. We shared the stage with "The Carson Drive

Band," who closed out the show, with their exciting "Set of 80's 90's Soft Rock..Great Job Mark Lesniak and Co. Thanks for sharing the stage and day with us..Coming up..Friday, September 30th, "Friends" will share the stage, at Sayreville's Kennedy Park, with Mr. Richie Hart and the "Just us Cruisers" for The Boro's Super Car Show..more info to follow, AND the next day, Saturday October 1st, again at Sayreville's Kennedy Park, "Friends" will be onstage for the Boro's Annual "Sayreville Day Celebration," along with other entertainment..Info to follow in next issue..I more on the schedule..Sunday, Oct.30th, a daytime Car Show, again, sharing the stage with Mr.Richie Hart and the "Cruisers," at St.Stan's Church grounds, on Macarthur Blvd., Sayreville..times and info to follow. So,mark your music calendars,and keep watching the upcoming issues of The S.A. Times for updates..See you all in the next issue...Be well and Happy...

### Music In The Parks Continues In August

By Steve Schmid

Even though we're experiencing a hot summer with several days in the 90s and high humidity, it still is fun to spend Wednesday evenings at Raritan Bay Waterfront Park where there is usually a sea breeze to cool you down. The free Music In The Park concerts sponsored by the county commissioners, continue August 3 with the Ring Of Fire band playing many Johnny Cash country classics. You'll hear Ring Of Fire, I Walk the Line, and more. Parkway Soul hits the stage August 10

and will perform Motown classics of the Four Tops, Temptations. The Miracles, and more. August 17 features Underwater Airlines who will play classic rock from the 60s, 70s, and 80s. The Perry Brothers wrap up the 2022 season playing Irish favorites such as Danny Boy, Molly Malone, Too-Ra-Loo-Ral (That's An Irish Whiskey Song) and more. Bring your lawn chairs to enjoy the concerts which will begin at 6:30 PM.

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## Top 20 Songs

The following 20 songs topped The SA Times chart for most views this month:

- 1-The Rain, The Park, & Other Things-The Cowsills;
- 2-People I Know-Greg Evigan;
- 3-What A Wonderful World-Louis Armstrong;
- 4-Here Comes The Sun-The Beatles;
- 5-Freedom-Richie Havens;
- 6-We Gotta Get Out Of This Place-The Animals;
- 7-She Cried-Jay & The Americans;
- 8-You're My Best Friend-Queen;
- 9-Can't Find The Time-Orpheus;
- 10-It's My Party-Lesley Gore;

- 11-I Got A Name-Jim Croce;
- 12-Jersey Girl-Bruce Springsteen;
- 13-La-La Means I Love You-The Delfonics;
- 14-Close To You-The Carpenters;
- 15-Woodstock-Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young;
- 16-I Love Rock 'N' Roll-Joan Jett & The Blackhearts;
- 17-Wedding Song-Peter, Paul & Mary;
- 18-Alone Again-Gilbert O'Sullivan;
- 19-Pleasant Valley Sunday-The Monkees;
- 20-Wild Horses-The Rolling Stones.



Sayreville singer/songwriter Kenny Kurczeski, leader of the band Kenny K. & The Way, stopped by one of his favorite coffee shops, Java Dave's in South Amboy, and showed his band's newly designed reusable shopping bag. The talented group's motto is "Get in the way." Catch this exciting performer at the Blue Moon in South Amboy on August 6th. Don't miss Kenny K. & The Way in action! Be sure to "Get in the way." (Photo by Tom Burkard)

## Answers to Song Lyric Trivia from page 8

1. *Low places.*
2. *BBQ Stain.*
3. *Somebody who loves me.*
4. *Rock and Roll.*
5. *No Scrubs.*
6. *A lonely world.*
7. *Being a friend.*
8. *Pour some sugar on me.*
9. *Down to Paradise City.*
10. *In the Heartland.*
11. *867-5309.*
12. *A bullfrog.*
13. *West Philadelphia.*
14. *Fun, Fun, Fun.*
15. *Whiskey and Rye.*

**THE PAST IS HISTORY  
THE FUTURE IS A MYSTERY  
TODAY IS THE PRESENT  
A PRECIOUS GIFT FROM GOD.**

## The Vintage Car Contest

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton



Does this vehicle look familiar to you? Send your answer to satimes@aol.com by August 15th.

Last month's vintage car was a 1959 Chevrolet El Camino which was the first year that this iconic vehicle was made. The following got it right: Anita Quigley, Ginny Severino, Vincent Farina, Pete McIntyre, Kenneth Oleskin, John & JoAnn French, Thomas Harrigan, Ed Vassallo,

KJJ Fleming, Steve Laskiewicz, Edna Mazur Pilch, Bruce Grankowski, Anthony Carlo, T. J. Albanese, Laurie Loftus, Gary Feret, Steve Villig, Mark Moniello, Dane Colburn, Stephen Szczecina.

\*Incorrect answer-1967 Chevy El Camino, 1959 Chevy Impala.

## June Vintage Car



1959 Chevrolet El Camino

## St. Stan's 25th Year Carnival

(Photos by Tom Burkard)



St. Stan's Carnival was once again a huge success, as thousands of people turned out to enjoy the rides, games of chance, delicious food and so much more. This year marked a very special 25th year celebration for the St. Stanislaus Kostka Carnival. Pictured above is the always popular "Zipper" ride.



The Money Wheel workers take a break from a busy evening.



Carmen Spezzi (2nd from right) and his crew once again provided scrumptious food at Spezzi's Specials.

## MUSIC TRIVIA

By Tom Burkard

## America/USA

1. America
2. R.O.C.K. In The USA
3. American Woman
4. Born In The USA
5. American Pie
6. In America
7. God Bless The USA
8. American Girl
9. Living In America
10. We're An American Band
11. Young Americans



- a. James Brown
- b. The Guess Who
- c. Neil Diamond
- d. Lee Greenwood
- e. Tom Petty
- f. John Cougar Mellencamp
- g. David Bowie
- h. Don McLean
- i. Bruce Springsteen
- j. Grand Funk Railroad
- k. The Charlie Daniels Band

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



Metuchen Bishop James Checchio joins fellow priests connected with Our Lady of Victories church, at Camillo's Restaurant. The bishop came to Sayreville to administer the sacrament of confirmation to the youth of the parish. (Photo/Info by Steve Schmid)



### Attention South Amboy / Sayreville Residents:

The Sayreville Police Auxiliary are seeking new members to join its volunteer force. If you are interested in a future in law enforcement and have a desire to serve your community, this is a great opportunity!

