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# The South Amboy/Sayreville TIMES

This issue is dedicated to  
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\*Dennis Grobelny  
\*Randy "Pigeon" Poliny  
\*Vincent Wisniewski



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## Middlesex County Commissioners Primary

Democratic Incumbents Charles Tomaro and Leslie Koppel easily defeated their challengers, and will face Republicans Peter "Pedro" Pizar of South Amboy and Gary Hagopian who were both unopposed in the election. Pizar garnered an impressive 10,737 votes.

## Sayreville Primary Results

In the Borough of Sayreville Primary Election, Democratic candidate for Mayor Bill Henry notched 1,578 votes. The Dem Council candidates Mary Novak and Vincent Conti received 1,573, and 1,564 respectively. Republican candidate for Mayor Kennedy O'Brien garnered 928 votes, and Council candidates John Zebrowski and Michael Colace brought in 895, and 856 votes respectively.

## Spring Creek Health Care Center

by Dr. Jorge Gonzalez Gomez – "Director Mi Hogar & Trach Care Program"



The much-anticipated Open House and Unveiling of the renovations of Spring Creek HealthCare Center took place Thursday, June 15, 2023. The event filled the lobby, hallways and the new state of the art rehabilitation and occupational therapy suite.

Allaire Health Services acquired the former Amboy Care Center located at 1 Lindbergh Avenue in Perth Amboy, New Jersey approximately 18 months ago. Today, it is happy to announce that it has completed 40% of the building makeover.

SamAtlas, LNHA Facility Administrator recently said, "the transformation of the physical plant goes hand in hand with our staffs' focus on empathy and best outcome patient model." The renovation of the third-floor patient areas, lobby and 1800 sq. ft. gym are now complete. Half of the first-floor patient wing is nearly completed and awaits final touches and regulatory approvals.

The focus of Spring Creek HCC is simple, "care for the community you serve, innovate programs that the residents and our physician and hospital partners need, constantly give back to neighboring

## South Amboy Memorial Day Service



Local military veterans are pictured following the service. See more photos on page 21. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

## Former MLB Player In South Amboy



Former Major League Baseball player Todd Frazier (c) recently visited South Amboy. Anthony Olivieri (l) and Tom Bikowski (r) enjoyed talking to Frazier, who rose to national fame as a Little Leaguer, when he hit the game-winning home run to lead Toms River to the Little League World Series championship. See more photos on page 23. (Photo submitted)



## New Eagle Scouts



Boy Scout Troop 95, of South Amboy acknowledged their four new Eagle Scouts at the Flag Retirement Service. Pictured are new Eagle Scouts Nathaniel King, Edward Williams, Gabriel King, and Seth Mathias. Congratulations! (Photo by Tom Burkard)

## Khan and Lukie Earn Top Honors



South Amboy High School Salutatorian Sara Lukie (l) and Valedictorian Sawvera Khan (r) pose just prior to graduating on June 21st. Congratulations! (Photo by Brian Stratton)

communities and hire great talent."

Spring Creek has launched a Wound Care Program, Tracheostomy Decannulation Program and a culturally sensitive program geared to the community we serve called "Mi Hogar." Mi Hogar provides Spanish speaking staff, Spanish speaking physicians, Spanish menu, Spanish activities, etc. We aim to mimic the home environment and care for the residents as our loved family. Our dedicated Director of Nurses, her staff and the medical leadership has worked steadfastly to increase our clinical capabilities which have resulted in a noticeable reduction of re-hospitalizations of our residents.

Sam's goal is simple, "constantly aim for perfection bringing the best human talent to care for the residents we serve." He said "having the resources and talent of Allaire Health Services, a multistate long term care operator known to have transformed facilities and even achieved a Newsweek Best Nursing Home rating in 2023; is transformative for Spring Creek. The leadership of Allaire's CEO, Ben Kurland and his team has morphed

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Past Commander of Luke A. Lovely Post 62, Bob "Zak" Sekerak (l) goes over plans for the South Amboy Flag Retirement Service with Commander Joe Szaro. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

## Talk Of The Towns

By Tom Burkard

### Fross Selected Top Agent

Former Sayreville resident Alan Fross was selected in April as the #1 Agent of the Month for the Coldwell Bank/Realty Bedminster/Bridgewater office. Congratulations and continued success, Alan!

### Hello, Pete!

It was great to run into former South Amboy resident Pete Inman, who was an old teammate/manager on the Mechanicsville A.C. softball team back in '73. Not only was he an excellent softball player/brilliant manager, but was a 1st Team Group 1 All-State shortstop for Hoffman HS back in 1963.

### Congratulations!

Congratulations to Chloe Iatauro, seventh grade student at St. Stan's School. Chloe won second place for her grade level in the Diocese of Metuchen's Respect for Life poster contest. Chloe's poster of St. Mother Teresa earned her recognition by the Diocese. **Suchcicki Graduates From Seton Hall U.**

Congratulations to Raeanne Suchcicki for graduating from Seton Hall University. Raeanne earned a Masters Degree in Speech Language Pathology. She is the daughter of Toni and Ray Suchcicki of Parlin. The SA Times wishes Raeanne well in her future endeavors.

## St. Mary Church New Pastor



Bishop James Checchio of the Diocese of Metuchen has announced the appointment of Very Reverend Guy Selvester as the new pastor of St. Mary Church effective September 1, 2023.

**PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN**  
(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. -M.M.

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**Pleasant Little TRIVIA** By Tom Burkard

- Pastor of Sacred Heart Church in 1988?  
a.Rev. Joseph Banach b.Rev. Joseph Romanoski c.Msgr. Walter Urbanik
- President of the Eagles Sports Association in '88?  
a.Peg Bonis b.Rick O'Connor c.Mary Ann Julg
- In 1988, who was the Pastor of St. Bernadette Church?  
a.Rev. James Smith b.Rev. James Hagerman c.Rev. Andrew Szaroleta
- St. Mary's Church Pastor in '88?  
a.Msgr. Gerety b.Father McConnell c.Father Forker
- This physician preceded Dr. Hoffman at the office on Bordentown Ave.?  
a.Dr. Dikembe Muwondo b.Dr. Michael Ciencewicki c.Dr. Wilfred Jones
- Parlin Pizza was located in Sayreville in 1988 at?  
a.Washington Rd. b.Deerfield Rd. c.Pulaski Ave.
- Where in Sayreville was Kuchta's Garden Center located?  
a.Washington Rd. b.Bordentown Ave. c.Rt. 9 South
- What section of Sayreville was Gabel Monument Works located?  
a.Melrose b.Morgan c.President Park
- Who was President of St. Stanislaus Kostka Holy Name Society in '88?  
a.Edward Jurkiewicz b.Ron Eden c.Edwin Chudkowski
- What is the name of the street that leads directly into Waterfront Park?  
a.John T. O'Leary Blvd. b.Keenan Way c.Hoffman Place

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

## South Amboy Crowns 7U Champions Purple Panthers

On June 20th 2023 the 7and under Baseball Championship was decided. It was played at the Sayreville AA Field Complex and featured the South Amboy Purple Panthers squaring off with the South Amboy Red Raiders. The game went back and forth with a dramatic win by the Purple Panthers in the bottom of the sixth inning with two

outs. Congratulations to both squads and their coaches on an amazing spring 2023 7u baseball season, all involved should be proud of their achievements this season! Finally, also congratulations to third place team the South Amboy Blue Bombers who also had an amazing season!! The future looks bright for South Amboy Baseball!



The Champion South Amboy 7U Purple Panthers



The 2nd Place South Amboy 7U Red Raiders

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### FROM THE DESK OF TOM REILLY

With graduation season upon us, I would like to say a few words to the members of our local graduating classes. First of all, my sincere congratulations to all of you. Your years of hard work and striving have paid off, and you have earned yourself a brighter future through the process. I hope you will continue to trust that process and hold to an unwavering belief that hard work pays off with time and pays back with interest. Whether you are graduating from high school, college, or pursuing a job, remember to take pride in everything you do and to trust yourself and your abilities. There will be new challenges ahead, but just as you have risen to meet them before, so will you again find the strength to meet them now and in the future. When you have doubts, remember your past achievements and the inner strength you found to obtain them. Believe in yourself, be the best version of yourself you can be, find your passion, and pursue it. At the same time, keep your mind open to new ideas and experiences. Learning is a lifelong process, there always is more of it to do, and no shortage of ways to better yourself and to expand your perspective. Perhaps most importantly of all, be patient; it takes time to build a career, to work towards your dreams, and it may not happen today, tomorrow, or even in a few years, but you will be rewarded with time and perseverance. Grab your dreams and don't let them go. Finally, remember



to thank your family, friends, teachers, mentors, or any other person who has helped you to achieve your success.

Allow me to leave you with the words of Thomas Jefferson:

"If you want something you've never had, you must be willing to do something you've never done."

Congratulations to all South Amboy graduates and best of luck in all future endeavors.

On a separate note, please join me in congratulating South Amboy First Aid, which recently celebrated its 90th anniversary. The many dedicated volunteers who have served our city deserve our utmost gratitude and appreciation. Please consider joining this wonderful organization. They are always looking for members.

Respectfully  
Tom Reilly  
2nd Ward Councilman  
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## Yearbook-Sayreville 1988

By Tom Burkard

When the new school year started in September '87 for the students at Sayreville War Memorial HS, The Los Lobos ruled the Pop Charts with their big hit, a cover of "La Bamba"... While at the Washington Rd. institution, Rita Whitney was principal. Back in the '60's, she was principal of St. Mary's Grammar School in South Amboy, and known as Sister Mary Beata... Some of her Sayreville faculty members were: Judith Mischne, Dolores Suminski, Nancy Pfiel, Christine Bill, William Doll, Ann Juliano, Linda Carney, William Scarola, and Judy Sforza... The Student Council consisted of President-Ken Damato, V.P., Matt Lichenstein, Sec.-Jen Gotti, Treas.-Ed Lake... Karen Szewczyk was selected Homecoming Queen in the Fall of '87... Presidents of various school clubs were: German-Leslie Unger; Spanish-Jack Cibrian; French-Matt Lichenstein; National Honor Society-Paresh Patel; Spanish National Honor Society-Derek Czernikowski; German National Honor Society-Karen Savona; French National Honor Society-Neil Golub; Women's Varsity Club-Michelle Huguenin; Library Council Dan Harning... Activities were plentiful at SWMHS during the 1987-88 school year. Some of the great happenings included: The Fall Theatre-"Curtain Going Up"; The Annual Spirit Week brought the best

out of the students; Four Odyssey of The Mind (OM) teams under Coach Carla Sutherland advanced to the state tournament; DECA received 22 awards in state leadership; The Spring Musical-"Joseph & The Technicolor Dreamcoat"; The Bomber Band Marching Unit had a 78.5 score, the highest in school history... Paul Loughman was Editor-In-Chief of the student magazine "Images," and Steven Sun was Editor-In-Chief of the yearbook... The football team had a tough 1-8 season, as Mike Adams and Matt Fulham did their best as co-captains... Leigh Garbowski and Mary Fedor were co-captains of the girls' basketball team... Some of the huge Class of '88 graduates selected randomly include: Denise Anderson, George Armhold, Richard Baruchle, Lisa Buchanan, Christopher Carey, Linda Chiofalo, Jennifer Ciszewski, Louise Crater, Peter DeBiase, Jeannine Devlin, Bryan Doel, Neal Golub, Rich Gluchowski, Amy Hamma, Patrick Kilcommons, Todd Meyer, James O'Chat, Joanne Refano, James Senape, Christine Smith, Melissa Traina, Kelly Walsh, Christine Wisk, Michael Zollinger, Christine McCormack. The Sayreville War Memorial HS Class of 1988 was not only huge in the number of graduates, but also in talent and unlimited potential to make the world a better place

## South Amboy Honors Instructional and Support Staff of the Year

(Photos by Phyllis Stratton)



Pictured Left to Right: Sean Dunphy-South Amboy Elementary School Principal; Corin Duffy-Teacher of the Year; Lisa McAlonie-Educational Support Professional of the Year; Michelle Buchanan-South Amboy Elementary School Vice Principal; Dr. Frederick Williams-South Amboy Schools Superintendent.