Interested applicants must be 18 years

of age or older, reside in the Sayreville / South Amboy area, be able to pass a criminal background check and possess a valid New Jersey driver's license. All applications are due by December 16, 2022.

### Council 426, Elects Officers

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 has elected its new slate of officers for the 2022-23 Columbian year. Grand Knight Jordan Drevelus, Deputy Grand Knight Jan Williams, Financial Secretary Jack Mieczkowski, Chancellor Les Wilson, Recorder Bruce Grzankowski,

Treasurer Steve Schmid, Advocate Peter Luccarelli, Warden Ed Vassallo, Inside Guard Brian Bolla, Outside Guard Jim Hoehman, Trustee Ray Suchcicki, Trustee Steve Szabo, Chaplain Rev. Stanley Gromadzki, Lecturer Deacon Rich O'Brien.

### Sayreville High School Multi-Year Reunion

Sayreville High School Alumni from 1954 thru 1964 are invited, along with a spouse or guest, to a day of friendship & nostalgia. Please join us at our reunion on Saturday, October 15, 2022 from 1 - 5 pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Washington Road, Parlin. The cost will be \$60 per person which includes a hot buffet luncheon.

If interested, please call Betty Triggs at 732-254-8542 or by email to bettytriggs@optonline.net no later than September 1st.

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

### SUMMER FUN!

Photos by Matthew Stratton



Having a BLAST before the South Amboy Fireworks.



Am I seeing double? No, two year old twins take a break from collecting shells at the South Amboy waterfront.



Let the heat wave continue, we don't care!

### Boomer Visits



Boomer, the service dog from Lares Home Care, is welcomed at Venetian Care and Rehabilitation Center by staff members during a recent barbecue for South Amboy seniors and residents. Boomer had a great time visiting guests, then went to spend time with residents in their rooms. (Photo/Info by Steve Schmid)

### Ten Years Ago From The Times Archives Whale In Bay Draws Many Spectators

By Tom Burkard

On July 29, 2012 at about 10 a.m. a woman at Waterfront Park spotted a whale in the Raritan Bay, not far from the local beach. She reported the sighting, and members of the South Amboy and Sayreville Police Departments arrived at the scene, and immediately called the New Jersey Marine Mammal Stranding Center for assistance. According to Sayreville Police Officer Scott Poetsch, who was on duty, "It was a 20- 24 foot juvenile Minke Whale and weighed about 2 tons." Members of the Stranding Center helped the animal which appeared uninjured, back out to sea around 2 p.m. As

news of the whale's visit traveled quickly, people came from all over to see if they could catch a glimpse of it, and TV crews were also on the scene. Curiosity seekers numbered over 1,000 throughout the day, with most standing along the rail near the park's track that overlooks the bay, and many took photos with their cell phones. Back in August of 2011 following the hurricane, a carcass of a whale was found on the beach, not far from this year's sighting. That sighting also drew at least 1,000 people who heard about it over the internet or on TV.

### Whale Watching At Waterfront Park



(Photo by Clark Gregoreski)

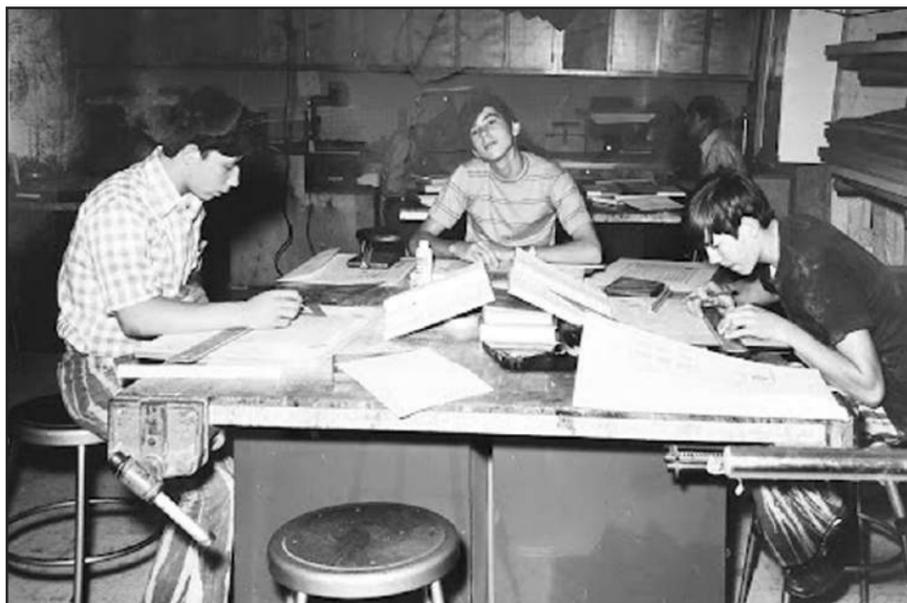


(Photo by Clark Gregoreski)



(Photo by Jill Bednar)

### Hoffman HS Memories



1973-Five students are pictured hard at work during Shop class. Front (l-r) Stephen Carrano, Bill Billich, and Steve Villig. In the background Joe Krug and John Scarfi. (Photo/info submitted)



1974 - Hoffman High School students learn the finer aspects of engineering instruments.

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*The Spinal Column*  
By  
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## Prevent Childhood Drowning

Playing in the water at the beach or pool can be great fun for the summer, and 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 your 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.**

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 water's 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.

## Bus Trip To Atlantic City-Aug. 11

The Sacred Heart Seniors are having a bus trip to Resorts in Atlantic City on Thursday, August 11th. The bus leaves Sacred Heart Parking Lot at 9:30 a.m. For more information call Lorraine at 732-721-6843.

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

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# WHAT IS IT?????

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton



Do you know what this is? Send your answer to satimes@aol.com by August 15th.

## June What Is It?

**Oil Can Wrench**

Last month's mystery item was an Oil Filter Wrench, used to take off and put on (although they recommend to hand tighten) an oil filter when doing an oil change on a vehicle. The following got it right: Prudence Zalewski, Pete McIntyre, Vincent Farina, Bill Farrell, Leon Credico, Eleanore Westerholm, Joe Tortora, John & JoAnn

French, Diane Donnelly, Betty Leveille, Thomas Harrigan, KJJ Fleming, Pat Scully, Steve Laskiewicz, Dave Krempecki, Chuck Pickard, Ed & Katie Elichko, Edna Mazur Pilch, Dermot Scales, Bruce Grankowski, Anthony Carlo, Laurie Loftus, Gary Feret, Lynn Loy, Steve Villig, Mark Moniello, Dane Colburn.



Oil Filter Wrench

# WWW.?



Can you identify this very sweet place? Send your answer to satimes@aol.com by August 15th.

# WWW.?

By Tom Burkard

Last month the WWW.? was the First Presbyterian Church of South Amboy. The following knew the answer: Chuck Pickard, Pete McIntyre, Dennis Quinlan, Leon Credico, Joan Gorczyca, John & JoAnn French, Betty Leveille, Mary Agnes Morris,

Pat Scully, Barb Bockus, Steve Laskiewicz, Edna Mazur Pilch, Joan Fulham, Dermot Scales, Laurie Loftus, Lisa Grankowski, Gary Feret, Lynn Loy, Steve Villig, Mark Moniello, Dane Colburn.



First Presbyterian Church of South Amboy

# Where in NJ?

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton



Does this place look familiar to you? Send your answer to satimes@aol.com by August 15th.

Last month the where in NJ was MetLife Stadium, home of the Giants Jets located in East Rutherford, NJ. The following got it right: Pete McIntyre, Vincent Farina, Eleanore Westerholm, John & JoAnn French, Betty Leveille,

Thomas Harrigan, Pat Scully, Dave Krempecki, Edna Mazur Pilch, Dermot Scales, Anthony Carlo, Laurie Loftus, Gary Feret, Steve Villig, Mark Moniello, Dane Colburn.



MetLife Stadium



# What Exit?

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton

**June What Exit:**

Last month's NJ Turnpike exits 16w and 19w would get you to MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford. The following got it right: Pete McIntyre, Vincent Farina, John & JoAnn French, Betty Leveille, Thomas Harrigan, Pat Scully, Edna Mazur Pilch, Dermot Scales, Laurie Loftus, Gary Feret, Steve Villig, Mark Moniello, Dane Colburn.

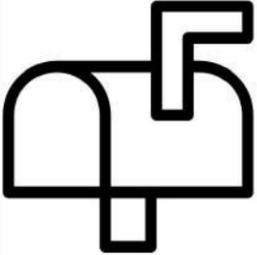


# What Exit?

This Nj Turnpike Exit will take you to the Where IN NJ? Send your answer to satimes@aol.com by August 15th.



South Amboy resident Sandra Elias (l) is pictured with Mayor Fred Henry and his wife Linda, at a recent barbecue for South Amboy seniors held at Venetian Care and Rehabilitation Center. (Photo by Steve Schmid)



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## Fishing Flashes

By Teo "Weebles" Weber

### Salt Water

With hot weather here water temps have gone up. More semi tropical species have arrived. Spanish Mackerel are showing up in the surf and a few miles out. Large schools of Chub Mackerel are there with Bonito mixed in. Triggerfish are being caught from inshore rock piles and reefs. The Barnegat Inlet jetties have them too with some Sheepshead. The LBI surf is producing Bluefish, a few Striped Bass and many Kingfish. Some Sharks and Rays are out there, so you must be careful and watch your rod or you may lose it! Fluke fishing is good. There are still a lot of shorts but with the new liberal size limit you can expect more keepers. A Fluke of 12 pounds was caught off of Sandy Hook. Part boat Bluefish is hit and miss. Jigs and surface poppers work best now. Morning trips are best and boats fill out the day with Ling and Sea Bass with a 2 fish limit in summer only as it will go up later.

### Fresh Water

We had more rain in early June so my Wife and I gave it another try in the lower Pequest in mid-June. Both of us caught our limit of 4 Trout and we had many hits and misses to keep us busy. Lakes and rivers are producing good fishing for Bass, Pickerel and Panfish. The Passaic River near Fairfield has Pike. Hybrid Striped Bass are possibly in Lake Hopatcong and Spruce Run Reservoir.



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## Just Me And My Beers Blues

By Al Gomolka Jr.  
 Times Poet Laureate  
 C.2006

I'm sittin' here  
 drinkin' and thinkin'  
 With beers, on my porch  
 Oh there goes a  
 Porsche driving by  
 Ain't he the lucky guy  
 Me and my Chevy  
 once held a bevy  
 Of girls I adored  
 But none-no more.

I'm sittin' here  
 drinkin' and thinkin'  
 About my yesterdays  
 I do that a lot  
 I must say  
 But in some  
 affectionate way  
 I let out a  
 cheer-here! Here!  
 And I don't  
 mind these beers.

I'm sittin' here  
 drinkin' and thinkin'  
 What tomorrow might bring  
 Oh, maybe a pretty thing  
 Or, probably  
 I'll just sing  
 A song,  
 of no tears or fears  
 While drinkin' my beers  
 Just me  
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## Pallone Announces NOAA Lab at Sandy Hook Will Receive \$480,000, Tours Lab with NOAA Administrator Richard W. Spinrad

Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr. (NJ-06) today announced that the James J. Howard Marine Sciences Laboratory at Sandy Hook will receive \$480,000 to support research on the effects of environmental change on marine habitats and fisheries surrounding Sandy Hook. Pallone secured the funding in a federal spending bill that President Biden signed into law. Pallone was joined by Dr. Richard W. Spinrad, who serves as the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Administrator. They also toured the facility, which is part of NOAA's Northeastern Fisheries Science Center.



The funding will be used to hire additional researchers, who will address the impacts of environmental change on marine habitats and fisheries in the area. The funding will also provide lab space for students from nearby underserved communities and help promote diversity, equity, and inclusion in the scientific community.

"Scientists at the Howard NOAA lab are doing important research to protect our

coastal habitats for years to come and help us understand the effects of a changing environment on wildlife. That's why I secured federal funding to continue this critical work for our state's marine habitats," said Pallone. "With this funding, the lab will be able to expand its research capability and further its efforts to promote diversity and inclusion. I'm grateful to Dr. Spinrad, who joined me today in New Jersey for this announcement, and I want to thank all the scientists at the lab whose cutting-edge research helps our understanding of marine habitats right here in New Jersey."

"Our nation benefits greatly from our staff at NOAA's Sandy Hook Lab, who conduct highly valuable research in ecology, aquaculture, and the effects of environmental change on marine habitats and resources. This work benefits coastal communities and the broader blue economy," said Rick Spinrad, Ph.D., NOAA Administrator. "I thank Congressman Pallone for his steadfast support of NOAA's Sandy Hook Lab and its important research on ocean acidification and climate change impacts on economically important fish and shellfish off New Jersey."