Pictured Left to Right: James Brown-South Amboy Middle/High School Principal; Nicole Vancil-Collins-Teacher of the Year; Dr. Frederick Williams-South Amboy Schools Superintendent. Not Pictured Michael Elson-Educational Support Professional of the Year.

## Sayreville Public Library News

### Adult Summer Reading Club begins July 7,

Back by popular demand, Adult Summer Reading Bingo is returning. Beginning on July 7, stop by our reference desk to sign up and receive a bingo card. Mark a square on your card for every category of book you read until you complete a Bingo. (Bingo can be Horizontal, Vertical, Diagonal, or all four corners) Once you complete a Bingo, turn in your card at the Reference Desk for a raffle ticket to win one of our prizes at the finale party on August 14. The more you read, the more chances you get to win.

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## The Smoke Column


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

It is a known fact that firefighters are at an increased risk of developing and dying from cancer compared with that of the general population and the statistics back this up. In previous articles I warned of the danger and potential consequences of wearing "dirty" turnout gear. Dirty gear is a cancer-causing item and we have been warned over-and-over to clean our gear after every fire we fight, no excuses! Now that the summer season is upon us, we have to be more aware of melanoma and various skin cancers. Do you know how easy it is to prevent skin cancer and how to detect it in its early stages? The fact is, although skin cancer is one of the most commonly diagnosed cancers for firefighters, it is also one of the most preventable. There is a quantifiable risk for firefighters in relation to skin cancer, particularly melanoma which begins with the abnormal growth of skin cells. The three major types of skin cancer are basal cell carcinoma, squamous cell carcinoma, and melanoma which is the most serious type of skin cancer. Most melanomas occur when the skin is exposed to sunlight and usually appear on the back, legs, arms, and face. Firefighters need to have their skin examined frequently, preferably by a dermatologist who knows what to look for. YOU can look at your skin for unusual moles that could be an indication of early stages of cancer. These moles may have an irregular shape, have notched or scalloped edges, different color variants or an uneven distribution of color, a size larger than ¼ inch, or moles that become itchy and bleed when scratched. Be aware that melanoma can occur on normal looking skin so don't guess one way or another. We know that wearing dirty gear can cause a variety of cancers inside the body by the off gassing of the smoke/soot that remains in the fabric long after the fire is out. The contaminants if the fabrics are absorbed through the open pores in the skin. Following any exposure to a smoky atmosphere, both inside AND outside a burning structure, remove as much of the harmful contaminants from your skin by using cleansing wipes on your face, hands,

and especially the neck area. Research has determined that there is greater than a 50% reduction in the contaminants when using these wipes on your skin. You have all heard the saying, "shower within the hour" which means that you should shower as soon as you return from a fire to remove as much of the contamination from your skin as possible. Don't we all wish there were showers installed in ALL the fire stations so we wouldn't have to carry those contaminants home to our families? The New NFPA standards require showers to be installed in all newly constructed fire stations. This may be a good time to pursue funding for those stations without showers. During the warm weather months, firefighters spend a good deal of time outdoors performing apparatus maintenance, training, and fighting fires. Try to position yourself in a shady area, especially during rehab when you are all sweaty and have to remove your gear to cool down. Your pores are open when you sweat which allows contaminants to easily enter your skin. When out in the sun for any reason, apply a liberal coating of sunscreen to your exposed skin to prevent the harmful rays of the sun from causing skin damage. Many fire departments are supplying their firefighters with some type of sunscreen as a preventative measure. Remember that some cancers occur later in life due to an accumulation of sun exposures throughout your lifetime. Examine your skin for the obvious and the not so obvious. Enjoy the sun and the warm weather but do it safely. Note to those sun worshippers, you can still get a tan while wearing sunscreen. Stay safe and healthy out there. A special thank you to Chief Frank Leeb of FDNY for providing facts for this article.

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## Bishop Elected State Commander

(Photo/info submitted)

Larry Bishop, U.S. Army veteran from Sayreville, was unanimously elected state commander of The American Legion, Department of NJ, at the organization's 104th annual convention in Wildwood on June 9. Bishop was born in New Brunswick and raised in Sayreville, attending Our Lady of Victories grammar school and Sayreville high. He enlisted in the U. S. Army in April 1969. He worked in the Pentagon, obtaining a top secret clearance, and then was assigned to the U.S. Courier Service as a guard to the officer as they carried top secret material all over the country.



Committeeman for Middlesex County. He has served on many committees at the county and state dept. level, and is currently National Security Chair and is a member of the National Conventional Armed Forces Committee. His mission to help veterans in any way he can comes from his family military history: father-Army WWII, two uncles- Army WWII and one uncle- Navy WWII. His father, Jack, was a past commander of Post 211 and mother, Margret, a past auxiliary president.

After his honorable discharge, he joined Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 9 and was elected vice president. Bishop is a 35-year member of Sayreville Post 211, where he served 10 consecutive years as post commander, three years as Middlesex County Commander, two years as Dept. Vice Commander and served as Dept. Executive

and his wife Lona have two children, Scott and Jennifer, and two grandchildren, Andrew and Emma. His wife Lona, sister Jackie, daughter Jennifer and granddaughter Emma are all auxiliary members and grandson Andrew is in high school ROTC. Bishop was involved in Little League baseball and softball for many years and was a member of Sayreville's baseball executive committee.

## New Mural At Waterfront Park

Middlesex County's Mural Contest winning design unveiled: celebrating the history of the South Amboy waterfront (Photos/story submitted)



The completed painting of the winning mural design was unveiled Wednesday, May 24 at a ceremony at Raritan Bay Waterfront Park. This exciting initiative engaged local artists and community members in transforming Middlesex County's open spaces into an artistic reflection of this vibrant community. After carefully reviewing numerous impressive submissions, the panel of judges selected the design submitted by Julia Virginia Win of Metuchen, which provides an homage to the transportation and history of South Amboy. Win received an honorarium for her winning design. The mural was painted by professional muralist Louie Blacka. "On behalf of the Middlesex County Board of County Commissioners, I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to Julia Virginia Win on her selected mural design, and express gratitude to all of the contest participants for their exceptional artwork," said Director of the Board of County Commissioners Ronald G. Rios. "I encourage residents and visitors to come check out this wonderful new mural and the beautiful South Amboy waterfront. Art has a transformative power, especially public art, which can inspire people and enhance even an already scenic location like Raritan Bay Waterfront Park." The new mural can be found painted on the exterior of the comfort building at the Raritan Bay Waterfront Park.

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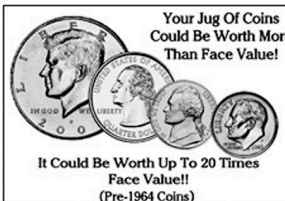
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Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) International Honor Society, Upsilon Gamma Chapter of Middlesex County College and the National Junior Honor Society of South Amboy Middle High School came together for a year of service at the Venetian Nursing Home of South Amboy, New Jersey. The NJHS decorated arts and crafts for the holiday season and played Bingo in the spring. Then, in June, Middlesex County College invited the NJHS for a ceremony to honor their service, citizenship, leadership, character and scholarship. The students went on a tour, were provided lunch, and had multiple speakers tell them about the different possibilities given at this wonderful college. (Photo/Info Submitted)

## Father Dennis Retirement Dinner

On Sunday, August 20, 2023, St. Mary's Parish will be hosting a Dinner Celebration & Fundraiser in honor of our Pastor, Rev. Dennis R. Weezorak, on the occasion of his retirement from active priestly ministry. Fr. Dennis has been a part of the local community for nearly 30 years and has been active in many charitable and volunteer efforts. A commemorative ad book will be prepared for the occasion. If you would like to place an ad in the book to wish Fr. Dennis a happy and healthy retirement, please find the form on the parish webpage, [www.saintmarysa.org](http://www.saintmarysa.org) under the "Events & News" tab.

## South Amboy Flag Retirement Service

(Photos by Tom Burkard)



Members of the American Legion Luke A. Lovely Post #62 of South Amboy are pictured prior to the Flag Retirement ceremony. In the photo (l-r) Commander Joe Szaro, Tom Noble, Bill Garnett, Brian McQuade, Bob Moglia, Ryan Wilde, Gary Poland, Ed Peterson, Ken Kokoszka, Past Commander Bob "Zak" Sekerak, W. Tom Kross, Steve Tarr.



Boy Scouts of Troop 95, South Amboy, and Girl Scouts were also on hand for the Flag Retirement Service.



South Amboy Firefighter gathers used and damaged flags to put in the fire for their retirement.



South Amboy Firefighters pay their respects and salute during the playing of "Taps."



### Police Torch Run (Photos/Story By Jamie Norek)



On June 9th members of the South Amboy and Sayreville police departments ran in the 40th Annual NJ Law Enforcement Torch Run to raise money for NJ Special Olympics. Sayreville officers Mike Popowski and Jennifer Bruan hand off the torch to South Amboy officers Al Kester and Brian McCabe on So. Pine Ave. Officers from both departments are pictured on the top of Rt 35 Victory Bridge after handing off the torch to Perth Amboy officers.

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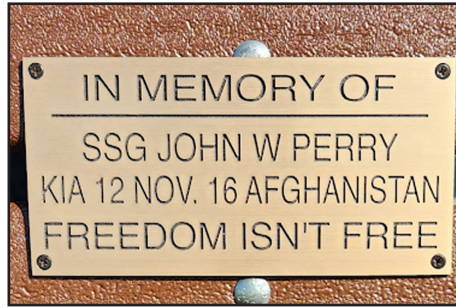
The Rone Family would like to Thank everyone who participated in the 5th Riley's Touch A Truck Fundraiser, benefitting the Hugh Riley Rone Scholarship Fund, Especially Coach Dan Poulsen and The South Amboy High School Baseball Team. Whether you made a donation, provided a truck, was a sponsor, volunteered your time or came out for a fun day with your family, it means the world to us. We hope you had fun and look forward to doing it again next year!

Congratulations to this year's scholarship recipients: **Gabriel Albarran, Morgan Moskal, Evalise Perez, Beth Brown, Steven Evanski, Christian Smith, Matthew Stempinski, Jada Berry, Brandon Gasiewski, Ahmaya Johnson,** and a few others that have not yet been awarded.....

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## War Hero Honored At Kennedy Park

(Photos/story submitted)



Just in time for Memorial Day, a local hero who lost his life in Operation Freedom's Sentinel during the War in Afghanistan, was honored for his sacrifice. Family and friends of SSG John W. Perry gathered at Kennedy Park on May 27 to dedicate a park bench in his memory. The son of Kathy Fazekas Perry of South River, SSG Perry met Julianne Good of Sayreville, at St. Stanislaus Kostka School where they were both students in the 1990's. They later remeted and married, and had two children, Lena Rose and Gavin William. Although Julianne and her children remained in Texas after John's passing, Lena and Gavin visit their grandparents in Sayreville each summer. This particular bench was chosen because of its proximity to the pond, as John and now his children love fishing, and to the skatepark, since he was an avid skateboarder as a teen, and his children now enjoy riding their scooters there.

SSG Perry was killed on November 12, 2016, just days after his 30th birthday. He was on his way out of a gym building at Bagram Air Base when a suicide bomber was on his way into the building to destroy his target, 250 soldiers training for a run. The bomber was startled by John and his Colonel moving toward him, so he detonated early,

John's mother-in-law, Edna Mazur Pilch with John's mother, Kathy Fazekas Perry.

immediately killing four men and injuring many others. John was posthumously promoted to staff sergeant and received a Bronze Star and Purple Heart for his heroism. He was later buried at Arlington National Cemetery, and there were memorials held at both Fort Hood and Bagram. He is a true American hero who will never be forgotten.

SSG Perry's mother-in-law, Edna Mazur Pilch, donated the money for the bench plaque, after seeing other benches honoring various residents. The family would like to thank the Borough of Sayreville Parks Department for this opportunity to memorialize their hero. Freedom isn't free.