### Hand in Hand

By Albert Gomolka Jr.  
Times Poet Laureate  
c. 1986

*A hand in a hand  
With a common goal  
Is a stronger bond  
Than welded steel  
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## Summer Morgan Memories Circa 1910

In the early 1900's, Morgan Beach was the place to be. Whether you were fishing, swimming or meeting up with friends for a day out. The trolley would bring you out to the bridge and beach area. There were restaurants, bait shops, boat rentals and little grocery shops. Most families had bungalows on the beach and there were even lots of people who camped in tents. J. W. Willett was a boat rental and fishing supplies shop. For one July 4th in 1913 there were estimates of 2500 people on the beach. The water was swimmable and during high tide you were able to dock within 10 feet of the beach. Amazing to think that a beach vacation was in our own backyard.



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## Pallone, Watson Coleman, and Kim Secure Superstorm Sandy Clawbacks Relief in Federal Spending Bill

Representatives Frank Pallone, Jr. (NJ-06), Bonnie Watson Coleman (NJ-12), and Andy Kim (NJ-03) announced that their provision to waive federal recoupment efforts for Superstorm Sandy victims passed the U.S. House of Representatives today. The provision is included in a federal spending bill and grants the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development the authority to waive the requirement for New Jersey homeowners to pay back federal disaster relief aid.

These recoupment efforts known as "clawbacks" have blindsided homeowners because many New Jersey residents applied for loans and benefits offered by various federal programs at the recommendation of the government. The spending bill would indefinitely delay the federal government's recoupments efforts - affecting 1,813 households in New Jersey that currently owe \$73 million. Among those homeowners, 882 households would be eligible for full

forgiveness - worth over \$28 million - subject to Secretary approval.

"Superstorm Sandy decimated New Jersey families and towns, and they are still on the hook for millions of dollars through no fault of their own," Pallone said. "During this time of economic uncertainty, it's simply unfair for federal agencies to ask for repayment on tens of millions of dollars in loans and grants from Sandy. That's why I helped lead the fight to secure this important financial reprieve for our state. I want to thank my colleagues in the New Jersey delegation for their work for our state. I'm proud that we were able to secure this relief for our communities in the House-passed spending bill. I will continue fighting to make sure this crucial relief makes its way to the President's desk."

"A decade after Superstorm Sandy first made landfall in New Jersey, many families are still burdened with the debt taken on to

repair their homes. Last year we were able to cancel loans for many municipalities struggling under the threat of repayments," said Watson Coleman. "This year I'm proud to have worked within the Appropriations Committee to provide relief for debt to eligible homeowners still facing burdensome payments. I'm grateful for the work of my New Jersey colleagues Frank Pallone and Andy Kim for their continued advocacy on this issue."

"It's been nearly a decade since Superstorm Sandy devastated homes and communities throughout New Jersey. Some of my neighbors are still dealing with the physical and financial tolls. Today, I'm glad to vote to pass a funding bill that will get them some much needed debt relief," said Kim. "Our country's budget should reflect our values as a nation, and in this funding bill I'm proud that we're prioritizing homeowners in my district that have been struggling for

far too long."

Last March, Pallone and his colleagues secured a two-year delay in recoupment efforts in the Omnibus Fiscal Year 2022 appropriations bill. The two-year delay pushed the deadline back for recoupment from 2023 to 2025. The delay also gave New Jersey the flexibility to complete Rebuild by Design flood mitigation projects in Hoboken, Jersey City, Weehawken, and the Meadowlands. After Hurricane Sandy, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development granted New Jersey \$230 million in federal funds for the Hudson River Flood-resilience project and \$150 million for the New Meadowlands Flood-resilience project. The two-year extension afforded the state the flexibility to put shovels in the ground and help New Jersey prepare for future storms.



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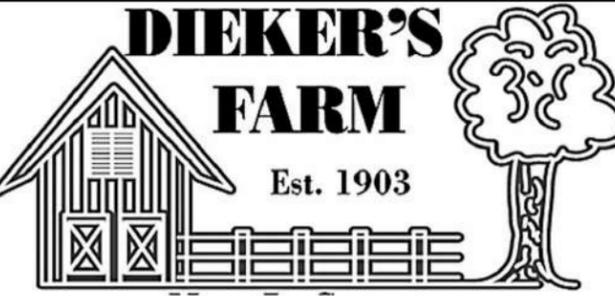
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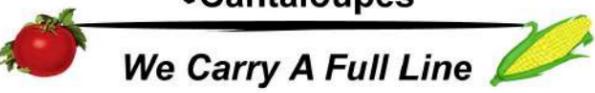


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**Palmieri Twins Star At Pt. Pleasant**

(By Tom Burkard)

Pt. Pleasant Boro HS softball team turned in a fine (17-8) record this year, with much of its success coming from the outstanding play of freshmen twins Ashley and Dakota Palmieri. Dakota ripped the ball for a .368 batting avg. with 28 hits and 25 RBI, she was also among the NJ Group 2 leaders in singles with 24. In addition she was Boro's ace pitcher with 96 strikeouts in 148.2 innings, and a 2.97 ERA. She was an All-Shore selection, and pitcher of the year in the Ocean Star newspaper. Dakota was Rookie-of-the-Year, and chosen to play for the Jersey Shore team for MLB Carpenters Cup. In addition she was named to the Top 20 Shore Freshmen.

Ashley batted .322 with 28 hits and 15 RBI. She was selected Shore Conference B South All-Division utility player. Ashley was selected for the Pt. Pleasant Boro HS Coaches Award.

The Palmieri sisters seem to follow in their mother's footsteps, showing tremendous athletic ability. Their proud mom is Tricia Popowski, who is the greatest softball player in Hoffman/South Amboy HS history. She starred for the Rich Klein-coached Hoffman Lady Guvs in the 80's, when she set many school records that still stand. Following her stellar high school athletic career, Tricia played for the University of South Carolina, from 1988-91, where she was a Division I All-American outfielder for 3 years, and set several records, and now, 31 years later, she still holds the Division I record for triples in a career with 51. In addition, Popowski finished her collegiate career with 279 hits, and led the team during each of her 4 years in on-base pct., triples, walks, and slugging pct. Tricia was also the hardest player in school history to strikeout, only fanning once every 23.7 at-bats. She is also a member

of the USA/ASA NJ Hall of Fame, and was inducted into the University of South Carolina Athletics Hall of Fame in 2017. Tricia has been the head coach of the N.J. Ruthless girls softball team, since its inception 4 years ago, and they recently captured a 4th of July weekend tournament at Adventure Sports, with teams from 6 states around the country with a perfect (7-0) record. Then the Ruthless team went on to breeze to the USSSA 18u 2022 Fastpitch state Championship. Her team features some of the most talented young players around, and they really love the game. Congratulations, Tricia, Ashley and Dakota!