## Hoffman High School Multi-Year Reunion!

All alumni of Hoffman HS are invited to join us at our multi-year reunion! This nostalgic event will take place on Sunday, Oct. 8th from 1-5pm at Mara's, Rt. 35, South Amboy. The cost is \$70 per person, which includes a delicious buffet, beer, and wine. Questions? Contact Helenmae Stader Bilder (hbilder1@gmail.com) or stop one of our

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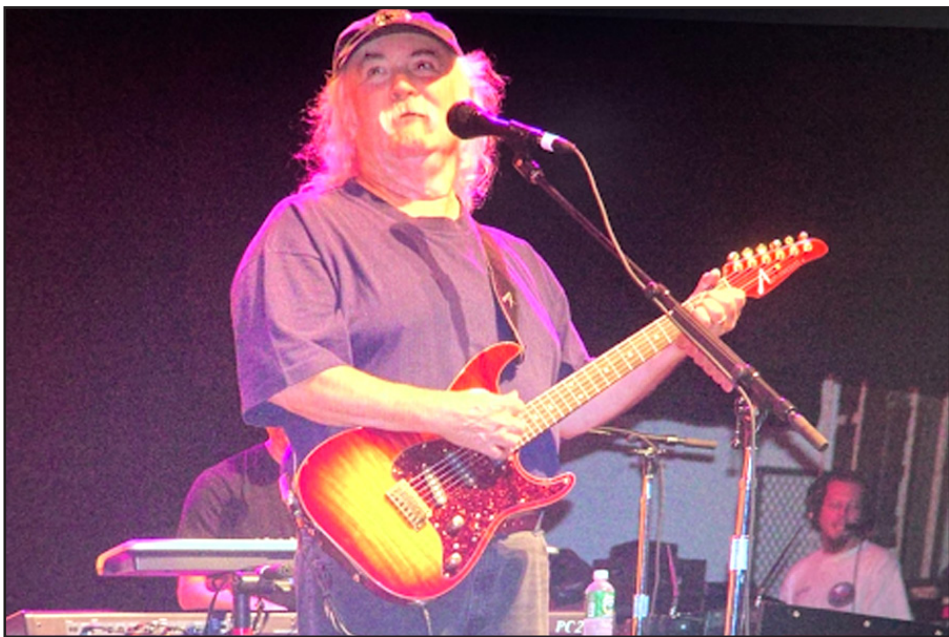


## Music Flashback 2004

(Photos by Tom Burkard)



David Crosby (far right) is pictured with the world-renowned band, Crosby, Stills and Nash (CSN) at the PNC Center in Holmdel back in 2004. The group was originally called Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young but guitarist Neil Young left the band. Crosby also played with Buffalo Springfield "For What It's Worth," and The Byrds "Turn, Turn, Turn" and many other hits.



Famous musician/singer, David Crosby died on Jan. 18th at 81 years old

## Acoustic Friday, July 28, 2023

On July 28, 2023, South Amboy Arts Alliance will feature a return engagement by Crown Acoustic to its Acoustic Friday showcase. Crown Acoustic is the Princeton-based music trio consisting of Paul Bejgrowicz, Barry Schoendorf and Cecilia Hetzer. While the group covers songs mostly in the Americana tradition, Crown Acoustic brings the versatility to explore other popular music genres as well.

Additionally, Jerry Smith, who has been organizing and hosting the monthly Acoustic Friday performances, will take the stage for only the second time since the inception of the program. Jerry performs classic rock and

roll, Motown, and his original compositions.

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

The Alliance seeks interested acoustic-oriented performers of any genre for future shows. If you've contacted SA Arts about playing and haven't heard back, you will. 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.

### #1 Pop Hits-June 30

- 2003-This Is The Night-Clay Aiken
- 1995-I Swear-All-4-One
- 1988-Foolish Beat-Debbie Gibson
- 1971-It's Too Late-Carole King
- 1964-A World Without Love-Peter & Gordon

### #1 Country Hits June 30

- 2005-Making Memories Of Us-Keith Urban
- 1990-Love Without End, Amen-George Strait
- 1983-Fool For Your Love-Mickey Gilley
- 1976-El Paso City-Marty Robbins
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40 Years Ago

- 1983-Come On Eileen-Dexy's Midnight Runners; She Blinded Me With Science-Thomas Dolby; Too Shy-Kajagoogoo; Pass The Dutchie-Musical Youth; Puttin' On The Ritz-Taco; Far From Over-Frank Stallone; In A Big Country-Big Country; Major Tom (Coming Home)-Peter Schilling.

### Top 20 Song Shootout

The Top 20 most viewed songs on our Facebook page for June were as follows: 1-Theme From A Summer Place-Percy Faith Orchestra; 2-Carefree Highway-Gordon Lightfoot; 3-Can't Get It Out Of My Mind-Electric Light Orchestra (ELO); 4-Wonderful Tonight-Eric Clapton; 5-Dust In The Wind-Kansas; 6-California Dreamin'-The Mamas & The Papas; 7-Vehicle-The Ides Of March; 8-Love Will Keep Us Together-Captain & Tennille 9-Smoke On The Water-Deep Purple; 10-Desperado-The Eagles; 11-The Little Old Lady From Pasadena-Jan & Dean; 12-Devoted To You-The Everly Bros.; 13-Without You-Nilsson; 14-Your Mama Don't Dance-Loggins & Messina; 15-Early Morning Rain-Gordon Lightfoot; 16-Father & Son-Cat Stevens; 17-You Belong To The City-Glenn Frey; 18-Before The Next Teardrop Falls-Freddy Fender; 19-Celebrate-Three Dog Night; 20-Surf City-Jan & Dean.

## Hangin' With The Famous



Former Parlin resident Walter Krzyzkowski (l) is pictured with a 'famous' Asbury Park person, world-renowned rock photographer and man behind the 'Sea, Hear, Now Festival,' Danny Clinch in a pic taken at the 'Transparent Clinch Gallery' which is in front of one of his famous Bruce Springsteen photos that is on display in the gallery. (Photo/info courtesy of Walter Krzyzkowski)

## Walk thru History

WITH THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTH AMBOY  
(Story submitted)

If you grew up in South Amboy or are new to the community you probably have heard about the 1950 Explosion, the Coal Dumpers, and the Camden and Amboy Railroad. If not, now is your chance to learn about the above and visit the actual site where all this history has occurred.

All these locations are at the site of the new ferry terminal that is slated to be built soon. Before the landscape disappears to progress and history is lost forever, now is the last chance to visit these sites. On July 26, 2023, at 10:00 AM, please join members of the Historical Society of South Amboy for a guided tour of the sites mentioned. A detailed description of each site will be discussed by your guide with photographs and an explanation of what has transpired.

We will visit the Powder Pier where the 1950 actual explosion occurred, artifacts will be explained by Industrial Archeologist Laure Cook, M.A., the Coal Dumpers (circa 1872) with an explanation of the operation, listen to John Kilbride an expert on the history of the

Camden & Amboy Railroad, talk about the round house from the Camden and Amboy Railroad (circa 1831) which was buried and unearthed in 2020 and other interesting facts at these locations.

The tour leader will guide the group on all dirt roads and at no time will the leader bring the group in areas that are deemed unsafe. Due to the conditions at the sites, it is recommended that proper footwear should be worn, (no open toed shoes or sandals). The safety of the participants and members of the historical society are to be held to the highest of standards. This event will only enhance the community's knowledge of the vast history of the City of South Amboy.

Directions to the parking area. Take Main St. going out of town. Turn left on Radford Ferry Rd. (across from McKeon Materials) go over the bridge and follow HISTORY signs to the parking area.

This event is in conjunction with the City of South Amboy.



By Tom Burkard

## 4th Of July Special

- 1.4th Of July
- 2.This Land Is Your Land
- 3.American Woman
- 4.God Bless The U.S.A.
- 5.Back In The U.S.A.
- 6.Freedom
- 7.American Girl
- 8.Only In America
- 9.Ballad Of The Green Berets
- 10.Born In The U.S.A.
- 11.America
- 12.Living In America
- 13.Philadelphia Freedom
- 14.Young Americans
- 15.R.O.C.K. In The U.S.A.
- 16.American Band
- 17.Surfin' U.S.A.
- 18.Rockin' In The Free World
- 19.American Pie
- 20.An American Trilogy

- a.The Beach Boys
- b.Elvis Presley
- c.David Bowie
- d.James Brown
- e.Tommy Petty/The Heartbreakers
- f.X
- g.Bruce Springsteen
- h.John Mellencamp
- i.SSgt. Barry Sadler
- j.Neil Young
- k.Don McLean
- l.Woody Guthrie
- m.Chuck Berry
- n.Jay/The Americans
- o.Neil Diamond
- p.The Guess Who
- q.Elton John
- r.Lee Greenwood
- s.Richie Havens
- t.Grand Funk



Answers

1f 2i 3p 4r 5m 6s 7e 8n 9i 10g 11o 12d 13q 14c 15h 16t 17a 18j 19k 20b.

## American Legion Lenape Post 211 Flag Retirement

(Story/Photos submitted)

On Wednesday, June 14th, 2023, Flag Day, American Legion Lenape Post 211 of Sayreville held a flag retirement ceremony. Throughout the year, flags were collected that were deemed unacceptable to be displayed. These flags flew over our public buildings such as our schools, firehouses, library, Borough Hall, our parks and recreation areas and our own homes. These flags may have

been tattered, torn, and faded but were still the symbol of a free nation. As they were taken down, new ones were flown in their place. New brightly colored material flew high above our buildings and all throughout our community as a show of support for unity and in support of our troops which give of themselves each and every day for THAT FLAG.



Post Commander Joel Bloom prepares to retire thousands of worn and tattered flags in a proper ceremony.



Thousands of retired flags are destroyed within minutes.

## SOUTH AMBOY ELEMENTARY ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT FOR TRIMESTER 3-2022/2023

**FOURTH GRADE-HIGH HONOR ROLL:** Braylin Castillo, Taran Chinglepet, Thomas Downs, Meraj Mannan, Anthony Melia, Jadel Miranda, and Jaxson Ortiz. **HONOR ROLL:** Abigail Camacho, Glenn Davis, James Eccles, Olivia Galioto, Shaun Godfrey, Emma Kelly, Gianna Martins, Mikayla Melia, Brielle Moreau, Giovanni Mortensen, Serina Mount, Emma Portuhondo, Janan Shammas, Kyle Soper, Iva Trailovic, Kallista Tsoukas, and Elissa Zavala-Escoto.

**FIFTH GRADE-HIGH HONOR ROLL:** Ariana Aronowitz, Arianna Kross, Jacob Romaniuk and Emma Smith. **HONOR ROLL:** Scarlett Agosto, Adam Bashir, Ayden Brexel, Harlie-Quinn Byrd, Logan Cerria, Alessandra Cosme, Allison Cruz-Zuniga, Bryce Errar, Journee Freeman, Zoey Fulham, Janallee Gomez, Austin Holovacko, Alina Joubert, Esmeyli Perez-Baez, Kyrie Piper, Avry Roque, Antonio Sambucci, Mohammed Shammas, Myles Sipsis, and Ethan Zannino.

### What Exit?



This month we are looking for the GSP exit that will get you to the Where In NJ? Send your answer to satimes@aol.com by July 17th.



### What Exit?

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton

May What Exit:

To get to last month's Where In NJ? GSP exits 29 or 30 would get you to Somer Point. The following got it right: Gary Feret, Dane Colburn, Thomas Harrigan, Pat Scully, Jeff Deverin, Betty Leveille, Edna Pilch, Walter Starzec Jr. Mark Moniello.

## South Amboy Arts Presents Great Beds Silhouettes

Paul During, well known to many music lovers, will be exhibiting his stunning photographs of our local landscape. His keen eye for light and color stuns his observers into seeing something they may never have noticed before viewing his photographs. Although this gallery exhibition may be

his first, his documenting details of nature's pure color display will not be forgotten. Stay tuned for the opening of his exhibition in early July on our social media outlets and at Facebook: SouthAmboyArtsAlliance or call 732-727-4600x5971.

## WWW.?



Does this building look familiar to you? If you know what it is, send your answer in to: satimes@aol.com by July 17th. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

WWW? Last month's mystery location was Protection Engine Co. #1 Firehouse located on Feltus St. in South Amboy. The following got it right: Paul Conlon, Don Zrebiec, Lee Szatkowski, Anne and Bruno Szatkowski, Joan Fulham, Lynn Loy, Gary Feret, Barb Bockus, Dane Colburn, Dermot Scales. Thomas Harrigan, Pat Scully, Stephen Laskiewicz, Joan Gorczyca, John &

JoAnn French, Bruce Grankowski, Nanci Deverin, Betty Leveille, Marisa Szamreta, Jim Ma lkiewicz, Marybeth Chodkiewicz, Edna Pilch, Eleanore Westerholm, Dennis Quinlan, Georgianna McDonald, Jay Seyglinski, Mary Agnes Morris, John Gelsinon, Ed English, Walter Starzec Jr, Lisa Grankowski, Laurie & Gary Loftus, Mark Moniello, Pete McIntyre.



May WWW.?

Protection Engin Co #1 Firehouse, Feltus Street, South Amboy

## LETTERS

### Letter to Editor:

The WWW.? picture in your 27 May 2023 edition is of the Protection firehouse at the intersection of David & Feltus Streets in South Amboy.

My father, Louis (who was born in 1922 and passed away a year ago), told me this firehouse originally stood at the corner of Augusta & Feltus, but it was moved to David & Feltus. Perhaps some of your readers can corroborate this.

Don Zrebiec



### 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 -M.L..

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# Enterprise Fire Co. 2nd Annual Food Truck Festival

Photos by Brian and Phyllis Stratton



The South Amboy PTO had many activities setup for the children including a bounce house, sand art, sprint art and more.



South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry enjoyed the festivities.



The food trucks were lined up and offered a wide variety of delicious dishes.



Vendors had something for everyone.



The petting zoo was a big hit with the kids.



Live music filled the air!

## Dowdell Library News

Start the summer off right with Dowdell Library's Children and Teens Summer Program Kick-off. On Monday, July 10 from 1-4 pm sign up for the Summer Fun Reading Program and grab your goodie bags while participating in all the fun activities and crafts. All summer long, stop by the children's room and see what games, crafts, and contests are going on!

Rock out with the Rock/Metal group "Self Sabotage," on Thursday, July 6 from 6:30-8 pm during the outdoor Drive-In Music Fest! The members are Garry Woods (Bass), Adrian Gonzalez (Guitar), Hannah Sanford (Guitar), and Nick DiForti (Drums). Bring your beach chairs, bicycles, or relax in your car! Rain date is Thursday, July 13.

Feeling a bit nostalgic? Come listen to some Pop and Blues Music from the 60s and 70s featuring Carol Selick on August 17 from 6:30-8 pm.

Want to see some cute and cuddly animals? Families, stop by the library Thursday, July 20 at 2 pm for the Eyes of the Wild program and see the live animals in action.

Dress in your favorite sports team memorabilia and stop by the library on Tuesday, July 11 for the Family Sports Team Day from 6:30-8 pm. Win prizes, take part in fun activities, and grab some stadium-themed refreshments with the whole family.

Teens! Feeling bored on a Tuesday afternoon? Head over to the library and see what fun programs are planned every Tuesday from 1-3 pm starting July 11. Try your hand at STEM building by creating your own cute googly-eyed bot named Bristlebot on July 11. Make your own smoothies on July 18. Just want to hang out with some friends, join the Anime Hangout on July 25, where you can read manga, watch anime, and grab some pocky sticks.

Kids who love crafts! Starting July 12, stop by the library every Wednesday all summer long from 1-3 pm and see what's going on. Take part in the summer theme of "kindness" with the Kids Be Kind Elephant Craft and BINGO on July 12. Participate in the Wooden Airplane Craft and Contest on July 19. Be an artist and design beautiful Rock Paintings and Chalk Art on July 26.

Kids! Checkout materials all summer long for a chance to win a backpack filled with school supplies and goodies! Drawing will take place on Monday, August 31.

Kids and Teens Mini Golf Open Play every Friday starting Friday, July 14. Practice sessions are available from 1-3 pm in half-hour time slots. The Teens Mini Golf Competition is Tuesday, August 8 at 1 pm. The Kids Mini Golf Competition is Thursday, August 10 at 1 pm.

Starting in July, the library's Summer Basketball Competition begins. Kids and teens can come in every day and shoot five shots for the possibility of winning a new basketball. Drawing is Monday, July 31. The player with the most baskets wins.

Kids! Have you ever wanted to cook a meal all by yourself? Learn how to measure, bake, and cook with Ms. Maryanne during Food Explorers on Monday, July 24 at 1 pm. Registration required.

Family Hoopla Read Along, Monday, July 17 at 1 pm. Learn how to sign-up and search for 1000's of Hoopla read-along eBooks.

Adults and Teens grab your knitting needles and crochet hooks! Drop in for the Crocheting and Knitting Circle on Mondays from 3:30-5 pm and 6:30-8 pm.

Parents with toddlers! Join Ms. Maryanne for Reading Rascals storytime on Friday, July 14 and August 11 from 1-2 pm for an afternoon of fun stories, games, activities, and crafts.

Existing Dungeons & Dragons players will meet on Thursdays, July 13 and July 27 from 6-7:30 pm.

The Senior Book Club will meet on Monday, July 31 and August 28 from 10:30 am - 11:30 am. Stop by the Library to pick up this month's book. Want to join? Just contact the library at 732-721-6060 or comments@dowdell.org

Adults! Use your creativity within, Adult 3D Pens on Monday, July 10 at 10:30 am. Start your morning off peacefully with Adult Mindfulness Zen Morning on Monday, July 24 at 10:30 am.

The Library will be celebrating the Fourth of July holiday on Tuesday, July 4 and will be closed that day.

Look forward to the library's upcoming August Disney Day Celebration Party on Thursday, August 24 from 6-8

Dowdell Library, in collaboration with Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital and RWJ Barnabas Health, offers online virtual health programs. Some courses include Stress Reduction through Imagery and Stretch It! Chair exercising, stretching, and flexibility workshop. Please register by emailing Camilla at Camilla.comercarruthers@rwjrh.org. For a complete list of the classes, please visit Dowdell.org.

Comments, queries, compliments? Please visit www.dowdell.org, or contact the Library at 732-721-6060 or comments@dowdell.org. The library is located off John O'Leary Blvd, adjacent to South Amboy Middle High School.

Summer Library Hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday from 10am-8pm and Wednesday, Friday from 10am-5pm.

## National Law Day at Middlesex College



Local Sayreville resident Barry J. Muller (Litigation Partner at Fox Rothschild, LLP) joined a panel of practitioners and Middlesex County Superior Court Judges for National Law Day at Middlesex College in Edison. The panel spoke to aspiring law students and shared stories and personal experiences, which truly resonated with and left a lasting impression upon the students. Pictured above (r-l): Judge Pedro Jimenez; Barry Muller, Esq.; Judge Sheree Pitchford; Robert. Goodwin, Esq.; Judge Alberto Rivas; Director, Eric Kozak. (Photo/Info Submitted)

We would love to hear from you!



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OR



# Sayreville Memorial Day Parade

(Photos by Tom Burkard)



Sayreville Firefighters lookin' good as they keep in step.



Col. David B. Kelly Fife & Drum are pictured pounding out a great beat as they march in the parade.



The Sayreville Memorial HS Marching Band played some great tunes for everyone.



Does anyone know what year and model this vintage beauty is? Parade attendees really enjoyed this glimpse of history.



Patriotic youngsters proudly wave the American flag on the Sayreville Historical Society and Museum truck.



The horses are always popular at the Memorial Day Parade..



Peter "Pedro" Pizar, a candidate for County Commissioner, proudly carried the American flag.



Karen Bailey-Bebert, Committee Chair of the Sayreville GOP displayed the POW/MIA flag throughout the parade.

## The Staff and Management at John Auto Center

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Raritan Bay Waterfront Park was eerily deserted June 7. The worst air quality in decades kept most park goers at home. (Photo by Steve Schmid)

### Hazardous Air Hits Us

By Steve Schmid

Smoke from Canadian wildfires contributed to the worst air quality in Sayreville and South Amboy in decades. The smoke developed June 6 and got worse June 7. The smoke turned our sky into an orange haze that resembled photographs of Mars. The sun looked like a small red dot in the gloom. Authorities urged residents to stay inside and close their windows to keep the smoke out. Surjit Singh, owner of John

Auto Center in South Amboy, said it looked like the world was coming to an end and he started to pray. It was hot and hard to breathe and he decided to close early. His mechanic, Chris, said it looked like a war zone outside and the orange sky looked like the album cover of a rock and roll band. Fortunately the air improved the next day and returned to good quality the weekend of June 10 and 11.

### South Amboy-35 Years Ago

1988-The roster of South Amboy City Officials was as follows: Mayor-John T. O'Leary; Council President-Bruce R. Richmond; Councilperson-At-Large-Craig J. Coughlin; Councilperson-At-Large-Edward J. DeFort; Councilperson-John M. Hulsart; Councilperson-Michael J. Charmello; City Clerk-Claire Reilly; City Business Administrator-Frank J. Minnick; Police

Chief-Leo McCabe; Fire Chief-Richard Johnson; Tax Collector-Joanne Brennan; Fire Marshall-Chester Meinzer; City Treasurer-William McGowan; Law Director-John R. Lanza; Supt. of Public Works-Richard M. Muchanic; Municipal Judge-Joseph C. Hoffman; Fire Official-Edward J. Szatkowski; City Engineer-Jame E. Cleary; Director of Recreation-MaryLou DeBlis.

## The Vintage Car Contest

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton



Can you identify this car? Send your answer to satimes@aol.com by July 17th.

### May Vintage Car

Last month's vintage vehicle was the economical Yugo, a car that you rarely if ever see on the road today. The following got it right: Ginny Severino, Mark Merriman, Gary Feret, Kevin Kania and Dawn Roberts, Dane Colburn, Thomas Harrigan, Pat Scully, Stephen

Laskiewicz, John & JoAnn French, Jeff Deverin, Betty Leveille, Pam and Mark DePazza, Jim Malkiewicz, Edna Pilch, Patti Tengelic, Ed English, Walter Starzec Jr, Laurie & Gary Loftus, Mark Moniello, Pete McIntyre.



Yugo

## Who is it?

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton



### May Who is it?

Last month's mystery band was Edison Lighthouse who had a huge hit with "Love Grows" (Where My Rosemary Goes). The following music lovers got it right: Pat Sullivan, Mark Merriman, Jim Szatkowski, Tom Carne, Gary Feret, Dane Colburn, Thomas Harrigan, Pat Scully, John & JoAnn French, Betty Leveille, Pam and Mark DePazza, Jim Malkiewicz, Edna Pilch, Patti Tengelic, Dennis Quinlan, Brian Murphy, Ed English, Walter Starzec Jr, Craig & Julie Lehocky, Laurie & Gary Loftus, Mark Moniello, Pete McIntyre.



Can you identify this actor who portrayed a Marine? Send your answer to satimes@aol.com by July 17th.



Edison Lighthouse

## Friends of South Amboy Community Service Award



"The Friends of South Amboy" is a 501 C3 Charity Group that serves South Amboy and Sayreville communities. The charity was established in November 2012 after the devastation of Hurricane Sandy. When a small group of individuals felt the need to assist families to come together during hardships. This group of individuals organized a Charity Basketball Tournament which raised over fifty-thousand dollars at its first event. The money that was raised was distributed equally among eight (8) families who were identified by the City of South Amboy as having a total loss to their homes. "The Friends of South Amboy" was received so well by the community that they decided to make the Basketball Tournament a yearly event. To this day the Charity Basketball Tournament is the main fundraiser for "The Friends of South Amboy" organization. This great organization is on its eleventh-year anniversary. These amazing volunteers have raised over five hundred fifty thousand dollars in which all proceeds have been given back to the community.

The proceeds are allocated to help the community, a few examples of how the assistant is used: paying medical bills, rent, and mortgages to name a few. The volunteers participate in community events, the food pantry, and the senior center. "The Friends of South Amboy" have donated over eighty (80) Scholarships to local high school students totaling over fifty-thousand dollars.