The Palmieri twins, Dakota (l) and Ashley had an excellent season for Pt. Pleasant Boro HS girls softball team. Their mom happens to be the greatest player in history at Hoffman/South Amboy HS. (Photo submitted)

**Transferring To Rutgers Easier For Dietetics Students**

Transferring to Rutgers University just got even easier for Middlesex College Dietetics students, thanks to a new articulation agreement between the College's Hospitality, Culinary Arts and Dietetics Department and Rutgers' Department of Nutritional Sciences, which is in the School of Environmental and Biological Sciences (SEBS). The agreement was announced Wednesday, June 22.

Under the agreement, students who graduate from Middlesex College with an Associate of Science (A.S.) in Dietetics - Transfer degree can continue their studies toward a Bachelor's in Nutritional Sciences in the Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD) at Rutgers.

The agreement is effective June 1, 2022

through May 31, 2027, and will be reviewed and updated every five years.

Representatives from Middlesex College and Rutgers University were at the Middlesex College campus in Edison to formally make the announcement.

"Middlesex College has a long history of collaboration with Rutgers University and is proud to be the largest sender of transfer students to Rutgers," said College President Mark McCormick. "This new agreement provides students who begin their college journey at Middlesex College by earning an Associate Degree with another seamless pathway to earning a Bachelor's Degree from Rutgers."

**Rescu Named NJBIZ Healthcare Hero**

Drug and alcohol addiction specialized treatment program for New Jersey's first responders and military service members recognized for serving critical need

Recovery Centers of America at Raritan Bay (RCA), a drug and alcohol inpatient and outpatient treatment facility that serves communities in Northern New Jersey and the New York City area, today announced their Recovering Emergency Service Community United (RESCU) program has been named an honoree for the 2022 NJBIZ Healthcare Heroes Award in the "Innovation - Organization" category. The Healthcare Heroes awards program recognizes excellence, promotes innovation and honors the efforts of individuals and organizations making a significant impact on the quality of health care in New Jersey.

"We are honored that our RESCU program is being recognized as a Healthcare Hero in Innovation by NJBIZ, New Jersey's leading business journal," said Brian Gillespie, RESCU first responder treatment advocate. "With the tremendous need in this country for mental health and substance use disorders services, our staff at RESCU is dedicated to helping those first responders and military personnel who are suffering achieve a fulfilling life of meaningful recovery from drugs and alcohol."

The honorees were chosen by a panel of independent judges and recognized individuals and organizations across 12 categories. The innovation category honors companies or individuals primarily responsible for a medical science discovery or for the development of a new procedure, device, service, program or treatment that can save lives or improve the quality of life for a large number of people.

Recognizing an unmet need, RCA at Raritan Bay in 2021 created a specialized evidence-based drug and alcohol addiction treatment program for New Jersey's first responders and military service members (active and retired). The RESCU program, led by U.S. veteran Gillespie, is a response to the difficulty those who rescue others face

when their own lives require saving.

"Patients admitted to RESCU, a separate RCA at Raritan Bay unit, are part of an intimate community of individuals experiencing similar challenges due to the nature of their work," said David Dorschu, chief executive officer, RCA at Raritan Bay. "The need for RESCU was particularly acute following the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. As first responders faced unprecedented pressure working on the front lines, their alcohol and drug use spiked."

Created in collaboration with law enforcement and firefighters from across the state, treatment in the program includes private group therapy sessions, peer support groups, specific programming for first responder families, and individualized treatment led by a specially trained clinical team. Gillespie is a Marine veteran and retired Manasquan police officer who builds trust with first responders and demonstrates that long-lasting recovery is possible.

The Healthcare Heroes honorees will be recognized at a breakfast celebration on August 10 at The Palace at Somerset Park, Somerset, New Jersey.

Recovery Centers of America is accredited by the Joint Commission, CARF/ASAM and the National Association of Addiction Treatment Providers. In addition to providing evidence-based inpatient treatment for SUD, outpatient treatment is also available at RCA at Raritan Bay, RCA at Lighthouse, at RCA outpatient facilities in Woodbridge, Voorhees, Somerdale, and Trenton, New Jersey, and at most other RCA locations. An extensive alumni support network as well as cultural, social and educational programs for former patients and others in recovery are also available.

All Recovery Centers of America locations admit new patients 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, with complimentary, discreet transportation and intervention services available. To obtain treatment and learn more, call 1-800-RECOVER.

**Veterans Magazine Labels Middlesex College as 'Gold'**

When it comes to providing a comfortable environment for military veterans to further their education and assist with a transition back to civilian life, Middlesex College is Gold.

The College was placed in the Military Friendly Gold tier by G.I. Jobs magazine in its spring edition. The College was ranked No. 5 in the Top 10 of large public two-year colleges and is the only two-year New Jersey

school to be recognized with the distinction.

"It's with great pride that we can share this not just with our college community, but our Middlesex County constituents," said Joel Adams, coordinator of Military and Veterans Services. "This award is a badge of validation, serving to affirm to the community our dedication and commitment to the success of our military-connected students."

# The Local Sports Memory Machine

By Tom Burkard

## From The Youth League Archives



**Early 1970's-** This talented South Amboy Trust Co. team finished 2nd place in the South Amboy Babe Ruth League playoffs. Pictured top row (l-r) Manager Jim Beshada, John Donnelly, Jerry Kotula, Frank Richiusa, George Bongiorno. Middle row (l-r) Frank Cheeseman, George Cattano, Jack Stratton, Bob Clayton, Tim Hall. Bottom row (l-r) Dennis Kelly, Gene Clark, Batboy Jimmy Beshada, Ricky Pillar, Ed "Jake" Defort. (Photo courtesy of Marty Ruzsala)

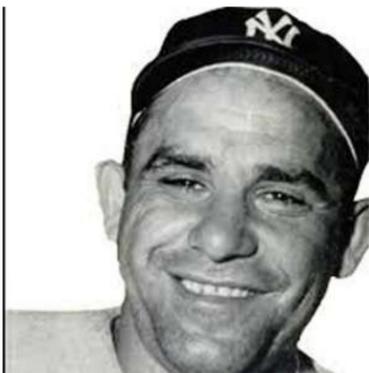
## Yogi-Isms

Yogi Berra was one of the greatest catcher in Major League Baseball history, and was inducted into the Hall of Fame. He also had several books written about him including a few about his wise and witty sayings, which were often very funny.