Without the participation of the students, parents, and community these charity events would not be possible. The two co-founders have grown the organization to a team of individuals who all play a vital important role in "The Friends of South Amboy." These individuals have brought great credit upon themselves and the City of South Amboy for their dedication, support, and generosity to the people of South Amboy.

The members are: Thomas Reilly (Founder), David Kales (Founder), Edward O'Connor, Mark Herdman, Michelle (Mickey) Kuhn, Amy Dundee, Kathy Housman, Maureen Strzykalski and Janet Kern. (Photo/Info Submitted)

## Sayreville Senior Day Party



Sayreville veterans are pictured at the Sayreville Senior Day Party on May 23rd. DJ Joey did a tribute to all of them. The Borough is very proud of them, and thankful to all. "They don't make them like this anymore," said a senior. (Photo/caption submitted)

## Stars & Stripes Veterans Center



Historical Society of South Amboy Vice-President George Fuller (r) presented a check to Post #62 American Legion Executive Board members (l-r) Bob Moglia, Gary Poland, Past Commander Bob "Zak" Sekerak, Brian McQuade, Commander Joe Szaro during their May meeting. The recent fundraiser was a great success thanks to the support of our community. Donations from the event totaled almost \$4,000 and will go towards the construction of the Stars & Stripes Veterans Center of South Amboy.

### 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 -R.S..

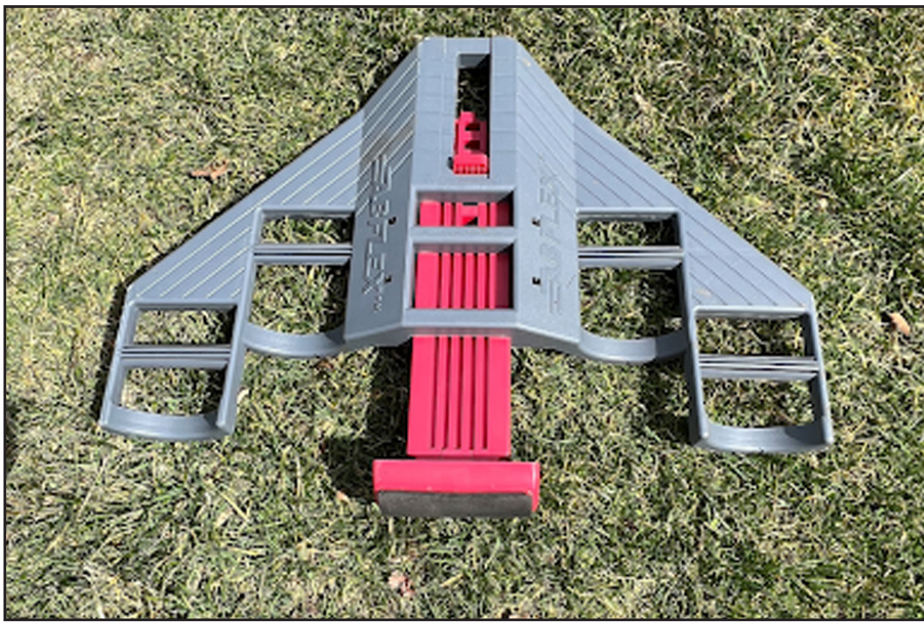
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# WHAT IS IT?????

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton



Any idea what this is? Send your answer to [satimes@aol.com](mailto:satimes@aol.com) by July 17th.

## May What Is It?

Thank you to Chelle Martin for sending in last month's What Is It? It really seemed to hit home and bring back memories for quite a few readers (See comments below). The answer was an IBM Selectric Typewriter Ball. The following got it right: Pat Sullivan, Dennis & Kathy OLeary, Sonia Iglesias, Janet Piscatelli, Lynn Loy, Gary Feret, Dane Colburn, Vincent Farina, Thomas Harrigan, Pat Scully, Stephen Laskiewicz, Eleanore Westerholm, John & JoAnn French, Nanci Deverin, Betty Leveille, Pam and Mark DePazza, Marisa Szamreta, Jim Malkiewicz, Marybeth Chodkiewicz, Edna Pilch, Anne & John Erbetta, Patti Tengelic, Joe Tortora, Prudence Zalewski, Bruce Grankowski, Peggy Yanuzzelli, Mary Agnes Morris, John Gelsinon, Janet Au-Krug, Ed English, Walter Starzec Jr, Laurie & Gary Loftus, Mark Moniello, Pete McIntyre.



IBM Selectric Typewriter Ball

## LETTERS

### Letter to Editor:

The removable printer ball from an electric typewriter. Mine was an IBM and one was for PICA type and the other was for Elite type. There were also specialized ones for different functions; engineering, print columns for printing businesses, chemical symbols etc. All before computers! Where did you find it?

Janet Piscatelli



### Letter to Editor:

The mystery item is a type ball, officially known as a type element, which is a sphere containing raised characters on its surface that strike an ink ribbon on a typewriter. Remember using these at work before computers on my IBM Selectric. Would interchange them for different fonts.

Pat Sullivan  
Sayreville

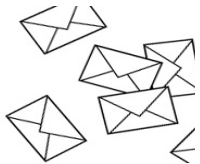


### Letter to Editor:

An IBM Selectric typewriter font ball.

I started as a secretary in the 70s and had multiple font balls for different letters or forms. My Selectric typewriter was also configured with a Spanish keyboard and self-correcting key that backspaced and lifted the ink off the incorrect letter from the paper. Up until then, we used "White Out" to cover mistakes! Memories!

Janet Au-Krug



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## South Amboy First Aid Squad Memorial Day Service

(Photos/Story by Jamie Norek)



South Amboy First Aid member/EMT/and active duty U.S. Navy Chief Petty Officer Michael Pappas, places the memorial wreath at the South Amboy First Aid monument.



On May 28th members of the South Amboy First Aid and Safety Squad held their annual Memorial Day Service in front of SAFA. Members are also celebrating the 90th anniversary of service to the City of South Amboy.

## Upcoming Events At The South Amboy Elks

Our annual Thanksgiving in July Dinner will be Thursday July 27th, from 5:30-7:30pm. The cost is \$20.00 p.p. Children 10-5 yrs. \$10.00 and 5 yrs & under are free.

This is Advance sales only; Tickets will be available by calling 732-727-7170. Please leave your name and number, and someone will call you back.

The menu consists of a from scratch sausage stuffing, mashed potatoes, vegetables, salad, oven roasted turkey breast with homemade gravy, Cranberry sauce, dessert, coffee & tea. \$3.00 endless juice or soft drink available along with a cash bar. If you have been before: You Know! This sells out fast, get your tickets soon.

Our food drive to help our surrounding food pantries will be beginning Saturday July 1st and run through to August 1st. Please bring only nonperishable food and check the dates! We cannot give expired food to the food banks. There will be a tent in the left corner

of our parking lot, food will be collected daily from there. Please place items on the table. Personal hygiene and baby products are acceptable too.

Thursday July 13th we are hosting a Blood Drive with The American Red Cross from 1-6pm visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter SoAmboyElks to schedule an appointment.

Sunday July 16th is our monthly Buffet Breakfast, featuring our made to order omelets, bacon, sausage, French toast, pancakes, hash browns and more. The cost is \$12.00 p.p., Kids 12-5yrs. are \$7.00 and under 5 yrs. are free.

Save The Date: Wednesday September 27th, The Jersey Shore Medium Linda Shields. Tickets go on sale August 1st. No tickets will be sold at the door.

Thank you in advance for all your support.

## Fleet Week in New York City



American Legion Luke A. Lovely Post 62 Commander Joe Szaro, and W. Tom Kross were at Fleet Week in New York City for a tour aboard the USS Wasp. (Photo/caption by Mary Szaro)

## TV Trivia



What is the address of the house behind Beaver and Wally? Send your answer to [satimes@aol.com](mailto:satimes@aol.com) by July 17th



# Local Businesses In 2004

(Photos by Tom Burkard)



Teddy's Bar-South Pine Ave., Morgan



Stewart's-Rt. 35 North, Morgan



Sub Marina Grille & Sub Shop Rt. 35 North, Morgan



Gomolka's Auto Body-Rt. 35 South, Morgan



Gabriel's Tires-Rt. 35 South, South Amboy

# Buddies Tavern Display Unveiled

(Story and Photos By Steve Schmid)

A large crowd packed the Sayreville Historical Society building on the first floor to see the unveiling of the Buddies Tavern Exhibit. They saw a piece of the old bar, telephone booth, and wooden NCR cash register that was used at Buddies for years. Karen Bailey Bebert, whose family ran Buddies for decades, said Buddies was like a family that served generations in Sayreville.

Buddies hosted union and political meetings, bridal showers, weddings, birthday parties, and funeral repasts. She said Buddies resembled the popular TV show "Cheers". That show's theme song said the neighborhood bar was where everyone

knew your name. She added she gave up an accounting career so she could help with the family business. Frank Terzino Sr., President of the Sayreville Historical Society, said it was difficult to bring in part of the bar because it was falling apart and needed repairs. He said bringing in the phone booth was also challenging because it was difficult to navigate the door due to its size. Champagne glasses and Pilsner bottles were available to take home. Buddies Tavern was open from 1942 to October 2018 when a fire gutted the interior of the building that was located at 277 Johnson Lane in Parlin.



Karen Bailey Bebert holds the Pabst Blue Ribbon beer tap from Buddies Tavern.



The old telephone booth was used many times at Buddies Tavern.



The old wooden NCR cash register is part of the Buddies Tavern exhibit.

# OLV Senior Group Trip to Wheeling, W. Va

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a Christmas holiday trip to Wheeling, West Virginia Festival of Lights from November 28 to November 30 2023. The cost of the trip is \$460.00. The price includes: 2 nights lodging, 2 breakfasts, and 1 holiday dinner. Also included: Lights tour at Oglebay Park,

Colonel Oglebay's Mansion tour, Glass Museum, tour of Independence Hall, Toy and train Museum, and Wheeling Island casino. Lastly, bus transportation and driver's gratuity are also included. For information or to reserve a seat, please contact Finita Shicoff at 732-721-5081.

# NJHS 9th Annual School Grounds Clean Up



The National Junior Honor Society is so thankful for all the donations they received for the 9th Annual School Grounds Clean Up at South Amboy Middle High School. We would like to thank Schulmeister Farms, Mrs. Taggart, the SAEA with Mrs. Strzykalski, Mr. Frey, and Mr. Bikowski and the Janitorial Staff at SAMHS. Our courtyard and the front lawn are filled with perennials, annuals, roses, and a loving sense of community. (Photo/Info Submitted)



The New Jersey Council of County Colleges (NJCCC) recently honored 37 NJ state students from different colleges for being named to the 2023 New Jersey All-State Academic Team for their outstanding academic achievements and service to their communities and colleges. One of them is Djuljeta Ismaili-Jean, a resident of South Amboy, (pictured in the middle, at the New Jersey State Museum in Trenton celebration/reception - next to Jessica Britt (l), Project Manager and Aaron Fichtner (r), President of the New Jersey Council of County Colleges). (Photo/info submitted)

## Flag Day Service At Truman School

(Story/Photos submitted)



Members of American Legion Lenape Post Honor Guard stand in front of Truman School following the annual Flag Day Service at the school.

On Tuesday, June 13th, the Truman School in Sayreville held their annual Flag Day Service. American Legion Lenape Post 211 Honor Guard participated in the services, as they have done so since 1992. Members of the Honor Guard led the entire student body, teachers, and staff in the Pledge of Allegiance. A history of the flag was presented by Honor Guard member Frank Sullivan. The American Flag was then lowered to half-staff and a rifle salute was conducted for the Fallen followed by the playing of Taps, and the raising of the flag to full staff. Each Honor Guard member gave a brief report of their time in the military, their duties and where they served. Each grade sang the military song for the various branches of service.

The Honor Guard would like to thank Lisa Green and her Patriotic Committee for their continued support and recognizing this important day in our Country's history.



Honor Guard member, Past Commander Rich Kosmoski prepares for the raising of the American flag.

## SOUTH AMBOY FIRE DEPT. MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES

(Photos/Story by Jamie Norek)



On May 28th members of the South Amboy Fire Department held Memorial Day Services at several local cemeteries and at City Hall. Fire Chief John Dragotta, 1st Assistant Chief Gay, and 2nd Assistant Chief Rafael Albarran placed wreaths in front of the Foreman Monument honoring deceased members of the Department and Ladies Auxiliary. Members also placed a flag at half staff at St. Mary's Cemetery.



## St. Stan's Carnival

(Photos by Tom Burkard)



Republican candidate for Mayor of Sayreville Kennedy O'Brien (I) and Eve St. Ilna were volunteers at the Carnival.



Sayreville Police Officers Anthony D'Onofrio (I) and Keith Grausman were on duty at the opening night of the Carnival.



Democratic candidate for Mayor of Sayreville Bill Henry and his wife Noreen.



Spezzi's Specials provided outstanding and mouth-watering food delights for carnival-goers.



One of the many rides at the Carnival.

## Spring Creek Health-continued from page 1

State failing facilities into top rated State facilities as is the case with Grove Park Healthcare and Rehabilitation facility. Spring Creek's recent NJ Department of Health Annual Inspection left state inspectors impressed with the facility and the care rendered by its staff to our residents.

Regarding our metrics, since Allaire's acquisition of Spring Creek; we have cared for over 140 new residents, had over 121 satisfied patient discharges, conducted nearly 50 free community educational seminars, offered over 50 in-house educational seminars to our staff, hired over 45 new diverse employees including nursing leadership, increase gym

size by 30 percent, nearly renovated 50 patient rooms, on-boarded new physician leadership, provided large new flat screen TV's in patients room, new state of the art medical equipment such as AED's, trach carts, ECG equipment, bladder scanner, new dietary leadership offering a wide dietary selection to our residents, new facility wide communication system and new entrance security system.

In conclusion, Allaire Health Services and Spring Creek Healthcare Center are committed to its residents, staff, medical staff, and the communities we serve!



## South Amboy Ends the 2023 School Year Honoring Their Retirees and Senior Student Representative to the BOE.

(Photos by Phyllis Stratton)



South Amboy Elementary Vice Principal, Michelle Buchanan(L) and Superintendent Dr. Frederick Williams(R) congratulate Elementary Teacher Jill Kwatkoski on her 28 years of service to our students.



South Amboy Superintendent Dr. Frederick Williams(L) congratulates Middle/High School Teacher, Linda Lewis (R) on her 32 years of service to our students.



Superintendent Dr. Williams and Student Representative to the BOE, Sarah Lukie.



### A '51 Or '52 Plymouth?

We asked if any reader knew the make of the car that was in last month's Classic Car photo that featured Angela Charmello and her brother Nick Charmello. Dr. Ed Marion said he thought it was either a 1951 or '52 Plymouth 2-door convertible. Do all of the vintage car experts agree?

-The classic car is a Plymouth Cranbroi -1951-1953-Thomas Harrigan.

-This is 1951 Plymouth Cranbrook Pat Scully.

-1951 Plymouth Cranbrook Convertible John & JoAnn French.

-1952 Plymouth, Dave Boehm, St. Mary's Class of 1965,

-1952 Plymouth Cranbrook Walter Starzec Jr .

## LETTERS

### Letter to Editor

Thanks Brian - love this newspaper. The article celebrating perhaps the best baseball team in St. Mary's history - 1963 team - was excellent. Classic Cars -Since Nick Charmello is a classic in his own rite, my guess would be a 1952 Oldsmobile 88 Convertible. Remembering all those who served our nation this Memorial Day.

Bill Farrell - Colorado

## ARTSFEST 23: A Celebration of Culture through the Arts

September 24, 2023 (Rain Date October 2, 2023)

Every culture has its own unique contribution to the making of history. The culture of South Amboy is changing with the building and new people moving into the city by the bay. This transition gives us the opportunity to celebrate the Arts from a different perspective; one of learning the various traditions others have. It is the arts that can tell a story of traditions, heritage, a way of life. Our personal heritage is important to us; learning similarities and differences can help us grow. For all, the sharing and experiencing will also bring our reflection of how our past ancestors contributed to our own talents and beliefs.

For this celebration we are inviting

businesses and nonprofits organizations, artists, performers, and vendors to participate and show off your unique contributions to our daily life. Hopefully, you will join our community to Celebration our Culture through the Arts by contributing to the day's festivities.

This year's South Amboy Arts Gallery exhibition' theme will be 'Art Tells a Story'. Please contact us if you are interested in exhibiting. All media will be accepted that meet the qualifications.

For information regarding these events Contact: southamboyardartsalliance@gmail.com or

Call: 732-754-7913.

### PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

O Holy Spirit, thou who art all knowing - Who brightens every path that I may reach my ideal - Thou givest me the divine gift of forgiving and forgetting wrongs done unto me and who in every instant of my life art with me. I'd like in this short dialogue to affirm my gratitude for all your blessings and reaffirm once again that I never want to part from thee though illusions of material things abound. My desire is to be with thee and all my loved ones in perpetual grace. Thank you for our mercy on me and mine. Persons should pray 3 consecutive days without revealing petition. Within 3 days grace will be obtained regardless of how difficult the petition may be. Publish this prayer once the petition has been attained. Thank you Holy Spirit. -S.S..

### South Amboy City Wide Yard Sale

(Photos by Tom Burkard)



Kevin Riley and his wife Mary are pictured at their yard sale in South Amboy. Kevin is a former Board of Education member and longtime Firefighter.



Pictured (l-r) Joann Rivers, Aldo Barbieri and Skip Rivers.



Former South Amboy Fire Chief Mike Toth stopped by the yard sale of Joann Rivers and Aldo Barbieri during the South Amboy city wide yard sale on June 25th



The sign says it all for yard sale lovers.

### Fun At St. Stan's Carnival

(Photo by Samantha Pagan)



Drivin; the big truck!



Spinning round and round on the teacups.



Total Hardware Owner Alessandra Conte is pictured with members of the Sayreville Emergency Squad. The store recently hosted an Appreciation Lunch with hot dogs, snacks, soda and water. Total Hardware donated \$1 to the squad for every gallon of paint sold in May. (Photo/Info by Steve Schmid)



Saint Stan's / Sacred Heart Seniors enjoyed a pre Memorial Day trip to Stone Harbor, Wildwood, Cape May, and Atlantic City. (Photo submitted)



South Amboy Elks perform their Flag day ceremony. Pictured (front left), is the Exalted Ruler Jeanine Sieber along with other officers and members. The Lodge would like to thank the Boy Scouts Troop 91, and South Amboy-Sayreville Girl Scouts for their participation. (Photo/Info Submitted)

## LETTERS

Hello South Amboy Times and Tom Burkard,

Long time, no hear from me. This is Pete Smith, former Hoffman baseball and basketball player. Next year will be the 40th anniversary of our State title. The St Mary's article prompted it. The state title was the culmination of South Amboy's own fab five. Who were South Amboy's fab five? Billy Bright, Kevin Gorcyca, John Skarzynski, Pete Smith, Mark Thompson. We played as 10-year old All Stars and 12-year old All Stars together. We lost in tournaments to Iselin in both age groups. There is a sordid story of our 12 year old All Star loss. We were up in extra innings only to lose on a pop fly to right (that should have been caught). This nearly ruined the right fielder's childhood. When we were 15, we won the County Tournament against Edison. The late James Beshada was the coach. Our senior year, we won the State Tournament. George Krzyzanowski was the coach, who prior to taking the job used to say he did not know anything about baseball. If you are interested in developing the story, I can look through my notes.

Perhaps, a bridge too far..... we could come back as grand marshalls for the next St Patrick's day parade.

**Pete Smith**  
(Formerly of South Amboy)

### Novena Prayer to St. Anthony of Padua

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



Sayreville American Legion Lenape Post 211 Commander Joel Bloom, along with Post Color Guard members, (l-r) Past Commander Ed Streck, Past Commander Rich Kosmoski, Walter Twardos, John Balasz, Michael Fisher, Commander Joel Bloom, and Jamie Ayala ) presented a certificate to McKenna Hodder, a third-grade student at St. Stan's School of Sayreville as her classmates looked on. McKenna entered the American Legion Coloring Contest and won First Place at the Department of Middlesex County. She also received a check for her award. (Photo/story submitted)



**Where in NJ?**  
By Brian and Phyllis Stratton



Any idea where this is? Send your answer to satimes@aol.com by July 17th.

Last month's answer was Somers Point, NJ. Home to Fitzpatrick's Deli and Steakhouse. The following got it right: Gary Feret, Dane Colburn, Thomas Harrigan, Pat Scully, Jeff Deverin, Betty Leveille, Edna Pilch, Walter Starzec Jr, Mark Moniello.



May Where in NJ?  
Fitzpatrick's Deli & Steakhouse, Somers Point NJ.

## South Amboy Memorial Day Service

(Photos by Tom Burkard)



American Legion Luke A. Lovely Post #62 Commander Joe Szaro is pictured with a local Girl Scout troop who placed flowers as a memorial tribute.



South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry addresses the crowd with an inspiring Memorial Day message.

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## Fishing Flashes

By Teo "Weebles" Weber



### Salt Water

With Striped Bass fishing slowing up, Bluefish are now taking over in Raritan Bay. I saw a few about 2 pounds caught at Ideal Beach. I did not see too much action at Cliffwood Beach but that could change at any time. It's a different story in the surf at Island Beach and LBI. Striped Bass are still there in good numbers along with Bluefish. Some of these are big, up to 10 pounds. The back areas of Barnegat Bay also have similar fishing. Some Kingfish, an occasional Black Drum and Fluke are present in the surf. Fluke Fishing coast wise is now in its usual summer pattern with plenty of shorts and more than a few keepers especially at Sandy Hook Bay. Blow fish are also showing up in Barnegat Bay. Party boats are doing well with Seabass, but that fishing will close and later on you can only keep one. Party boats then will fish for Bluefish which are moving in along with Ling.

### Fresh Water

Spring Trout stocking has now ended. I tried the North Branch at Far Hills and Peapack Brook after work in mid-May, catching my limit of 6 Rainbows, plus a small native Brown which I released. I went the following Sunday to the lower Pequest catching 5 in the afternoon with one big Rainbow at 18 inches. In early June, 2 weeks after stocking ended, my wife and I tried fishing there again. She limited out with 4 which is the limit after June 1st. I caught one, it was a nice fish about 15 inches. Bass, pickerel, catfish and various Panfish are now biting statewide.



## Catch Any Fish Lately?

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Email your photo/caption to: satimes@aol.com.

## Sayreville Grand Marshal



Larry Bishop of Sayreville American Legion Post 211, who served as Grand Marshal, along with Joseph Albin of VFW Post 4699, is pictured following the Sayreville War Memorial Day Parade. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

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## School Sports

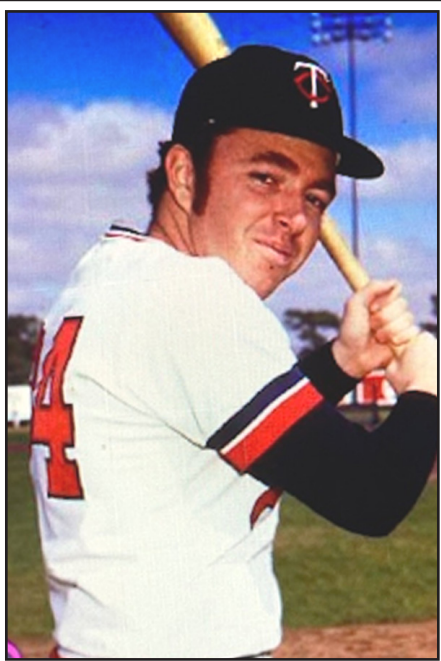
By Tom Burkard

### 2023 Final Baseball Leaders

**South Amboy (13-7)** Coach Dan Poulsen  
**Batting**  
**Runs**-Gabriel Albarran 25, Jeremy Vasquez 23, Wesley Sanchez 19; **Hits**-Benjamin Hernandez 32, Albarran 24, Vasquez 24, Diego Colon 22; **Doubles**-Albarran 5, Hernandez 5; **Triples**-Steven Evanski 2, Nigel Johnson 2; **RBI**-Hernandez 18, Colon 15, Albarran 14; **Home Runs**-Steven Evanski 1; **Stolen Bases**-Albarran 12, S. Evanski 10; **Batting Avg.**-Hernandez .492, Colon .449, Vasquez .436, Albarran .358, S. Evanski .357.  
**Pitching**  
**Innings Pitched**-Matthew Stempinski 30.2, S. Evanski 30, Christian Smith 19.2; **Strikeouts**-S. Evanski 47, Stempinski 23; **ERA**-S. Evanski 0.93, Stempinski 4.11.  
**Sayreville (15-10)** Coach Mike Novak  
**Batting**  
**Runs**-Jake Romanello 28, Michael Colonnello 20, Michael Novak 19; **Hits**-Romanello 31, Novak 26, Aayush Mehta 26; **Doubles**-Novak 6, Aidan Cummins 5, Romanello 5, Michael Robinson 5; **Triples**-Novak 3, Colonnello 3; **RBI**-Colonnello 23, Mehta 18; **Home Runs**-Colonnello 2; **Batting Avg.**-Romanello .425, Novak .342, Mehta .317.  
**Pitching**  
**Innings Pitched**-Thomas Schlaline 37, James Kehoe 34.2; **Strikeouts**-Schlaline 43, Mehta 41, Kehoe 39; **ERA**-Mehta 1.09, Schlaline 3.63, Kehoe 4.64.