Here are a few from Yogi:

- "I knew I was going to take the wrong train, so I left early."
- "I'd find the fellow who lost it, and if he was poor, I'd return it."
- "It was impossible to get a conversation going. Everybody was talking too much."
- "A nickel isn't worth a dime today."
- "I made a wrong mistake."
- "Do you mean now?" (Yogi's response to someone who asked him what time it is)
- "I always thought that record would last until it was broken."
- "It ain't the heat, it's the humidity."
- "I didn't really say everything I said."

*\*A special thank you to Bill Farrell for sharing these great Yogi-isms.*



## Diamond Dust

1970 South Amboy Little Fellas League

First Aid 7 English Chevron 0-Mike Grimley pitched a 2-hitter and struck out 10, while Ron Stillwagon rapped 3 singles for the winners. Progressive 8 Weiss Clothing 7-Pat Eppinger was the winning pitcher. Progressive 3 K of C 1-Winning pitcher Pete Sharo fired a 3-hitter. South Amboy Babe Ruth League South Amboy Trust Co. 5 Mechanicsville Fire Co. 2-Rich Krzyzanowski was the winning pitcher, and Henry Wortley drilled 3 hits. Sacred Heart 11 Komars 5-Tom Szatkowski was the winning pitcher. Jay Buckiewicz blasted a 3-run homer for Komars. South Amboy Trust Co. 15 Independence Fire Co. 5- Winning pitcher Kevin Nemeth got 3 hits, and Rich Krzyzanowski also ripped 3 hits for the winners. South Amboy Men's Slow Pitch Softball

League Roddy's Tavern 14 Fritz's Tavern 3-Ned Moran unloaded a homer and 2 doubles. Miller's Deli 8 Mike's Corner 6-Jack Paro was the winning pitcher. Billy Forte was the offensive star for Mike's. Enterprise 11 Bottle Stop 9-Winning pitcher Jack Kozak stroked 3 hits, and Jack Nemeth smashed a home run for the winners. Morgan AA Midget League Bonieski Agency 8 Sayreville Esso 6- Jeff Karaba was the winning pitcher. Matty's Auto Parts 4 Morgan Pharmacy 0-Winning pitcher Teddy Picchini fired a shutout and struck out 16. Dan O'Neill had 2 hits for Pharmacy. Matty's Auto Parts 6 Sayreville Esso 5-Winning pitcher Kenny Spiecker drilled 2 hits and had 2 RBI.

## Remembering John D.



Former St. Mary's Eagles standout baseball player, John D. O'Toole, 66, of Florida died on July 21st.



## Glory Days In Local Sports

1962-St. Mary's beat Perth Amboy St. Mary's, 6-3. Winning pitcher Ray Riddell went 3-for-3 with an RBI triple...1975-St. Mary's baseball squad rocked Red Bank Catholic, 5-3, as John Belmonte blasted a 3-run double. Joe Kolakowski added an RBI double, and Mike Klein notched the victory for the Blue & Gold...1985-Hoffman girls softball team plastered Dunellen 31-2. Dottie Croddick led the way with 4 hits and 6 RBI, Mary Anne Lewis also had 4 hits and 3 RBI. Kim Schuck was the winning pitcher.

1997-South Amboy girls softball team pounded Piscataway Tech, 23-4. Winning

pitcher Nicole Magnifico fired a 5-inning 1-hitter and struck out 8. Lily Munoz went 3-for-3 with 3 RBI, and Tina Babbino drilled a single and triple to knock in 2...2001-Sayreville topped Manchester, 9-3, as Keith Gulick notched the win. Ed Goodell ripped a single and 2 doubles to drive in 4. Dan Gulick stroked 2 singles and drove in a run...2008-Sayreville girls softball squad downed North Brunswick, 5-2. Winning pitcher Alexa Baldasare fired a 3-hitter and struck out 13. Whitney Zrebiec belted a single and RBI triple. Jen Pollard added a two-base hit.

## T.H.E. Game

Year-1975

Sport-Baseball

Teams-Sayreville (8-13-1) vs. St. Mary's (4-9)

**Recap-**Joe Kolakowski delivered a 2-run game winning double in the 6th inning, as the Eagles topped the Bombers, 3-1. Kolakowski also crushed a triple and scored on Billy Volkert's RBI single in the 2nd inning as the Saints jumped out to a 1-0 lead. Winning pitcher Ray Linderoth fired a 4-hitter.

**Co-Players-of-the-Game-**Joe Kolakowski and Ray Linderoth, St. Mary's.

## 20 Years Ago

2002-The South Amboy Lady Guvs softball season opened their season with a 19-2 romp over East Brunswick Tech. Winning pitcher Keryn Rosenberger drove in 4 runs, while Melissa Poulsen and Melissa Rainone had 2 hits and 2 RBI apiece.

## 75 Years Ago

Allie Clark's Major League Debut

August 5, 1947-South Amboy's Allie Clark made his big-league debut for the New York Yankees against the Philadelphia A's at Shibe Park in Philadelphia. He batted cleanup in a lineup that included Hall-of-Famers Phil Rizzuto and Yogi Berra. The great Joe DiMaggio was injured, and Johnny Lindell, the regular left fielder, took Joe D's spot in center field, and Allie played left. Clark went 1-for-4 with an RBI, as the Yankees scored 4 runs in the 9th inning to win it, 8-5. Allie Clark was the last NY Yankee to wear uniform number 3 in a World Series, which he did in '47 against the Brooklyn Dodgers.

## Frobosilo Topped Sayreville

One of Sayreville's all-time greatest pitchers, Chuck Frobosilo dominated area high schools from 1984-86, as he compiled an outstanding career record of (22-9), with a miniscule 1.64 ERA, while racking up 195 strikeouts, 3-no-hitters, and 1 combined no-hitter.

## Remembering Coach "Norbie" Smith

The late Norbert "Norbie" Smith, coached the Sayreville Bombers' baseball team from 1971-74, and turned in an outstanding (79-30-2), with a lofty .725 winning percentage. In '71, Smith had a tough act to follow when he took over for the legendary great Coach John Wortley. However, he lived up to the challenge and led the Bombers to a (19-10-1) record including the county championship, and also the CJ

Group IV title. The '72 team finished (16-7), and the 1973 club was his first 20-game winner. The '74 team, featuring standout pitcher Steve Makwinski and a host of other talented players set a school record with 24 victories and finished (24- 8-1), winning the county and CJ Group IV championships. The record for wins stood for 38 years until being broken by the 2012 team, who finished (25-3) under Coach Mike Novak.

## Pro Baseball Report

Sayreville's Brandon Bielak had a brief stint with the parent Houston Astros club, and was quite impressive in 3 relief appearances. He pitched 7 innings, struck out 6, and had a super 1.29 ERA. Unfortunately, the Astros sent him back to their AAA affiliate Sugar

Land on June 26. His overall stats for 2022 at Sugar Land are also terrific. Games-11; Games Started-6; IP-40; Strikeouts-38; ERA-2.92. This young and very talented pitcher should be back with Houston really soon!