### 2023 Final Softball Leaders

**South Amboy (11-8)** Coach Lindsay Durant  
**Batting**  
**Runs**-Brianna Sweatt 31, Jada Berry 29, Emma Kalantis 27; **Hits**-Kalantis 31, Sarah McLaughlin 24, Sweatt 22; **Doubles**-Kalantis 7, Evalise Perez 5, McLaughlin 4; **Triples**-Sweatt 2, Kalantis 2; **RBI**-Sweatt 28, McLaughlin 25, Perez 24, Kalantis 22; **Home Runs**-Berry 3, Perez 1; **Stolen Bases**-Berry 25, Sweatt 23, Iyanni Twigg 19; **Batting Avg.**-Kalantis .517, McLaughlin .400, Sweatt .373, Perez .321, Berry .310.  
**Pitching**  
**Innings Pitched**-Perez 87.2, Sweatt 25.1; **Strikeouts**-Perez 131, Sweatt 32; **ERA**-Sweatt 1.38, Perez 4.71.  
**Sayreville (9-10)** Coach Amanda Moken  
**Batting**  
**Runs**-Caydence Barton 18, Megan McKay 15; **Hits**-Rose Joseph 25, Barton 22, Mya Infante 21; **Doubles**-Joseph 6, Barton 5; **Triples**-Joseph 3, Infante 2; **RBI**-Joseph 20, Infante 15, Jillian Bourbeau 13; **Home Runs**-Infante 1; **Batting Avg.**-Joseph .417, Barton .333, Infante .328.  
**Pitching**  
**Innings Pitched**-Josephine Vanore 64.2, Barton 54; **Strikeouts**-Vanore 52, Barton 51; **ERA**-Barton 4.28, Vanore 4.76.



Tom Kelly, a 1968 St. Mary's HS graduate, went on to play Major League Baseball for 1-season with the Minnesota Twins and later became the greatest Manager in Twins history, winning the World Series Championship in 1987 and 1991. Four other Major Leaguers who attended St. Mary's HS also made it to the big leagues: Allie Clark, Jack McKeon, John O'Brien, and Ed O'Brien.

## NJSIAA State Tourneys

### Baseball

#### CJ Group 4

**(1st Round)** South Brunswick once again topped the Bombers of Sayreville, 3-1. Sayreville managed to get only 2 hits from Michael Novak, and Aidan Crimmins. Aayush Mehta, who took the tough loss, pitched a strong game, firing a 6-hitter and struck out 9.

#### CJ Group 1

**(1st Round)** Steven Evanski fired an impressive 4-hit, shutout, as the Guvs downed South Hunterdon, 2-0. Our locals were held to 2 hits, an RBI single from Benjamin Hernandez, and a base hit by Gabriel Albarran...

**(Quarterfinals)** South Amboy lost an 8-inning heartbreaker to Shore, 2-1. Albarran ripped 2 hits and stole a base, while Jeremy Vasquez also stroked 2 singles. Matthew Stempinski allowed only 4 hits, and absorbed the tough defeat.

### Softball

#### CJ Group 4

**(1st Round)** Howell hammered the Sayreville Bombers, 12-2. Hailey Kilpatrick had a perfect 2-for-2 game with a single, double and RBI for the Blue & Gray.

#### CJ Group 1

**(1st Round)** The Lady Governors of South Amboy were upset by Manville, 9-2. Brianna Sweatt slugged 2 doubles and had an RBI, while teammate Emma Kalantis laced 2 singles.

## Bombers End Season With Victory

Coach Mike Novak's Sayreville Bombers finished their successful season with a big win over South River, 6-2. Michael Colonnello smacked a 2-run single, and winning pitcher James Kehoe allowed only 3 hits in 6.2 innings, while striking out 6 Rams.

## Did You Play Youth League Sports?

Midget League, Little League, Babe Ruth League, Girls Softball, Soccer, or on any other teams in South Amboy, Sayreville or Morgan? We're sure your memories of those great times are something you treasure. Hopefully, you have a team picture that was taken by a photographer, and you may like to share with others by sending it in to The SATimes to publish. We would love to share your team photo with SATimes readers! There is no charge for using your picture. Please include, the year, team sponsor if any, what league your team competed in, any other pertinent information, and also all of your teammates that you can remember, top row (left to right) bottom row (left to right). If you don't remember some, put a question mark (?). Be sure the photos are clear, and e-mail to: satimes@aol.com.



## Local Little Leaguers Get to Meet Pro Baseball Player Todd Frazier



Joe Rowley



Luke Clark



Landon Clark

## College Notebook

The Middlesex College baseball and softball teams were well-represented this year by Sayreville War Memorial HS graduates. The baseball team was bolstered by freshman first baseman Joe Haytas, who batted .311 with 2 homers and 10 RBI in 22 games... Catcher Hunter Almeida saw some action in 10 games, and hit .385 with a double and 2 RBI in 13 at-bats... Relief Pitcher Nick Estes made 9 appearances, spanning 10.2 innings, and struck out 11 while posting a 5.91 ERA... On the softball side, First Baseman/outfielder

Madison Szatkowski turned in an outstanding season, playing in 29 games, getting 47 hits, including 12 doubles and 2 home runs, while driving in 39 runs, and also scored 28 runs, while racking up a fine .485 batting average.

Sayreville also had some fine athletes on the Rider University Men's, and Women's Track & Field teams: Senior Dylan Rodriguez-Distance Runner; Junior Abraham Ohioklai-Benson-Thrower, and on the Women's team, Junior Samantha Kamara-Thrower.



Joseph Haytas



Hunter Almeida



Nick Estes



Madison Szatkowski

## Major League Baseball Report

Sayreville's own Brandon Bielak has been used as a starting pitcher with the Houston Astros. In 9 games this season, he has pitched 47.1 innings, struck out 37, and has a 4.37 ERA, while sporting a (3-4) record so far.

## OLV Seniors Trip to Under the Boardwalk

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to Ligrécis in Staten Island to see Happy Days Under the Rock N Roll Boardwalk on July 12, 2023. The cost of the trip is \$125.00 which includes the show, meal, bus transportation, and bus driver gratuity. For further information or to reserve a seat, please contact Carmen at 732-254-9425.

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**Things You Shouldn't Do**  
By Robert W. Eginton

There are many things in life  
That you shouldn't do,  
Some are superstitious  
And some are very true,  
So if I may just share  
a few with you.

Never make important decisions  
When you are mad or drunk,  
Mess with someone  
bigger than you,  
Or walk behind a skunk.  
Take nothing for granted,  
Or let anyone put you down,  
Bite the hand that feeds you,  
Or get a flat tire  
On the bad side of town.  
Don't walk beneath a ladder  
Or let the devil take your soul  
Look a gift horse in the mouth  
Or walk barefoot  
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By Al Gomolka Jr.  
Times Poet Laureate  
C. 1996

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# The Local Sports Memory Machine

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## Glory Days In Local Sports

**1968**-St. Patrick's of Elizabeth beat St. Mary's, 9-7, despite a 2 singles and double by Tom Ruzsala, and 3 hits from Bill Farrell... **1974**-Tom Diem, in his first varsity start for Hoffman defeated Somerset Vo-Tech, 13-0 on a brilliant 4-hitter with 8 strikeouts. Rudy Neumann, Joe "Moose" McCarthy and John Szatkowski drilled 3 hits apiece, and Ray Poulson added 3 RBI... **1985**-Joe Blaha of St. Mary's tied for the county lead with 5 triples, and was #3 in the county with a scorching .515 batting avg. His brother Matt topped the Eagles for the season with 26 RBI... **1995**-Hoffman nipped Piscataway Tech, 6-5, as Ryan Villig lined a single to drive in the tying

and winning runs. Mark Finnegan added 2 hits, while Charley Honimar was the winning pitcher with 6 strikeouts, and also belted a double... **2009**-Sayreville battered Monroe, 19-9 in baseball action. Jake Campbell was a perfect 4-for-4 with a double and 6 RBI. Brandon Cuomo also went 4-for-4 with a 2-run double and 3-run homer. Joe Bongiorno stroked 4 hits and drove in a run, to support winning pitcher Robert Stewart... **2014**-In softball play, Sayreville stopped Colonia, 6-3 behind winning pitcher Erin Fitzsimmons who struck out 5. Erin Stvan blasted a home run and had 2 RBI.

## 60 Years Ago

**1963**-Several talented local baseball players were selected to the All-State teams in The Star Ledger. Honored for being some of the top players in the state were: **Hoffman HS-All-State Group 1**, 1st Team-Pete Inman-shortstop; Dennis Wood-pitcher; 2nd Team-Ken Wahler-outfield; Manny Formoso-catcher.

**St. Mary's HS-All-State Parochial & Private**, 1st Team-Joe Pohl-pitcher; Art O'Donnell-catcher; All-State Parochial, 1st Team-George Stramback-outfield.

## Hoffman Won Softball Title in '86

**1986**-In the CJ Group I softball championship game, Coach Rich Klein's Lady Governors (20-2) outslugged, and outlasted Henry Hudson (16-6) to capture the crown. In the 8-inning battle, which lasted 3 hours, there was would you believe 46 total walks and 25 wild pitches combined for both teams! Kim Schuck relieved Dawn Kaiser in the 2nd inning, and was the winning pitcher. Superstar Tricia Popowski blasted 2 home runs and drove in 4. Coach Klein said after the game, "I've never seen so many walks in a game, and I've been coaching for 8 years, and we've never given up as many runs as we did today."

## T.H.E. Game

**Year-2009**

**Teams-Sayreville vs. South Amboy**

**Recap**-In a tight contest, the Sayreville Bombers prevailed over the Governors of South Amboy, 4-2. Robert Stewart unloaded a bases-loaded triple, and Joe Bongiorno notched the victory.

**Co-Players Of The Game**-Joe Bongiorno and Robert Stewart.

## 75 Years Ago

**1948**-St. Mary's nipped Hoffman, 6-4 in Game 1 of the City Series. Ray Stockton was the winning pitcher over Stan Kowaleski. The Blue & Gold scored 3 unearned runs, and also got an RBI triple from Jerry Connors, while Ed O'Brien lined 2 hits a knocked in a run, and Steve Malik hit an RBI single. Don Munn paced the GUVs with 2 singles and an RBI, while Ray Wisniewski and Jack Zawacki laced 2 hits apiece.

## 25 Years Ago

**1998**-Sue Ann Rowley went 4-for-5 with 2 home runs, a double, and 8 RBI to lead South Amboy to a 22-7 romp over Piscataway Tech. Winning pitcher Nicole Magnifico had a perfect 4-for-4 including a double and triple, while Jessica Bartlinski also had a perfect 4-for-4 game and scored 5 runs.