## Gomolka Chosen MVP

Nick Gomolka, standout third baseman for the Marlboro HS baseball team was recently selected team MVP. Nick batted a scorching .353, with 24 hits, and had an on-base percentage of .471 to lead the club. Nick's proud parents are former local residents Matt and Tina Gomolka. Congrats Nick!



## Speaker Coughlin Champions Funding Ramp-Up for Emergency Food Distributors in FY23 State Budget

As inflation has driven up the price of food and gas, the struggle to keep food on the table persists. To better serve those in need, New Jersey's Fiscal Year 2023 State Budget (A-4402) appropriates a total of \$85 million for emergency food distributors.

"Food banks have faced very high demand since 2020," said Assembly Speaker Craig J. Coughlin (D-Middlesex). "With inflation increasing the cost of some of the most basic food items, grocery budgets are straining even more and food banks at the same time are finding it challenging to maintain their supplies as the need among communities continues."

Over the last four years, the state budget has more than tripled its support for feeding organizations serving on the front lines of hunger. In Fiscal Year 2019, state-funded food aid totaled \$5.6 million – a figure that grew to roughly \$50 million by Fiscal Year 2022

in response to growing need in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic.

"As we work to expand access and participation in critical food safety net programs like SNAP, which empower longer term stability, the immediate support that our food banks provide remains crucial to ensuring no one goes hungry," continued Coughlin.

Among the regional beneficiaries are the Community Food Bank of New Jersey, the Food Bank of South Jersey, Fulfill NJ, Mercer Street Friends Food Bank, Norwescap, and the Southern Regional Food Distribution Center.

This year's budget also includes an additional \$500,000 for CUMAC, a community-informed anti-hunger organization housed in Paterson that legislators visited in May.

## Pallone Secures \$2.25 Million for Old Bridge to Build a New Recreational Building on Laurence Harbor

Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr. (NJ-06) today announced that he secured \$2.25 million for Old Bridge in the Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Subcommittee spending bill for Fiscal Year 2023. The House is expected to vote on the underlying legislation in the coming months.

The Borough will use the funding to construct a new multipurpose building along the Laurence Harbor beachfront that will help the community expand recreational opportunities for its residents. This new building will consist of a two-story community building and will be used for recreation on the first floor and open space, providing a beautiful and functional space for residents and visitors in Old Bridge.

"I'm glad I was able to secure funding for Old Bridge to construct a new building for residents to use for recreation and community

activities," Pallone said. "This new shared space will help keep our friends and neighbors active and bring the community together. I look forward to seeing this project move through the legislative process."

"During these difficult economic times it's important to recognize the need to increase and encourage recreational opportunities for our working families. We are excited to share the proposed conceptual plans for the Laurence Harbor Community Building," Mayor Owen Henry said. "This is the first step towards the revitalization of Old Bridge's waterfront, which will not only spur economic growth but also create an engaging destination place within the Township. The Township is currently working on designating the Laurence Harbor area as an area in need of redevelopment which will drive reinvestment and redevelopment opportunities."

## John D. O'Toole

John D. O'Toole, 66, formerly of South Amboy died on July 21. He was a St. Mary's HS Class of '74 graduate. John excelled in baseball, where he was known for his power, and was also musically inclined, and played guitar in a few rock 'n' roll bands back in that era. He was a really good guy, who moved to Florida and ran a successful business.



## Ruth Ellen Knoth Kuchinski

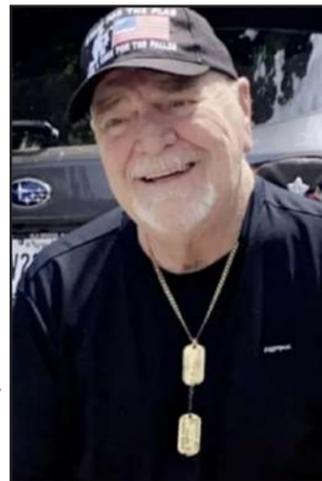
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Ruth Kuchinski, 74, of Matawan, passed away on June 27. Ruth was a secretary/administrative assistant for 36 years at St. Mary's High School. She will be remembered for her wonderful personality and kindness to all, who were blessed to have her touch their lives in such a positive way. Ruth's philosophy in her own words reflected the kind of special person she was, "Just be a decent person, fun loving, confident, and have laughter in your daily life. Be giving and kind to all."



## Michael P. McArdle

Michael P. McArdle, 80, of Parlin died on Saturday July 9, 2022 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Old Bridge. Born in Manhattan he lived in the Bronx and Brooklyn before settling in Parlin. Before retiring he was employed by AT & T Overseas Communication, Basking Ridge and Ameristeel Security where he was known as "Captain Mike". A U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam War, he was a member of St. Bernadette R.C. Church, Parlin.



Son of the late John and Mary Herry McArdle he is also predeceased by his sisters Margaret Mary O'Connor and Elizabeth Whalen. He is survived by his wife of 57 years Gloria Lukach McArdle; his son Michael McArdle; his

daughters and sons-in-law Maureen and Robert Herndon and Lisa and David Leon; his brother and sister-in-law John and Jeanette McArdle; his sister Anne McNamee; his grandchildren Ashley, Alexa, Danny, Nicholas, Kayla, Michael, Matthew and Christopher and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held from The Gundrum Service "Home For Funerals" 237 Bordentown Avenue, South Amboy followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Bernadette Church, East Brunswick. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to The Tunnel To Towers Foundation.

## Henry Goszkowski

Handsome Henry Goszkowski, age 91 of Parlin, passed away Friday, June 24, 2022 at Hackensack Meridian Hospital in Perth Amboy. Born in Tottenville, Staten Island, he had lived in Parlin for many years. He was a US Army Veteran of the Korean War. He appeared in 1953's classic movie about the Korean War, "Cease Fire!". While his career was in banking, Henry was also a musician and a great lover of music. He played accordion and



several other instruments and was in many bands throughout the years, including the Imperial Music Center Concert Band. He also loved making and giving away birdhouses (over 14,000), and enjoyed a

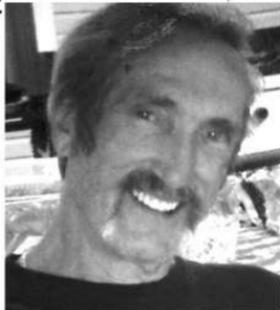
good cocktail on a Friday afternoon.