## 20 Years Ago

**2003**-Sayreville blasted JFK, 9-1 behind winning pitcher Lauren Karbowski. The Bombers provided plenty of hitting from Melissa Braun who went 3-for 4, Jessica Nicola blasted a 3-run homer, and Danielle Martin who added 2 hits.

## 1 Year Ago

**2022**-In the GMC Invitational, Sayreville annihilated South Amboy, 17-0 in 5 innings in baseball play. Three Bomber pitchers combined for a no-hitter. Aayush Mehta started and worked the first 2 innings, striking out 4. He was followed by Dennis Whitford, who worked the next 2 innings and struck out 3. Ryan Anthony closed out the game by striking out the side. Whitford picked up the win. Michael Colonnello ripped a single and 2 doubles to knock in 2, Jake Romanello a double and 3 RBI, Mehta a single and double good for 2 ribbies, and A.J. Zapotoczny added 2 RBI.

## From The Sports Archives



**75 Years Ago**-St. Mary's talented baseball team of 1948, had a great season under Coach Richie Ryan. Five of the standout players went on to pro baseball, and three made it to the Major Leagues. Pictured top row (l-r) Ray Stockton, Art Sullivan, John Higgins, Jerry Connors, Bud Larkin, Jack Vail, Bill McKeon, Ed O'Brien, Jerry Hoban, Coach Richie Ryan. Bottom row (l-r) Jack McKeon, Vince Abbatiello, John O'Brien, Bob Kenny, Mascot "Lefty" Dadon, Alfie O'Connor, Bill Creed, "Ace" Hennessey, "Arky" DiMattia.

\*Note-The 5 pro ballplayers were: Major Leaguers-John O'Brien, Ed O'Brien, Jack McKeon; Minor Leaguers-Bill McKeon, Ray Stockton.

## Players Identified

Former South Amboy resident Bill Wozniak dropped us an e-mail to tell us that the unidentified players in last month's picture of the Rotary team in the South Amboy Little Fellas League are Cliff Connors on the end and Jackie Rowley in the center. Thanks Bill for your help!

## 55 Years Ago

**1968**-Three outstanding Sayreville baseball players received many honors for a great season. 1st Team All-Groups-Reggie Carney-first baseman; 2nd Team All-Groups-Fred Poli, third baseman; 1st Team All-State Group 4-Carney; 2nd-Team-Poli. New York Daily News All-Stars-1st Team-Carney, Bob Rodziewicz-second baseman. 1st Team All-Middlesex, Star Ledger-Carney, Poli, Bob Keister-pitcher. 1st Team All-County, The Evening News-Carney, Poli, Rodziewicz.

## 40 Years Ago

**1983**-John Murphy drilled 3 singles, including the game winner, and had 2 stolen bases, to lead St. Mary's to a first round Parochial B South Jersey State Tournament victory over Mater Dei, 6-5. Jeff Pacansky had 2 huge RBI, and Bob Fitzpatrick won his first game.

## Patriots BBQ August 26

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 is sponsoring an outing Saturday August 26, when the Somerset Patriots host the Hartford Yard Goats in a 7:05 p.m. game. Cost of \$45 includes 90 minutes all you can eat barbecue with, hamburgers, hot dogs, pulled pork, macaroni & cheese, cole slaw, and Epic cookies. Self service fountain drinks are available through the 7th inning. After the final out, a dazzling fireworks show begins. To reserve your seat, call Steve at 732-727-1707 or 732-721-2025 and leave a message.

## Sayreville Sports Memories



Sayreville sports legend Steve Makwinski (2nd from left) is pictured during his star-studded baseball and basketball playing days at FDU back in the '70's. The photo was taken in Washington, DC when FDU was in town to play Georgetown U. Jay Horwitz, (2nd from right), who had an outstanding 42-year career with the New York Mets, as Public Relations Director and also Vice-President of Media Operations, was recently inducted into the Mets Hall of Fame. In this photo Jay was working in the media field at FDU. Jeff Hunt (l) and Jay Jorgenson (r) are the other FDU basketball players in the photo. (Photo courtesy of Steve Makwinski)

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**Remembering Vince Wisniewski**



Vince Wisniewski was one of the finest high school baseball players in St. Mary's history. We were sorry to hear that Vince passed away at age 77 in early June 2023 following a courageous battle with ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease.

Born in April, 1946, Vince excelled as both a student and athlete at St. Mary's High School. He was a member of the Eagles varsity basketball team in both his junior and senior years, but it was on the baseball diamond where he shone most brightly. As shortstop on the 1963 state championship team, Vince played a key role in the extra inning rally that led to the Saints' championship game win, singling and eventually scoring in overtime to help the Eagles win the title. And in the following year, 1964, Vince led all Middlesex County high school players in batting with a blistering .459 average. A consistent left-center-field to right-center-field line drive hitter, Vince had a couple of tryouts with major league clubs following high school, but hung up his spikes in order to focus on his family and on his teaching career.

Vince married fellow St. Mary's grad Susan Hansen in 1968, and settled in Sayreville, where Vince and Susan raised their three children, Laurie, Amanda and Matt. After obtaining his degree from Seton Hall University, Vince became a Special Education teacher for Raritan High School in Hazlet for over 40 years. Known as "W" or "Dubs" to students and fellow teachers alike, he was passionate about his teaching, and was awarded Teacher of the Year during his tenure for the care and instruction his students received.

Vince was a dedicated father and family man. Spending his summers painting houses to provide for his family, Vince still always managed to find quality time at home and never missed an opportunity to support his children in their activities. Following his retirement from teaching, Vince enjoyed spending free time hanging out with his family and with lifelong friends, drinking a Stella, telling jokes, and listening to his favorite tunes, whether it was in the backyard, the garage, or at Tommy's Main Paint and Hardware in Sayreville. He also loved telling stories about his table tennis prowess, being a long-time member of the NJ Table Tennis Club in Westfield where he won a number of championships.

Vince is survived by his wife Susan, his daughters Laurie (Anthony) Chiafullo and Amanda (Chris) Richardson; his son, Matthew (Quanlin) Wisniewski; his grandchildren, Rebecca Chiafullo, Grace Chiafullo, Corianne Richardson, and Jules Wisniewski; his brother David (Holly) Wisniewski; his sister Joan Maxey; his brother-in-law, George Virgilio; his sisters-in-law Nancy (Manny) Maldonado and Kathy (John) Hansen; and many nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his parents, Vincent and Martha Wisniewski; his sister Claire Virgilio, and his brother-in-law, Tom Maxey.

Vince Wisniewski was probably the best shortstop in St. Mary's High School history, but more importantly, if you knew him, you knew him as a warm, kind, and friendly man.

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**Obituaries**

Baran, Robert, 76, of South Amboy died on May 15.  
 Bolton, Mary "Katie," 81, of Sayreville died on June 7.  
 Carney, Linda J. Beshada, 76, of South Amboy died on May 29.  
 Casino, Celeste, 91, of Parlin died on May 30.  
 Dembowski, Robert R., 80, of Sayreville died on May 30.  
 Dragotta, Helen Ruzsala, 89, of South Amboy died on June 2.  
 Facendo, Michael M., 87, of South Amboy died on May 30.  
 Fox, John F. "Jack," 88, of Parlin died on May 31.  
 Gesell, Kortney, 34, formerly of Parlin died May 6.  
 Gibson, Teresa "Teri," 66, of Sayreville died on June 13.  
 Gleeson, Theresa "Teri," A., 63, of Parlin died on June 6.  
 Grobelny, Dennis C., 79, of Sayreville died on June 20.  
 Hall, Donald "Don" Jr., 53, formerly of Sayreville died on June 5.  
 Hammer, Gerald T., 87, of Sayreville died on June 5.  
 Holthausen, Thomas S., 56, of Sayreville died on June 14.  
 Jacob, Joseph, 80, of Sayreville died on May 19.  
 Koller, Josephine, 96, of Parlin died on

May 29.  
 Maness, Steven "Steve" R., 68, formerly of Parlin died on May 28.  
 Miller, Robyn S., 60, of Sayreville died on May 24.  
 Nunes, Carlos, 63, of Parlin died on June 15.  
 O'Chat, Carol L. Duggan, 73, of Sayreville died on May 23.  
 Pearson, Dorothy Reszkowski, 96, of South Amboy died on June 3.  
 Pelletier, Theresa C., 80, formerly of Morgan died on June 5.  
 Poliny, Randall "Pigeon," 68, of South Amboy died on June 2.  
 Ragucci, Maryanne S., 75, of Sayreville died on June 12.  
 Ryan, Diane, 68, of Sayreville died on May 14.  
 Spadavecchia, Susan A. "Sue," 83, formerly of Parlin died on May 25.  
 Urciuoli, Judith M., 83, of South Amboy died on June 4.  
 Walsh, Josephine, 92, of Parlin died on June 15.  
 Wantuch, Dorothy, 101, of Parlin died on June 10.  
 Williams, Kevin B., 65, formerly of South Amboy died on May 30.  
 Wisniewski, Vincent M., 77, of South Amboy died on June 9.  
 Yuro, Edith, 63, of Sayreville died on May 17.

**In Memoriam**

Robert Baran, 76, of South Amboy died on May 15. He was a U.S. Marine who served in Vietnam, and became a Lance Corporal, while being awarded the Purple Heart. Joseph Jacob, 80, of Sayreville died on May 19. Before retiring, he was a film technician for DuPont film in Parlin. Susan "Sue" Spadavecchia, 83, formerly of Parlin died on May 25. Theresa "Teri" Gleeson, 63, of Parlin died on June 6. She worked for Industrial Welding Supply Inc. in Sayreville for 9 years as Director of Accounts

Receivable. She was a bus driver employed by the Sayreville Board of Education before retiring in '90. Mary "Katie" Bolton, 81, of Sayreville died on June 7. A communicant of Our Lady of Victories Church, she was very active many years ago as a CYO Youth Advisor, CCD Teacher, volunteer with VBS, Eucharistic Minister, and also a member of the OLV Seniors. Dennis Grobelny, 79, of Sayreville died on June 20. He was elected Borough of Sayreville Councilman in 2002.

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**Dorothy Wantuch**

Dorothy Wantuch, 101, of the Parlin section of Sayreville, New Jersey died June 10th 2023.



Dorothy was born on June 26th 1921 to Andrew and Stella Kosmowski. She was a life-long member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in South Amboy.

She worked during the war for General Cable. Most of her work life was spent at her father's bar in South Amboy, Andy's Tavern. Growing up, she had a dog named Brandy and a pet duck named Pilla. She always had a soft spot for animals, although would not readily admit it.

She was married at the age of 25 in 1946 to Victor Wantuch. She was married

to Victor for 52 years until his death in 1998. She also developed a long and loving relationship with Douglas Reed of the Madison Park section of Old Bridge, NJ who died in 2015. She did not have any children but was the oldest of 11 brothers and sisters and had many nieces and nephews.

She loved playing Hand-and-Foot card game and was quite the player. She enjoyed cooking and baking and entertaining. She was also a big Mets Baseball fan and enjoyed watching the ball games.

Funeral services were held on Thursday June 15th 2023 from the Carmen F. Spezzi Funeral Home.

**Helen [Ruzsala] Dragotta**

Helen [Ruzsala] Dragotta, 89, entered into eternal rest on Friday June 2, 2023. She was born in Perth Amboy and resided in South Amboy for the past 56 years. Helen was the proud mother of three children. John Dragotta and his wife Diane, Roy Dragotta, and Marie Dragotta-Smith and her husband James Smith all residing in South Amboy. She was a loving grandmother to five grandchildren Joseph and his wife Sarah, Nicholas, Charles, Hannah and Jenna. She was predeceased by her former husband and friend Joseph "Roy" Dragotta in 2017. Helen was a sports enthusiast whether in a bowling league or cheering on her children

at their high school or rec league games. A devoted Mom, you could always find her in the stands. When not at her kid's games, Helen spent many summer days following her NY Yankees and watching the NY Rangers in the winter. A game would not go missed.

Funeral services were held on Thursday June 8, 2023 at 10am at The Gundrum Service "Home For Funerals" 237 Bordentown Avenue, South Amboy followed by interment in St. Stephen's Cemetery, Keasbey. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

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