He is predeceased by his wife Catherine and his siblings. Surviving are his children Dr. Mary Donley and her husband Warren, Dr. Paul Goszkowski and his wife Lucy, Dr. James Goszkowski and his wife Helen, his grandchildren Brian, Carol, Robert, Adam, and Hannah, 3 great-grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends. A private cremation was entrusted

to the Carmen F. Spezzi Funeral Home 15 Cherry Lane, Parlin. Completed arrangements and letters of condolences to the family may be found by visiting [www.spezzifuneralhome.com](http://www.spezzifuneralhome.com).

## In Memoriam

God looked around His garden and  
He found An empty place,  
He then looked down upon the earth and  
Saw your precious face  
He put His arms around you and  
Lifted you to rest;  
God's Garden must be beautiful  
He always takes the best.  
It broke our hearts to lose you  
But you did not go alone  
For part of us went with you  
The day God welcomed you home.



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Wife Debra and children William, Thomas, Kimberly

### Novena Prayer to St. Anthony of Padua

O Holy St. Anthony, gentlest of Saints, your love for God and charity for His creatures, made you worthy, when on earth, to possess miraculous powers. Miracles waited on your word, which you were ever ready to speak for those in trouble or anxiety. Encouraged by this thought, I import you to obtain for me (request). The answer to my prayer may require a miracle. Even so, you are the Saint of Miracles. O gentle and loving St. Anthony, whose heart was ever full of human sympathy, whisper my petition into the ears of Sweet Infant Jesus, who loved to be folded in your arms; and the gratitude of my heart will ever be yours. Amen. Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be. -M.S., S.S., N.P., S.S

### 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. -G.V.

### A PRAYER FOR HEALING

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

### A PRAYER FOR HEALING

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### Obituaries

Batista, Eileen M., 64, of South Amboy died on June 19.  
 Besner, Joseph, 67, of South Amboy died on June 9.  
 Boshko, Edward, 95, of Sayreville died on July 2.  
 Bressman, Audrey E., 87, of Parlin died on June 27.  
 Crismale, Mary Jo, 65, of Sayreville died on June 22.  
 Cronin, Anne Marie, 73, of South Amboy died on June 27.  
 Emmons, Mark, 65, formerly of Sayreville died on June 30.  
 Feniello, Muriel, 89, formerly of Sayreville died on June 30.  
 Galebides, Bonita "Bonnie," 85, of South Amboy died on June 27.  
 Goszkowski, Henry "Handsome," 91, of Parlin died on June 24.  
 Haydu, Robert B. "Bob," 52, of Sayreville died on June 30.  
 Kuchinski, Ruth E., 74, of Matawan died on June 27.  
 Malik, Bernard T. Sr., 89, of Sayreville died on July 9.

McArdle, Michael, 80, of Parlin died on July 9.  
 Pipala, Joseph, 88, of South Amboy died on June 10.  
 Quigley, Doris, 84, of Sayreville died on July 16.  
 Roman, Edgardo Z., 84, of Sayreville died on June 28.  
 Sendziak, Vincent Jr., 73, of South Amboy died on July 3.  
 Starace, Helen Kijowski, 94, formerly of Sayreville died on July 12.  
 Szatkowski, Veronica, 95, of Sayreville died on July 8.  
 Trpisovsky, Carl, 74, formerly of Sayreville died on July 11.  
 Tulanowski, Maria, 62, of Sayreville died on June 29.  
 Villanti, Thomas, 69, of Parlin died on June 26.  
 Yaczina, Margaret M. Elliassen, 67, of Sewaren died on June 19.  
 Zukosky, Florence, 67, of South Amboy died on July 1.

### In Memoriam

Margaret Elliassen Yaczina, 67, of Sewaren died on June 19. She was a wonderful lady, and if you ever had the opportunity to stop in at Monaghan House, you probably got to know her, as she was the bartender for probably around 30 years. Margaret had a beautiful personality, and I never heard a bad thing about her. She was also the sole proprietor of Tuesday's Child Shoppe (a consignment store in Avenel) for over 15 years. Margaret touched countless lives in a positive way and will never be forgotten. "Handsome" Henry Goszkowski, 91, of Parlin died on June 24. He was a banker,

who loved music and was an instructor, and an entertainer, playing in many bands. He also served in the Korean War, and was seen in a war movie in the 1950's. Through the years he made thousands of birdhouses and gave them away as gifts to friends, family, and just about anyone he would meet. Henry was a really terrific and kind-hearted man and will be sadly missed. Carl Trpisovsky, 74, formerly of Sayreville died on July 11. He graduated from Sayreville HS in '65, and was a Vietnam veteran and recipient of the Purple Heart.



### Anne Marie Cronin

Anne Marie Cronin, 73, of South Amboy, passed away unexpectedly on Monday, June 27, 2022 at JFK Medical Center, Edison, after a brief illness. Daughter of the late William and Marie (Kennedy) O'Leary, she was born in South Amboy and was a lifelong city resident.



Richard "Dick" Cronin in 2010, and by her siblings, William and Edward O'Leary, and Peggy Wahler. She is survived by her children, Thomas Moran and his wife Donna of South Amboy and Cathy Moberg and her husband Doug of Martinez, CA; her grandchildren, Aidan Thomas Moran, Nicolette Marie Moran, Brielle Molly Moberg, and Erik Joseph Moberg; her sister, Mary Chodkiewicz and her husband Chud of Marshall's Creek, PA; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

She was employed by ERSquibb Pharmaceuticals for many years, and later worked for NMS, Edison, until finally retiring in 2009. Anne Marie was proud of her Irish heritage, and was a member of the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, South Amboy, where she was honored as Irishwoman of the Year in 2006. She was also a longtime member of the LMGGA.

She was predeceased by her husband, Visitation was at Spotswood Funeral Home, 475 Main Street, Spotswood. Funeral Service was held at the funeral home, followed by interment at St. Mary's Cemetery, South Amboy.

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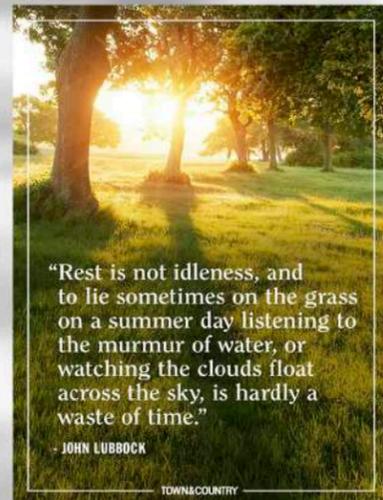


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